

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

March 12, 2021

To our Residents and Family Members,

I am very happy to report that the results of the Covid-19 testing of our Sisters and staff for the past week have all been negative. We will continue weekly testing according to CDC and NJDOH guidelines.

As you may have heard last evening, CMS issued revised recommendations on visitation. The NJDOH is still evaluating these changes and how to safely implement them. At this time, per NJDOH, indoor visitation is permitted if a facility falls in a region whose COVID-19 Activity Level Index Score has been "moderate to low-level activity" for at least 2 weeks. The Activity Level Index Score for Passaic County for the week ending March 6, 2021 remains at "High".

Our Residents continue to enjoy going to daily Mass and having their noon meal in the dining rooms on alternate days. With the warmer weather, some have even enjoyed a little time outside on the patio after their dinner. Socially distanced activities, such as Bingo and Trivia, are also held on each floor daily.

While it is has been a trial, we can still recognize God's guiding and protective hand over our Residents and our Home. We thank you for your cooperation, patience and understanding as we continue to achieve our goal of keeping Covid-19 out of the Home and away from our dear Residents. We can still say "Blessed be God, thank you, my God, Glory be to God!"

During this Lenten season, let us continue to walk together with Jesus and keep in mind our goal of protecting all those who live and work at St. Joseph's Home. In this year dedicated to St. Joseph, our Protector, and especially in this month of March, may the Patron Saint of our Home intercede and watch over each one of you and your families.

Please continue to stay safe and God bless you!

Sincerely,

Mother Mary Thomas, Isp