



Feast of St. Joseph, Our Patron

St. Joseph's Day is a major feast in the Church and a most festive day in our Home. This year the feast of St. Joseph (March 19) fell on a Lenten Sunday, so the solemnity was celebrated on Monday, March 20. St. Jeanne Jugan was deeply devoted to St. Joseph; trusting him to take care of all of her needs.

We Little Sisters continue our Mother foundress' devotion to St. Joseph, entrusting our intentions to his intervention. In the spirit of our foundress, we trust fully in God's Providential love and strive to follow the example of Jesus Christ, meek and humble of heart, who came not to be served but to serve. St. Joseph also gave this example of servanthood.

We had the honor of welcoming Cardinal Timothy Dolan to celebrate with us. To accommodate his schedule we had Mass at 8:00 a.m. Following the Mass, Cardinal Dolan took time to meet and visit with the Residents, enjoying a

delicious brunch with them. Before leaving for his busy day, he promised to return soon.

We gathered once again in the afternoon for a most enjoyable part of our day — our St. Joseph's table.



According to tradition, the St. Joseph's Table dates back to the middle ages, when there was a severe drought and famine in Sicily. The peasants prayed to St. Joseph, and when the rain arrived to end the drought, they celebrated with a table of delicious foods in thanksgiving. This tradition continues in many churches and homes. St. Joseph's Table is a favorite gathering for our

Residents.

We thank our benefactors for helping to make our St. Joseph Table possible, especially Addeo Bakery, Atrusso Bakery, Cestra Bakery, LaSalle Bakery and Sal and Dom's Bakery. Please support our benefactors who help us provide so well for our Residents!

An extraordinary Eucharistic experience

Our community in the Bronx and our devoted chaplain Fr. Patrick Universal organized a Eucharistic procession in keeping with the desire of the United States Bishops' desire for a Eucharistic Revival. Residents had been asked ahead of time by their Little Sister if they would like to have Jesus come and visit them in their room. All were excited about it and welcomed the blessed opportunity. At 2:00 p.m., Father Pat, escorted by two Little Sisters with candles and another with the thurible made their way to the Resident apartments with the rest of the community following behind in solemn procession. Eucharistic hymns were played via iPod with a portable speaker to enhance the ambiance of the prayerful experience. Special song booklets were prepared for the day.

The first Resident room in which Father brought our Lord in the monstrance was to a pious 97-year-

old gentleman who immediately knelt in adoration. Father paused for a moment, and with Our Lord, blessed the room and its occupant. The Resident then joined us as we continued on to each Resident's room one by one. Some Residents had religious articles displayed on a small altar in their rooms, others had placed items they wanted blessed. All had a small specially prepared vase with roses or other flowers ready to honor our Lord when He arrived. Residents were sure their rooms looked neat and clean, were dressed in their best for the occasion, and awaited the event with sheer joy. So did the Little Sisters. Father also took the occasion to bless the Home as we processed throughout the halls.

After the procession, one Resident recounted, "I have been here over 15 years and I have never had such a beautiful experience. I have never experienced anything like this. I still have chills. I hope we can have this

every year."

Another Resident immediately called her daughter to tell her what had just happened after we left her room. Another, weeping as she described it, said that it brought back so many memories, and "to have Him right here in my apartment, I was overwhelmed. It was beautiful." Another stated that she never experienced anything like that in her life. Another said he felt like Zacchaeus.

Even a non-Catholic Resident was excited to receive the visit of Our Lord. She wept profusely when Jesus was brought into her quarters.

The 97-year-old man shared, "I cannot believe Jesus came to my room. It was a special moment." The whole experience was very moving for all of us, including the chaplain. Each one of us was touched in a very special way. Some found it hard to put into words what they experienced.



"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan"

Blessed Carlos Acutis, On the path to Sainthood

On Saturday, March 4, Sr. Raymond, our chaplain, Fr. Patrick Universal and a group of Residents had the opportunity travel to our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Roseland, NJ to venerate a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be beatified by the Catholic Church. They were also happy to view an international exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World created by Acutis himself. The exhibition was created and designed by Carlos in 2002; he died of leukemia in 2006. It consists of an extensive collection of photographs and historical records representing a sampling of ancient and modern Eucharistic miracles which have taken place throughout the world.

Carlos was a regular teenager who enjoyed friendships, school, computers and his love for Jesus. His life plan was "to always be close to Jesus."

The Residents were inspired by Carlo's faithfulness in living his life plan remaining close to Jesus. They wondered how a young normal teenager could grow so close to Jesus and his peers.

The Residents were also inspired by those who traveled to see the exhibit. People of all ages and cultures viewed the exhibition and were inspired to "always be close to Jesus."

The common characteristic of all was the reverence and awe with which they venerated the relic and viewed the Exhibit.



Church of the Epiphany (NYC) youth support our mission

In February, we received a letter from the SOS Youth Ministry (Servants of Salvation). The youth wrote:

"Happy New Year! We the SOS Youth Ministry (Servants of Salvation) at the Church of the Epiphany (NYC) admire the work the Little Sisters do for the poor and aged.

As a token of our love and appreciation for the work the Sisters do, enclosed please find our donation \$3,051 from our fundraising brunch which was held on January 15, 2023 for the Little Sisters of the Poor. We pray this money will help you do God's work in your ministry."

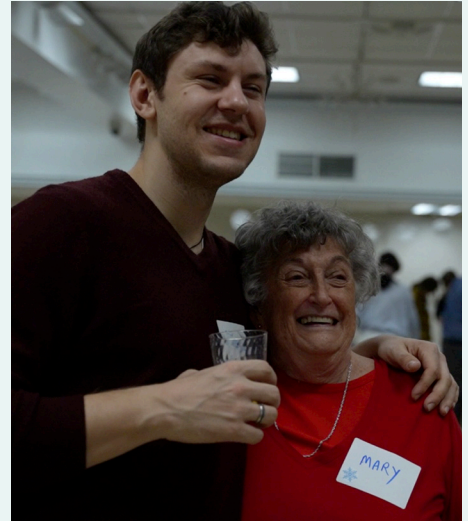
The brunch included raffles and prizes donated by local merchants and parishioners. There was also a silent auction and a game of Bible

Trivia. The youth met the Little Sisters of the Poor when two Little Sisters visited the Church of the Epiphany parish the last two years. Each year the SOS group reaches out in the community to help those in need.

After meeting the Little Sisters, they wanted to support our mission of caring for the elderly.

The youth and Little Sisters will work on a second fund raising brunch planned for early next year. Our Residents will participate in the next brunch, giving the youth and Residents an opportunity to get to know each other.

You are invited to come meet our Residents, Little Sisters and the youth of the Church of the Epiphany. Check our website for updates on the event in the fall.



MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Happy
Easter!

Celebrating
the institution
of the Holy
Eucharist
during the
triduum
leading up to
Easter again
put before



us the appeal of the U.S. Bishops
for a three-year grassroots revival
of devotion and belief in the Real
Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

“These three years will culminate
in the first National Eucharistic
Congress in the United States in
almost fifty years.

Almost a hundred thousand
Catholics will join together
in Indianapolis for a once-in-
a-lifetime pilgrimage toward
the ‘source and summit’ of our
Catholic faith.”

It's so easy to take The Lord's
Presence for granted, as well as the
privilege we have in sharing in the
Eucharist at Mass and the countless
opportunities for silent adoration
in His presence in all our churches
throughout the world.

Our Eucharistic procession and
conferences on the Eucharist are
some of the efforts we are making
to “revive” love and devotion for
Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Our moments in prayer,
especially before the Eucharist,
always include a remembrance of
all our friends and supporters who
so generously provide for the needs
of the elderly poor in our care.

We pray that this Easter season
will fill your hearts and families
with a deeper understanding and
love of the Eucharist, the “source
and summit of our Catholic faith.”

Sr. Gertrude Mary, Lsp

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR MISSION

- Checks or Credit card donations
- WeShare on-line donations (visit our website)
- Matching Gifts – double your donation
- Planned gifts – write a will or leave a legacy gift
- Donor Advised donations
- Memorial donations
- Pray for vocations
- Pray for our Residents needs

*“Love God very much,
so that you can look af-
ter the aged well, for it
is Jesus whom you care
for in them.”*

- Saint Jeanne Jugan

Our Needs

**Forever Stamps
8 ½ X 11 copy paper
Donations for Resident Outings
Individually wrapped snacks
Ginger Ale**

The Jeanne Jugan Residence is a 501 C 3 tax
exempt organization with Tax ID #13-
1884785.

Our mailing list is strictly private and
confidential and we do not share or sell our
donor information.

If you have any further questions, please do
not hesitate to call us at 347-329-1800.

OUR MISSION

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*

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, May 31
Spring Raffle Drawing

Monday, July 10
Golf Outing at Quaker Ridge
Golf Club

Sunday, October 22
X20 Fundraiser Event
Dinner by the Bite at
Xavier's on the Hudson

Saturday, November 11
Turkey Drop