

Crowning of the Blessed Mother

In honor of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace and their almost 120 years of ministry at Cusack Care Center which the order founded as St. Joseph's Home for the Blind in 1891, the activities department invited our 'Cusack' Sisters to crown the Blessed Mother at the Center's annual May Crowning event. Held in our Mary Chapel on May 19, those in attendance included (from left to right) Sr. Lillian O'Neill, Director of Pastoral Care at Cusack, Sr. Alicia Cavanaugh, Sr. Eleanor Maragliano, Sr. Teresa Catherine Carberry, former administrator, and Sr. Cabrini Delaney, who worked at the Center as an LPN for more than 25 years.



Many of our residents joined the Sisters at a Mass presided over by Father Malachy after the Crowning. Mass is held daily (except Monday and Saturday) in our Mary Chapel. Times are posted in the monthly calendar.

Pardon our Appearance

Visitors to the Center cannot help but notice barricades, hard-hatted workmen, heavy equipment and noisy disruptions in front and in the rear of our old building. Just to let you know, in front of the building we are restoring the deteriorating pit area and replacing aging windows and window guards thanks to a generous grant from Hudson County's CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Program. On the Magnolia Avenue side, heavy duty cranes have begun to demolish the old St. Joseph's School for the Blind facility, an 80-year old building that has been vacant for the past three years. The site will eventually be transformed into a garden for the benefit of our residents and their families.

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Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Feast Day—June 11

O most holy Heart of Jesus, Fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine.

Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your will.

Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.

Peace be with you.

Sr. Lillian O'Neill

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for the employees & residents of the cusack care center

May Events

Older Americans Month
Nurses Day—May 6
Mother's Day—May 9
Nursing Home Week—
May 9—May 15
Memorial Day—May 31

June Events

National Safety Month
Hudson City Lions Club
visit—June 2, at 5 p.m.
Nursing Assistants Day
— June 10
Father's Day — June 20

Save the Date

'All American Ice
Cream Social'
Wednesday, July 7,
at 2 p.m.
Recreation Room
50/50 Raffle
Drawing at 3 p.m.

Nursing Home Week Celebrated at Cusack Care Center

During Nursing Home Week, May 9 – 15, 2010, the Center paid tribute to its residents and employees with a series of celebratory events including Ice Cream Socials, an employee barbecue and a Trivia Quiz between residents and staff – won quite handily by the Resident Team, we should add!

The Center also honored staff at its annual Service Awards luncheon and gave special recognition to the following employees for their years of dedicated service:

35 Years: Concetta Fortunato, Helen Longstaff

25 Years: Parvina Baksh

20 Years: Andres Bonifacio, Carlie Bonny, Leonora Moreno

15 Years: Helen Ackerman, Ernesto Campomanes, Chester Janowicz, Pam Samaroo, Saeeda Sheikh, Angel Tanega, Angel Vega

10 Years: Divina Escalicas, Oremilla Mannie, Evelyn Mathieu, Shetaye Nigussie, Cesar Raganit, Diana Rivas, Rachel William

5 Years: Griselle Borrero, Jennifer Johnson, Cheryl Mineses, Rica Monsanto, Martha Ongeri, Jennifer Pettway, Yoland Philadelphia, Michele Roche, Danuta Sanecka-Achufusi, Dowhotie Seenanan, Latasha Sweet, Gail Wicks



Helen Longstaff, from United Dietary, who has worked at Cusack for 35 years



Staff members who received recognition for their 15 years of service pictured with CEO/Administrator, Thomas P. Sheehy (back row, right)

News Tidbits

Welcome New Staff Members

Rashidah Garrett-Hall joined the Cusack team in March as the facility's Nurse Liaison. Before coming to Cusack, she worked at HCR Manorcare Subacute Care Facility where she was the Nurse Liaison/Marketing and Development. When asked what her job entailed, she responded, "marketing to doctors and developing relationships". Rashidah is an LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) She is currently studying to become a Registered Nurse (RN) and is set to complete her degree in August. Rashidah is from Jamaica, West Indies, but has lived in the United States for more than 20 years. She lives in Woodbridge and enjoys playing soccer, jet skiing and dancing.

Alex Radelat

Alex Radelat joined the Cusack team in May as Admissions Coordinator. Before Cusack, he worked in the Emergency Room at Palisades Medical Center. Alex has six years experience working as an Admissions Coordinator. A native New Jerseyan, Alex attended Fairleigh Dickinson University where he majored in Liberal Arts Psychology. He currently lives in West New York and is an avid Yankees fan.

Melanie McLaurin

Melanie McLaurin joined Cusack in May as Development Assistant. Before joining Cusack, Melanie worked as a Development Associate with The New Jersey Historical Society. While there, she handled the membership process and assisted in the implementation of special events. Melanie earned a Bachelor of Arts in Public Communication from Buffalo State College. This summer, she will begin graduate studies in the field of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers University. A native New Yorker, Melanie now lives in Newark.

New Name—Same Faces

At their meeting held in April, members of the Grateful Families Committee agreed to adopt a new name to better reflect the committee's activities and to broaden its membership base. The Committee, which serves as an integral part of the Center's development program, will now be known as **Cusack Care Center's Circle of Friends**.

Along with development staff, Sue Sims and Melanie McLaurin and Cusack's CEO, Tom Sheehy, current members include: Joy Barry; Sr. Teresa Catherine Carberry, csjp; Sr. Cabrini Delaney, csjp; Dolores DelGrande; Dolores DeMaio; Nina DeRocco; Bernadette Hoehl; Joe Kadian; Phyllis Liguori; Alan Nydick; Doris Rucinski; Lois Shaw; Mary Beth Stull; Sr. Ann Taylor, csjp; Lee Truglio; Jeanette Tracy; Patrick Tracy; Thomas Tracy and Yvonne White.

The 'Friends' have an array of projects scheduled throughout the year. Here, for your information is a sampling:

Annual 50/50 Raffle: Tickets at \$100. each are still available! According to chairperson, Sr. Cabrini, we have sold over 150 to date, but still hope to reach our goal of 250 which would entitle the winner to \$12,500! Be in it to win it! Call Sue at ext. 2161 if you would like to purchase a ticket. Drawing takes place on July 7, at our All American Ice Cream Social.

Generations Luncheon: Formerly known as Grandparents Day Luncheon, our 7th annual event is scheduled to take place on **Sunday, September 26, 2010**, from noon to 3:00 p.m. at Casino in the Park, Jersey City. Please **SAVE THE DATE** and watch this space for more details.

Resident Birthdays

Congratulations to our friends who celebrate birthdays in May and June.

May

1st. — Ellen McKigney
1st. — Jasoda Shahato
5th — Clementine Mileski
7th — Anna Szelest
7th — Mikiko Gawlak
12th — Elizabeth Stadler
13th — Clara Carr
15th — Anna Svoronos
18th — Marcella Carter
22nd — Dorothy Harris
28th — Henry Miller

June

4th — Gerald Thomas
9th — James Falconcino
23rd — Margarita Martinez
23rd — Benjamin Collins

Century Club Honorees

Congratulations to Elizabeth Stadler who turned 101 on May 12th. Other members of our Century Club are Mary DeRocco (100), Alice Onorato (102) and her sister, Adeline Salvato (100).

Belated Birthday Wishes

Our apologies for missing her big day in our last issue of *Inside Cusack*, but hearty congratulations to Lilly Banack who celebrated her 90th birthday on April 4.

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Sunday, September 26, 2010
Noon—3:00 p.m.
Casino in the Park, Jersey City

Mission Statement

Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, the Margaret Anna Cusack Care Center's 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.

Vision Statement

Margaret Anna Cusack Care Center will...

- Provide a broad array of continuing care programs and services that are self-sustaining, financially viable and mission-driven
- Understand its 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 its employees and reflect the diversity of its Jersey City community in its delivery system
- Collaborate within the corporate health care system and with other partners to further mission and business goals