

ROSARY HILL HOME



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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends of Rosary Hill,

With passing years, it becomes more and more apparent to those who are serious about their Catholic faith that living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus in our time, to the society where selfishness, consumerism and political correctness appears to be its fundamental structure is a very tall order. It requires and even demands a great dose of steadfastness and heroic fortitude. Fortitude means standing firm in hope against all pressures to despair, ridicule persecution or even in the face of death itself. In times of emptiness, uncertainty, confusion, and attacks on religious freedom, fortitude is a matter of strength necessary to overcome fear. But fortitude also includes patience and perseverance needed to be faithful to our vocation, and to the values which determine our dignity and our mission in the world as Christ's followers. It calls for courage to resist evil and to block its progress. Such courage demonstrates itself in so called "holy anger." Such anger is a legitimate form of fortitude, and is often manifested in the lives of those who oppose any form of injustice and immoral conduct. Defending and promoting truth, human life and the dignity of every human being, born and unborn, requires in our time very strong faith and heroic courage.

Fortitude as a virtue has both personal and social expressions, if we are to live our Catholic faith in today's world. This quality of mind and heart is needed not only in this rare situation, but it is tested and required far more frequently in the course of ordinary, everyday life. It makes it possible for us to live our life and our faith authentically and with a high level of personal integrity. It enables us to be faithful to our vows, promises and commitments. On the virtue of fortitude, a lasting marriage is built. It takes fortitude for parents to care and guide their children through quiet times and bad, and for priests and religious sisters to be faithful to their vocation and mission in times when God, religion and morality are trivialized, ridiculed and caricatured by mass media, and used by the secular entertainment industry and its promoters to label opponents as uneducated and intolerant bigots.

The hostility of our secular culture toward Christianity is more and more noticeable. It creates an environment in which it becomes increasingly difficult and challenging for us to live our religious vocation and conduct our charitable ministry. In times of such test of our faith and religious commitments we all need to pray for the spiritual wisdom, and fortitude and use available to us means to support and strengthen each other as members of one Christian family.

At this point I want to thank every one of you for supporting the Dominican Sisters and our ministry in Rosary Hill with your prayers, love, material assistance and words of encouragement. The good you continuously bestow upon us gives us hope and the dearly needed fortitude as we strive to be a shining sign of life consecrated to God, and a tangible outreach of his love for those in need of care.

Every year we try to show our appreciation to all our friends and benefactors by gathering them at our annual picnic, which this year will take place on Sunday, September 13, 2015. It will begin at 11:00 AM with an outdoor Mass and continue for many hours at the tables laden with tastefully prepared meals. In hope to see all of you there we extend to each of you our most cordial invitation.

Prayerfully yours in Christ and His Mother Mary,

Sister M. Natalie, OP

RESIDENT'S NEWS & EVENTS

The Annual 4th of July Party was held on July 2nd and all Residents were invited. Janet Pawlicki and her retired friends and neighbors were here to entertain the Residents. They entered in parade fashion, marching through the activity hall. All the residents joined in singing many patriot songs. Flags were waving, feet were tapping and hands were clapping. To end the festivities Janet treated the Residents to an old fashioned ice cream bar. A fun time was had by all.

Submitted by: (Volunteer) Diane Turek, Daughter of Resident, Gertrude Greske

A sunny July 4th afternoon enabled the residents to enjoy the outdoors, with singing and listening to patriotic music and enjoying the decorations. Snacks were distributed by the volunteers. Juicy red grapes, grilled cubed hot dogs with potato chips and a beverage complete with a slice of lemon cake placed many smiles on their faces as they enjoyed the 4th!

Submitted by: (Volunteer) Diane Marek, Daughter of Resident, Jean Marek

VOLUNTEERS: Rosary Hill Home is always looking for volunteers to help enrich our Resident's lives. If you can spare a few hours, once a week, once a month or just for our special events, please fill out a volunteer application at the front desk or check our website: www.sistersop.com to download an application.

From the desk of our Chaplain

Trust is the Mercy and love of God

How often we try to control our own lives and end up disappointed and unhappy. We like to be in control of every situation, but we become discouraged when things do not go well. We fail to help those who are being abused or suffering since we do not have the courage to help out. We need to rely on God's help so that all we do will be for God's honor and glory and for our salvation and that of others. Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee.

Father Raymond Jasinski

Rosary Hill Bible Study: *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy!* Join us at Rosary Hill Home for this 10-week *Great Adventure* Catholic Bible study on the prophets, presented by Thomas Smith! Each week, you will come to know a prophet from the Scripture and learn how his message sheds light on our faith and our lives. In getting to know these messengers of God, you will read the Scripture and the *Catechism*, while answering thought provoking questions and powerful reflections. Plus, you will learn practical ways to apply the messages of the prophets in your own life.

The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy places the Old Testament prophets in context of salvation history, making their personalities and contexts easy to follow, understand, and relate to our lives.

Start date **Monday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m.** through **December 7th**. Cost of the Study Materials approximately \$27.00. For more information or to register for the Bible Study, call **Rosary Hill at 708-458-3040** or via email: rosaryhill@sbcglobal.net.

Dates to Remember...

Annual Family Picnic, Sunday, September 13, 2015.

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.

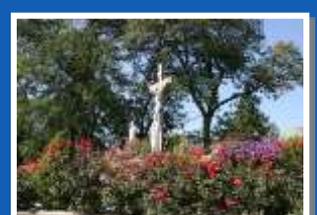
Calling all families & friends: Our 20th Annual Family Appreciation Picnic is Sunday, September 13, 2015. We ask that each **Rosary Hill Family donate two 24-can cases of soda: 24 cans diet soda and 24 cans regular soda.** Please bring your two cases of sodas to Rosary Hill any time **before September 1st**. God bless you for your generous support.

Raffle prize donations are welcomed as well, raffle prizes but must be received any time **before September 1st** in order to give the Raffle Committee time to prepare the raffle packages.

Many volunteers are needed at the picnic. If you can help for an hour or two, please contact Diane Turek, Volunteer Coordinator. Volunteer Forms are available at the front desk. If you or someone in your family would like to help in any way, please complete a Volunteer Form and return to Rosary Hill Home Volunteers, 9000 W. 81st Street, Justice, IL 60458 or drop the completed form off at the reception desk when you visit. Current volunteers, please let Diane Turek know if you are able to help at the picnic. Questions please contact Sharon at Rosary Hill Home, Monday through Friday, or Diane on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (708) 458-3040.

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WELCOME

We offer a warm welcome to our new residents:

Dorothy Augustine 06-15-2015
Mary Lee Hilger 08-01-2015

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

+Genevieve Wisiniowski 05/09/15
+Mary Barkowski 05/29/15
+Florence Wojcik 06/03/15
+Lillian Noga 06/29/15
+Marilyn Konwinski 07/08/15
+Jannith Sullivan 07/13/15

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.

July:	Amelia Barts	92
	Edward Jasinski	93
	Alice Collachia	94
	Irene Szarley	88
	Maryann Bayzik	94
	Mary Flannery	83
August:	Louise Swerhun	92
	Antonia Artese	75
	Florence Litz	95
	Irene Stabrawa	91
	Maria Kucharski	89
September:	Ruth Quinn	91
	Joan McTeague	88
	Ellen Kupfer	88