



Rock N Roll-A-Thon

Virtual Event Enjoyed by All

On October 22nd, our home hosted our first Virtual Rock N Roll A Thon. To kick off the fun Sisters Mary Joseph and Mary Ellen welcomed all participants including rocking Residents and friends, participating remotely via Zoom. Everyone received a t-shirt.

Grammy-nominated accordion player, Kevin Solecki, provided entertainment through most of the afternoon. His vast set list of polkas, Octoberfest style and patriotic songs kept everyone rocking. Residents had the option of watching the show through our closed circuit television network or view the Zoom event on an iPad. Each household of the nursing home joined together in their shared living rooms to rock in rocking chairs or roll in wheelchairs. Delicious snacks and homemade haluski by apartment manager



Sisters Mary Joseph and Mary Ellen kick off the Zoom event. Back: Residents Margaret Mitchell, Marianne Heidish, Anna DeSimone, Front: Machiko Seto and Bobby Vasil rocking.

Veronica Bryan kept everyone energized! Multiple Jeanne Jugan Pavilion Residents rocked together on the third floor of their building.

Between the Resident Rockers, those rocking from home, and their

sponsors we were able to raise over \$10,000 for the general operating fund. What a fun afternoon it was for all who rocked with us! We hope to do something like this again in the future.

MEAT DROP 2020!



We are happy to announce and invite you to our newly rebranded “Meat Drop” on **Saturday December 12th from 10:00am-2:00pm**. Our Collecting Sister, Sister Josephine, will be at the front door to receive any meat donations to fill our freezer. We need your help now more than ever before! Turkeys are always welcome, but donations of beef, pork, and ham are especially needed at this time.

The event will take place rain or shine. All you need to do is drive up to our front entrance where you will be greeted by Sister Josephine’s volunteers. They will receive your donation into shopping carts and provide you with a thank you letter for tax purposes and some sweet treats!

Please approach the home with a mask and if possible remain in your vehicle. Can’t make it on that date, please contact us to arrange another drop off date or time. Help us to spread the word so that we can fill our freezer this winter! Thank you! Contact Kathleen Bowser at (412) 307-1268 or email adevpittsburgh@littlesistersofthepoor.org for more information.

Halloween Parade

For years a wonderful tradition in October was always our *Pumpkin Trail*. All children related to Residents, Staff, Volunteers or Sisters were invited to go “trick or treating” throughout the buildings. Residents would dress up and hand out goodies to the kids and everyone enjoyed the day. Obviously, this year’s event could not occur as planned so the activities department figured out the best way to bring Halloween fun to the home.

A vehicle parade was held in the half circle in front of the building. Friends & Volunteers were asked to dress up their cars in costumes while Residents, who were almost all also dressed in costumes, lined the sidewalk. Three Pittsburgh Police motorcycles joined the parade and there were 20 decorated cars that followed behind them. All vehicles received “treat” bags filled

with candy that the Sisters happily handed out.

There was even a performance by Activities Assistant Rhiannon Rieger, a *circus school graduate*,

“Days like these bring so much hope to our Residents! This celebration of Halloween gave them a little bit of normalcy!”

—Sister Mary Vincent, lsp,
Mother Superior &
Administrator

who showcased her talents by hula hooping with fire! Halloween music and inflatable ghosts helped everyone get into the spirit!



Sister Mary Vincent with Pavilion Resident Judy Watts, dressed as a pumpkin.



Resident Mary Reed, dressed as a cowgirl, watches the parade from the sidewalk.

Evening Rosary on the Porch



Resident Anne Brennen hands out candles for the rosary.



The Blessed Mother Statue in the Grotto.



Residents Margaret Mitchell and Lorna Colosimo prepare for the rosary.

The praying of the rosary continues in our home on a daily basis. October's unusual warmth allowed us to take the rosary outside one evening. The Sisters planned a special Patriotic Rosary on October 7th—the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. As dusk settled in, Residents and Little Sisters gathered, socially distanced, on the porch holding

flameless candles. Lights were also placed in front of the *Blessed Mother* statue located in the home's Grotto.

The evening setting was a perfect time to reflect on all of God's blessings to our home and to continue our prayers for an end to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Prayer is such a powerful tool for all. It can uplift the hopeless,

change the hearts of the wayward and renew us when we are distraught.

The Patriotic Rosary was extra special this year as our country is in need of prayers. We continue to ask God to bless the United States and all who live here, especially those connected to our home on Benton Avenue.

Resident Memorial Mass

Every November we reserve the first Saturday for the annual *Resident Memorial Mass*. While at the time of this publication we have been blessed to not have any Covid-19 related deaths, we did have many Residents pass away from other causes since last November.

Family members of deceased Residents could not enter our home due to Federal and State regulations. However, to help them stay connected to their loved ones, we live streamed this year's Memorial Mass via Zoom.

Every year small wooden crosses are brought forth to the altar. This year we encouraged staff members—those who helped to care for these Residents in their final months on earth—to participate in the Mass in lieu of family. The result was meaningful for all. Families viewed and heard the Mass online as Little Sisters, Residents and Staff prayed for our deceased Residents in our Gloria Chapel.



Resident Maureen Deringer adds the cross of deceased Resident Rosemary Merriman to the Memorial board in the home's Chapel.

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MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Each Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas seasons your support helps us to provide peaceful and joyful holidays for our elderly Residents. In 2020 this sentiment is especially true! Without your support, through both financial and prayerful means, we would have had an even more challenging year. We strive to keep our dear Residents happy during this most joyful season and your contributions allow us to make not only these holidays special, but also make each day they spend here in our home full of happiness. Thank you!

When we look at the uncertainty around the world, we remember that Jesus was sent to us in the simplest form as a sweet, newborn baby. The pureness of heart and innocence of such a child is an excellent reminder that God is with us throughout our entire lives, even now amidst these unusual times. Please keep our Residents, Staff and Little Sisters in your prayers so that we can continue to make our house a welcoming home for those in need.

Thank you and know that you will be remembered in our daily prayers.

Merry Christmas!

Sister Mary Vincent SSP



Our Nativity display where Joseph and Mary await the new born Jesus, as do all of us here at the home. Merry Christmas!

Wish List Items

Unscented body wash, hand soap, disinfectant wipes or spray, disposable razors, water flossers, Giant Eagle, Kuhn's or Walmart gift cards, funds for Physical Therapy & Maintenance equipment.

Additional items can be viewed at our Amazon Smile charity list.

Visit smile.amazon.com to make the Little Sisters of the Poor of Pennsylvania your designated charity and see our current list.

Call us at (412) 307-1268 to find out more ways to help our Residents and home.

SAVE THE DATES

■ November 30th
-December 11th
Online Christmas Auction (*visit our website for details*)

■ December 12th
2020 Meat Drop

Giving Tuesday
December 1st, 2020 visit
www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org

#GIVING
TUESDAY

Please help keep the Little Sisters going by remembering us in your will or estate plans.

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.

