

# St. Ann's Voice Newsletter



December 2016

## To Our Residents and Friends,

In case you haven't heard, I am delighted to inform you that St. Ann's Home will now be known as Peace Care St. Ann's. This is part of a rebranding and restructuring effort under Peace Care, Inc., a not for profit organization sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace.

While our name and logo may have changed, our commitment to delivering exceptional services to you and your family continues as guided by the vision and mission of St. Ann's and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace. Our dedicated staff will continue to provide exceptional care, and our doors are always open. This effort simply changes our name as part of our rebranding strategy to better position us in the marketplace going forward.

What is certain is that the foundation of our Catholic identity and mission remains unwavering along with our commitment providing extraordinary care to our patients and families. In addition, we are excited to be joined under the Peace Care affiliation by Peace Care St. Joseph's (formerly Cusack Care Center).

In the coming days and months, you will see our new corporate identity and logo. Our commitment to providing the highest quality care is stronger than ever and continues to guide our daily work.

I wish you Peace and Joy this holiday season.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,

**Janet Merly-Liranzo**  
Administrator  
Peace Care St. Ann's

## To Our Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for all your support on social media. It is because of you that we continue to fulfill our mission of providing high quality faith-based elder care to our community.

Our recent name change to Peace Care St. Ann's has also called for a change in our social media presence. As of 2017, we will be retiring the Facebook pages for Cusack Care Center and Saint Ann's Home for the Aged. We kindly ask everyone to follow our new Facebook pages:

- Peace Care
- Peace Care St. Ann's
- Peace Care St. Joseph's

Additionally, be sure to follow the Peace Care Twitter account, @PeaceCareNJ. Thank you again for your support in this transition.

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## Mission Statement

Peace Care St. Ann's Home, through the ministry of health care with compassion and dignity, assures quality of life wherein all are encouraged to reach their maximum potential. This is achieved through mutual respect, teamwork, and community involvement.



*Peace Care St. Ann's Man of the Year Michael D'Agnes honored at our annual benefit gala in Liberty State Park*

## Honoring Resident, Queen Esther Young at Peace Care St. Ann's

I am highlighting Queen Esther Young because of the strength and good will that I have observed in her since she came to St. Ann's Home.

Queen Esther was born in the Bronx, NY on July 22, 1917. She loves New York and speaks often of her desire to return there. She has been a resident of St. Ann's Home since May 5, 2011. Since she came to St. Ann's she has had the opportunity to visit the Bronx Zoo, and she thoroughly enjoyed it.

Queen Esther worked as a seamstress for a company called "Jack and Jill". She also loved to travel and went to several places including Jerusalem and Israel.

**"Queen Esther, daily, reminds residents and staff that "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us be glad! And rejoice in it!"**

She is a woman of great faith, which continually sustains her ability to "take it one day at a time." She often shares that as she wakes up in the morning, she thanks God for another day before even putting her feet on the floor. She loves to play bingo and makes it known when she wins that "this money goes to the church. Many of us have witnessed her,

unobtrusively, putting the money into the poor box in our chapel.

Queen Esther always tries to attend the activities offered for our residents. There are days that she doesn't feel well but she always says, "I don't want to give up," and attends anyway. She encourages other residents to do the same. In her spare time, she likes to do her "Seek and Find" puzzle books.

Queen Esther's favorite song is "This Little Light of Mine I Want To Let It Shine," and her light shines bright! Finally, Queen Esther, daily, reminds residents and staff that "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us be glad! And rejoice in it!"



*Submitted by Priscilla King, Activities Director at Peace Care St. Ann's*

## St. Ann's Home 40th Annual Gala

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Gala was a success! Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our supporters and friends, Peace Care Saint Ann's was able to raise the funds needed to continue great programs for our residents. This year we honored Mr. Michael D'Agnes, esteemed Peace Care St. Ann's board member with the Man of the Year award for his years of service to St. Ann's. Mr. D'Agnes attended with this beautiful wife, children, and their spouses, along with close family friends. Peace Care St. Ann's could not have asked for a more beautiful evening, as our guests were treated to music, dancing, prizes, and fabulous food and drinks at Liberty State Park's Maritime Parc. The night was a huge success and we thank everyone who participated.

### The following are the special events in October, November and December

#### October

**October 21<sup>st</sup>** - Peace Care St. Ann's Gala

**October 31<sup>st</sup>** - Halloween and Birthday Party

#### November

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** - Election

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** - Veteran's Day

**November 24<sup>th</sup>** - Thanksgiving

#### December

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** - Hanukkah Begins

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Day

## Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to all of our residents who have celebrated their birthdays in October and November and have upcoming birthdays in December!

### October Birthdays

- October 4, Rocco Danzi
- October 7, Marta Marziliano
- October 8, Henryk Kluczyk
- October 11, Ginerva Formisani
- October 19, Genevieve Ziobro
- October 21, Sandra Nerbak
- October 25 Genevieve Pair
- October 31, Loretta Dechiaro

### November Birthdays

- November 7, Albert Skiba
- November 9, Rachel McGowan
- November 11, Ida Giddens-El
- November 12, Theresa Klimansky
- November 13, Violet Boisclair
- November 17, Lorelei Geller
- November 17, Ida Manna
- November 23, Helen Szczepanek
- November 25, Joseph Colasurdo
- November 27, Rosalie Trubia
- November 28, George Mader
- November 30, Mary Ellen Morgan

### December Birthdays

- December 3, Salme Harding
- December 4, Alyce Wasielewski
- December 6, Janina Kozak
- December 7, Sr Joan Byrne
- December 8, Mary Ryan
- December 8, William Custode
- December 25, Annie Banks
- December 31, Rosalina Delacruz

The Adult Medical Day Care is now taking program enrollment applications. For more information, contact us at 201.433.0950.



## Peace Care St. Ann's Adult Medical Day Care

Peace Care St. Ann's Adult Medical Day Care is a vibrant part of the Peace Care St. Ann's community. Our Adult Medical Day Care has been providing social and medical/health services to persons with disabilities for over thirty years. The AMDC works hard to offer caregivers respite from the demanding responsibilities of caregiving with an eased mind knowing that their loved ones with unique special needs are in a safe and friendly environment.

The Adult Medical Day Care is now taking program enrollment applications. If you are interested

in taking a tour or if you have any questions, contact us at 201.433.0950.

Peace Care St. Ann's Adult Medical Day Care held their annual Thanksgiving luncheon on Wednesday, November 23, 2016. It was a great success! Participants and their loved ones enjoyed their meal while mingling with others and staff. We thanked the Dining Services for their wonderful support.

Peace Care St. Ann's Adult Medical Day Care will be having their annual Christmas party on Friday, December 23, 2016.

The clients will enjoy Christmas breakfast in the morning prepared by our wonderful Dining Services followed by music and gift giving in the afternoon. This time of year is filled with joy and celebration and we are so blessed to be able to enjoy this holiday season with our clients and their families.



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## Peace Care St Ann's Participates in Our First Annual Blessing Tree

**A**s we close out this year, we reflect on the many blessings for which we are thankful. The blessings of love, the blessings of healing, and the blessings our residents receive every day: quality care for ailments physical, mental, and spiritual. In lieu of our annual Christmas Appeal, Peace Care St. Ann's is joining Peace Care St. Joseph in a Blessing Tree appeal.

Many of you have already received a letter signed by Sister Lucille Durso, asking you to participate in sharing your blessings with our residents by purchasing a star to place on our Blessing Tree. This beautiful tree is located in our lobby for all to enjoy. You can make a donation on behalf of a family member or resident, or just write your name as part of the blessing. If you have not already done so, we ask you to consider filling out the enclosed envelope to purchase a star on our tree.

*Our Adult Medical Day Care facilitates socialization with peers while providing services for a variety of needs.*

## Peace Care St. Joseph's Named One of the "Best Nursing Homes in America"

We are very proud to announce that this year, Peace Care St. Joseph's has earned the distinction of being named one of the "Best Nursing Homes in America" by the prestigious 2016-17 U.S. News & World Report.

This reflects the dedication of the exceptional team-members and staff employed by Peace Care.



*Peace Care St. Ann's staff participated in the annual Alzheimer's New Jersey WALK TO FIGHT ALZHEIMER'S on October 1st at Liberty State Park in honor of all of our residents who suffer from Alzheimer's disease.*

## Peace Care St. Ann's Hosts Annual Memorial Service

The book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that "there is a time for every purpose under Heaven." During the month of November, the Church directs our attention to remember the faithfully departed. At St. Ann's, it is our tradition to remember those residents who have returned to the Lord during the past year. On Saturday, November 19 family members, friends, and staff of Saint Ann's gathered in the Chapel to celebrate the lives of these loved ones. Commenting on the event, St. Ann's administrator, Janet Merly-Liranzo said,

**"The spirit of care and concern which exists at St. Ann's enables us to cultivate a family environment where all feel welcomed and loved."**

## Alzheimers Support Group at Peace Care St. Ann's

Peace Care St. Ann's, in collaboration with Act Now Foundation, provides an Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support Group every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 6:00pm -7:30pm. As the population of individuals with Dementia and Alzheimer's increases, the hardships incurred by the caregiver when caring for their loved ones have increased as well.

The Support Group provides a place here at Peace Care St. Ann's to learn more about Alzheimer's and hear how others cope with similar challenges. These meetings offer an opportunity to ask questions, receive support, and participate within a helpful network.

All are welcome. For more information, please contact Roger Shalakho at 201.433.0950.

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