

ST. JOSEPH'S NURSING HOME

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Dear Family & Friends,

The approaching time change and the soon to be experienced change of seasons are both symbolic reminders of the various changes we all have faced and endured this past year. From regulations and guidelines which governed all phases of life during a pandemic, from how to greet others in a socially acceptable and safe distance, remembering to constantly use hand sanitizer as we "adopted" a new dress code of masks and gowns, and experiencing confusion and doubt as COVID created havoc in all aspects of our normalcy. There have been, however, also positive features in this unexpected year of change. There have been so many examples of the goodness and generosity of individuals giving of their time, energy and efforts to help out whenever and however. Practicality and ingenuity were shown in so many ways as everybody tried to adjust to the newness of daily situations. St. Joseph's was no stranger to both these positive and negative change factors. As our faith reminds us, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever"(Hebrews 13:8), so likewise was your supportive and caring friendship. Being our partner and friend is truly a valuable blessing to all of us and we are most appreciative.

This entire year of 2021 is dedicated to St. Joseph and we would be very grateful for your continual prayers for the entire St. Joseph's Nursing Home family so that each of us will always experience St. Joseph's guidance, protection, and goodness as we strive to be faithful servants.

We have an update to the planned Phase 4 renovation project which was mentioned last year and then had to be postponed due to COVID-19. Hopefully, we will soon be able to re-start this final phase, which includes renovation of the remaining resident rooms past the dining room to the end of the hallway. Any gift you might consider towards our ongoing goal of maintaining St. Joseph's Five-Star rating among Maryland nursing homes would be greatly appreciated.

As we will soon celebrate the Lord Jesus' Day of Resurrection, you will be held in our thoughts and prayers. Please continue to keep all of us here at St. Joseph's in yours as well. Thank you again for your great generosity and continual goodness. May the Lord of Easter glory bestow upon you and your loved ones His Heavenly Father's unending love, enduring hope and prevailing peace.

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A MOST BLESSED, HOLY, AND SAFE EASTER SEASON!!!!!!

Sincerely yours,

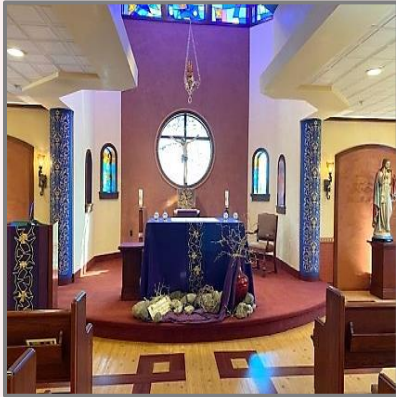
Sister Krystyna and Sisters



Our Neighbors shared much love for Valentine's Day! Clara, Ann and Anne Marie are seen here loving the special Valentines!



Our Residents



The beautiful altar decorated for Lent.

Many of our residents pray the rosary daily at 9:30 a.m. We have not been able to use the chapel during this past year. The news in March to open the doors so we could pray together again was a great joy. Friday afternoons during Lent we have been visiting the chapel for Stations of the Cross. March 15th marked a special occasion as the Sisters and the residents were able to celebrate Mass for the first time since March of 2020.

Sister Karolina Michalska

Sister Karolina is one of our newest residents at St. Joseph's. She was born in Poland in a small town named Kozlowiec. Sr. Karolina became a member of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate when she was 16 years of age. After her arrival in the U.S. in 1968 she went to school to become a nurse and began her work at St. Joseph's Nursing Home. Through her dedication to her work Sister became the Director of Nursing here at St. Joseph's until Sister Krystyna took over the position in 1985. All of the residents enjoyed her loving care, and her pleasant disposition.

In 1985 Sister transferred to Cleveland, Ohio to work in the Outreach Program for the Elderly through Catholic Charities. She came back to Baltimore in the 90's to continue to do her charitable work through the order.

Now it is our turn to have Sister Karolina in our care. She enjoys singing and our special talks. However, you cannot take the nurse out of Sister as she is often asking all of us if we need anything.



Figure 1: Sr. Karolina outside of St. Joseph's in years past is located on the far right. Figure 2: Sr. Karolina 2021

St. Patrick's Day!



Figure 1: Beautiful props for our Irish Day Celebration!



Figure 2: Anne enjoying crafts.



Figure 3: Kay and her daughter, Kathy, participating in the St. Paddy's day party!

LENT & EASTER DATES TO REMEMBER

The Sisters and residents will be able to celebrate Easter Mass in the chapel. Unfortunately, it will not be open to visitors. Hopefully soon we will be able to worship together.

We will remember all of you during Holy Week.

March 28th, Palm Sunday

April 1st, Holy Thursday

April 2nd, Good Friday

April 3rd, Holy Saturday

April 4th, Easter Sunday