

ROSARY HILL HOME



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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends of Rosary Hill,

During the current pre-election season we hear much about change. The truth is, most of us don't really like change. We usually sit in the same chair, watch the news on the same TV channel, get into our daily routine, get upset when our schedules are interrupted, etc. And quite often change doesn't improve our life, but makes it worse. We welcome change only when it is for the better – so we welcome it when a rainy day is succeeded by a sunny one, when a headache goes away, when an eagerly awaited friend drops in, etc.

Most of us keep certain traditions for the Christmas season – the Christmas tree, the Christmas dinner, the gifts and greeting cards exchanged, the favored Christmas Carols... We tend to keep Christmas much the same way each year. Yet Christmas is all about change – change for the better.

Reflecting prayerfully upon the birth of Jesus should inspire and prompt us to redefine the way we share Christmas with those around us, especially our loved ones and friends. Such redefining might make a significant difference in our life and the life of those we interact with.

Just think about making the Christmas tradition of gift giving more charitable. Instead of less-meaningful gifts, we can give others donations to some worthy charitable causes in their names. And we can ask our loved ones and friends to do the same for us. Our gifts would be more meaningful and thought provoking to the giver and receiver, and we would spend more time at home with family and less time out shopping for each other. And our giving would be more in accord with the true spirit of Christmas.

Then we will be able to celebrate the birth of Jesus with a deeper sense of joy and hope, for we know He was born to enable, inspire and prompt us to change from the old to the new, from greed to generosity, from thoughtlessness to thoughtfulness, from ingratitude to gratitude, from being "earthbound" to being filled with desire for heavenly riches.

As Christians, we should, we must celebrate Christmas in such a spirit and mindset. Only then this wonderful and heartwarming Holy Night and Day might bring a deeply needed change in our life and in the life of others. Every year, at this time, our Catholic faith gives us an excellent opportunity to prepare for such a change-making celebration of Jesus' Birth. Advent and the solemnities of Christmas, The Holy Family, Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord are that opportune time.

May the spirit of Christmas, its peace, hope and joy permeate our hearts, guide our choices and decisions and shape our daily conduct. May Christ's gentle and merciful love fill us and shine forth through us.

Wishing you a profoundly meaningful and truly Merry Christmas, and thanking you for the wonderful change for the better, your friendship and generosity continue to make, in the life of Rosary Hill Home,

I remain prayerfully yours,

Sister M. Natalie, OP

RESIDENT'S NEWS & EVENTS

Our Butterfly Release Event held on July 26, 2015, was a huge success. Over 300 butterflies were released in memory or honor of our loved ones. The ceremony included a reading and prayers, followed by a moment of quiet reflection. Father Ray blessed the butterflies as they were about to take flight. Due to a last minute family emergency, I was unable to attend the event. A Big thank you to Isabelle and Bill Uher, and my son Kevin Marcinski, who really stepped up to the plate on a moment's notice. Thank you to Sister Natalie, Sister Leonarda and Sister Rosaria for their assistance, all the volunteers, those who purchased butterflies and participated in this heart-warming event. Throughout the year when you see a butterfly, let it remind you of your loved one and please continue to say a special prayer for them. Proceeds from this event will be used towards the continuing upgrades and the purchasing of new furniture for the Home.

Submitted by: Cathie Marcinski (Resident, Marie Bona's daughter)

Every August we have a Hawaiian Party, Sophie has the room decorated in Hawaiian fashion. All the residents received a flower lei. We all enjoyed a fruit salad, Hawaiian music and Sister Dolores's Hula Hoop dance.

The picnic held on September 13, 2015 was fantastic and well attended. There was an 11:00a.m. Mass at the Grotto. Sophie added that it was also Grandparents Day. There were large groups of Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren enjoying games on the grounds. The food was delicious and enjoyable. Thank you to the Sisters, Father Ray and all the staff, for all the hard work you do for us, it is greatly appreciated!

Submitted by: Mary Wunder (Resident)

The Oktoberfest Party was held on October 15th, all the Residents participated. Ed Slavik was the entertainment with his accordion music. Everyone enjoyed the brats and beer. German beer is my special favorite. Everyone's feet were tapping to the German Polka. Some of the Residents were dancing with the activity staff and the Sisters. The entertainment was almost 2 hours long, which made everyone happy. Thank you to Ed Slavik, volunteers and staff.

Submitted by: Florence Litz (Resident)

From the desk of our Chaplain

The Holy Souls in Purgatory

The Holy souls in Purgatory are happy since they know that they are saved. They suffer patiently since they want to be perfectly purified so that they might be admitted into God's presence. They can't help themselves, since their time of trial in this life is over, and so they turn to us pleading for our help. They have the power to pray for us and are extremely grateful for our prayers and sacrifices. When they enter heaven, they will intercede for us and assist us to avoid going to Purgatory. May Our Blessed Mother intercede for these Holy souls and shorten their stay in Purgatory. Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual life shine upon them.

A Most Sincere Thank You

We sincerely thank Joseph and Marie Zielinski for donating a very beautiful vestment in honor of St. Joseph, in memory of their beloved deceased father, Joseph Zielinski. May this beautiful vestment encourage all of us to pray to and honor St. Joseph.

Father Raymond Jasinski

Words of Wisdom

Young at Heart

The glory of young men is their strength, gray hair the splendor of the old. (Proverbs 20:29)

"Are you old or young?" my eight-year old friend asked me while we were playing our net-less version of tennis on the driveway. I had just jumped over a small bush - surprising both him and myself, because I am usually clumsy. He was confused, I was playing enthusiastically with him, yet I am friends with his 40-something grandmother. On his terms, I'm surely ancient, but because I exercise and love to play with children, I sometimes surprise him. In a culture that often idolizes youth and discriminates against those who are older, it is important to remember that God used the young and old to bring his message to others: a servant girl led Naaman to the prophet of God; Abraham and Moses began their journeys in "old age." Jesus, God's Son and our Savior from sin and death, showed no age-related preference when He walked on earth. He welcomed children into His arms and healed the aged. In our family, community, and church, we learn from and with each other. We can together affirm that God loved the world-all people-and redeemed them by the blood of His Son.

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.

Dates to Remember...

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.

Save the Date...Sunday, April 10, 2016, For our Annual Spring Fundraiser!!!

WELCOME

We offer a warm welcome to our new residents:

- Helen Liptak** 08-03-2015
- Jean Surma** 08-24-2015
- Pauline Small** 08-26-2015
- Margaret Russell** 08-30-2015
- Genowefa Mularczyk** 10-21-2015
- Rosemary Curran** 10-26-2015
- RoseMarie Olczak** 10-28-2015
- Marita Finley** 10-30-2015
- Marilyn Roventini** 11-11-2015

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

- +Dorothy Majersky** 08/06/15
- +Marianne Danko** 09/09/15
- +Helen Farley** 09/30/15
- +Eleanor Roeder** 09/30/15
- +Rose Beales** 10/17/15
- +Sophie Williamson** 11/08/15
- +Edward Jasinski** 11/11/15

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.

- October: Helen Liptak 92
Ellen Mary Ryan 81
- November: Lottie Vikotra 98
Florence Kukulski 89
Teresa Larkers 86
Veronica Wastak 95
- December: Sophie Parciak 99
Marie Borowik 101
Mary Wunder 83
Helen Bochenczak 98
Edna Mae Witry 82

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