

March 17, 2021

Dear Families of our Residents,

I am very happy to send you this letter. I know you have been patiently waiting to visit your dear loved one; we will begin to resume the visits on Friday, March 19th. Oglanda, our Social Service Director, will again take the calls and work out the schedule with you for a 20-minute visit. We will be asking who among you have had the Covid-19 vaccination completed. It is not a requirement to visit, but it is an added security. We receive these revised CMS Guidelines on Nursing Home Visitation with gratitude and also with continued precaution. The safety and wellbeing of our Residents is at the heart of our mission of caring for them. We continue the Covid-19 testing in our Home once a week, and thus far our residents, Sisters and Staff have been negative; we are so grateful for this.

It makes everyone so happy to see our Residents (8 at a time, alternating groups) enjoying their meals in the dining room, socializing together! Another blessing is that we are now admitting new Residents to our Home, new friends are being made, old acquaintances renewed! It is also a great help to us, having a full bed census is a financial necessity. With spring in the air, walks are a daily happening, and on the feast of St. Joseph some Residents will be able to join us at Mass. We are still without daily Mass in our own chapel, but little by little it is becoming more frequent.

I am so happy to wish each of you a very Happy St. Patrick's Day! Today we have a parade ready to start at 2:30, with a lot of excitement to see which Department in the Home will "take home" the Grand Prize! We are hoping that our own Sr. Rose Marie, who is straight from the Green Isle, will be the Grand Marshal!

March 19th is the feast day of St. Joseph, the Saint to whom our Mother Foundress confided the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor. He is the Guardian of our Home, the constant and loving Provider who watches over all our needs. May he obtain for each of you God's special blessings, each day but especially on his feast day March 19th.

Gratefully,

Mother Paul, lsp