

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
140 Shepherd Lane
Totowa, NJ 07512**

October 7, 2020

To Our Residents and Family Members,

I am very happy to report that the results of the COVID-19 testing for the past week of our Residents, Sisters and staff have all been negative. We will continue weekly testing.

On another encouraging note, on October 5th, we moved to Phase 1 of reopening. Third floor Residents will be able to attend Mass in the chapel and have their noon meal in the Main Dining Room. The following day, fourth floor Residents can do the same. This alternating schedule will also be introduced for Residents on 2 West and 2 South and is available Monday through Friday. Apartment Residents will continue to have their meals delivered and will be able to attend Mass in the chapel on weekends. The dining rooms will be closed to all Residents on Saturday and Sunday. It is imperative that Residents wear face masks and remain socially distanced for all these activities.

This past Saturday, three novices made their first profession at the Novitiate in Queens, NY and received their assignments. We are so blessed that Sr. Anastasia Grace has been assigned to our Home!

We are grateful for everyone's patience and prayers during this very difficult time. We are also very appreciative of all the gifts that have been received from families and friends of our Resident and the Little Sisters. Your support and prayers help us to continue our mission of caring for the poor elderly. May our Good Lord bless you always.

Sincerely,
Mother Mary Thomas, Isp