

ROSARY HILL HOME



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Dear Friends of Rosary Hill,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Life is full of surprises, yet it is often not what you expect! Yet so often the biggest graces come when we least expect them. I was extremely blessed to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this past October. One particular day as our tour guide was rushing us from one holy place to another (so that we might get to see *everything*, if even briefly!), I found myself disappointed. After a *steep* climb up (what might be called the *driveway*) to see the Church of the Visitation (where Mary greeted Elizabeth and the infant John leaped in her womb!), we had a brief look at the church inside. After exiting I remained to take a few photos, recalling that Fulton Sheen also once stood in that place for a photo opportunity. With that, our chaplain, a Dominican Friar, rushed me along. As I walked back down the brick-laden driveway/staircase, I whined to Father, “When will we have a chance to let it all soak in?” He chuckled and replied, “The rest of your life!” I didn’t understand why we were so rushed until we entered upon another courtyard, and not a minute later the gate behind us closed for the evening, our group fully making it inside! It was the church of St. John the Baptist, in which is marked the traditional place of his birth. Then, with no crowd around us, we had the blessing of venerating that blessed place of the great Forerunner’s birth! I was not expecting that, and then I was so glad that I was rushed along so as to not miss out! God is blessing us all the time. Even when life seems too busy, can we see His gifts, graces and surprises to us? We may not understand everything as we are going through it, but Father was right...I’ll have the rest of my life to unpack those amazing graces He gives us! I am (we are) so *grateful* for another wonderful year at Rosary Hill—for the Family Picnic in September (for your generosity and support), for our friends and benefactors, and for all those wonderful moments that happen daily with our dear residents here at Rosary Hill. As we celebrate Thanksgiving, and as the new Liturgical Year begins with the Season of Advent, let us take on the attitude of gratitude for His many unexpected gifts!

Sr. Maria-Vianney Kysely, O.P.
Administrative Assistant

Annual Appreciation Picnic

The week before the picnic it rained every day and there was rain in the forecast for Sunday as well. The wind cleared the rain on Saturday and on Sunday the sun shined on the family and friends of Rosary Hill, for their annual picnic. After the celebratory Mass, the contingent of cooks proudly served a delicious meal to the hundreds of attendees. Traditional games such as three-legged races, tug of war, water balloon toss were played by the children, adults, Sisters and staff. The pony rides and petting zoo delighted those from ages 2 to 100, while the goats helped to mow the lawn. The day ended with the exciting raffle drawings and even those who did not win, had a happy fulfilling day!

Submitted by, (The Jacobowski Boys, Sons of Resident, Eugenia Jacobowski)

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, To the Sisters of Rosary Hill, Fundraising Committee and the many volunteers and benefactors who helped make this year’s Annual Appreciation Picnic a huge success. Your generous donations and time are greatly appreciated. God Blessed us with a beautiful day, to enjoy this special event.

Diane Turek (Daughter of Resident, Gertrude Greske)

Resident’s Events

HAWAIIAN PARTY It was just another day in August until one of the activity aides came to my room and said “Be ready in 5 minutes, we are leaving for an afternoon in Hawaii.” Sophie greeted us at the door with Hawaiian regalia. Our afternoon became a party, we were served sandwiches on Hawaiian bread, Hawaiian salad and Hawaiian punch. The activity department entertained us with songs and native dancing and we all joined in. Everyone had an amazing time that afternoon in “Hawaii until it was time to go back to reality.

Submitted by, (Loretta Dolan, Resident)

OKTOBERFEST The afternoon of October 22nd the residents of Rosary Hill celebrated Oktoberfest. When they arrived they were greeted with a mini paddle and a mini book of notes. Mr. Ed Slavik entertained the residents with German and Polish music. The residents enjoyed brats with a small sample of German Beer or Sparkling Strawberry Wine. For the occasion Activity Director, Sophie wore a German barmaid costume with a blonde wig, to complete the outfit. A fun time was had by all!

Submitted by, (Diane Marek, Volunteer)



THANKSGIVING DINNER As the residents and guests came down for a special Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 14th, they entered an atmosphere of fine dining with intimate tables for four, set with fine china and crystal, topped with decorous floral/candle arrangements. Father Ray and Sister Natalie welcomed everyone. Father Ray led the prayer and then sang a song. Wine was poured followed by a scrumptious turkey dinner with all the trimmings and a dessert of pumpkin pie with coffee, prepared by our talented kitchen staff and served by Sophie and her troupe of volunteers. A night to remember!

Submitted by, (Joyce Cwik, Volunteer)

**COMING SOON...-ROSARY HILL HOME 24th ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER DINNER ON APRIL 7, 2019,
AT THE ORLAND CHATEAU, 4:00PM TO 8:00PM**

From the desk of our Chaplain

I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

When the pastor of St. Bernadette Soubirous asked St. Bernadette to ask who the Holy Woman who appeared to her was, she said, "I am the Immaculate Conception." The Virgin Mary was quite conscious that she was conceived miraculously in her Mother's womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. When the great Saints of the world, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bernadine and many others wrongly believed that the Virgin Mary was conceived in Original Sin, a humble and Sainly Franciscan priest corrected them and explained that it was fitting that God should preserve His Mother from Original Sin, and every other sin, since she was chosen to be God's Mother. We should rejoice over this mystery and be grateful that God has given Mary to be our Spiritual Mother.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Rosary Hill Home Chapel which is offered the third Saturday of every month from 8:00am to 6:00pm.

The Annual Spring Fundraiser, Sunday, April 7, 2019

Resident Humor:

One resident greets another in the hallway. Both react like giddy school girls at the sight of each other. One says, "Hello, Beautiful!" while the other says, "Hello, Darling!" And as they smile and laugh, they bump foreheads and rub their noses together. And the one says, "That's what Eskimos do!"☺

Words of Wisdom

The Bend in the Road – Sometimes we come to life's crossroads and view what we think is the end. But God has a much wider vision and he knows it's only a bend. The road will go on and get smoother and after we've stopped for a rest, the path that lies hidden beyond us, is often the path that is best. So rest and relax and grow stronger, let go and let God share your load and have faith in a brighter tomorrow. You've just come to a bend in the road.

"Helen Steiner Rice"

It is not how much you do, but how much love you put in the doing. "Mother Teresa"

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God."

(Corinthians 1:3-4)

WELCOME

We offer a warm welcome to our new residents:

- Phyllis Rosean 07-18-18
Lillian Henzl 08-24-18
Maria Sadelska 08-28-18
Rosemarie Jirus 11-06-18
Noreen Oosterbaan 11-19-18

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

- +Marion Kummer 07-15-18
+Helen Sauer 07-20-18
+Alice P. Corcoran 07-31-18
+Dorothy Horek 10-12-18
+Florence Litz 10-13-18
+Albert Roventini 11-20-18

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 95, Helen Gwizdala 95, Elaine Robinson 85, Ellen Mary Ryan 84, Marie-Elizabeth Shober 80
November: Dolores Kluska 90, Teresa Larkers 89, Stella Santeramo 86, Jeanette Hecht 90, Madeleine McDermott 81
December: Charlotte Mrowczynski 85, Eugenia Jacobowski 102, Marion Sterner 88

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