

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY
140 Shepherd Lane
Totowa, NJ 07512

August 12, 2020

To Our Residents and Family Members:

I am so happy to report that we remain Covid-19 free. We continue weekly testing of all employees and bi-weekly testing of all our Residents.

As I previously reported we lost power on Tuesday and all electricity was provided by our generator. Unfortunately, early Friday evening the generator failed and we lost all power. Additional staff were called in, the local office of Emergency Management, PSE&G, and the Totowa Fire Department were instrumental in getting power restored approximately six hours later. At no time were our Residents in any danger. An investigation is underway as to the cause of the generator failure so that it does not happen again in the future.

Governor Murphy recently announced that in-home visits at long-term care facilities could resume. However, there are many requirements that are necessary to be met before this can happen here at St. Joseph's Home. We are actively reviewing the guidelines, and preparing the required policies and procedures. Although we would like these visits to occur quickly, we ask for your patience so that we can adequately prepare and keep our Residents safe and our Home Covid-19 free.

Our outdoor visits continue for the Residents and their loved ones. If you would like to schedule a visit, please call Marian Jekonski at 973-942-0300, ext. 378. The Residents are enjoying the outdoor one-on-one time, listening to daily Mass, and participating in socially distanced activities on their individual floors.

Know that we pray for all you each day and ask that you continue to pray for our Residents, staff and Sisters. May God grant all of us strength and wisdom to overcome whatever trials may come our way.

With many blessings,

Mother Mary Thomas, lsp