

ROSARY HILL HOME



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Dear Rosary Hill Friends,

The story of Nativity sets before us a very interesting and even intriguing array of individuals: a teenage mother, a conscientious young carpenter, an egotistical emperor, a choir of angels, a band of shepherds, a trio of scholarly astronomers, a wise old holy man, an elderly prophethess, a narcissist and paranoiac king. And, of course we cannot forget, a baby: Jesus Christ!

There is a thought provoking lesson the first Christmas story invites us to learn and meditate upon. And the lesson is this: God realizes his saving plan through all kinds of people. All kinds: the young and the old, the simple and the highly educated, the rich and the poor, the good and the bad. Each of the actors of the Nativity drama played assigned roles in salvation history. Some play their role knowingly, others without a smidgen of awareness. Some did this through their goodness and love, others through their evil designs and hateful actions.

It is strikingly amazing that God can use everyone in his plan of salvation. The only question is this: what kind of a role will we choose to play? How do we respond to God's invitation to be a part of his saving plan in the world?

As I try to see and evaluate my own response, I realize that there are plenty of people around me who participate lovingly and faithfully in the drama of salvation set up by God. You, our Dear Friends, are those inspiring "actors" who accepted seemingly supportive but an extremely valuable role in the ministry of Rosary Hill, because you see that ministry as a part of God's loving plan and you make it work.

The season of Advent and the fast upcoming Christmas steer my attention onto you and stir up the most profound gratitude for what you are and do as lovingly generous partakers of God's saving plan inaugurated and manifested so tenderly in the story of Nativity. And I pray and wish that during this holy season you may feel deep in your hearts how precious you are to God the Father who chose you to play the important role in his saving plan.

Let me also assure you that your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity continue to touch our hearts and make a significant difference in the life and service of Rosary Hill Home. May God reward you with every grace you pray for and wish for yourselves and your loved ones in this holy season of Christmas, and throughout the entire New Year 2017.

Have a truly Blessed Christmas!

Sister M. Natalie, OP

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, MARCH 26th, 2017. Please come and join current and past family members at our **22nd Annual Spring Fundraiser Dinner.** The Spring Fundraiser is the primary event to benefit the residents and keep costs down. The evening will include a family-style dinner, raffle, super raffle, split the pot and door prizes. This year's entertainment will be a five piece band, The Music Company. More information and details will be mailed at the end of December.

The Friends of Rosary Hill Committee

Resident's Events.....

OCTOBERFEST On October 13, we celebrated Octoberfest, it was a great party. The entertainment was given by Mr. Slavic, he played music while many residents danced and sang-a-long. We enjoyed brats and German beer. Activity ladies Sophie and Carol dressed as German waitresses and served everyone with a smile. A fun time was had by All! Submitted by: Resident, Mary Wunder

OLYMPIC GOLD AT ROSARY HILL OLYMPIC GAMES 2016 This summer, 46 Gold Medals were won by U.S. athletes at the Olympic Games 2016 in Rio. This fall, 35 prizes were awarded to the residents of Rosary Hill, at their "2nd Olympic 2016 Games." The residents spent a fun morning on Friday, October 28th playing 'Table Olympics.' There were tables of bunco, card playing, puzzle championships, and games of skill. Everyone was a WINNER at this creative event and there were 35 "good sports" all around. What a nice way to end the month of October with a prize, a smile, fun, laughter, and sharing the tables with new and old friends and the great volunteers at Rosary Hill Home. Good luck next year at the Olympics Games 2017. Submitted by: Volunteer, Janet Pawlicki

CANDELIGHT DINNER To the staff and volunteers of Rosary Hill Home, just a note of thanks for a lovely dinner and evening. Your warm hearts and many talents are always obvious and appreciated. From the tables set with beautiful flowers to home cooking that all enjoyed. Happy Holidays from the Hecht Family! Submitted by: Mary Cody (Daughter of resident, Jeanette Hecht)

The Candlelit dinner was beautiful! We received such a warm welcome from Father Ray and the entire community of volunteers! The food was delicious and it was so nice to give my mother the feeling of "fine dining" which she always enjoyed, right in the comfort of her own home! We are truly blessed! Submitted by: Sue Zabilka (Daughter of resident, Joanne Sherman)

To Sophie and friends, thank you for the gorgeous candle-lite dinner. We truly appreciate all your dedication and hard work. Your kindness, sincerity and love was immediately felt upon entering the room. The room was so beautiful, set with china, glassware and decorations were that from a magazine. The food was magnificent! I'm going to steal your pumpkin parfait recipe for our Thanksgiving Dinner. Thanks Again! Submitted by: Tricia Zuber (Daughter of resident, Mary Pat O'Connor)

We Thank God for the wonderful volunteers who come and make every event a very special day! We are blessed to have them donate their time, support and love!

From the desk of our Chaplain

The Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

The Catholic Church teaches us that nothing imperfect can see the face of God. The souls in purgatory are happy that they are saved and they suffer their purification for their sins patiently. And yet, they look to us here on earth to help them to be completely purified.

We can show our love and compassion for these holy souls by our prayers and sacrifices. By accepting the unpleasant things in life, such as sickness, the misunderstanding and humiliations that come to us, we can greatly assist these holy souls in purgatory, who are our brothers and sisters in Christ. Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Father Raymond Jasinski

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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017, our 22nd ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER DINNER!

CHRISTMAS SALE...We have "A Journey of Faith" book on sale for Christmas, for a reduced price of \$25.00. A reflection of 80 years of the Dominican Sisters of Rosary Hill Home, in health ministry. Please come in and take advantage of this great price before it ends. You can purchase one for yourself and it will also make a great gift for someone on your Christmas list.

Words of Wisdom

I relax and open my heart to the all-embracing, everlasting love of God

God's love never waivers. Yet there may be times when I close my heart to knowing the presence of Divine Love. Perhaps I am feeling ashamed or underserving of love, or my heart is hardened by anger or resentment. Perhaps I feel I must wait until I achieve a particular goal before I allow myself to feel beloved of God. I now move beyond these barriers. I breathe deeply and remember that God's love is always mine to have, and to share! In this moment, God's grace transcends any limited or limiting notions of undeservedness. I gratefully allow God's loving-kindness to flow freely in and through me, healing and transforming not only me, but the entire world.

The Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. (Jeremiah 31:3)

Resident's Humor ☺

Activity Director, Sophie entered a Resident's room to bring her down for the morning activity. The Resident asked, "Where is my nurse"? Sophie responded that she is also helping the nurse that day. The next morning Sophie returned to the Resident's room, the Resident looked up to see Sophie once again and said, "You are here again, you must really be desperate for money." ☺

Sophie spoke to Resident, Marion, and said "I love that you have a good sense of humor." Marion replied, "I may have humor but I have no sense." ☺

WELCOME

We offer a warm welcome to our new residents:

- Mary C. Perez 07-23-2016
- Helen Gawel 09-02-2016
- Barbara Ryan 10-10-2016
- Mary Pat O'Connor 10-12-2016
- Joanne Sherman 10-14-2016
- Madeleine McDermott 11-16-2016

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

- +Rose Marie Olczak 07-26-16**
- +Anna Ferenczak 08-21-16**
- +Marita Finley 09-07-16**
- +Jean Marek 09-08-16**
- +Florence Kukulski 10-19-16**
- +Mary Dziura 10-25-16**

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 93
Elaine Robinson 83
Ellen Mary Ryan 82
Marguerite Altenbach 94
- November: Lottie Viktora 99
Teresa Larkers 87
Jeanette Hecht 88
Veronica Wastak 96
Madeleine McDermott 80
- December: Marie Borowik 102
Mary Wunder 84
Helen Bochenczak 99
Edna Mae Witry 83

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