
Easter 2023

St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Inc.

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Dear Family and Friends,

Although recent temperatures have been on a roller coaster and seldom constant, we know and believe in the unfailing constancy of the Easter message. Likewise, your ongoing, loving and supportive friendship and association with St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Inc. is a great blessing, which we hold dear in our hearts and memories. In fact, your support can be linked to the saying, "friends are companions on our journey of life's situations". Whether it is opportunities or challenges, you have been there with us and we are so very much appreciative.

On March 19th, we will be celebrating St. Joseph's Feast Day. In fact, the entire month of March is dedicated to the protection of St. Joseph. You and your intentions will be remembered in a special manner the entire month for all your goodness to our ministry here.

We are still awaiting news from Baltimore County regarding our submitted drawings for the final phase of our renovation project. Our hope springs eternally that soon we will have some decision and we can proceed to complete our vision. Any gift you might consider towards Phase 4 will be greatly valued and used most prudently. We realize that inflation is affecting everyone's budget and so in your prayers, we would be very grateful if you remember to mention that St. Joseph's would experience only a reasonable increase, if any, in the construction materials.

You will notice in this newsletter a "crab" reminder that our Carry-Out Crab Feast fundraiser has been scheduled for September 16th, 2023. We will also be conducting our "Chance to Win" raffle as well as those beautiful, interesting gift baskets. Additional details will be soon in your mailbox---so please be on the lookout!!

Please continue to keep all of us in your prayers as we remember each of you in our Masses and daily prayers.

**WISHING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES A TRULY
BLESSED AND HOLY EASTER SEASON!**

Sincerely yours,

Sr. Krystyna and Sisters

A Ministry of Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate



Upcoming Events

April 6

Holy Thursday

4:00 pm – Celebration of the Last Supper.

April 7

Good Friday

3:00 pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

April 8

Holy Saturday

10:30 am - Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

7:00 pm – Easter Vigil

April 9

Easter Sunday

10:00 am - Mass



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A Traditional Polish Easter Basket

Swieconka (shvyeen-son-kah) is the traditional blessing of the food to be eaten on Easter Sunday. While the tradition varies from region to region and village to village, It is a tradition dear to the heart of every Pole. Today, this blessing takes place in church on Holy Saturday. All the items are placed in a wicker basket that is sometimes lined with an ornamental cloth or traditional folk fabric. The filled basket is then covered with a linen cloth which should be white, but can have a colorful crocheted or embroidered design. The basket is decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukszpan), the typical Polish Easter evergreen. "Polish Palms" which are created from dried flowers, can also be used for decoration.



Resident Spotlight



Mary Ellen Condon-Rall earned her PHD from the University of London in England. Beginning in 1972, she started her career as a historian with the U.S. Army Medical Department and, in 1976, when the Historical Unit was absorbed, moved to the U.S. Army Center of Military History. In 1990 Dr. Condon-Rall was awarded a 1-year

Secretary of the Army Research and Study Fellowship. She is the author of many books including, Disaster on Green Ramp: The Army's Response. She also has contributed numerous articles on military medicine and naval history in U.S., British, and Australian journals. We are happy that she chose St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Inc. as her new home.

Save the Date:

Carry-Out Crab Feast!

Saturday, September 16th! Details to follow in our Summer Newsletter!



Bacon – *Boczek*

Symbol of God's Mercy on us.

Bread – *Chleb*

The staff of life.

Easter Bread – *Babka*

Decorated with a cross, reminds of Jesus.

Butter – *masło*

Shaped like a lamb or cross. Reminds us of the richness of Salvation.

Candle – *świeca*

Symbolizes Jesus the Life and Light of the world.

Cheese – *Ser*

A symbol to remind Christians of moderation.

Colored Eggs – *Pisanki*

Indicate hope, new life and Resurrection

Ham – *Szynka*

Great joy and abundance

Horseradish – *Chrzan*

Reminds of the bitterness of the Passion of Christ.

Salt – *sól*

Symbolizes wisdom and preservation.

Sausage – *kielbasa*

It links remind us of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead.

Thank you to all of our friends and families that have and continue to support St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Inc.

You are always in our prayers!