

Inside St. Joseph's

December 2016

A Welcome From Peace Care

This Autumn, Margaret Anna Cusack Care Center became Peace Care St. Joseph's, a part of Peace Care, Inc, a not-for-profit organization sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace. Along with our sister campus, Peace Care St. Ann's (formerly St. Ann's Home for the Aged), we are continuing to provide the best quality of life for our residents and support for our Jersey City community. Our name might have changed, but our dedication and service to our community has not. We thank you so much for your feedback during this transition, and look forward to continuing our mission of exceptional faith-based care.

Record Amount Raised at Luncheon

On Sunday, September 25th, we were joined by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, friends and supporters for our 125th Anniversary Generations Benefit Luncheon. The event raised close to \$75,000 which will be used to provide programs and services for the residents at the Peace Care St. Joseph's.

We have received a great deal of praise for this year's Generations event where friends and families gathered to honor our Partners in Caring - the late honorable Marie Garibaldi, Jack Ford and Tim McLoone. A special feature of the event this year was our keynote speaker, Eric LeGrand who shared his inspiring story of hope and courage after he was left paralyzed from an injury during play for Rutgers football.

Peace Care St. Joseph's wishes to thank all of you for your continued support of the work we do for the frail elderly in our care.

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Peace Care St. Joseph's was the winner of the bowling competition between the Dietary staff from St. Ann's and St. Joseph's.

Lasting Legacy

Help us continue our vital mission by joining the Peace Care St. Joseph Legacy Society. The Legacy Society is a special group of friends who support the Center through their wills and estate plans. Joining the Legacy Society is simple. Establish one of our estate plan gifts, inform the Center, and you will qualify for membership.

For more information about bequests or other methods of estate plan gifts, please contact the Development Office at 201.653.8300 Ext 2161



Mission and Values

Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, our caring community offers the frail and infirm elderly, persons of all faiths, and the poor, a healing ministry based on gospel values, our Catholic heritage and our commitment to "Peace through Justice."

Our central belief in the sacredness of life and the dignity of each person prompts us to promote, nurture and sustain quality of care, enabling our residents to live out their days in comfort, compassion and peace.

At Peace Care St. Joseph's, we...

- Provide a broad array of continuing care programs and services that are self-sustaining, financially viable and mission-driven
- Understand our community and strive to address their care needs by being responsive and flexible
- Provide quality care in a person-centered environment, offer the least restrictive setting to those it cares for and embrace culture change in all activities

- Value our employees and reflect the diversity of the Jersey City community in our delivery system
- Collaborate within the corporate health care system and with other partners to further mission and business goals



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

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

The Following are the special events in October, November, and December

October

October 31st - Halloween and Birthday Party

November

November 11th - Veteran's Day Recognition

November 13th - Memorial Mass

November 24th - Thanksgiving Day Luncheon

November 29th - Monthly Birthday Party

December

December 8th - Christmas Tree Blessing and Lighting

December 13th - Crafts & Caroling with the Junior Honor Society Students of PS 23

December 22nd - Christmas & Birthday Party

December 23rd - Visit by Santa Clause & Mrs. Clause

December 25th - Christmas Luncheon

December 29th - New Year's Eve Party

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 2, Rose Depaolo
 October 3, Anna Obranowicz
 October 9, Francisco Nieves
 October 18, Dorothy Lee
 October 21, Constance Rhodes
 October 26, Anthony Pescorino

November Birthdays

November 15, Ghislaine Auguste
 November 16, Catherine Erskine
 November 16, Celeste Harris
 November 16, Maria Portillo
 November 20, Doris Jaeger
 November 21, Maria Torres
 November 24, John Mxellie
 November 26, Grace Lee
 November 27, Hazel Shepard
 November 29, Sadie Williams
 November 30, Mary Toye
 November 30, Elizabeth Johns

December Birthdays

December 1, Helen Medel
 December 5, Robert Kemmler
 December 8, James Stull
 December 10, Loreto Magnibas
 December 11, Evelyn Carr
 December 15, Juanita Moret
 December 17, Gerald Kerr
 December 18, Martin Brill
 December 19, Mary Jane Wirth
 December 20, Eva Hagdorn
 December 22, Naomi Leavitt
 December 23, Walter Leahey
 December 23, Mary Mezey
 December 21, Ellen Zadroga
 December 25, Antoinette Dilorenzo
 December 25, Ruby Ristic
 December 26, Marie Lobue



The Dominoes Perform at Last Year's Annual Christmas Kickoff

Peace Care St. Joseph's Kicks Off an Exciting Holiday Season

The Dominoes

The Dominoes are a nationally renowned female chamber choir. They have performed, by invitation, nine times at the famed Carnegie Hall. Other notable New York City venues include Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the General Assembly of the United Nations, Saint Malachy's Church (the "Actors' Chapel"), the Waldorf-Astoria, and Radio City Music Hall, where they once opened the annual Christmas Spectacular.

They have been featured on Fox 5's "Good Day New York" and on News 12 New Jersey's "Sounds of the Season".

The Dominoes are also members of the prestigious international organization, Pueri Cantores, the official student choral organization of the Catholic Church. Pueri Cantores had the privilege of singing in Rome, Italy last December in a performance in honor of the Holy Father, "Christmas Around the World." The international choirs serenaded Pope Francis with the Argentinean Carol "El Nacimiento."



The Annual Blessing Tree at Peace Care St. Joseph's

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 is the result of a survey of almost 15,000 nursing homes that looked at campus safety, staffing, patient satisfaction and resources offered, among other important criteria.

Out of the homes surveyed, only 2,000 earned a place among the "Best Nursing Homes in America." Peace Care St. Joseph's is one of only 63 nursing homes in New Jersey to receive a "Five Star" rating on the list, and one of 83 in the state to receive the "Best Nursing Homes" designation.

We are honored to be added to the list of "Best Nursing Homes in America", and we believe that this reflects the dedication of our exceptional team-members and staff who work tirelessly to deliver quality care to our patients and residents.

Dorothy Lee's Birthday Celebration and Party

This October we celebrated the birthday of Dorothy Lee, along with her daughter and friends from Muhlenberg Gardens. Ms. Lee lived at Muhlenberg Gardens prior to coming to Peace Care St. Joseph's in October 2013. The residents of Muhlenberg Gardens made a donation to Peace Care St. Joseph's in honor of Ms. Lee, which will be used to throw a fabulous party for her and the residents along with her friends and family, to celebrate her life!



Mass Schedule at St. Joseph's

Mass is held five days a week inside the Mary Chapel located on the first floor lobby. Here is a list of weekly scheduled days and times:

Sunday	11:00 am	Thursday	1:30 pm
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Friday	1:30 pm
Wednesday	10:30 am		

For more information, please contact **Melba Convalecer** in Pastoral Care at **Ext 2165**.

*Please note: Mass times are subject to change

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Peace Care St. Joseph's employees who won "Best Costume" during our annual Halloween party.

Peace Care St. Joseph's Special Events

Halloween Celebration

This year we invited the staff and residents to dress up in their Halloween costumes and participate in our annual Halloween costume contest. We have our best costume prizes for both residents and staff. This year we added an extra contest with best department theme. The Activities Department won this year with the witches theme. Congratulations Activities! We also celebrated all of our residents with a birthday in October. A great time was had by all

Blessing Tree Ceremony

This year, as we celebrate our 125th anniversary, we reflect on the many blessings we are thankful for. The blessings of love, the blessings of healing, and the blessings our residents receive every day: quality care for ailments physical, mental, and spiritual. We hope you can join us at our Blessing Tree lighting on December 8th at 5:30 and that you consider filling out the enclosed envelope to purchase a star on our tree."

Peace Care St. Joseph's Annual Memorial Mass

The Memorial Mass is a special Mass for our residents who returned to God over this past year. This year we met on a Sunday to light a candle in

their honor and remember their life here on earth and especially as St. Joseph's. The service was full of sunshine and fond memories as family, friends, and staff met to recognize or residents who passed this year. Thank you to all who attended.

Bowling Night

A Peace Care bowling competition was held on Friday, October 28th, 2016 at Hudson Bowling Lanes. The occasion was to celebrate not only **Food Service Workers Week** but to also celebrate the partnership of Peace Care St. Ann's and Peace Care St. Joseph's Food Service Department. The management team decided that this would be a great opportunity for the staff to meet their counterparts at the other facility in a friendly, "competitive" way. The winning team would have the bragging rights for the year and also a large traveling (mobile) trophy to be on display in the winning kitchen. Peace Care St. Joseph's won the contest for greatest team spirit and participation, showing up in their Pumpkin-colored t-shirts. It was a great time had by all and Peach Care St. Ann's has already begun their counter-attack plan to win the trophy back next year.

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