



A Golden Opportunity To Say Thank You

Where does the time go? In April 2020, we will celebrate our fiftieth year of service to the elderly poor at Queen of Peace Residence. As you know, our first group of Little Sisters set foot on American soil in Brooklyn, New York, on September 13, 1868 and within several days established the first Home in the United States. We served the elderly poor in the house in Brooklyn until 1970, but with the passage of the Life Safety Code and the dawn of nursing home regulations in the late 1960s, a new Home had to be rebuilt. Queen of Peace Residence was then constructed on the grounds of St. Ann's Novitiate in Queens Village. Today, Queen of Peace is one of twenty-four Homes operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor in the United States.

In the last fifty years, Queen of Peace Residence has been home to thousands of needy seniors. Our Residents have been cared for with dignity and respect by hundreds of Little Sisters who have also called Queen of Peace their home. While there have been many changes and renovations in the Home over the last fifty years due to advances in technology, health care regulations, the development of our grounds and the passage of time, one ideal remains consistent — Queen of Peace is a loving and vibrant community where our Residents are cared for with dignity and respect.

Queen of Peace has been referred to as a beacon of light and hope for the elderly poor. From its opening in 1970, it has remained a wondrous place where life joyfully continues for our dear Residents. Fifty years of monthly activity calendars have kept our Residents energetic, engaged and happy. The care of our beloved Residents by the Little Sisters over the last fifty years is truly a blessed wonder of our mission.

The past fifty years would not have been possible without the help of many. In addition to the hundreds of Little Sisters who have been here, we have been blessed with compassionate staff members who joyfully provide the high-quality care that our Residents deserve. Many cherished friendships have been formed over the last fifty years between our Residents and caring staff. The day-to-day operations of our Home would

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

Saint Jeanne Jugan

not have been possible without our devoted volunteers, who have contributed tens of thousands of service hours over the years. The spiritual needs of our Mission, and those of our Residents, have been supported by our Jeanne Jugan Associates. Our fundraising efforts, especially our special events, would not have been nearly as enjoyable or successful without the hard work and dedication of the women and men who have served, and continue to serve on our Auxiliary Committee.

Speaking of fundraising, there is no doubt that without the generosity of our friends over the last fifty years, Queen of Peace would not be the beacon of light and hope that it has become.

Our fiftieth year at Queen of Peace allows us the golden opportunity to say THANK YOU!

For each and every person who, over the last fifty years, has offered their time, talent and treasure in support of our Mission, and all of those who have offered their prayerful support, we are profoundly humbled and most thankful.



A Record-Breaking Thank You

30th Annual Golf Outing

On May 6, we held our 30th annual Golf Outing at the beautiful Hempstead Golf and Country Club. This year's honoree was a remarkable young man and dear friend of ours, Joseph M. Liana, Jr. of Massapequa Park. Joseph is an exemplary role model. He is a man who exemplifies the values of our faith and the joy of friendship. He approaches his professional life as Senior Vice President of Meredino, Liana & Associates, with unwavering integrity and dedication to customer service. We are most appreciative of his love and support for our Mission.

We were blessed to have the only good weather day of the week. Although the rain the night before cancelled our early shotgun, we were privileged to have 158 golfers playing in the afternoon and we had over 220 guests for dinner. Members of our Auxiliary Committee did a magnificent job of joyfully covering all the various tasks required throughout the day and evening, including preparing the baskets for the "pick your prize" raffle, to make sure all of our guests had a wonderful time.

From all accounts, the golfers had a great time at the delicious morning buffet and on the course throughout the day. During the cocktail reception, our guests were once again entertained by the joyous singing and musical talents of the Kellenberg Memorial High School Choir. The evening's program was conducted by Joseph Liana, Sr., Chairman of



the 2019 Golf Committee. The evening's program was once again highlighted by the live auction excitement generated by our dear friend and auctioneer Ed Kline.

Our 30th annual Golf Outing was the most successful outing in our history in terms of revenue raised, mission awareness and friendships created. As you can imagine, the revenue allows us to continue our mission during the summer months!

Thank you to all of you who supported the outing! We are blessed to have you as our partners and friends as we continue our mission to serve the elderly poor with dignity and respect!

Thank You, Auxiliary Committee

The Auxiliary Committee at Queen of Peace is a group of dedicated women and men who volunteer their time, talent and treasure to support our fundraising events throughout the year. Now in its ninth year, they meet monthly to help organize, plan and staff events. The current co-presidents, Norma Romeo and Megan Tourlis lead and inspire the group. Our events are well-organized, well attended, and most enjoyable. The camaraderie of the Committee is contagious!



The committee members seem to join for different reasons. Some are relatives of a past or present Resident of our Home. Some come through the invitation of a family member or friend. Others sought out a meaningful volunteer activity. Some have come to events, enjoyed them and wanted to become more involved with the Mission of the Little Sisters. New members are always welcome!

We thank each and every member of the Auxiliary Committee for their dedicated support of our Mission!



Summertime at Queen of Peace

What would the summer be without a few family barbeques? This summer was no exception. Our Residents enjoyed traditional barbeques with their families on the beautiful grounds at Queen of Peace, or if the weather didn't cooperate, in our auditorium. Summer food favorites included hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecued chicken, and ice

cream. There was fun for everyone with games, laughter and fellowship.

Summertime is such a thankful time at Queen of Peace! The warmer temperatures invite our Residents to venture outside to enjoy the sunshine, the fresh blossoms in the gardens and the joy of living in a vibrant community.



Stopping By To Say Thanks

On August 21, we had a special visitor at Queen of Peace. His Eminence Rainer Cardinal Woelki, the Archbishop of Cologne, Germany arrived in the morning to visit with the Little Sisters and novices. Cardinal Woelki was elevated to the College of Cardinals on February 18, 2012; at age 63, he is the third youngest cardinal. He celebrated Mass in our chapel with our own Fr. Evans and our dear friend, Fr. Christopher Sullivan, from Our Lady of Victory in Floral Park.

Cardinal Rainer's homily focused on the love Jesus has for each of us and the call He makes to us to love Him in return by taking care of His sheep (cf. John 21:15-23). He said that the Little Sisters truly exhibit their love for Jesus in their devoted service to the elderly poor. He thanked the Sisters for their joyful fidelity to their mission, and thanked all of those in attendance for their continued prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

After Mass, Cardinal Woelki met and blessed many of our Residents. He had a very pleasant luncheon with the Little Sisters and novices in our auditorium, which was decorated with a German flair to make him feel most welcome at Queen of Peace. Cardinal Woelki even served the dessert to the Sisters and Novices!

Dankeschön Cardinal Woelki!



Thank You, Father Peter

Our daily Mass on August 20 was very special to the Little Sisters. The celebrant was Fr. Peter Heiskell, S.M. Fr. Peter is a dear friend of the Little Sisters and has been supporting the mission of the Sisters for over twenty years. You see, before he was ordained a priest, Fr. Peter was known as Brother Peter, and as a Marinist brother, was a devoted teacher at Chaminade High School. Over the years, Br. Peter made many visits to Queen of Peace and was deeply involved in many of the social activities for our Residents. Br. Peter quickly became a dear friend of the Little Sisters.

Br. Peter was called by God to be a priest. He joyfully answered his calling and went to Rome for study and preparation. He was ordained a priest in the Society of Mary on Saturday, August 17 in an ordination ceremony held at Chaminade High School. Many Little Sisters were in attendance that day.

On August 20, Fr. Peter returned to Queen of Peace to celebrate Mass with our Residents, Little Sisters and novices. After Mass, Fr. Peter bestowed his blessing on all in attendance. Thank you, Fr. Peter for your friendship and support. We pray that you will continue to joyfully enjoy your spiritual journey.

MOTHER'S MESSAGE



We are privileged to receive prayers and support from many devoted families and friends. We have been blessed with our Volunteers, Jeanne Jugan Associates, dedicated Staff, Auxiliary Committee members and those who have given freely of their time and talent for many years. This year as we conclude our celebration of 150 years of service to the elderly in America we at Queen of Peace Residence begin preparing to celebrate another milestone. In 2020, we will celebrate being in Queens Village for 50 years! Queen of Peace has remain a vibrant Home for the needy elderly for fifty years!

As we prepare to highlight our golden anniversary, we sense an ever-deeper gratitude toward you, our dear friends and benefactors. Your continued support and partnership in our Mission are a great inspiration for us!

May God fill your heart with **Joy**, because you are a joy to others. May He surround you with **Love**, because you share His love so freely. May He grant you many **Blessings**, because you bless all those in your life. We are praying that the Lord will richly bless you and your family with his abundant goodness and grace throughout this golden season of gratitude.

Blessings at Thanksgiving!

Sr. Celine Thérèse, lsp

Giving Thanks For Saint Jeanne Jugan



August 30 is a special day at Queen of Peace Residence. It is the annual feast day of our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan.

The feast of Jeanne Jugan is a celebration of the mission of the Little Sisters. Heirs of the charism of Saint Jeanne Jugan, the Little Sisters 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.

The feast day Mass was celebrated in our chapel by Bishop Raymond F. Chappetto, auxiliary bishop of Brooklyn and a dear friend of the Little Sisters. Our chaplain, Fr. Evans, concelebrated, and Deacon Julio Barreneche also joined us. In his homily, Bishop Chappetto thanked the Little Sisters for continuing their mission in America through their humble service and stressed that the work of the Little Sisters is done in the presence of Jesus. During the presentation of the gifts, Sr. Elisabeth

Anne offered the bishop a basket containing prayer intentions sent to us for the feast day. The bishop placed the basket at the foot of the statue of Saint Jeanne Jugan.

After Mass, Bishop Chappetto joined our Residents, Jeanne Jugan Associates and our staff for lunch. We are most grateful to Bishop Chappetto for sharing our special feast day with us. In the afternoon, our Residents enjoyed a special a special edition of Saint Jeanne Jugan Bingo in our auditorium, followed by the traditional visit of Mr. Softee to Queen of Peace.

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Craft Fair

November 9, 2019

Queen of Peace Residence

Turkey & Ham Drop

November 16, 2019

Queen of Peace Residence

German Fest

January 23, 2020

Hempstead Golf and Country Club

50th Anniversary Gala

April 16, 2020

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