

## A Simple Note

By: Mother Margaret Charles



Dear Friends,

Recently Pope Francis, shared his thoughts on the top 10 secrets to happiness. Among them he noted: "Be giving of yourself to others. Proceed calmly in life, move with kindness and humility. Have a healthy sense of leisure, enjoying art, literature and recreation. Make Sundays true family days. Create dignified jobs for young people—teach them to work and to flourish and grow. Respect and take care of nature. Stop being negative. Respect other's beliefs. Work for peace." It is easily evident that Pope Francis lives by these maxims.

At St. Joseph's Home we see people of all ages who willingly share their secrets to happiness: **Dedication:** Exhibited by our Staff, many of whom have worked here for years. By their kindness and competence they bring a sense of security to our elders. **Kindness:** Our volunteers, Associates and Auxiliary members who so willingly share their time and talents. **Generosity:** Our benefactors who enable us to provide a comfortable home and excellent care for our elderly Residents. **Joyfulness:** Groups like the Catholic Heart Campers, featured in this newsletter, who bring youthful energy and laughter into our Home. **Faithfulness:** The Little Sisters—women who follow in the footsteps of St. Jeanne Jugan and consecrate their lives to serving the elderly in need. **Serenity:** Our Elderly Residents who continue to flourish and who teach us all to proceed calmly and to move with kindness and humility.

St. Jeanne Jugan, had one of the best secrets to happiness. She would say: "Jesus is waiting for you in the Chapel, go to him when your strength and patience is giving out...ask for his help and then go your way. And don't worry about how you will manage. It is enough to have told our Good Lord. He has an excellent memory."

Please know that the Little Sisters bring your intentions and needs before the Lord each day in prayer. May you be blessed for your generosity. Thank you for all that you do to help us! God bless! Mother Margaret Charles

## Our Needs

Thank you to all who have responded to our call as we set out to replace our entire HVAC system. The generous support we received from foundations, loyal benefactors and those who participated in special fund-raising events, has enabled us to near the finish line for this project. We are in the final phase!

Our next challenge is to replace our 40 year old partial generator with a new whole-house generator. This critically important piece of emergency equipment will enable us to care for our Residents during power outages and hurricane season is already upon us. The generator costs \$330,000.00. Recent appeals have raised \$125,000.00. Please help us if you can.

## Upcoming Events

### Annual Beefsteak Dinner

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014

6:30pm - Tickets are \$60.00 each

At The Brownstone House  
351 West Broadway, Paterson NJ  
For information: 973-942-0300 or  
[twdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:twdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org)

### Our Ladies Auxiliary presents:

#### American Jazz Guitarist

#### John Paul "Bucky" Pizzarelli

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014

2pm-5pm - Tickets are \$30.00 each

At St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly Contact  
Joann at 201.447.6400

### Christmas Craft & Bake Sale - Ham & Turkey Drop

Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014 - 10am-4pm

At St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly

### Ladies Auxiliary's 2014 Christmas Boutique

Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014

11am-3pm Tickets are \$50.00 each

At the Bethwood  
38 Lackawanna Ave., Totowa NJ 07512  
For information, e-mail/call Joann  
201-447-6400 or [jvs@lan-nj.com](mailto:jvs@lan-nj.com)

## Save The Date

**Rock'in With The Oldies  
Dinner — Dance Fundraiser  
Friday, April 10, 2015 at the Bethwood**  
**Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Show  
May 6, 2015 at Macaluso's in Hawthorne**  
**Annual Basket Bonanza, May 15, 2015  
at St. Joseph's Home**

## Join our E-Community

Please share your **e-mail** so we can  
send you periodic important updates  
on events here at St. Joseph's Home.

Visit our website

[www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org)

## To Make A Donation

Your tax deductible charitable gifts to  
St. Joseph's Home provide you valuable tax savings  
and help us provide loving care for our neediest  
elderly.

To donate on-line visit our web site:  
[www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org)  
and click on "DONATIONS"

Remember us in your Estate Planing. The most  
common way is to include us in your will, but first  
contact your legal advisor or financial planner.  
Gifts of life insurance are also appreciated.

Our legal name is: St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly  
of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Many employers offer Matching Gift Programs.  
Please inquire with your employer.

For more information please call  
the Development Office  
at 973-942-0300 ext. 316 or e-mail:  
[twdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:twdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org)

*Please visit us at  
[www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org)  
and check out our News & Events  
area for more details about  
scheduled events.*

# Little Sisters of the Poor

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

## Sharing the "Secrets to Happiness" at St. Joseph's Home

**JOYFULNESS:** Catholic Heart Workcamp is about SERVICE, CONNECTION and LOVING OTHERS. Their mission is twofold: "To share the love of Christ as we serve the neglected, brokenhearted and the marginalized in any way needed. Equally, to inspire participants to live as disciples of Christ through serving others as a way of life; and to foster the Catholic

Faith of each participant through the sacraments, prayer and involvement in social service." 13,000 teens from across the country participate. We were happy to welcome a group of them to our Home for four days. They participated in various activities with the Residents, everything from manicures to volleyball — with baking and parties in between! They were pleasantly surprised to find life in our Home so enjoyable and our Residents so welcoming.



Volunteers from Catholic Heart Workcamp, Little Sisters and Residents of St. Joseph's Home.

**SERVICE:** Volunteer Jim Francese finds great happiness in making others happy. He is a talented baker/gourmet cook and he spends his retirement using those talents for our Residents. His cream puffs and Italian pastries are beyond compare. Jim's energy, ever present smile and good nature are proof to all that giving of yourself to others is a true key to happiness.



**FINDING WAYS TO MAKE OTHERS HAPPY:** Every party or event at St. Joseph's Home has one predictable guest: Staff member Yolanda Mercado. The amazing part is, you never know how she will dress. With costumes ranging from Carmen Miranda to Frosty the Snowman, Yolanda always surprises and delights. She puts so much time and effort into finding costumes and music for her grand entrance (of course) that she immediately sets the tone for fun. Even when the temperatures soar, Yolanda stays in costume, volunteering her time, dancing and greeting one and all. Her generosity and fun loving spirit are a wonderful addition to our family here.

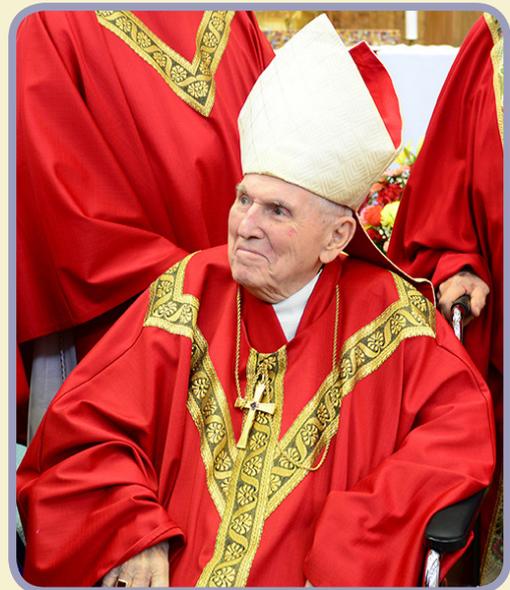


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# Little Sisters of the Poor

## At 102 years old, Archbishop Peter Gerety Celebrates 75 Years of Ordination

The biggest event in Totowa this year, was the 75th anniversary of priestly ordination of Archbishop Peter Leo Gerety. Eight Bishops and many priests concelebrated the Mass on June 29th. Archbishop John J. Meyers of Newark was the main celebrant. The organist and cantor from Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart provided very prayerful music. The homilist, a priest from Portland Maine, who was chancellor when Archbishop was there, portrayed what a beloved and highly respected leader Archbishop Gerety was. In 1965 Archbishop participated in the very dangerous "Freedom March" in Selma Alabama, showing his commitment to the African-American community and his all-embracing Christian love. During his time as Archbishop in Newark, he helped many people to grow in their faith and love for the Church. He was an open minded, courageous and charitable leader. One very frail, elderly priest came to the celebration. He told us: "I wouldn't miss this for anything. Archbishop Gerety is my hero! He helped me so much in my priesthood." After Mass, a reception was held. Archbishop, who studied at the Sulpician seminary in Paris and was ordained in Notre Dame Cathedral, was happy to say grace in French. Thanks to the Feenan Family, the room was elegantly decorated with cut-out models of Notre Dame as centerpieces. The atmosphere was festive and the esteem that everyone had for Archbishop Gerety was palpable. In July, Archbishop celebrated his 102nd birthday. May the Lord bless him abundantly for all that he has done to serve Him during those long years.



75 Blessed Years in God's Service

## Residents' Family Picnic



Wardell Allen and family.



Margie Carafello and grand-daughter.



Trudy Baltiki and son.



Volunteer Kayla, Sister Malia and Dietary Staff Member Derrick

## Our Residents' Busy Lives

Our Residents are always keeping busy. Either at work or at play, they enjoy life at St. Joseph's Home.



Walk Across The Hudson Trip



Some of the Residents hard at "work" preparing our mailings.

# ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

## 60 Years of Serving the Elderly Poor

On June 10th, Sister Rose de St. Raymond celebrated her 60th Jubilee. She offers these thoughts upon being a Little Sister.

“As we give of ourselves to others, we reflect the Heart of Jesus, serving, listening, understanding and sharing. I am so grateful for these 60 years of being able to reach out and touch the lives of others with the love of the Lord. My Jubilee wish is that all of the graces and blessings of that day fall gently upon you and all of your families.”



Pictured at right:  
Sister Rose and  
Bishop Bootkowski



Pictured at left:  
Sister Rose, Seminarians from  
Immaculate Conception  
Seminary, South Orange NJ,  
Deacon Greg Mc Ilhenney and  
Father Walter Lucey.

## Our 6th Annual Basket Bonanza



From left: Basket Bonanza Committee Member Marie Tolerico and Resident Pat Milligan

Our Annual Basket Bonanza is sponsored by the Association St. Jeanne Jugan and is held at St. Joseph's Home. The AJJ members worked for many months, soliciting and picking up donations. Then the real work begins, putting together close to 100 different baskets, chock-full of wonderful prizes and gift certificates. Of course the most popular prize was a \$500.00 Money Tree! This year a total of \$17,741.00 was raised to be put towards the purchase of a new emergency generator. Thank you to everyone who made our 6th Annual Basket Bonanza a great success!



## About Town



Sister Grace, Vinnie Pacelli and Sister Cecilia

Vinnie Pacelli and Sam Stabile, owners of Lorenzo's in Woodland Park, treated our Residents to dinner at their authentic "pizza parlour". The Residents enjoyed delicious home-made speciality pizzas, even a margarita pizza, served to them by Lorenzo's friendly and courteous staff.



Residents Betty Gilligan and Jennie Moran are ready to enjoy some pizza!