

Excellence



Brothers of Mercy News, Events and Campus Updates

Summer 2018

Groundbreaking of New Memory Care and Enhanced Assisted Living Community



The Brothers of Mercy began an exciting new chapter in its history of care for the people of WNY, officially breaking ground for a signature \$21 million expansion of our wellness campus. With the expansion, Brothers of Mercy will open a 90,000-square-foot Memory Care & Enhanced Assisted Living Community.

The project includes 64 assisted living apartments, along with a special, 32-unit memory care wing, designed for seniors experiencing any stage of memory loss impairment, including dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Enhanced Care services will also be offered, enabling Assisted Living and Memory Care residents to receive more specialized services as their needs change, while aging in place in their existing suites.

"This project not only expands our physical campus and our ability to serve the people of our region, it also builds on the legacy of care established by the Brothers of Mercy in WNY 95 years ago," said Peter Eimer, Brothers of Mercy CEO. "We are bringing to life a vision for specialized memory care and enhanced care that will truly revolutionize our Wellness Campus and propel our organization into a bright future."

Construction of the expansion, which is being handled by The Pike Company, is expected to be complete in approximately 12 months.



Teresa's Corner

By Teresa Dillsworth • Administrator • Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Spring has Finally Sprung

I believe it's safe to say that Spring has finally sprung! The month of May has been a very busy month. We recognized our Nurses during Nurse's Week with a wonderful catered meal by our very talented Food Service Department. We also celebrated our 2019 Employee of the Year, Tieaira Henderson, 4W LPN Peer Mentor, and our Volunteer of the Year, Sharon Brown at the WNY LeadingAge Banquet (I am proud to say that the Brothers of Mercy Team made the MOST noise in celebrating our honorees!).

May is also the month we celebrate Older Americans Month and National Nursing Home Week. These two occasions emphasize the importance of what the staff at the Nursing & Rehabilitation Center do every minute of every day – care for people of advance age during one of the most vulnerable times of their lives. Every day you provide dignity and respect while helping these treasured individuals accomplish the tasks of daily living. No matter what your role is in the nursing home, you touch the lives of those we serve and you do it exceptionally and for this I thank you!

The month of May also put many long awaited construction projects into full execution. The roof replacement is slightly behind schedule thanks to Mother Nature and a very rainy Spring. The facelift of the second and third floor is well underway. We appreciate all the staff working cooperatively with our contractors. Soon our corridors and common areas will be brand new!

Be sure to enjoy the nicer weather!

Nursing Home Renovations in Full Swing

Cosmetic renovations to the Brothers of Mercy 2nd and 3rd floor common areas are moving forward. The glass walls to the dayrooms are down. Wall covering is being removed and fresh paint applied and flooring in the nurses stations to be replaced. In addition, the actual nurses stations will be updated with an entire new look.

A new roof is currently being installed and plans to design a Brothers of Mercy timeline (to be displayed on the entire left wall when you walk in) are in motion. All these updates will give the building a fresh, modern look.

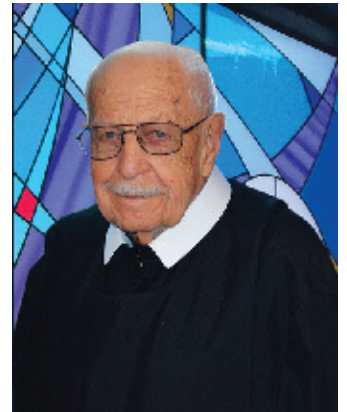




Brother Francis Xavier O'Neill

The Brothers of Mercy Clarence congregation's longest serving member, Brother Francis Xavier O'Neill, passed away on Monday, March 18th on the Brothers of Mercy Campus, at the age of 94. Brother Xavier served in the Brothers of Mercy Mary Help of Christians for 75 dedicated years.

Brother Xavier's work touched countless lives, spanned the generations and took him around the globe. He cared for newborn infants, the sick and dying, and everyone in between. Born Donald Arthur O'Neill in Wyandotte, Michigan, one of seven children, he joined the Brothers of Mercy after graduating from high school without ever visiting the community. He professed his first vows in 1945, and his final vows on Sept. 8, 1951. He studied at the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, becoming a registered nurse and later a certified registered nurse anesthetist, which he considered to be his proudest accomplishments.



He first worked as a private duty nurse, making medical house calls day and night by bicycle. By the late 1940's, the Brothers of Mercy had garnered a pristine reputation for compassionate healthcare, and their services were in high demand. Br. Xavier would work around the clock administering care, by providing pain relief and medications, as well as bathing and grooming his patients – all part of what the Brothers considered to be their 'privilege to serve'. His compassion for his patients was boundless, and he always made it his mission to go above and beyond in any way that could, in his own words, "make them happy or touch their hearts".



Brother Xavier, right, at his First Vows Profession in 1945.

While caring for his aging mother, he was a nurse anesthetist in Detroit for 13 years, specializing in newborn care. In the 1960s, he served in a Brothers of Mercy Hospital in Africa. He also supervised a 100-bed Brothers of Mercy Retirement Home in Kansas City, Mo., and twice was a BOM Nursing Home Supervisor in Oklahoma City, Okla. From 1959 to 1963, he was Provincial Superior of the Brothers of Mercy North American Province in Clarence.

After retiring at the age of 91, he continued to enjoy fishing and travelling. Brother Xavier also spent much of his time praying for people and volunteering at Sacred Heart Home; some of whose residents can fondly recall him providing manicures there. An avid watercolorist, many of his beautiful paintings can be found throughout the Brothers of Mercy Campus.

His seven decades of dedicated service helped shape and evolve his sense of wisdom, knowledge and understanding of the world and others; though two things that never wavered were his good heart and dedication to helping others. Brother Xavier truly exemplified the mission statement of the Brothers of Mercy - "The Charity of Christ Urges Us On".



VOLUNTEER Update

By Valerie Sonnenfeld • Volunteer Coordinator

Thank You Volunteers!

The Brothers of Mercy Nursing and Rehab Center is genuinely blessed to have over 70 active adult volunteers and over 20 student volunteers on a yearly basis. Our volunteers are individuals who want to help others, are retired, concerned citizens, professionals, friends/family members, former rehab patients, college students required to learn and gain experience and high school students completing community service. The longevity and hours of our volunteers is truly impressive. We have many volunteers who have been here 10, 15 and 20 years. Our volunteers provide an extra dimension to add to the comfort, care and happiness of our residents/patients.



2019 BOM Volunteer Heroes

Volunteers are scheduled to specific assignment(s) by the volunteer coordinator. Some assignments include but not limited to: in-house therapy transport, activities, spiritual care, gift shop, clerical, friendly visitor, dog visits, beauty shop, sewing, sorting and delivering the U.S mail to staff, residents/patients and collecting menus for dietary.

Our dedicated volunteers donate an average of over 14,000 hours of service per year. We believe the Brothers of Mercy's reputation and the rapport between our volunteers, residents/patients, staff and visitors also has a lot to do with our successful program. As money is not part of the volunteer's incentive, motivation is achieved in other ways. Encouragement, respect, support, flexibility and friendship are essential to coordinate a successful, organized volunteer program.

Interested volunteers are encouraged to contact the volunteer coordinator. (716)759-7617

2019 VOLUNTEER of the Year

Sharon Brown

It all started in the 1990's when Sharon would drop off beautiful fresh flower arrangements that she made. She joined our volunteer team in 2014 and has completed over 950 volunteer hours. We have been very blessed every since to have Sharon be part of volunteer team.

She is our volunteer extraordinaire. Sharon takes care of all our fresh and artificial flower arrangements though out the facility, she is a key part of putting together our annual Bazaar, organizes all donated jewelry and clothing, sorts magazines, decorates the volunteers U.S mail cart per season/holiday, writes out the resident/patient birthday cards, monthly activity calendars - and the list goes on and on. Congratulations Sharon for being named 2019 Volunteer of the Year.



Sharon Brown



2019 EMPLOYEE of the Year

Employee
OF THE YEAR
Award

Tieaira Henderson – Nursing



Tieaira Henderson

Tieaira came to Brothers of Mercy in 2016. She has an upbeat attitude and is always ready to face the day. Tieaira goes above and beyond in every aspect of her daily routine. She makes it her goal to meet the needs of residents/patients families and visitors. Families frequently compliment on her care and compassion for their loved ones. She is a great advocate for the patients showing respect and empathy.

Tieaira is always ready to assist her co-workers and looks forward to training new staff. Tieaira is truly a wonderful nurse is well deserving to receive the honor of Employee of the year!

Montabaur Heights resident receives 2019 Erie County Senior of the Year Award

On May 20th, the Erie County Department of Senior Services presented Montabaur Heights resident Stephan Lewy with the "Erie County Senior of the Year" award!

Every year this award is presented to one individual whose civic engagement has made a difference, improving the quality of life in and around Erie County, and having put to use his or her knowledge, skills, values and motivation to enable that difference.

Mr. Lewy hails from Berlin, Germany. In the 1930's, his father was sent to a concentration camp, and Stephan experienced many Nazi indignities before escaping the regime in 1939. He sought refuge in the US, only to be drafted and sent back to Europe as an interpreter in the U.S. Army's 6th Armored Division. He helped liberate the infamous Buchenwald death camp and was later honored as a war hero.

He reunited with his stepmother and father, Arthur, who had escaped a concentration camp, in the US. He attended Northeastern University, married his love, Frances, and worked for years as an accountant. An account of his life, "The Past Is Always Present", was published in 2015. He is now an active volunteer with the Holocaust Resource Center, offering lectures and presentations to students, seniors and more. He continues to use his experiences to enlighten modern youth.



Stephan Lewy with daughter and Erie County dignitaries



Buffalo Business First Ranks BOM #1 in Multiple Categories

Every year, Buffalo Business First comes out with a list of top companies and organizations in their specific area of expertise. The Brothers of Mercy ranked #1 throughout Western New York in multiple categories. The following infographics represent some of those findings.

BUFFALO BUSINESS FIRST THE LIST

Largest Buffalo skilled nursing facilities

Ranked by Skilled nursing units

Rank	Name	Skilled Nursing Units
1	Brothers of Mercy	240
2	Autumn View Health Care Facility	230
3	Elderwood at Williamsville	210

BUFFALO BUSINESS FIRST THE LIST

RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

RANKED BY TOTAL UNITS IN WESTERN NEW YORK

Rank	Name/Address (Phone number/Website)	Address	Total units	Number of residents/affiliates
1	Brothers of Mercy (919) 444-4444	10550 Kensington Rd, Buffalo, NY 14213	970	100% of residents are Catholic, 100% of residents are Catholic, 100% of residents are Catholic
2	Weinberg Campus (716) 835-4444	2500 Rte 19 and 56, Getzville, NY 14203	420	Most of residents are Catholic, 100% of residents are Catholic, 100% of residents are Catholic
3	The GreenFields Continuing Care Community (716) 835-4444	10000 Peachtree, Getzville, NY 14203	140	Independent living, assisted living, memory care, 100% of residents are Catholic, 100% of residents are Catholic, 100% of residents are Catholic

MOST TOTAL UNITS

200 or more total units

1	Brothers of Mercy	521
2	Weinberg Campus	440
3	Lutheran Jamestown	383
4	The GreenFields	349
5	The Ritz	292
6	Autumn View	230
7	Uderson/Amherst	200
8	Northgate	200

STARS IN THEIR FIELD

CMS FIVE-STAR RATING

Facilities with five-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services



- Autumn View Health Care Facility
- Brothers of Mercy
- Elderwood at Amherst
- Elderwood at Lancaster
- Garden Gate Health Care Facility
- Harris Hill Nursing Facility
- Lutheran Jamestown
- Mercy Nursing Facility at OLV
- Schoelkopf Health Center Inc.
- Seneca Health Care Center

2014-2015 BUFFALO BUSINESS FIRST THE LIST



Clarence Businessman Donates \$100,000 to Brothers of Mercy Wellness Campus



Daniel Snyder, president and CEO of the Clarence based company inLighten, stepped forward as a major donor in the Brothers of Mercy Capital Campaign.

His generous donation of \$100,000 will aid in the construction of the new Brothers of Mercy Enhanced Assisted Living & Memory Care Community. The \$21M project broke ground on Tuesday, May 14th.



New Associates

CNAs:

Tazira Allison -Johnson
Karen Draves
Yasmin Eberhardt
Ashley Jackson
Destiny Kausner
James Konrad**
Tamika Marshall
Schimele Pereira**
Keaundra Quarles**
Jayce Ridgeway**
Autum Samuel
Erika Simons
Dazane Taylor**
Caroline Willis
**Welcome Back!!

Nurses:

Asia Brown
April Fischer
Courtney King
Michelle Miori (SHH)
Johnna Pearce
Tyra Pressley

PCAs Sacred Heart Home:

Grayce Enderby
Jenna Little
Alyssa Menza
Nekeia Smith
Heather Stranc

Activities:

David Chriswell
(MH Transfer)
Carly Ziemba

Range Of Motion Aide:

Rachel Childs

Env Servies:

Michelle Moran
Debra Sanders

Security:

Vincent Dunston

Dining Services:

Tajnae Harris

Companion Care Aide:

Kathleen McDonald

Home Care:

Kenniqua Keyes

Montabaur Heights

Helena Miller

Happy National Skilled Nursing Week!

National Skilled Nursing Home Week was May 12-18. The 2019 theme for National Skilled Nursing Home Week is "Live Soulfully". This is to emphasize how nursing homes achieve happy minds and healthy souls for their residents that live there.

A shout out to all of our amazing BOM staff who work around the clock to provide the best care to our nursing home residents.

So many visitors to BOM comment on the "something special" that they experience when they walk the halls of Brothers. It's witnessing our staff and residents relating to each other...it's the words of kindness, laughter and true caring being exchanged and heard...it's the essence of these feelings being felt by all, which linger in the building. The BOM Skilled Nursing Staff should be proud of all that they do to help our residents.



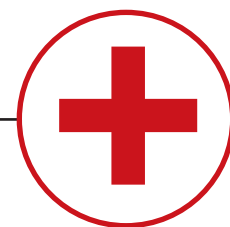
CERTIFIED NURSING Assistants

Congratulations on Newly graduated CNAs from our March & April programs:

Madison Borrasca
Michelle Clark
Robert Hoffman

Shawntia Jones
Jakera Lewis
Natalia Taylor

Nicole Viterna
Makenzie Wheatley





Mary's World

By Mary Baty • Administrator • Brothers of Mercy Senior Apartments

WNY Heroes Lend a Helping Hand to Senior Apartments

The Brothers of Mercy Senior Apartments received a grant from WNY Heroes for the installation of a handicapped accessible ramp for the front door, as well as landscaping work.

In appreciation for their support, a plaque was designed and placed at the front entrance. A very special thank you to WNY Heroes for their generous gift!



Alzheimers Association Presentation

On May 17th the Alzheimer's Association put on an informative presentation as they discussed tips on how to have honest and caring conversations with family members about dementia-related matters.

Held at the Montabaur Heights Events Center, participants left with valuable insight on how to handle a difficult topic.

Key Bank helps out with Spring Clean Up

A special thank you goes out to Key Bank and the 60 amazing employees who came to Brothers of Mercy for "Neighbors Make the Difference Day".

The team spent an afternoon beautifying the grounds of our 126 acre campus - weeding, gardening, mulching and visiting with residents. The BOM campus looks spectacular and we appreciate the compassion and dedication of these wonderful folks.





EMPLOYEES of the Month

All Employees of the Month receive a \$50 check as well as a special parking space for that month.



JESSIE MOLAK...SOCIAL WORKER - March 2019

Jessie became a Brothers of Mercy employee in February of 2017. Jessie is a superb family / patient advocate. She never skips a beat. Jessie always takes time to listen and be there for her patients as well as the family. She always takes a calm approach with matters and covers every base. Jessie has great insight and identifies problems before they ever happen. Jessie is a huge asset to Brothers of Mercy and truly deserves March employee of the month!



LYNN BRADY...RN, INSERVICE INSTRUCTOR - April 2019

Lynn has been an employee since April, 2011. Lynn is a great team member, always smiling and always has a positive attitude. She has great compassion and empathy towards the residents. She is always ready for a laugh or a hug to staff and residents alike! Lynn is flexible and ready to accomplish whatever the week has in store. Lynn is very deserving to get the honor of employee of the month!



TINA JOHNSON...ADMISSIONS ASSISTANT - May 2019

Tina has an excellent work ethic. She is very pleasant, has a great demeanor and is very knowledgeable. She goes above and beyond her expectations. Tina is very efficient and is great at multi-tasking. Not only is she inputting in the computer, she is answering the phone and doing tours. Tina is well deserved to receive employee of the month!



MONTABAUR HEIGHTS

MARCH...Warren Drew & Jim Hockey

APRIL...Audrey (Trang) Nguyen

MAY...Mark Volpe

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

40 Years:

Lynda Borden	LPN	4/16/79
Robi Walkowiak	Housekeeping Supervisor	6/25/79

35 Years:

Edith Lukowski	Activities Leader	6/25/84
----------------	-------------------	---------

15 Years:

Grace Post	Admissions Screener	5/4/04
Jeanette Beitz	RN Supervisor	5/17/04
Amy Strauch	RN Nurse Manager	6/7/04

10 Years:

Gary Cleland	C.NA	5/4/09
--------------	------	--------

5 Years:

John Stagg	RN Staff	6/9/14
------------	----------	--------





CUSTOMER SERVICE Heroes

Congratulations to the March 2019 Customer Service Honorable Mentions

The following staff members and department names were highly recommended or a letter was sent in their behalf by residents or visitors during the month of March!

Laura Waite - 2E CNA

Orlando De Los Santos - 4E ROM

Alexis Bruning - 4W LPN

Jeannine Allen - 3E LPN

Mark Zaganiaczyk - 4E LPN

TJ Stockweather - Cook

Dawn Baker - Housekeeping

Tim Tryjankowski - Maintenance

Tamara Martin - 2W CNA

Elizabeth De Los Santos - 2E ROM

Lea Novo - Stand by CNA

Rebecca Battista - 2W LPN

Jonathan Lindner - PT

Julie Kaczmarczyk - Activities

Jan Schiefer - Personal Laundry

Aide

MacKenzie Pierce - PT

Erin Saraf - 3E LPN

March's Winner: Jeannine Allen-3E LPN and the Laundry Department

Congratulations to the April 2019 Customer Service Honorable Mentions

The following staff members and department names were highly recommended or a letter was sent in their behalf by residents or visitors during the month of April!

Laura Waite - 2E CNA

Anthony Hurst - 4E CNA

Tim Wozniak - Maintenance

Garrett Spring - 4E CNA

Deanna Krieb - 3E CNA

Sue Lombardo - 2E LPN

Linda Borden - 2E LPN

Eric Strohm - 3W LPN

Elizabeth De Los Santos - 2E ROM

Julie Kaczmarczyk - Activities

Jesse Molak - SW

Mandy Parrish-Sams - 3W CNA

Hannah DiSarno - 2E CNA

Cheryl Evert - 4E CNA

Deb Anthony - Activities

LaQuinn Harris - 3W CNA

April's Winner: Laura Waite-2E CNA and the 2E Staff

New Palliative Care Suite

Brothers of Mercy was awarded a generous grant from the East Hill Foundation which allowed us to turn former office space into a two-room palliative care suite with its own private bathroom on our 2nd floor.

A bedroom, living room and bathroom provide space for families to comfortably remain with/hold vigil in the final weeks of their loved ones lives. The suite was officially open the last week in May.



Congratulations to the May 2019 Customer Service Honorable Mentions

The following staff members and department names were highly recommended or a letter was sent in their behalf by residents or visitors during the month of May!

Laura Waite - 2E CNA
Deanna Krieb - 3E CNA
Linda Borden - 2E LPN
Kelly Wilczak - Activities
Leah Novo - SB CNA
Taylor Zicarelli - 3W CNA

Casey Stocking - 4W Unit Clerk
Julie Kaczmarczyk - Activities
Deb Anthony - Activities
Megan Berhalter - 3W LPN
Debbie Perrington - 2E CNA
Roxanne Calcea - 2W LPN

Dawn Graber - 2W CNA
Jennifer Elliot - 2W LPN
Zekiya Anderson - 3W CNA
Kristin Sorgi - Activities

May's Winner: Casey Stocking - 4W Unit Clerk and the 4 West Staff

Heart Health Seminar at BOM



A "Heart Health" seminar was held on April 1st at Montabaur Heights on the Brothers of Mercy Wellness Campus.

Dr. JoAnne Cobler, a Cardiologist with Buffalo Medical Group and past president of the Buffalo Niagara American Heart Association, shared great insight and answered numerous questions on how a healthy lifestyle is a key factor to a healthy heart.

Good Friday Services at the Sacred Heart Home

Good Friday services were held at the beautiful Sacred Heart Home chapel on April 19th.

The Brothers participated in the reading of the "Passion of the Christ", depicting the final 12 hours of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem during his crucifixion on the cross.

The term "passion" originates from Latin where it means suffering and pain.





FOUNDATION News

By Nancy Gugino • Executive Director • Brothers of Mercy Facilities Foundation

2019 Caritas Awards Dinner taken to the Next Level

On May 2, 2019, the Brothers of Mercy Foundation hosted the 18th Annual Caritas Awards Dinner held at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. This sellout event was the largest and most successful event in the history of the organization hosting a record crowd in excess of 52 tables! Honorees included Msgr. J. Patrick Keleher, Dr. Michael Noe and Dr. Margaret Eberl. Robust raffle prize packages, incredible live auction items, and Emcee, Domenic Cortese accompanied by Auctioneer, John DiScuillo, added to the excitement of the evening. Event planning is now underway for the Oktoberfest/5K Race planned for Friday, Sept. 6th from 5 to 10 p.m. as well as the Brothers of Mercy First Wellness Fair and Open House scheduled in November.

The Capital Campaign is now in the Public Phase as the campaign is on the cusp of surpassing its \$3M goal. All proceeds from this campaign will be used to renovate the Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center as well as to help finance a brand new Enhanced Assisted Living and Memory Care Community on the 126 acre Wellness Campus. This new community will revolutionize the Assisted Living and Memory Care lifestyles offering signature wellness neighborhood community designs to choose from. Once this new community opens its doors in the summer of 2020, the continuum of care will be complete for the Brothers of Mercy as they will have every possible elevation in care to offer families and their loved ones. The goal is wellness of mind, body and spirit in all stages of life.

Oktoberfest 2019 - Friday September 6th

We know it may seem early, but mark your calendar for the 2019 Oktoberfest 5K Run and Walk.

Scheduled for Friday, September 6th, this is one of WNY's premier races and post race parties. Starting time is 6:30pm. Registration fee includes admission to the Oktoberfest party.

After the race, enjoy a great evening of food, beverages, music dancing and more at our family friendly Oktoberfest celebration. Musical entertainment by *The Auslanders* - WNY's premier German band. Festivities begin at 5:30 and go until 10:00pm.

For tickets call 716-336-9015 or email Fitzner@brothersofmercy.org

OKTOBERFEST
2019
5K RUN & WALK

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th
6:30pm

One of WNY's Premier Races and post-race parties! Starting time is 6:30pm prompt. Registration fee includes admission to Oktoberfest, food, fun and beverages.

To register visit www.brothersofmercy.org and click on the orange "Register" button on the home page.

Worst **BEST** Post-Race Party!
★★★★★

Oktoberfest 2019
Enjoy a great evening of food, international beers, music, dancing, and more! Musical entertainment by *The Auslanders*, WNY's premier German band. Festivities begin at 5:30. For tickets call 716-336-9015 or email Fitzner@brothersofmercy.org



BOM Welcomes New Board Members

On April 26, the Brothers of Mercy welcomed five new members to its governing Board of Directors. New members will include **Michael E. McRae**, President & CEO of St. Ann's Community in Rochester, **Dr. Michael Noe**, MD & MPH, Administrator and Professor of Epidemiology and Environmental Health at the University at Buffalo, **Monsignor David LiPuma**, Pastor at St. Peter Roman Catholic Parish in Lewiston, **Sister Pat Burkard** of the Franciscan Nuns, Administrator with the Diocese of Buffalo, and returning member **David Nasca**, President & CEO of Evans Bank.

All of these new members have been avid supporters of Brothers of Mercy throughout the years, and are eager to bring forward their innovative ideas for the benefit of the Brothers of Mercy campus. They join existing board members Peter Eimer, CEO of Brothers of Mercy, who will shift into the role of ex-officio (or non-voting board member), Brother Kenneth Thomas, FMMA, House Superior of the Brothers of Mercy, Brother Matthias Moller, FMMA, Professor Joseph Dunn, PhD, Associate Dean of Research at D'Yuille College School of Pharmacy.



Michael E. McRae



Dr. Michael Noe



Msrg. David LiPuma



Sr. Pat Burkard



David Nasca

BOM Welcomes New Advisory Council Members

As of May 1st, The Brothers of Mercy welcome 14 new Advisory Council members. They include:

Megan Bahas
Gerald Burgin
Emily Carrier
John DiScuillo
Karen Donovan

Patrick Fagan
Heather Hartmann
Eileen Jerge
Joyce Knoll
Chris Krieger

Sue Manchione
Dr. Raymond Paolini
Ann Scalia
Eugene Urban

Brothers of Mercy Featured on AM Buffalo



The Brothers of Mercy was featured on Channel 7's AM Buffalo on Tuesday, March 19th.

Business Development Director Nancy Gugino talked about all the exciting things happening on our wellness campus, as well as future plans for the new Assisted Living facility. Host Linda Pellegrino was impressed with all the improvement and new activity happening on campus.



SPIRITUAL Care

By Renée Villa • Spiritual Care Director

Easter Springs New Life

Some of us recently celebrated Easter. In the Christian perspective, this is the beginning of the Catholic Church. Through the course of Holy Week we experience the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The journey of Jesus gives us the promise of eternal life. But Easter is not just a day, it is a season. Easter doesn't end when we find our Easter baskets. It continues for fifty days until Pentecost when the Holy Spirit comes down as tongues of fire that give strength to the early believers to carry on the mission of Christ.

There is a passage in scripture where two of the followers of the risen Lord do not recognize God's presence until later in the passage where they share a meal and break bread together (Luke 24: 13-35). This simple gesture reveals hospitality (welcoming) to a stranger. The word hospitality is defined as the friendly and generous reception of guests, visitors and strangers. Helpfulness and kindness are also synonymous with hospitality. It is a derivative of the word hospital which has its roots in the word host or guest.

No matter what tradition you are coming from, one can certainly recognize the signs of rebirth in the season of spring as the bulbs that were planted in past years once again burst forth and give us hope for new life. Daffodils are one of the first flowers to make their appearance with their bold but gentle yellow color. Daffodils symbolize rebirth and new beginnings. They are synonymous with spring and a sign of winter's end. Daffodils are welcoming with their telephone like appearance that beckon us to listen or to speak.

We can take our cues from our faith or from nature to keep a welcoming attitude. Cycles and seasons remind us that everything is cyclical in nature. If we are feeling low, it won't last forever. Perhaps we have to be the person or the daffodil that shows kindness to a person in need. Remember a time when someone or something made your day with a small act of kindness. A simple welcoming gesture can encourage new life in anyone we meet! Peace.

Annual Spring Bereavement Prayer Service



Our Annual Spring Bereavement Service was held on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30pm at the Sacred Heart Home Chapel. One of the benefits of a bereavement service is that it allows for the space to acknowledge our losses with others. It reminds us that we are not alone on this journey. The service honored all those residents who passed away from October 2018 through April 2019.

It is a privilege to be able to share this difficult journey with residents and all who have been involved in their lives. It can be a difficult topic of discussion for families. The service was

led by Renée Villa, the Campus Director of Spiritual Care with the support of members of Administration. Bereavement Services are offered twice a year: A general prayer Service in May and a Catholic Mass in November on All Souls day.



Four Brothers Celebrate Anniversaries

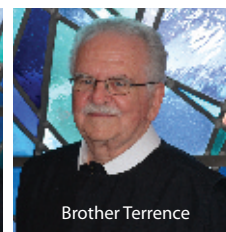
The month of March marked some major anniversaries for a number of Brothers of Mercy.

Brother Hugh Denomme celebrated his 63rd anniversary. Brother Terrence Mansfield celebrated his 62nd anniversary. Brother Edward Lewis celebrated his 56th anniversary and Brother Kenneth Thomas celebrated his 21st anniversary.

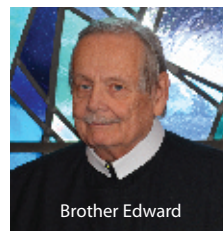
Please join us in wishing the Brothers congratulations on such amazing milestones! The Brothers of Mercy Campus, as well as Brothers of Mercy Mary Help of Christians, is very blessed to be able to benefit from the wonderful service of these dedicated Brothers.



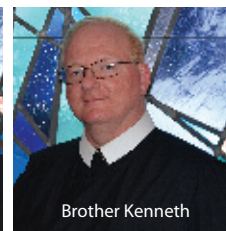
Brother Hugh



Brother Terrence



Brother Edward



Brother Kenneth

Montabaur Heights 4th Annual Ladies Tea



Our lovely ladies at Montabaur Heights on the BOM Wellness Campus recently enjoyed the annual "Ladies' Tea".

In honor of Mother's Day, the ladies of Montabaur enjoyed an afternoon of decorative hats, specialty teas and sandwiches, good company and several door prizes!

Family and friends also participated, and this popular event once again proved to be a huge success. A special thanks goes out to Ashlie for making this such a fun day for all!

Sacred Heart Garden Boxes add a Nice Touch

Sacred Heart Home's patio and gazebo areas are getting a new addition! Thanks to the Brother's of Mercy Guild, who received a grant through 716 Women's Club, Sacred Heart has received raised garden boxes; made to allow residents to easily get their hands dirty and garden.

Later this month our green thumb residents will be planting a variety of flowers and vegetables for all of Sacred Heart Home's residents, staff, and guests to enjoy. We are excited and anxious to begin digging and planting!





Mass Schedule

Saturday...3:00pm: Nursing Home

Sunday...9:30am: Sacred Heart Home Chapel **10:30am:** Montabaur Heights

Monday...9:30am: Communion Service at Sacred Heart Home Chapel

Tuesday - Friday...9:30am: Sacred Heart Home Chapel

Monday & Thursday...10:00am: Communion Service at the Nursing Home

NOTE: Thursday, August 15 is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day).

9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Home, **10:30am** Mass at Montabaur Heights

10:00am: Communion Service at the Nursing Home

FREE Outdoor Concerts

at
the
BROTHERS
of MERCY

BOM Nursing and Rehab Center Patio
10570 Bergtold Road, Clarence, NY 14031

- 1** Civiletto Sings Sinatra
Wed. June 19th • 6:30 - 8:30pm
- 2** The Kokomo Time Band
Wed. July 10th • 6:30 - 8:30pm
- 3** Terry "Elvis" Buchwald
Wed. August 14th • 6:30 - 8:30pm

STOP

LOOKING FOR SOME
EXTRA SPENDING
MONEY?

Call Sue Reilly at 716-291-6178
to see how you could earn some
extra spending money NOW!

You Spoke...
We Listened!

**Tuition Assistance
Program
Now Increased**

New Annual Maximum is
\$5,000 for Full Time employees (was \$1,000)
\$2,500 for Part Time employees (was \$500)

This will take effect for Fall Semester classes.
See Administration for details and qualifications.