A Note from Mother



As you can clearly see by most of the articles in this newsletter, our summer has been very busy! Our dear elderly Residents have been able to have wonderful experiences throughout the summer. Some of the highlights not noted in these articles were an outing on the Gateway Clipper, a presentation by the National Aviary that included some beautiful birds, and trips dining out and shopping.

Additionally we have had a great few month of in-house activities prepared and carried out by our staff and volunteers. Our beautiful porch and grounds were well used during these warmer days! All of these opportunities that make our Residents happy in their twilight years would not occur without the support of our friends and benefactors, like yourself.

You help us to care for our elderly Residents with the same compassion and respect set forth by the examples of our Mother Foundress St. Jeanne Jugan. Thank you for your role in helping us to carry out this mission and making this past summer one of the greatest for our Residents! Please continue to pray for our home and our mission, especially for an increase in vocations to religious life. In turn, we will continue our prayers for you and your loved ones. May God bless you.

Mother Loraine Marie Clare

Fall Support



Residents, Sisters and Volunteers fill the side porch for a Patriotic ceremony on July 4th.

We are grateful for your support in many ways! Be on the lookout for employee giving campaigns this fall. Our United Way SWPA Code is **244** and our State Employee Campaign number is **4601-0017**. Every donation is appreciated!

Act now while there is still time to plan for a ***Qualified Charitable Distribution*** from your IRA to the Little Sisters. Gifts made directly from your IRA to the Little Sisters will reduce your 2026 taxable income. Call Kathleen Bowser at (412) 307-1268 for more details on how you can support this mission!

Stay up to date on our needs and happenings at our home by visiting www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org or by scanning the QR code below. Thank you!

Save the Date

- Following our September 18th & 19th **Holiday Boutique 9am-3pm** Items made at the home will be posted online for purchase
- November 11th **Big Cash Raffle** *(tickets were mailed in August. Contact us if you'd like more.)*
- *December 1st* **Giving Tuesday**

Please remember the Little Sisters in your will or estate plans.

Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, our MISSION is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

Sts. Peter and Paul Home
Fall 2026



Bishop Eckman Visits

On Saturday August 29th we were especially grateful to welcome Bishop Mark Eckman to the home to celebrate Mass in anticipation of St. Jeanne Jugan's Feast Day. Bishop Mark was installed as the Fourteenth Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh over a year ago and this was his first visit to our home since installation. The Gloria Chapel was filled with Sisters, Residents, volunteers and employees as Bishop Mark celebrated Mass. His homily reflected on the importance of the Sisters work and the local & global impact of St. Jeanne Jugan's life.

Following Mass, all were invited to have some cookies and juice provided by Brother Andre's Café. Brother Andre's is now a neighbor in Bellevue that operates in the basement of Assumption church. They serve adults with intellectual and development disabilities by providing job opportunities within the café and fortunately have become collaborators with our home.

In the days leading up to the Feast, the Sisters read excerpts from St. Jeanne Jugan's condensed biography in preparation for the celebration. These segments were broadcast throughout the home from the auditorium. The story reflects on Jeanne's early life as a young girl in Brittany France born during the revolution. After refusing a marriage proposal noting that God was keeping her for a work not yet known, she went on to found the congregation following the simple act of picking up a blind elderly woman begging on the streets of France and caring for her until death. Her final years were spent at the motherhouse quietly and humbly mingling with the novices. It is remarkable how one small act of love and kindness has blossomed into an international mission! St. Jeanne Jugan, pray for us!



Bishop Mark Eckman with the Little Sisters in the Gloria Chapel.

Veteran Visitor

This Summer we were privileged to have a visit from 101-year-old World War II veteran Emily Drake. Emily is a friend of the home who is one of the oldest living female veteran from this era. She was born on July 4th 1925! She served as a "WAC" in the Women's Army Corps recording hardship cases on base in Florida. She visited the home to share her story with the Little Sisters and Residents. Employee and Vietnam Veteran, Dave Graver, who knows Emily from local Veterans groups also attended the event to answer questions about his service. Dave even brought his restored WWII JEEP to the home to show to Emily, the Sisters and Residents. It was such a treat to see it still operational!



Employee and Veteran Dave Graver, Sister Rosemarie, Friend of LSP and Veteran Emily Drake with Mother Loraine in front of Dave's restored WWII Jeep.

"We are grateful to both Emily and Dave for their service to our country! Many of our Residents remember the WWII era well and recognize the sacrifices of Veterans from yesterday and today," shared Mother Loraine, lsp.

Resident's Day USA 250th

Since 2026 is the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, Residents Day this year had a "Celebrate America" theme. Each household chose a different region of the country with regional food and drinks, decorations and games according to the different geographic areas.

St. Anne's was decorated in a nautical theme representing the Pacific Northwest. St. Michael's household had everyone traveling to Hawaii with its floral colors, grass skirts and Hawaiian leis. Refreshments on this Island included Coconut Water and Pineapple Fluff. The Southwest was calling us to Mother of Perpetual Help filled with cacti, cattle skeletons, cowboys and western décor. There was even a life-sized mule that you could wrangle with hula hoops. Next, we landed in the swamp region of Louisiana and Florida within Sacred Heart Household. The Beignets and southern specialty banana pudding, were a special treat for all.

The final stop was the Pavilion Dining Room where we were greeted by a real-life Lady Liberty (the granddaughter of a volunteer) who handed out frisbees to toss onto her torch. Visitors played "Name that Tune" Broadway edition and enjoyed pretzels with mustard.



Volunteer Brian George escorts Resident Joe Kosarik to Sister Amy's Hawiian household with employee Melissa Kelly.



Resident Mary Margaret Bartholomew, Stella Oleska and Jeannie Grogan in the "Pacific Northwest" of St. Anne's household.

Summer Fun in the Sun

What a wonderful summer filled with activities and outings! In June the Residents had a trip to North Park. Here there was a picnic and a birthday celebration for Resident Josie Ficile. A cool breeze from North Park Lake kept everyone comfortable.

Also, in June the Pirates organization donated 40 tickets to an afternoon game. A full bus of Residents along with some additional cars with Sisters, staff and volunteers made the trip to PNC Park for a great afternoon. It was also $1 hot dog day and the outing ended with a Bucco victory! A great time was had by all.



Resident Rosie Gilfillan, Employee Piper Russell, Resident Caryl Lupinacci and Volunteer Christie Jennings cheering on the Pirates!



Resident Josie Ficile delights in celebrating her birthday at North Park.

Picnics on the porch, visits with youth groups and even an ice cream truck night have all contributed to making this summer filled with much happiness!

Family Picnic a Joy to Celebrate

All were nervous that the forecast would not cooperate for the annual family picnic this summer. Fortunately, the Sisters' prayers were answered and the skies stayed clear long enough for the picnic to happen without any weather disruptions. Over 300 family and friends of the Residents and Staff attended the picnic which took place on the grounds of the home.

In addition to a delicious cook-out meal, there was a petting zoo, cotton candy, yard games and hat painting. "Thanks to all who made this a special day with family," remarked Mother Loraine, lsp.



Resident Dorothy Scheletsky with her son Dennis,daughter in Law Donna and Volunteer Carol Burns enjoying their picnic lunch in front of the home.