

February 27, 2021

Dear Residents' Families,

So far, so good! As of today, we all remain COVID-free. Our efforts to keep everyone safe seem to be working, thank God. We must keep praying and doing our part to stop the spread. Attached is our updated Visitation Policy and Visitation Guidance Handout. We know that you are all anxious to see your loved ones!

On Monday, February 22, we not only celebrated Washington's birthday with cherry pie, but the 101<sup>st</sup> birthday of Sister Mary Monica. She rose to the occasion as we sang "Happy Birthday" and she cut into the cake. Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, she celebrated in her room, but that didn't seem to damper her spirits. She remains a happy person even with the restrictions imposed by Covid-19 and a real example to all of us!

Pope Francis declared a year of Saint Joseph on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. We have placed a statue of Saint Joseph in the chapel where all, even those who view the chapel via TV, can see it. We are brainstorming as to what we can do during the month of March, dedicated to Saint Joseph, and all through this year.

Some of you may know Mother Mary Richard, the Mother Mistress at Saint Ann's Novitiate. After 27 years, Mother will be leaving the Novitiate and the Brooklyn Province on March 5. She will go to our Home in Palatine, Illinois, which is the Provincial House, and then she will make her way to Louisville, Kentucky where she will be the Mother Superior. I'm sure she would be grateful for your prayerful support.

We see signs that Spring is on the way! The daffodils have started to lift their heads in our front and back yard. Hopefully, it won't be long.

Keep safe! God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Sister Celine Thérèse