

# ROSARY HILL HOME



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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends of Rosary Hill,

There is, on the liturgical calendar of the Church, a day that brings memories of a heartwarming and rich in significant traditions, still honored in my native country. With the rank of the feast it memorializes, the old Jewish ritual, Jesus as a child, was submitted to, in order to fulfill the old religious law. In the Temple, He was presented or dedicated to the Lord. In this act of consecration of Jesus, his parents have not only fulfilled the law, but have been also reminded by the words of the old Simeon, that their Son is “A revealing light to the Gentiles.” These prophetic words became an inspiration for Christians, to celebrate the presentation of Jesus as a Feast of God’s all revealing Light.

A warm tradition associated with this solemn day is the blessing of candles “(Candlemas)” in which people would bring candles to be blessed. They would then light those candles at home when the Eucharist was brought to the sick, or in any kind of difficulty or danger, such as, storms, or other frightening threats of nature. The lit candle would not only remind them that Christ is with them, it would remind them as well of their need and vocation to bring light of the Christian faith and love into the lives of others.

By the virtue of our baptism we are “children of the light.” That is the meaning of the lighted candle given to our parents and godparents when we are baptized. It comes with reference to Jesus’ words, “Your light must shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

As I reflect on it, I become aware of the blessing so generously bestowed on the Rosary Hill – the light shining brightly and warmly in the kindness, love and generosity of true “children of light”, – you, our Dear Friends. At Christmas time you have showered us with so many signs and gestures of your love and kindness, that the simple words THANK YOU are terribly insufficient to express our feeling. But we accept all of it as a heart touching manifestation of Christ’s Light, and a very convincing proof of your understanding and practicing the true meaning of Christian faith. For this wonderful light you shed on us, I thank God every day.

One month of the 2015 year is already behind us. We don’t know what is still ahead for each of us. We don’t know what will happen to our health, our careers, our relationships, or our undertakings. But we do know that Christ the Light will be with us to give us location, balance and direction. And this is our greatest and most needed assurance. Let us, therefore continue our life’s journey with the commitment to provide each other with this light we are called by Jesus to be.

At this point I am happy to invite each and every one of you to our annual Fundraising dinner, we will hold on Sunday, March 22, 2015, at the Orland Chateau in Orland Park Let us get there together again to bask in the light of joy, love and unity of Friends of Rosary Hill.

Prayerfully yours in Christ, Sr. Natalie

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## A Special Note from the Fundraising Committee

Your are invited to celebrate **Rosary Hill Home’s 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Dinner Dance, Sunday, March 22, 2015**, at the Orland Chateau, featuring a family style meal, entertainment by Eddie Korosa Jr., raffle prizes, silent auction, door prizes and more. Tickets remain only \$60.00 per person. Tables seat 10 people unless otherwise specified when ordering. Two tables of 12 are available on first come first served basis. Buy your tickets early! Be sure to include names of people you’d like to sit with, if they are paying separately. When buying table(s), please list names of all to be seated at your table or have everyone give your name at the door.

Please consider donating to our raffle prizes for the fundraiser. Items such as TVs, wine coolers, cameras and notebooks are our most valued prizes. We also need gift certificates \$20-\$40 range for doors prizes as well as bottles of liquors and wines for the liquor cart. Cookware and household items or unique art may be bundled. We welcome you to join with others who help us to purchase items for our event. Contact John Lux at 708.354.8182 for information about how to be a raffle prize donor.

Do you or someone you know have a time-share, summer home, condo, or bed and breakfast, season tickets to professional sporting events, sports memorabilia, jewelry or one of a kind unique item for the silent auction? All donations are greatly appreciated!

From the desk of our Chaplain

“Come to Meet the Lord who is Coming”

On the feast of the Presentation of our Lord, Jesus comes to us to bring us his peace, love and joy. Our present world is very lacking in true peace. Before we can have this peace, we need to believe in Jesus and live according to his teachings. Jesus has come into our world to give us His love. He has given us the sacrament of reconciliation to remove our guilt and to be able to love. We need to love God above all things and to love one another. Jesus has to come to give us true joy. When we allow God to rule our life we find true joy. Jesus is the true source of our peace, love and joy. Jesus is our true source of our peace, love and joy.

Father Raymond Jasinski

**Words of Wisdom**

Trust your past to God’s Mercy, your present to God’s Love and your future to God’s PROVIDENCE.

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**Dates to Remember...**

**Rosary Hill Home’s 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fundraiser, Sunday, March 22, 2015**

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**Butterfly Release Event**, a tranquil celebration of life and remembrance of those we loved and lost, **Sunday, July 26, 2015**, details to follow in our next newsletter.

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Please join us for **Family Mass** the **second Sunday of every month @ 9:30 a.m.** (refreshments follow). Remember, you can join us any Sunday for Mass.

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**RESIDENT’S NEWS**

**Rosary Hill’s First Olympic Games**

On Halloween, October 31st, brought to Rosary Hill Home their first Olympic Games Event. The Opening Ceremonies began with the National Anthem and flags waving. Sherry, the activity assistant, adorned in a Rosary Hill Home Olympic T-Shirt and Sophie, the activity director, dressed as Uncle Sam, led the procession with the official torch.

Many events from Spelling Bees and Puzzles to Bunco and Bean Bag Toss, left everyone enjoying the events they entered. 1st place medals were awarded to the winners for the events they entered. In the closing ceremonies everyone sang “God Bless America.”

At the completion of the Olympic Games, players were invited to pizza form Durbins and delicious tuna fish and drinks.

We then enjoyed homemade cookies from Sister Tobia’s kitchen, to finish off our days events.

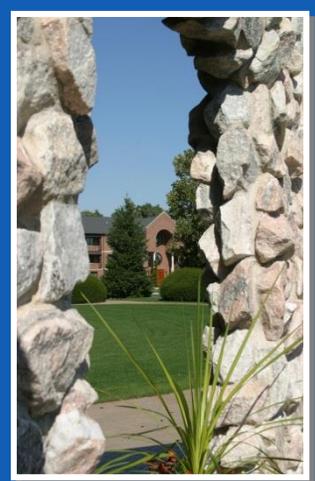
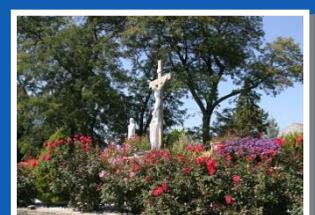
Thank you to all the volunteer officials who helped to make this Olympic Event a success!

Submitted by: Lorraine & Donna Oszakiewski, (Volunteers)

**(Our special thanks to Lorraine & Donna for their contribution towards the delicious pizza!)**

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**WELCOME**

We offer a warm welcome to our new residents:

- Pearl Krejci**            **11-15-2014**
- Ruth Quinn**        **12-30-2014**
- Irene Szarley**      **01-03-2015**
- Florence Kukulski**   **01-21-2015**

*IN OUR PRAYERS*

Let us remember also all that are sick and infirm among us that they may experience Christ’s healing power and be restored to health both spiritually and physically.

**OUR SYMPATHY**

*“If we have died in Christ, we believe we shall also live in Him.”*

Romans 6:8

- +Elizabeth Hine**        **11-05-2014**
- +Dolores Brady**       **11-22-2014**
- +Rosemary Michel**   **12-02-2014**
- +Mary Virginia Foran** **12-06-2014**
- +Joseph Zielinski**   **12-25-2014**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



We extend our warmest congratulations and Best Wishes with love and prayers to the following residents of Rosary Hill on the occasion of their respective birthdays.

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| January: | Jean Marek        | 92         |
|          | Rose Beales       | <b>102</b> |
|          | Eileen Tallet     | 89         |
| February | Anna Ferenczak    | 91         |
|          | Bernice Novak     | 81         |
| March:   | Gertrude Greske   | 89         |
|          | Veronica Peterson | 93         |
|          | Patricia Corcoran | 93         |
|          | Mary Logsdon      | 92         |