

November 4, 2020

Dear Resident Families,

This week's testing again gave negative results for all those tested! We are happy for you and your loved ones that visitation may continue. Window visits, for which you are not required to be tested, are still numerous. With the fall and winter weather not making it possible for face-to-face visits outdoors, these will be moved to the Coffee Shop. However, as we have previously mentioned, a COVID-19 test needs to be presented to us before visitation. It has to be dated within seven days of the visit, counting from the time you were swabbed. Unfortunately, the Department of Health is not permitting antigen testing at present. We know that this is a burden for some of you, but we encourage you, as the holiday season approaches, to consider being tested so that you can have an indoor holiday visit with your family member.

Our new Activity Director initiated a pumpkin contest, which brought out much enthusiasm among the units and departments. It was interesting to see the transformations! There was a chef pumpkin, an angel, a witch, a 100-year-old woman with rollers in her hair, a pumpkin with the New York skyline painted on it, a clown, a Covid-19 pumpkin, a Little Sister pumpkin, and a pumpkin spice latte pumpkin, to mention a few. The pumpkins were on display the week before Halloween. Everyone was asked to vote for what they thought was the most creative pumpkin. On Friday, October 30, the winners were announced: the third floor north side was the winner of the Resident pumpkins. It was they who decorated the pumpkin as a 100-year-old woman (named Penelope) with rollers in her hair and glasses. Among the pumpkins created by the staff, the kitchen staff, who had decorated their pumpkin to look like a chef, were the winners.

We have been praying to Our Lady of Prompt Succor since the pandemic began and she has protected our Home. Recently, friends of Father Evans Julce, our chaplain, lent us a statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor. At present, it is in the chapel. We added the intention of "a peaceful election and aftermath" to the intentions already confided to Our Lady. Outside of Mass time, Father has taken the statue to the various units so that the Residents can get a closer look.

Thank you for your prayers for me during my annual retreat. You can be sure that I prayed for all of you. Keep safe! God bless you!

Sincerely,  
Sister Celine Thérèse