



“You are my sunshine..”

On any given day, you will likely hear a bright, robust, and joyful voice singing in the garden, in the auditorium, or in the dining room. If you do, chances are it is Kate, our Activities Director, leading our Jeanne Jugan Family in song, or simply bursting out a happy tune.

With a vast repertoire of folk and patriotic music, plus songs from the 1940's, Kate has been singing at our Home since she was a teenager. Plus, with her old-fashioned Rolodex filled with musical talent — a keyboardist for Mardi Gras, a DJ for the family barbecue, a string quartet for Christmas dinner, Kate ensures that music permeates the halls of our home. Engagement through song brings more than a sparkle to the eye, it triggers long forgotten memories, and often encourages gentle

movement, keeping the blood flowing and limbs nimble.

Kate's history with the Little Sisters is unique. As a toddler, she tagged alongside her mother who was on staff at our Home. Later, as a teenager, she worked in the kitchen and as a nurse's aide. Kate recalls, "I wasn't planning on staying too long, figuring six months or so." But this loving family captured her heart and Kate has been sharing her creative spirit here for more than forty years. There may have been some powerful prayer involved in her tenure, that is, one of Kate's many siblings was Sister Gertrude Mary, a Little Sister of the Poor.

In addition to hitting her own high notes, Kate packs the bus for country rides, coordinates high school volunteers, plans holiday parties, and organizes weekly bingo. A recent

addition to the activities calendar is yoga provided by Pawtucket-based Shri founded by WJAR's Allison Bologna. "Our Residents look forward to yoga every week," Kate says. "Word is spreading fast and the hour-long sessions are gaining in popularity." Finally, throughout the disconcerting days of the pandemic, Kate's role expanded to help the Sisters with daily meal service, create individualized activity, and provide companionship and comfort to our elderly family.

These days you will likely find our Residents following Kate to the patio for an hour or two of sun and song. Can you hear it?! "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when times are gray, you never know dear, how much I love you..."



In the chapel at Jeanne Jugan Residence: Top L-R Msgr. Iacovacci celebrates Mass; Administering holy oil during Feast of our Lady of Lourdes; Bishop Boland (l) and Fr. Caul (r) concelebrate Mass with Bishop Thomas Tobin; Fr. Toole and his sister, Anne, join us for the annual St. Patrick's Day dinner. Bottom: Celebrating Daily Mass: Fr. McLaughlin (left) and Fr. Quigley (right)

Anchors of Stability and Faith

Celebrating daily Mass in our chapel, offering spiritual guidance, administering the sacraments — we are grateful to our Resident and visiting priests and seminarians who give so much to our Home.

From our Congregation's very beginnings, we have been blessed by the support of Roman Catholic priests. It was Rev. Ernest Lelièvre, a wealthy, well-educated French priest who served as our Congregation's ambassador to the bishops of the New World. Fr. Lelièvre traveled from France in 1868 to meet with bishops of New Orleans, New York, and St. Louis, encouraging the presence of the Little Sisters of the Poor in the United States. Within four years, thanks to his zeal for our mission and indefatigable determination, thirteen homes were established in the U.S. to serve the elderly poor.

In testimony to our mission, Father Lelièvre encouraged that "We must consider the elderly's needs and not

our own. Let us not prefer the more able ones, or the most capable...as poor as he is, the pauper is a man ... with the dignity of a man."

Now, more than 150 years later, we are privileged by the steadfast support of our spiritual fathers, blessed indeed by their presence and service to us and our Residents. Whether saying 'Yes' to our call to celebrate Mass in our chapel, helping to provide a sense of calm during a difficult year, assisting us to walk with Christ and grow in our faith, we are grateful and offer prayers in thanksgiving every day.

To Bishop Boland, Father Caul, Monsignor Iacovacci, Father McLaughlin, Father Quigley, Father Toole, and all who have resided or served at our Home — some gone before us in faith — we thank you for your spiritual presence and guidance! You are our anchors of stability and faith. May God bless you! We are so grateful for your holy priesthood.

With prayers and gratitude, we recognize and joyfully congratulate:

Rev. Msgr. Nicholas J. Iacovacci
70th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

Most Rev. Ernest B. Boland, O.P., D.D.
66 Years of Priestly Ministry

Fr. Robert F. Caul
60th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

Rev. James F. Quigley, O.P.
56 Years of Priestly Ministry

Rev. Lawrence E. Toole
54 Years of Priestly Ministry

Fr. Farrell E. McLaughlin
50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

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your holy priesthood*

Summertime and the livin' is easy...

Many of us who live in New England do so because we love the change of the seasons: brilliant red maple trees in autumn, a peaceful winter snowfall, the sweet scent of early spring blooms, the lazy, hazy days of summer. From the activity on the patio, one would quickly surmise that summer is our favorite season! The days are longer and the warmth of the summer sun peeks through the shade trees on the garden path leading toward the grotto. Now, with coronavirus rules and regulations relaxing to some extent we can enjoy each other's company again! God is good.



OUR WISH LIST

Personal Care and Sundries

- Hand Sanitizer
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Kleenex
- Mouthwash
- Toothpaste
- Bodywash
- Body Lotion
- Personal Cleansing Wipes
- Dental Care Products

Sweet Treats for our Residents

- Baked Goods
- Cookies
- Doughnuts
- Ice Cream
- Candy



In grateful appreciation and with fond memories of summer outings at McCoy Stadium, Mother Patricia presents a PawSox-themed birdhouse crafted by Don Gagnon to Michael Gwynn, Advisory Council member and SVP of the now, new Worcester Woosox.

Grateful and Humbled

The Little Sisters — Big Bucks Raffle was a new venture for us. We are pleased to announce that due to your swift and encouraging response, tickets sold out in rapid fashion! **Thank you! We are humbled and so very grateful.**

In fact, ticket applications exceeded the 400 limit but we would like everyone to have a chance. Therefore, we decided to run a second raffle. Be assured these are **TWO SEPARATE DRAWINGS** each with a 1 in 400 chance to win!

The combination of raffle ticket sales and many generous donations will help us to purchase the new Nurse Call System. The drawings are scheduled for August 30, the Feast Day of Saint Jeanne Jugan. Thank you again and Good Luck!

MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Our summer newsletter recognizes many of the priests who serve our Home, following the example of Father Earnest Lelièvre, a dedicated and faithful shepherd of the flock. We thank them for their zeal for souls and pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood. Congratulations to the Jubilarians!

Two Little Sisters from our community will also be celebrating Jubilees: Sr. Bernadette de Marie Auxiliatrice is celebrating 70 years of first vows, and Sr. Anastasia Mary of St. Joseph has attained 50 years of perpetual vows. Let us pray and thank God for and with these Sisters, asking the Lord to send more followers of St. Jeanne Jugan. "It is a great grace that God has given you in calling you to serve the poor." *Jeanne Jugan*

Speaking of vocations, in his recent proclamation to establish the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis has reminded the elderly of the world of their vocation, inviting them "to preserve our roots and to pass on the faith to the younger ones."



A three generation visit for Shirley.

For the celebration, particularly amid the pandemic, the Holy Father chose the theme "I am with you always" (Mt 28:30) explaining that the whole Church is close to the elderly, cares about them, and loves them. The Pope shared that this past year they have been through a lot, some feeling isolation, some falling ill, and some dying, leaving loved ones. "I am with you always" is reassurance that through it all, the Lord is present and is with us and loves us.

Intergenerational dialogue is also a familiar theme of Pope Francis. The Holy Father frequently encourages

connections between the old and the young (Christus Vivit for example). The benefits are mutual. Grandchildren are often called to be present in the lives of their elders. Grandparents have a mission to share wisdom, encourage the youth in their faith, and serve as messengers to proclaim the gospel, the gospel of hope and love.

"I am with you always." Joy. Hope. Promise. Love. For the Little Sisters of the Poor, our mission is grounded in our love of Christ and founded for our elderly family. Our Residents are a gift. They bring us joy and personify hope. In our Christ-centered Home we promise them the love and care of our Lord. Thank you for your support and generosity which make it possible for us to do so. Please pray for us, pray for vocations, and be assured of our prayers for you and for all of the young people in your lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sr. Patricia Mary

**SAVE
THE
DATE**
BUT STAY TUNED

Novena to Saint Jeanne Jugan

August 21-29

Saint Jeanne Jugan Feast Day

August 30

Indoor Yard Sale

September 10 & 11

All Souls Mass of Remembrance

November 7

Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair

TBD

Turkey and Ham Drop

November 14-20

NOVENA TO SAINT JEANNE JUGAN

As we prepare to commemorate the Feast Day of our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, on August 30, we set aside nine days to offer prayers in petition and thanksgiving for all who support our work and the blessings we receive through them. Please include your prayer intentions on the card enclosed and send them to us. We will place them on the altar in our chapel and include them in our daily petitions.

Thank you and God bless you.



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