

# Generous Hearts Served a Quarter of a Century

We recently bid farewell to Sr. Rose and Sr. Alice Regina, who left us for their new destination in Pawtucket.

Sr. Rose was here at Queen of Peace Residence for 26 years and Sr. Alice was here for 25 years.

Looking back over this quarter of a century here in the Home, they have touched the lives of so many people. They have blossomed where they were planted, here in the “Heart” of New York, a place that they had come to love over these many years.

They have made acquaintances which have become lasting friendships and inspired generous benefactors to help provide for our needs.

Yes, they have touched our hearts and our lives and in return, our gratitude and prayers accompany them in their new Home, where we know they will forge new friendships and spread God’s love to all they meet!



## Staff Appreciation BBQ

When one thinks of Queen of Peace Residence, the first thing to come to mind – after the Little Sisters, of course – are those who work one-on-one with our beloved Residents.

The nurses, nursing assistants and therapists are a well-trained team, dedicated to ensuring the health and well-being of those who live here.

But there are many more top-notch employees covering a variety of areas that keep our Home up and running.

We have a social worker who is committed to safeguarding the rights of all of our Residents. An activities director devoted to keeping spirits lifted and creative juices flowing.

Then, there are the behind-the-scenes employees who diligently manage their respective areas, such as our kitchen staff, facilities department, ground keepers, cleaning staff, front desk assistants and administrative teams.

It truly does “take a village” to build a healthy and happy community!

The Little Sisters know this better than anyone. So they recently hosted a staff appreciation picnic to say thank you.

The Sisters took things one step further by physically serving the food and beverages and making sure to thank each and every employee personally!

In a world where so much is taken for granted, it was both rewarding and humbling to be shown such gratitude by the Little Sisters.



## Junior/Senior Prom Round-Up

The Little Sisters played chaperone at this year's "Junior/Senior Prom" held at Queen of Peace Residence April 13.

Residents were joined by students from Kellenberg High School for a fun-filled evening of live music and dancing.

The prom theme was Country Western and the Home's auditorium was transformed into a Wild West hoedown.

Colorful decorations ran from floor to ceiling and participants got into the spirit donning cowboy hats, boots and bandanas.

Residents had a fantastic time sharing memories from their prom nights and other fun stories



from the past.

With plenty of cowboys and cowgirls dancing, many of the Residents happily took a twirl around the dance floor.

The students from Kellenberg High School are great supporters of Queen of Peace Residence and they bring joy to our Residents who love it when the youngsters come to visit.

Witnessing the melding of different generations is such a gift. Laughter echoed throughout the halls.

The joy was palpable and the connection straight from the heart.

## Arts, Crafts and Sun Hats

The warmth of a summer day may be nice but too much sun may not be great for our skin!

So, Sister Mary Jo came up with a great idea for an arts and crafts session: create sun hats to help shield Residents from the sun's rays!

A group of Residents got together and chose flowers, ribbons and bows to create one-of-a-kind bonnets that the best milliner in all of France would be proud of!

Whether keeping it simple with a single flower or adorning it with just a bit more bling, these hats represent the personality of its creator! Like the Residents, each hat is beautiful and unique!



## Rocking the Day Away

The Little Sisters of the Poor hosted their Second Annual Rock-A-Thon fundraiser on May 4.

The event raised money to support the maintenance of Queen of Peace Residence.

While there were no actual rock bands on hand, the Little Sisters and friends of Queen of Peace Residence rocked the day away in actual rocking chairs!

Sister Gabrielle did a fantastic job as MC keeping everything on track, including the entertainment that was provided by members of the Kellenberg High School choir and Irish step dancers who performed dazzling routines.

Both groups had the auditorium



cheering with delight.

Refreshments and specially designed tee shirts (which sold out fast!) helped with the fundraising.

It was a fun afternoon filled with music, friendship and prayer.

## Happy Cinco de Mayo!

Residents at Queen of Peace celebrated Cinco de Mayo and honored Mexican culture.

The food service department prepared a delicious nacho buffet, complete with guacamole, salsa, cheese and crispy tortilla chips.

Many of the Residents and staff dressed in Mexican attire and wore beautiful, bold sombreros!

Traditional songs were sung, much to the delight of the Residents.

Also, games were played to the sounds of Mariachi music.

When the festivities ended, the Residents returned to the comfort of their rooms with happy hearts and possibly dreaming of a setting sun over a peaceful Mexican landscape.





## Golf for a Good Cause

Queen of Peace Residence held its annual Golf Outing fundraiser at the beautiful Hempstead Golf & Country Club, May 6.

The sun broke through just as players took to the links for a beautiful day of golf.

Some of our Residents came with the Little Sisters and enjoyed sitting on the balcony watching the players in the warm sunshine.

Lou Del Collo graciously accepted being the Honoree at this year's golf outing.

Lou had a varied professional career serving as an athletic trainer at St. John's University, special program administrator for Harold Lee & Sons in New York City and a government bond broker at Tullett-Liberty.

Lou, and his wife Joanne, were joined at dinner by a number of family and friends who made his being honored by the Little Sisters of the Poor extra special.

The Sisters also presented a plaque in memory of Joseph A. Ferrara, who was an extraordinary supporter of the mission of the Little Sisters and their care of the elderly poor.

The plaque was presented to his son, Joseph J Ferrara and daughter-in-law, Vicki, who were overwhelmed by this loving gesture by the Sisters.

## Happy 4th of July

Queen of Peace Residence rang in the Fourth of July with music, conversation and lots of laughter! A special holiday BBQ brought Residents, staff and Sisters together on our beautiful grounds.

St. Joseph made certain that the weather was on our side as a light breeze kept everyone cool in the summer sun.

Residents enjoyed traditional treats such as hot dogs and hamburgers with delicious side dishes that included corn on the cob and baked beans.

Can't get any more American than that now, can you?

The Sisters and staff did a fantastic job of decorating the patio. There was even a blazing stars and stripes photo backdrop which many Residents took advantage of as a way to remember the camaraderie and fun of this very special holiday.

## Flag Day and Patriots

Love of country was alive and well at Queen of Peace Residence as Residents, staff and Sisters celebrated Flag Day June 14.

Old Glory was honorably displayed and everyone was feeling very patriotic.

Father Amato read a beautiful blessing for both the flag and our country. He shared the meaning behind its design and its meaning in our lives today.

Father Amato spoke eloquently about our roles as citizens and how we must never forget that freedom, unity and pride are embedded into the fabric of our flag as well as the fabric of our lives.

The activities director led us in a round of "America the Beautiful" and "The Star Spangled Banner" which ended the celebration with rousing applause.

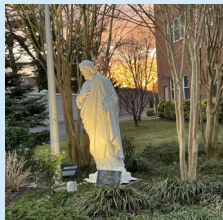


Queen of Peace Residence is a family, a family that truly enjoys spending time together and this gathering was one of those magical afternoons that fed our bodies and our souls!

## MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As we look forward to the month of August which will lead us into the cooler Autumn weather, we share the joys of summer with family and friends.



It is the same for the Residents here in Queen of Peace Residence who so love to have visits from their loved ones.

The beautiful gardens in our yard are like an Oasis in the middle of the busy hubbub of the rushing world which goes on all around us.

Many times, we see the Residents outdoors enjoying the sunshine and warmth of the day, which fills their hearts with fond memories from the past and fills their days.

August also brings us to the month in which we celebrate St. Jeanne Jugan's Feast Day on August 30.

Jeanne Jugan was a hidden soul, who always sought the good of the Residents through those she encountered on her collecting rounds or when she was helping a new foundation.

It is the same today as St. Jeanne Jugan continues to inspire and instill in each Little Sister that trust in Divine Providence to provide for the needs of our Home, while at the same time to recognize and promote their dignity.

The hidden life of St. Joseph portrays for us the generosity of you, our many friends and benefactors who day in and day out continue to provide for the needs of our Home.

Your generosity, given in his name, knows no bounds, and often goes unnoticed by the world. Yet, your gifts are so rich in benefits. God is never outdone in generosity for those who give without counting the cost.

Yes, St. Joseph is who we turn to and confide all our needs while also praying to St. Jeanne Jugan for all of you our special friends, for whom we pray with much gratitude.

God Bless You.

*Gratefully,  
Mother Joseph Caroline, lsp*

## Dancing 1950s Style

Bandstand 2024 was a roaring success.

The Little Sisters, Residents and donors stepped back in time to the sounds of the Fabulous '50s. Many of the attendees even dressed the part!

Antun's of Queens Village sparkled with eclectic and delicious appetizers, cocktails and dinner.

The superb catering staff kept the event moving smoothly.

The dance floor was never empty as guests danced to The Accords, who performed one hit song after another.

A '50s night wouldn't be complete without an appearance by Elvis. Many took the opportunity to have their photo taken with the King.

A grand total of 25 baskets filled with wonderful goodies were raffled. As each winner was announced, the joyful cheers showed that fun and fellowship was in abundance.

Smiling faces reflected the joy of the attendees as the event came to an end.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Garden Party

Saturday, September 14

*Queen of Peace*

### Oktoberfest

Thursday, October 24

*Hempstead Golf & Country Club*

### Craft Fair

Saturday, November 9

*Queen of Peace*

**Turkey/Ham Drop**  
Saturday, November 23

*Queen of Peace*

## WAYS TO HELP

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