

## MOGCH Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser—2019!

Some new faces along with the usual participants showed up to support our Home and residents!



Our heartfelt thanks to all who gave in any way to make this day possible. We would not be able to do what we do without your support!



A first timer at our Fundraiser takes home \$670! Her 50/50 split winnings of the night!



# News From Home

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## A Few Thoughts from Sr. M. Christine

Dear Friends,

October is the month dedicated to the Rosary. I remember receiving my very first Rosary at the time of my First Communion. It was white with a gold cross, and was nestled in a small white zippered purse along with a white prayer book. How I treasured my Rosary, often winding it around my wrist in a bracelet fashion. I recall that our teacher, Sister Michaelletta, said that by saying Mary's Rosary devoutly, we would be closer to her Son, Jesus. Little emphasis was placed upon the mysteries of the Rosary at that time. As I grew, my understanding of and love for the Rosary developed further.

The Rosary is a universal prayer, and one doesn't have to be Catholic to pray it. That statement may surprise many of you – I know that when I was young I certainly didn't know this! And I thought it might be helpful in this newsletter to share the meaning of the Rosary with you, and answer questions such as why so many continue to pray the Rosary, what it means, and how we pray it.

A friend of mine once said she didn't understand why we have to think about the mysteries while praying the Rosary, and why we cannot just pray the Our Father's and Hail Mary's. She said that a friend of hers, a devout Catholic, responded to her question by saying: "How often do you show me your photo album with pictures of your children and grandchildren? Pictures taken at important events in their lives. It's the same here, the friend explained. Mary is showing us the important events in her life and in the life of her Son." The light dawned!

St. Pope John Paul II wrote that "the Rosary recalls the chief mysteries of the Christian religion, the mysteries of our Redemption, the great mysteries of Jesus and His Mother united in joys, sorrows, and triumphs."

The best way to pray the Rosary is to meditate on the important events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. Twenty of these moments are captured in what we call the mysteries of the Rosary, which are grouped into four sets: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous. They

serve as a backdrop to the decades (groups of ten Hail Mary's) of the Rosary. As you meditate or think on these events, let the words of the prayers flow by. Focus less on the words and more on the mysteries. By doing this, we will never forget the graces that have been showered upon us through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Get lost in the scene. Imagine yourself there. Each of the mysteries of the Rosary can teach us a valuable lesson about life, love, and God's plan for us.

In 1917, the Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children, Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia, in Fatima, Portugal, following visits from an angel who appeared after the children said the Rosary. Between May 13 and October 13 of that year, Mary appeared to the children six times. Not only did she ask them to pray the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and to end World War I, but she also identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary. She held a radiant Rosary in her hands. And during her appearance in October, a miracle, known as the Miracle of the Sun, was witnessed by about 70,000 people; many who were sick were cured and many others converted. Throughout the years, the Rosary has been attributed to saving lives, saving souls, and lifting souls from Purgatory into Heaven. Its extraordinary power has resulted in many miracles. See: <https://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/catholic/astounding-holy-rosary-miracles.aspx>

We receive abundant graces and blessings from God, through the hands of the mother of the Redeemer. And the graces we receive bring us closer to Jesus. Whatever we may need – the strength and peace to get through a difficult situation, an increase of patience, the ability to forgive or ask to be forgiven, the grace to know our vocation – we receive the blessings that can change our lives through the Rosary. St. Anthony Mary Claret once said, "When people love and recite the Rosary they find it makes them better." They develop better ways of thinking, better habits, a better sense of self and everything God is calling them to be. Is Mary calling *you* to pray with her?

Gratefully yours in Christ,

*Sister M. Christine*  
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### New Residents

Br. Thomas Farnsworth  
Harlan Heck  
Mary Wright

### With Deepest Sympathy

Ruby Cobb  
Eugene Gerard  
Marie Casey

### October Birthdays

#### Residents

Mary Rose Galeaz—1st  
Richard Miskell—5th  
Harlan Heck—12th  
Fr. Ralph Wright—13th  
Charles Naeger—19h  
Margaret Stock—22nd  
Msgr. Joseph Baker—27th

#### Staff Members

Lillian Smith—1st  
Danielle Grey—4h  
Deborah Logan—7th  
Josephine Rimson—25th



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Congratulations, Lily, on your retirement after 21 years of dedicated service!



May God's blessing be upon you. May the future bring joy, peace, and good health to you!



### Oktoberbest Potluck!

Join us on October 8th at 5 pm in the Activity Hall for food and fellowship! We will provide brauts, German potato salad, cabbage, dessert, and drinks. Please bring a side dish to share! If you plan to attend, contact Sr. M. Juliana at [smjuliana@mogch.org](mailto:smjuliana@mogch.org), call 383-4765, sign up at the front desk, or tell a member of the Activity staff by October 7th! Hope to see you then!  
Next months potluck: Thanksgiving Potluck—November 12th!

October is a very special month for MOGCH because...

...it is **Staff Appreciation Month!** And, we Sisters, would like to say to all of our staff:



◆ Each of you is a blessing to us! For your dedication on rainy or snowy days—we thank you;



◆ For stepping in and stepping up when you are needed—we thank you;



◆ For your work and partnership that makes us tops in nursing home care—we thank you;



◆ For working along side us in making our mission of bringing Jesus Christ's merciful love to all who pass through our doors—we thank you;



◆ For the pride you take in your work and a job well done—we thank you;

We appreciate you! We love you, not because of the great job you do, but because each of you is worthy to be loved. You are children of God and, in your own way, a reflection of His beauty, truth, and goodness. May God be praised!

Donated items for our **Shop 'til You Drop** on December 13th can be dropped off at the front desk. Ideas for donations: scarves, hats, gloves, socks, T-shirts, knick-knacks, lotions, shampoos, & stuffed animals. Your donations will make our residents' Christmas shopping a success! Thank you for your generosity!



## The Real Presence



Transubstantiation is the sacramental act by which the substance of bread and wine is changed into the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ.

According to a recent Pew Poll, 69 percent of Catholics do not believe in Transubstantiation, 31

percent believe in the Real Presence of the Eucharist. Further study of this poll clarifies that most weekly Mass goers believe in transubstantiation and most other Catholics do not. Of the 69 percent, most are unaware of transubstantiation.

I found myself oddly consoled or somewhat relieved by this because if they are unaware, I thought, are they really rejecting Christ in the Eucharist? The verse, "Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" comes to mind. (Luke 23:34) Perhaps this is why the 69 percent are not weekly Mass goers?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church numbers 1324-1325 state, "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life" and "the other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it". If, I (and I do) believe this to be true, where does this leave the 69 percent?

Then I realized—these 69 percent are my brothers and sisters who are starving for something that is so deep, and though they cannot name it, yearn for. I know, because I used to be one of them. And when I was told the truth of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, my life was never the same.



"Jesus said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few...'" (Mt. 9:37) There are so many who need the truth, and even if they don't realize it now...they will...one day. The question is, who will tell them?

In His Peace, Sr. M. Juliana



## October Coming Events

- Bingo—Mondays /Saturdays
- Playing Cards—Thursdays
- Sing-Along w/Ed—2nd
- Exposition/Benediction—4th
- Oktoberfest Potluck—8th
- Movie, *Monsters Inc.*—9th
- Music w/Sr. Brenda&Louise—10th
- Birthday Party—11th
- Card Making w/Renae—18th
- Watercolors w/Mary Ellen—22nd
- Halloween Party—24th
- RT/Fold & Deliver NFH—25th
- ...and much more!

### Get Involved!

Why not volunteer a few hours a month? Contact Sr. M. Juliana at [smjuliana@mogch.org](mailto:smjuliana@mogch.org) Hours are flexible. How are you interested in helping: Trivia Night, one on one visits, helping out scheduled activities? First Trivia Night meeting coming up soon! Watch future NFH issues for details.

