

# ST. JOSEPH'S NURSING HOME

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Dear Friends,

Although our present weather patterns are mimicking seasons not usually seen until much later in the calendar year, a glance at the Church's calendar informs us that Lent and Easter will soon be approaching.

The cyclic rhythm of time leading into the Easter season can be experienced in many ways. With our ongoing renovation project here at St. Joseph's, we are moving into a new part, Phase 3B, which includes rooms 1 to 5 being updated and enhanced with an anticipated finish date of this April. We then can eagerly look forward to the final and concluding phase, number 4 (the remaining rooms past the dining room) and an end date of November 2020. This renovation "newness" has a double importance in the history of St. Joseph's. As you know, we recently celebrated 60 years of our ministry here in Catonsville. Over these years, and the previous ones in East Baltimore, we have been graced with countless generous and loving families and friends. Presently, we are pleased to be giving care and services to the second generation of some families, a reality of which we are very honored. Your "partnership" with us makes this "newness" and stability possible and we are much appreciative.

Any gift you might consider as we plan Phase 4 would be most welcomed. Materials are in the process of now being ordered so as to avoid long delivery lead times and additional expenses.

May each of you have a most blessed and holy Lent. Know that you and your intentions are always remembered in our thoughts and prayers. And may the soon-to-be Risen Lord of Easter glory fill your hearts and spirits with peace and joy now and forever.

Sincerely yours,



Sister Krystyna and Sisters



## LOOKING BACK OVER OUR 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN CATONSVILLE



Pictured center, Sr. Krystyna, and right, Sr. Zofia



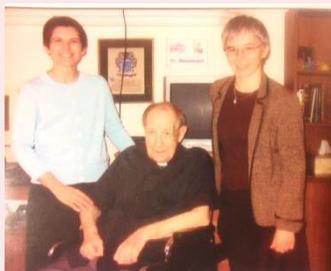
Pictured left to right, Sisters Miriam, Anna, Klara, Anna, Julie, and Karolina



Pictured left, Sister Denise and right, Sister Carol



Longtime friends, benefactors, and volunteers Betty and Ed



Pictured left to right, Sr. Marzena, Fr. Huesman, and Sr. Dorothy



Pictured left to right, Sisters Amelia, Teresa K., Carol and Karolina



Pictured left, Sr. Elizabeth and right, Janet



See any familiar faces?

## OUR RESIDENTS



Pictured left to right, Irma, Anna, Helen, and Nancy

Many of our residents attend Mass and pray the rosary daily. We call them our Prayer Warriors! As we all know, oftentimes in life, God's plan for us changes. Many of the elderly find that as they age, the best way to serve God and others is through vigilant prayer. We can certainly say that the world is in a better place because of our dedicated Prayer Warriors!

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Virginia and Lera (pictured left to right) work in our Laundry Department, ensuring that the Resident's linens and clothes are perfectly clean and neatly folded or hung. They ensure the dining room linens are laundered as well. They mostly work behind the scenes, but their important contribution and dedication to ensure St. Joseph's runs smoothly does not go unnoticed!

## CONVERSATION WITH SR. ZOFIA, DIRECTOR OF NURSING

### Tell us about your Vocation and Calling

I became aware of God's calling me to religious life, when I was in High School in Poland. I wanted to meet some sisters to learn about them. After my third year in high school, I went to our national Shrine dedicated to the Black Madonna in Czestochowa, where I attended a vocational retreat for young girls. I met a



few Sisters, who were talking to us and singing beautiful religious songs. One of these songs was about what is most important in people's lives. When I returned home I discerned that after graduation from high school, I will enter that community. In my last semester I met a vocational director for Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. She was talking about religious life in my parish. I entered this community in June of 1972. I had my Novitiate in the Mother's House and on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1975, I made my first vows.

### How does God lead you in your responsibilities?

I dedicated my life to God and I was always sure that whatever I was doing, it was God's will. The second calling for me was nursing, and I love what I am doing. It brings me satisfaction and peace of heart. Every day I ask God to be with me in the center of my daily activities. I pray about any difficulties and I offer them up.

### What pastimes do you enjoy?

In my younger days, I was searching for God in the beauty of nature and in the beauty of art. Later and at the present time, I value prayers, silence, reflection, and meditation.

## VOLUNTEERS

Marie frequently makes "one on one" visits with our residents, brightening their days with great conversation and friendship. We love "Visits with Marie"!



Pictured, Marie and Joyce

## LENT & EASTER DATES TO REMEMBER

### **Palm Sunday, April 5th**

Mass with blessing and distribution of Palms at 10am

### **Holy Thursday, April 9th**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 4pm  
(No 9am Mass)

### **Good Friday, April 10th**

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm  
Stations of the Cross in outdoor Stations garden at 6:15pm

### **April 11th, Holy Saturday**

Easter Egg Hunt for children with the Easter Bunny at 2pm Bring your cameras! Easter basket blessing at 4pm. Bring Easter meal basket to be blessed

Easter Vigil at 7pm (No 9am Mass)

### **April 12th, Easter Sunday**

Easter Mass at 10am