

**St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly
140 Shepherd Lane
Totowa, NJ 07512**

May 7, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Friends

As we enter into the month of May, we thank God and our good St. Joseph for the beauty of spring all around us and for the continued re-opening of our state. Thank you for believing in and supporting our mission of caring for the needy elderly with compassion, respect, and dignity.

This month of May brings special recognition of all women who take on the role of nurturing others as mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, sisters, aunts, nurses, doctors, nursing assistants, activities staff, social workers and all other caregivers. The celebration of Mother's Day will be different this year, but our intention of honoring these women remains the same. Our devotion to our Blessed Mother has been a source of strength to us all throughout this time. We continue to look to Mary for guidance and help during this special month that honors her as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

As you are all aware, the weather this past week has been particularly lovely. Many of the Residents are taking advantage of this with daily strolls or just time in the sunshine on our beautiful patio area.

We are pleased to report that in the last two weeks all Covid-19 testing here in our Home has been negative. It is a blessing to know that our Residents and staff are being protected and that we can take small steps toward normalcy.

We hope that many of you can get the vaccine once you have the opportunity to do so. Getting vaccinated is just one tool that can help us beat this invisible enemy. Please pray for the safety of our Little Sisters and Residents in the other countries who are seeing an increase of Covid around their areas.

On a personal note, I want to thank you for praying for my family in India. Please continue to pray for the citizens of India who are suffering during this terrible time. Our Holy Father Pope Francis is urging all Catholics to pray during the month of May for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic

Please stay safe and Happy Mother's Day!

Sincerely,

Mother Mary Thomas, lsp

