

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

February 18, 2022

Dear Families & Friends,

We hope you and your loved ones continue to be COVID free and doing well.

Just wanted to give you all a quick update and let you know that we are no longer in an outbreak, which means that we have not had anyone test positive for Covid for the past 28 days. While this doesn't affect you as visitors, it changes our testing schedules for the employees.

Our Residents have been enjoying several activities during the first weeks of February. They started the month off with a special Chinese meal, decorations, and trivia to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year. This was followed by the Blessing of the Throats on the third and on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick was administered to the Residents. Fun was had by all on Super Bowl Sunday with a football pool, wings and hero sandwiches. Valentine's Day was celebrated with delicious chocolate covered strawberries. Upcoming special days will include National Wine and Cheese Day and a Spa Day.

Once again, thank you for all you do to support us as we continue our efforts to give the best care possible to your loved ones. Your understanding, cooperation and support of our Residents as they also try to cooperate with all of these changes is much appreciated. As you have heard the mask mandate outside has been lifted – but just so you know, that does not apply in here. Wearing masks, social distancing, washing our hands or using hand sanitizer, getting screened at the front door before entering...all of these are still very much part of the program here at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly as we continue very diligently to keep Covid out!

Thank you for your prayers as we continue forward, and know that we also pray for you.

God Bless you.

Sincerely,

Mother Mary Thomas, lsp