

St. Mary's Gazette

St. Mary's
at
Felician Village

Celebrating Active Lifestyles

Our Mission

To continue the healing ministry of Jesus by providing compassionate care that respects the dignity of each person we serve.

Our Vision

Our vision is to lead the community in offering seniors personalized services that are life-enriching and wellness focused.

Core Values

Respect for Human Dignity
Compassion
Transformation
Solidarity with People in Need
Justice and Peace

President & CEO

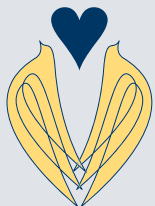
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Felician Village

Sponsored by the Felician Sisters

Mission & Heritage Week

During October, we celebrated Mission and Heritage Week with the theme: "Widening the Tent for Charism and Mission."



The image of a tent reminds us that our earthly life is part of a larger spiritual journey. As we travel this path together, rooted in faith, love, and mutual care, we find strength in the enduring truth that God is always present, both within us and among us.

Throughout the week, we embraced many opportunities to reflect on the heart of our ministry and to live more fully into the call to "widen our tent."

Some of the activities included:

- A special hand blessing.
- Residents and staff tested their knowledge during Felician Village Trivia and spinning the wheel for a prize.
- Staff, residents and the community gathered for a Pet Blessing led by a Franciscan Friar.
- Felician Village staff brought the fun and spirit to a Mission & Heritage Scavenger Hunt.
- A pup tent was set up outside the Blessed Angela Chapel for residents, staff and visitors to donate items to the Lakeshore Humane Society.



Happy Thanksgiving

We're so grateful for our residents and their families—your presence fills our community with love and joy.

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The resident newsletter of St. Mary's Home



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★ St. Mary's

Gerald Champeau, *Army*

James Tadych, *Army*

Robert Mueller, *Navy*

Dale Elm, *Army*

Clarence "Butch" Schneider, *Navy*

★ Rehab/Bridge

Robert Ardnt, *Army*

Daniel Panratz, *Marine Corps*

Donald Karman, *Army*

Joseph Kunesh, *Army*

It was a paw-some Halloween at St. Mary's!

A four-legged friend stopped by in costume to share cuddles, smiles, and tail wags.



Mission Message



In November we celebrate all that makes us thankful. Maybe we are thankful for the 46 million turkeys consumed during this holiday. Or the 50

million pumpkin pies! (Thanks for Reader's Digest for that trivia) In my family, we are thankful for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the dog show that follows it. We have a parade bingo game that continues throughout morning. We celebrate all the fun dogs that we see in the dog show, especially the ridiculously fluffy ones. But most importantly, we celebrate spending time with family.

According to the Pew Research Center, spending time with family far outranks other personal priorities for most Americans. A large majority of U.S. adults (73%) say family time is one of the most important aspects of their life. Catholic Social Teaching has a principle entitled Call to Family, Community, and Participation. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops tells us that "the person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society -- in economics and politics, in law and policy -- directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable."

We are called to care for each other, to make those who are without family at this time feel welcomed and loved. Our care extends from our own family out to the community where we participate in non-perishable food drives for those in need. Our faith asks us to be especially aware of those who are without the basic requirements for health and life. The Felician Sisters came to this continent 150 years ago to offer their services to poor Polish immigrants. They continue to live in solidarity with all those in need. They offer us a foundation and a model for celebrating our thankfulness for all of God's creation.

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TRICK OR TREATERS GALORE!

Felician Village welcomed students from Bethany Lutheran School, Jefferson Elementary School and St. John's Lutheran Church & School - Newtonburg to trick or treat throughout our campus.

These sweet visits are part of our Intergenerational Program, spreading smiles across generations!



In Loving Remembrance

October 2025

Gaile Kelty, *St. Mary's*

Marilyn Kollross, *St. Mary's*

Elizabeth "Betsy" Kretsch, *St. Mary's*

Henry Dittmann, *The Villa & The Court*

Margaret Kumbalek, *The Court*

Joan M. Krey, *The Gardens & St. Mary's*

Duane Thews, *The Villa, Court, & Gardens*

