

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY**  
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Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

We are happy to be having this spring-like weather, and look forward to the spring flowers starting to grow. The Residents are going outdoors and this is just great. Sunshine warms our hearts and our spirits. The world is slowly opening back up and this month we have many things to celebrate.

We are delighted that Mother Provincial Alice Marie from the Brooklyn Province arrived at our Home March 16 for several days. She will spend time visiting our Residents and staff.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis announced a worldwide Synod, calling everyone to participate. On Wednesday, March 16 our Residents attended a Synod Listening Session and shared their personal views on the past, present and future of the Church.

St. Patrick's Day on March 17 was a day of celebration with a special Irish meal, music and trivia. Everyone was dressed in their finest green attire.

March 19th is the feast day of St. Joseph, the Saint to whom our Mother Foundress confided the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor. He is the Guardian of our Home, the constant and loving Provider who watches over all our needs. May he obtain for each of you God's special blessings, each day but especially on his feast day March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Family visits have had a positive effect on the Residents and we know how meaningful these moments are to you as well. To facilitate a safe visit, all visitors must comply with the Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention at all times while in the Home.

These Core Principles are as follows:

1. Screening of all who enter our Home for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., temperature checks, questions or observations about signs or symptoms), and denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms or those who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of the visitor's vaccination status)
2. Hand Hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
3. Face covering or mask worn throughout duration of visit. (covering mouth and nose) (*No cloth masks*)
4. Social distancing at least six feet between persons
5. Visitors are asked to limit movement in the facility. They should go directly to the Resident's room or designated visitation area.
6. Visitors are not permitted in the dining rooms or day rooms.

During this beautiful season of Lent, we are grateful for all that our good Lord has provided to us during some very difficult times. We pray that He will continue to watch over each of us as we prepare for the Resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. We will continue to pray for all of you and ask that you continue your prayers for us and our Home. May God Bless you always.

Sincerely,  
Mother Mary Thomas, lsp

