

Family & Friends

A Newsletter for the Friends of Stella Maris

December/January 2003

Volunteers Honored During Pastoral Care Week



Sister Margaret Downing, RSM, Chaplain for Home Care, thanks Ann Katzenberger for attending the Mass and reception.

On October 22, Father Larry Johnson honored his staff and all Pastoral Care volunteers in a special liturgy and reception during National Pastoral Care Week. During the liturgy, Fr. Johnson made a special presentation to Father

Conrad Miller, a Franciscan priest and resident of 5 Pangborn, who is involved in many ways with the Pastoral Care team, most notably by presiding at Mass on 5 Pangborn and in the Chapel. Father Johnson said during the Mass, "without Father Connie, and without all my Pastoral Care volunteers, I don't know how we would get the job done. They are invaluable to me and all the chaplains here at Stella Maris."

Pastoral Care volunteers take communion to residents who cannot attend Mass, serve in the Chapel as Eucharistic Minister or lectors each day of the week, answer phones in the Pastoral Care office, listen to the spiritual

needs of the sick and dying, and perform many other important tasks.

When asked how many volunteers he actually had, Fr. Johnson commented that those in attendance at the Mass constituted about half of the people involved with the spiritual well-being of the residents and patients at Stella Maris. We thank all our Pastoral Care volunteers and staff for keeping the Spirit of God alive and continuing the Mission of the Sisters of Mercy with their compassion and involvement. If you are interested in volunteering for the Pastoral Care office, or anywhere at Stella Maris, please call Cass Bittner at 410-252-4500 ext. 254. For Hospice Volunteer opportunities, contact Helen Streimer at 410-252-4500 ext. 315.



Pastoral Care volunteers join Father Conrad Miller on the altar after a Mass in their honor.



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St. Elizabeth Hall Models Give Paris a Run for Their Money

The St. Elizabeth Hall Council held a new event this past October 16 – a Fashion Show dubbed the “Au Revoir Boutique.” This tongue-in-cheek show, emceed by Jacque Pennae (also known as Richard Loeschke), was the brainchild of Ann Leisinger, a resident of St. Elizabeth Hall, who got the fashions from the Auxiliary’s Good Buy Shop. Recruiting her neighbors as models, the ladies, all of whom took French monikers such as Monique, GiGi, and Nannette, took turns striding through the Dining Room in the Good Buy Shop’s latest clothes for sale - not all of the modeling done seriously, of course.

The crowd was so receptive to the fine clothes and outrageous costumes these ladies came up with, people were encouraging Ann to make this an annual event. Special thanks to her “models” Evelyn “Babette” Hegarty, Kathy “GiGi” Blakeley, Eileen “Simone”

Kelmartin, Elizabeth “Nannette” Schreiber, Mary Ann “Desiree” Hass, Gen “Monique” Lipa, Maria “Nicole” Kilduff, Esther “Yvette” Colliflower, Catherine “Lilly Langtry” Forster, and to Ann and her fellow organizer, Rosie



Evelyn Hegarty and Elizabeth Schreiber show off what the latest couples are wearing to the altar.

Lutz. It was definitely an afternoon filled with fun!



Esther Colliflower models a dress from the “Gone With The Wind” collection.

Advent Liturgy Schedule

Dec. 1 - First Sunday of Advent
4pm Mass with Fr. Larry Johnson

Tuesday, Dec. 24
7pm Mass with Archbishop Borders

Wednesday, Dec. 25
10:30am Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 31
4pm Vigil-Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2003
10:30am Mass-Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God

Angels, Handmade Crafts Make Beautiful Holiday Gifts

Hospice Angels

The Angel of Hospice is designed and created to be given as a gift to friends or family or to be used as a remembrance of a special loved one. Made of fine white clay and decorated with a bow, the Angel measures 6 ½ inches wide by 5 inches high. Each Angel varies slightly, is individually hand cut and decorated, and is packaged in a lovely gift box with ribbon. The Angel of Hospice is only \$18, and can be purchased by calling John McLoughlin at 410-252-4500 ext. 494 or via email at jmcloughlin@stellamarisinc.com. Angels will also be sold in the main hallway throughout the month of December, and are a lovely way to support this important ministry at Stella Maris.



Christmas Craft Sale

The Wednesday Craft Group hopes that you will remember to attend the Christmas Sale on Wednesday, December 4, 2002 from 10am-2pm in the McAuley Connection. Unique handmade items are available at very reasonable prices. Dorothy Cihak, Miriam Colimore, Bea Gould and Lucinda Snow work hard all year to make the wonderful Christmas decorations. Mark your calendar!

Residents Take Road Trip

On Wednesday September 18, the staff from Programs and Activities took a group of residents from 2 Center, 3,4, and 5 Pangborn on a bus trip to Sanders Corner Restaurant for lunch. It was a beautiful sunny day and the residents enjoyed the ride through Loch Raven, as well as the stunning view of the reservoir from the tables in the restaurant. Between lunch and dessert, the residents took a leisurely walk on the porch that surrounds the restaurant and overlooks Loch Raven Dam.

Future plans for the residents include more trips and some travels during the holidays to see Christmas lights and decorations in the surrounding neighborhoods.



***Molly Ellard, Mary Brooks and Ruth Caldwell
enjoy the afternoon warmth outside the restaurant.***

Upcoming Support Groups

Sudden Loss Support Group
Tuesdays – 7pm

Widows & Widowers Support Group
Wednesdays – 7pm

Parent Loss Support Group
Thursdays – 7pm

Me Too! Children's Bereavement Group
Tuesdays – 6:30pm

(Call the Center for Grief & Loss at 410-252-4500 ext. 291 for sessions beginning in January 2003.)

Dementia Family Support Group
Wednesdays – 2pm
December 18, 2002 & January 15, 2003

Calendar of Events

December

- 11 Resident Christmas Party- Auditorium
- 12 Foundation Day, Sisters of Mercy
- 13 Sweet Treats Raffle – McAuley Connection, 10am-2pm
- 18 Employee Christmas Party – St. E's Dining Room

- 22 First Day of Winter
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Kwanzaa
- 31 New Year's Eve

January

- 1 New Year's Day

About Family & Friends

This newsletter is designed to keep our residents' loved ones informed about what is happening at Stella Maris. For more information, contact Kelly Sheridan at 410-252-4500, ext. 570.

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