

August 10, 2020

Dear Resident Families,

As some of you already know, the Department of Health has given us approval to begin family visitation. A copy of our policy is attached. Permit me to remind you of a few things:

- The visitation will be in our garden, weather permitting. If not, it will be either in the coffee shop or in the auditorium.
- There must be social distancing and everyone (Resident and family members) must wear a mask. You will be given one, if needed, when you are screened. The screening takes place in the lobby. You will then be asked to exit the building and go to the garden to await your loved one.
- The visit will be supervised, but not intruded. It is asked by the Department of Health that we supervise the visits.
- We ask that if you bring food, you do not share it with your loved one. The person supervising the visit will take it up to the floor for the Resident to enjoy later.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit, please contact the Little Sister in your loved one's unit. We look forward to seeing you once again!

As part of the Chain of Adoration throughout the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor, July 30 was the day for Queen of Peace Residence. After the 11 a.m. Mass, Father Evans Julce, our Chaplain, exposed the Blessed Sacrament and It remained exposed until 4 p.m. when Father went around the Home and blessed each Resident in his or her doorway. He then returned to the chapel for Evening Prayer and Benediction. At that time, the Residents were not coming inside the chapel as yet. It was touching to see the Residents from the second floor, the floor on which the chapel is located, taking turns for a "window visit" with Jesus. Sitting on chairs outside the chapel, they could see in and visit Jesus from afar. One Resident looked at the Blessed Sacrament with tears in her eyes. Another looked at the Host with love and attention, not taking her eyes off the monstrance. Still another, when a Little Sister said to him, "He missed you," said, "No. I missed Him."

As you may know, the apartment Residents and those in the skilled nursing units have been separated in order to "stop the spread." The Residents in the skilled nursing units have now begun to come to the chapel and the tribune for daily Mass – one day the south side of the floor and the next day the north, and so on. In order to meet the spiritual needs of the apartment Residents, with permission from the Brooklyn Diocese, a "temporary chapel" has been set up on the fourth floor, in the Association Jeanne Jugan room.

Everyone is fine and hoping for an end to this pandemic – soon! In the meantime, let us profit of the occasions to do good to each other. We are all in this together!

God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Sister Celine Thérèse