



Regular Activities Resume

As the lock-down period of COVID-19 came to an end, our Residents were able to once again “spread their wings.”

Being able to share a movie night with each other, visit with friends and relatives in person, and attend weddings and grandchildren's school events really lifted their spirits.

In Independent Living, our Residents created a prayer group – praying for the needs of each other, our St. Martin's

Home, and the world. They also organized a Seder meal during Holy Week and consecrated themselves to St. Joseph.

Trips to the local Walmart, to Lancaster to see the play “David,” a boat ride in St. Michael's and a picnic at the home of a Board member, are a few of the outings our Residents enjoyed this spring and early summer.



Silver Jubilee for Sr. Mary John

Congratulations to Sr. Mary John for 25 years of religious life celebrated at our Home on June 21! Sr. Mary John's Silver Jubilee began with a solemn Mass celebrated by our chaplain, Father Mike Orchik, with three priest-friends concelebrating. The liturgy was beautifully set with hymns chosen by Sister, accompanied by organ and flute. A reception followed the Mass and a meal was enjoyed in the Jeanne Jugan Learning Center with Little Sisters, family and friends.

Later in the afternoon, everyone was invited to Main Street for a show. Dressed in full regalia, Squire Frederick Taylor, Town Crier of Annapolis, kicked off the show. Residents, Sisters, Postulants and Staff all joined in to



create a walk-through of St. John's Gospel, highlighting the Baptism of Jesus, The Woman at the Well and the Wedding at Cana. Ryan Sachs played the role of Rabbi and Margie Lazzati-Downs and her husband Tom were the bride and groom. Each scene was introduced by Sr. Loretto of Mary who was dressed as Saint Jeanne Jugan. It culminated with a song where everyone lit a candle to represent prayers for Sr. Mary John. The celebration ended with ice cream sundaes.

When asked about the celebration, Sr. Mary John said "This is what our Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan loved to see – the family spirit reigning in our Homes. I am grateful for my 25 years of this blessedness – hopefully I'll see 25 more!"

Consecration to St. Joseph

St. Joseph is the patron Saint of the Little Sisters. Our Mother Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, confided all her needs to him and he responded as a loving father. To this day, the Sisters, Residents, and staff confide in the earthly father of Jesus when something is needed.

Recently, our independent living Residents desired a closer relationship with St. Joseph and Sister Mary Jamina was able and willing to lead them through the process of consecration to Joseph with the help of a book by Father Donald Calloway, MIC.

Consecrating yourself to St. Joseph means you acknowledge him as your spiritual father and entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care. The program of preparation and consecration takes 33 days and may be undertaken on your own or in a group as our Residents did.

Each Resident spent 20 – 30 minutes each day on a short explanation on one of the invocations in the Litany of St. Joseph, followed by a reading on St. Joseph and the recitation of the Litany. They met weekly with Sister Mary Jamina for a guided synthesis of their readings. At

the end of their studies, they processed into the chapel with a statue of St. Joseph leading the way. They made an act of consecration to St. Joseph and received a certificate and the promise of St. Joseph to give them his undivided attention, protection and guidance. The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be close to their spiritual father, resembling him in virtue and holiness.



LSP New Cathedral Cemetery Project

by Kevin M. Fogarty, Sr.,
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In the months before the pandemic, St. Martin's embarked on a project to improve the cemetery locations where the Little Sisters, along with many Residents, are laid to rest. The Little Sisters of St. Martin's purchased more than 60 plots at New Cathedral Cemetery over the years, with the earliest dating back to 1878. Many of the Sisters' graves are identified by beautiful marble memorial crosses purchased in the early years.

Beginning in 1965, granite stone memorials have been used to mark the location of each grave. As you might imagine, the condition of the memorials has deteriorated over time due to many years of harsh elements, lawn mowers and the constant erosion of the land. The three sections (H, I & K) in the cemetery are easily identified by larger memorials. Two sections have beautiful granite memorial crosses standing 8 to 10 feet tall and one section has a striking name step cut from marble.

The project to refurbish the Sisters' graves includes three phases:

Phase I

Partnering with New Cathedral Cemetery (Section H & I)

- Raised and level-set the granite memorials
- Chemically cleaned and sand blasted granite memorials and three larger memorials
- Fertilized and over seeded in the spring, fall and trimmed around every stone

Phase II

Proposed by New Cathedral Cemetery

- Preserve & retain the original undamaged marble memorials in Section H, chemically clean and sand blast

Phase III

Future state

- Maintain the three original sections with volunteers twice a year (spring and fall)



Before (left) and after (right) photos of the work completed to date at New Cathedral Cemetery.

- Replace the damaged marble memorials with granite stones
- Pour two concrete strip foundation footers to reset the granite and marble memorials
- Reset the marble name step
- Clean and sand blast the four larger marble corner posts
- Replace ten damaged marble memorial crosses in Section I with flat granite markers and concrete foundations
- Purchase four granite corner posts with cross engravings
- Relevel several flat markers
- Design and erect a memorial to identify the names of the Residents buried in Section K
- Determine future monetary requirements to periodically clean, repair and maintain the three original sections and additional new section

A note from our Development Department – We began this project pre-COVID, so naturally everything was put on hold. However, Kevin, working alone, completed the initial work. We want to thank all those who made donations towards the cemetery project and also those who offered manpower. We have funds to begin the initial work but not all of it. We will also be contacting those who volunteered their time when we have the final cost from New Cathedral.

Serving the elderly poor in Baltimore since 1869.

MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of
the Little Sisters,

We hope this summer newsletter finds you happy, healthy and enjoying some summer sunshine! As always, we thank you for stewarding in partnership with us. We are blessed with each and every one of you. We know that with your prayers, God will continue to guide us in our mission of caring for the needy elderly.

This year we celebrate 153 years of caring for the aged poor in Baltimore. Over these many years we have been blessed to provide spiritual, physical and emotional care to so many wonderful people. Without them our ministry would not be possible.

As we look forward, we continue to remember the lessons our beloved Residents taught us, and still teach us, and we strive to meet the ever-changing needs of the elderly now and tomorrow. Even with all the challenges of COVID, we stand resolved to continue the vision of our Mother Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, by enriching the lives of those in our care.

In his weekly general audience on June 15, 2022, Pope Francis departed from his prepared remarks and said that the care of the elderly is "fundamental" for society, for the Church and especially for future generations. "Where there is no dialogue between young and old, there is something missing and a generation grows up without a past, that is, without its roots," he said. Please take the time to visit with us and bridge the gap between the older and younger generations.

The Little Sisters continue to pray for you, your family, and a safe, happy and healthy summer.

*Sister Jeanne Mary, L.s.p.
Superior*



Upcoming Events

Nun Run

5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk

**Saturday, October 22
8 a.m. start**

Cathedral of Mary Our Queen
5200 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21210

Awards for groups and individuals.

Race shirt guaranteed and lower race fee
for all registrations received
before Friday, August 26.

Register through our website:

www.littlesistersofthepoorbaltimore.org



2022 Gala Warming the Home

Join us for the return of the Celebrity Chefs Competition!

Saturday, November 5 at 6 p.m.



Delta by Marriott Hunt Valley
215 Shawan Rd
Hunt Valley, MD 21031

OUR MISSION



Serving the elderly poor in Baltimore since 1869.

Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, our mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

*Reverence for Life ♦ Family Spirit ♦
Humble Service ♦ Compassion ♦ Stewardship*