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A Few Thoughts from Sr. M. Christine



Dear Friends,

November is a month for Thanksgiving, beginning with days of remembrance and gratitude for those who have gone before us and ending with an All-American feast celebrating the gifts of family and friendship in the great land we call home.

The month begins with All Saints' Day on November one; a day many of us can recall from our childhood as being a holiday from school. It was easy to wake up early that morning after an evening of trick-or-treating, sorting and counting all the candy we had collected from our neighbors. And while I also remember having to go to Mass that day, I doubt that I really knew why. Eventually, I learned to appreciate the feast of All Saints and its meaning in my life. Praying the Litany of the Saints, I came to realize just how often I would call upon saints throughout the day: to help pass a test, to find something lost, to cure an illness, to just "make things better." On All Saints' Day, we celebrate ALL saints, not just those canonized. We reflect on those who experience the eternal joy of heaven, adding our own prayers that loved ones, relatives, and friends are there among them. The saints are our models in their love for God and encourage us in our own struggles because like us, they endured the struggles of mankind.

On November 2, we continue our remembrances by celebrating the feast of All Souls' Day. We write in books or display pictures of those we wish to remember, those we love who have gone before us, their names read aloud in churches and chapels. We pray for their souls, recognizing that although they may no longer be with us, we share a spiritual union with them. Believing in the communion of saints means believing that the saints in heaven are praying for us; and that the church on earth, the souls in Purgatory and the saints in heaven are all united. This November 17, we will have a special Mass at the Home to remember all those who have died this past year. Although bittersweet, we will find joy in seeing loved one's families whom we have come to know and love.

November holds another day of solemnity and appreciation for men and women around the world:

Veterans' Day, celebrated on November 11. Unlike Memorial Day, which honors those who *died* serving in a war, Veterans Day honors all men and women who have served in any branch of the military. We acknowledge our appreciation and gratitude with parades, wreaths, and speeches. We also recognize that, just like the saint who did not aspire to become a saint, our country's men and women did not choose to serve to become a hero. But in the nation's eyes, each of them did. And we can't thank them enough.

As the end of November draws near, we look to the celebration of one of America's most cherished national holidays: Thanksgiving. One of the busiest travel times of the year, people from across the country and around the globe head "home" to be with family and friends on this day; a day filled with timeless traditions and favorite foods. In 1780, the first national Thanksgiving Day was declared as a response to a Congressional petition to be a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to acknowledge with grateful hearts the many favors of Almighty God. Two hundred and thirty-eight years later, the meaning of these words – our allegiance to God, our country, our families and fellow human beings – remains unchanged.

In the context of these special remembrance days of November, "Let us ever be mindful of the faith and spiritual values that have made our Nation great and that alone can keep us great." (Abraham Lincoln) Let us be grateful for all He has given us: saints to aid us, soldiers to defend us, and families and friends with love to sustain us. Above all, we thank our God for His promise that when our work on earth is done, He will be waiting in Heaven to welcome each of us home.

I wish each of you a blessed November and a happy Thanksgiving!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Sister M. Christine, FSGM

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MILESTONES

New Residents
Virginia McGrellis
Louise Naumann

Farewell
Doyle Edwards

November Birthdays

Residents

Mary Kay Shehan—4th
Clarence Bishop—5th

Staff Members

Bridget Sonnier—1st
Barbara Douthit—6th
Leonard Slaughter—18th
Quinesha Day—20th
Angela Brown—25th
Kania Kendrick—26th



Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O God, when I have food, help me
to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me to re-
member the jobless;
When I have a home, help me to
remember those who have no
home at all;
When I am without pain, help me to
remember those who suffer,
And remembering, help me to de-
stroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion, and be con-
cerned enough to help;
By word and deed, those who cry
out for what we
take for granted.
Amen. — Samuel F. Pugh



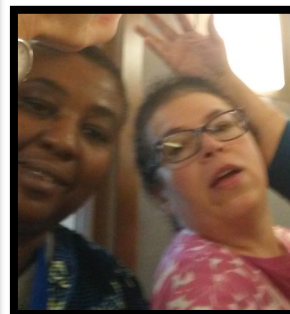
Staff Appreciation Month 2018!



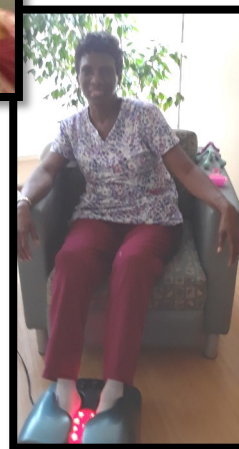
A
relaxing
Spa
Day!



On behalf of the Sisters, residents, and their families: Many, many thanks to all our staff at MOGCH for another year of loving care and dedication to those in your care!



Scavenger
Hunt Fun!



ATTENTION COKE & PEPSI DRINKERS!!

Help the Home by donating plastic bottle tops and/or box lids (**NOT aluminum tabs**) from Coke & Pepsi products. NOTE - BOTTLE TOPS/BOX LIDS MUST CONTAIN A REWARDS CODE IN ORDER TO BE USED. Points will be used to buy items for trivia nights. Thanks!!!

Thanksgiving Potluck!



Join us November 13th at 5 p.m. in the Activity Hall for a Thanksgiving dinner.

We will supply the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, dessert, and drinks. Please bring a voluminous side dish to share. If you plan to attend please contact Sr. M. Juliana at smjuliana@mogch.org, call 383-4765, sign up at the front desk, or tell a member of the Activity staff.

Reminder: No December Potluck!



Mother of Good Counsel Home's Annual Appeal letters will reach your mailboxes this month. If you do not receive a letter in your mailboxes by the end of the month and would like to participate please contact Marsha Heine (mheine@mogch.org or call 314-383-4765) and one will be mailed to you.

All contributions are greatly appreciated. No donation is too small! We humbly ask that you please pray for us and our mission of making God's merciful love visible to those we serve.

Thank you for all the love and support you have shown us and may God bless you for your generosity.

-the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George

Auxiliary News

Trivia Night Meeting!

There will be a Trivia Night meeting after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 11th in the classroom. All who want to volunteer and help out are welcome to attend or contact Dave Barnhart at barnharts2000@msn.com

Come for Mass and stay for donuts!

The Auxiliary will also be serving delicious donuts, hot coffee and juice after the 10 a.m. Mass on November 4th. All are invited!

Shop 'til You Drop!

Christmas will be here before you know it and we are in need of items to offer our residents an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping at our annual Shop 'til You Drop in December. If you would like to drop off new or gently used knick knacks, odds and ends, contact Sr. M. Juliana at 383-4765 or smjuliana@mogch.org



Mass of Remembrance

On Saturday, November 17, at 9:30 a.m., Mass will be celebrated for all the deceased residents of this past year. Family members and friends are invited to join us in prayer for our loved ones. Msgr. Mark Ullricht will preside.



Call 314-383-4765 to RSVP by Monday, November 12

November Coming Events

Cards/Games—Mondays Bingo—Tuesdays and Thursdays Music with Sr. Brenda —1
Exposition/Benediction—2 Birthday Party—7 **Thanksgiving Potluck —13**
Sing A Long w/Ed—21 **Christmas Tree Decorating—28** Round Table/Fold News From Home—29

Jamaica Party and doing the Limbo!

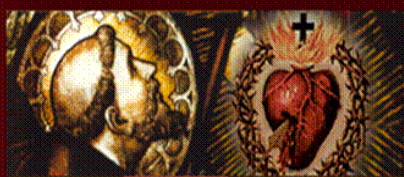


Enjoying a Hawaiian
Experience!

Learning a Hawaiian
Dance!



Admiring the art at our Resident Art Show.



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