

May 8, 2020

Dear Family & Friends,

We continue to be blessed by staying Covid-19 free in our Home. Thank God and our many friends for helping us get through this time. As our lockdown continues we recognize this time is difficult for many including our Residents and their families. We are getting creative with our activities to help the Residents stay connected to loved ones.

Thanks to friends we now have an I-pad designated for each of the four nursing household, one in the apartments and multiple ones in activities. Any time of day a Resident would like to video chat, the Sisters and Staff can help. We are trying out a new “talking window” where Residents can remain inside our Home while their loved one is on the outside of the glass sitting on our covered porch. We will be scheduling time slots for the “talking window” to remain socially distant. With Mother’s Day this weekend, I am sure many family members are missing their moms. Each female Resident will receive a special corsage for the day; a tradition we have carried on for many years. I am sure this year cards, special notes and phone calls will mean that much more to the mothers and mother figures living at our Home.

Last week we celebrated St. Joseph the Worker day of May 1<sup>st</sup>. All staff members were treated to a “hot dog” lunch with a well-stocked *fixins’ bar*, chips, and ice cream treats. We also have a continuous “Bingo” for employees. Five numbers are called daily and the first employee to fill her card will win a prize. We really cannot thank our staff enough for being there for us, performing the care of our Residents, adhering to our ever changing procedures and most importantly helping us to make our Residents happy and remain calm. More fun things will be happening for our Staff and Residents as we continue to navigate our circumstances during this lockdown.

We very much look forward to when our Residents can be reunited with loved ones, our volunteers can return to helping us in the numerous ways that they do, and life can return to a new level of normal. Until then we continue our daily rosaries to our Blessed Mother for an end to this pandemic. Please join us and have your rosary counted at <http://littlesistersofthepoor.org/a-million-families-a-million-rosaries/>. God Bless!

Sincerely in Christ,

*Mother Mary Vincent, lsp*  
*Administrator*