

Our Residents' Lenten Journey

St. Martin's Residents in our independent apartments were asked to describe their Lenten journey. Spiritual care plays a vital role in the lives of the elderly residing here, offering comfort and strength amidst the unique challenges they encounter.

Catherine Neubauer

Catherine finds special grace in attending Adoration in our beautiful chapel at St. Martin's Home.

"How lucky are we that Jesus lives right here with us."

Catherine remembers Lent while growing up in her very devout Catholic family.

"Fridays, of course, we did not have meat. On Good Friday, the children were not allowed to play between 12-3pm. We had to remain inside the house, the drapes were drawn until after 3pm."

Today, at 88 years old, Catherine finds great solace praying the Rosary. "Prayer is one thing that we can all do to make the world better. I wish more people would pray more and remember to be grateful."



Patricia Cole

Patricia has lived at St. Martin's Home for over 3 years. Pat tearfully shares that the Rosary "saved her."

As a child, her family prayed the Rosary and her



Dad attended daily Mass.

Today, many years later, Pat also attends daily Mass and says a daily novena prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus throughout the day and night. Patricia confidently exclaims, "the Lord always listens to his Mom."

"Our prayers have great power, and during Lent we are all called to pray for others who haven't experienced the love of Christ in their lives."

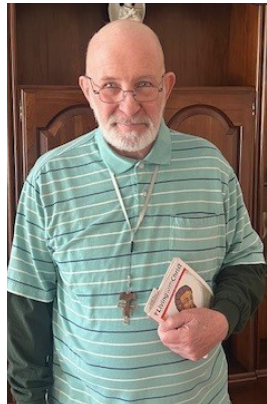
"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee. I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee. Amen"
Angel of Portugal

Albert Gigel

Albert resides in our Fatima Cottage. He is quick to call attention to the beautiful view outside his window overlooking the garden known as "Calvary." The

outdoor Calvary at St. Martin's Home is situated among the tall trees and meadow. When he first encountered his view from his apartment, Albert said he knew immediately that this was "home" for him.

For Albert, when he looks out upon the setting, he is reminded of the Stations of the Cross, not only at Lent, but throughout the year. He spent many years attending the Stations of the Cross and meditating on Jesus' suffering. This has been particularly



meaningful to Albert in the past several months as he is adapting to a new diet, new habits. He has been sacrificing and making choices that are renewing him in body, mind and spirit.

Lent has been a great opportunity to reflect and meditate more frequently on all that Jesus sacrificed for us to be forgiven and "made new".

Rae Giraldi

Rae is a longtime Resident of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Rae and her husband were Residents of our former home in Richmond. After her husband passed away,

Rae happily transplanted here to Baltimore in our John Paul II Cottage. Her lovely home is inviting and warm.

Rae became Catholic on her wedding day and enjoyed 60 years of marriage to her late husband, Ross. It wasn't until after her husband's passing that she began embracing the spirit of Lent. Today, Lent has become part of her interior life, and she participates daily in the Rosary, Mass and the Divine Mercy chaplet daily. These practices have greatly enriched her spiritual growth. Rae is fervent, grateful and expectant of new growth as we approach the Easter Resurrection.



Letting the Good Times Roll

Mardi Gras Parade and Party

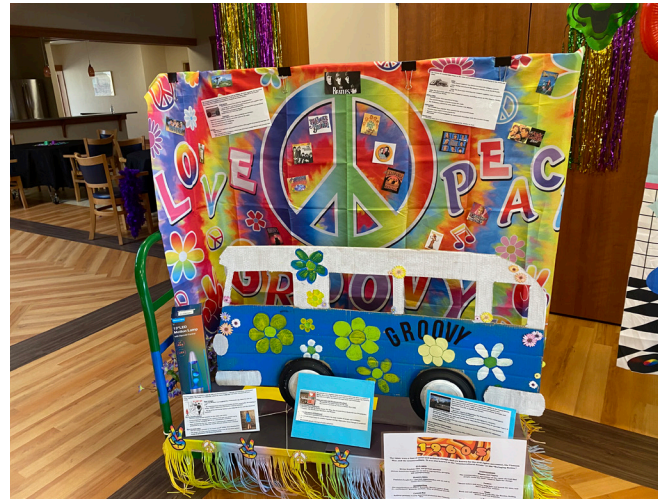
St. Martin's held its annual indoor parade on Fat Tuesday, complete with a collection of floats followed by the traditional Mardi Gras party.

Our enthusiastic Residents enjoyed the parade – clapping and cheering for their favorite floats.

Our activities department went all out to give the Residents a taste of New Orleans, bringing the Big Easy to St. Martin's Home.

Being at St. Martin's doesn't mean giving up. It means "keep going."

Adding to the festivities were the staff dressing in their "favorite decade" clothing!



Take a Chance on the Spring Raffle

Support the Care of Our Residents

When the spring weather arrives, it is easy to forget the winter we just experienced. Snow, rain, freezing temperatures, and wind – lots and lots of wind!

Unfortunately the 2024/2025 winter was particularly hard on St. Martin's. As we are sure you know, our fuel bills skyrocketed and left us woefully short-funded in that line item.

In order to defray some of the fuel costs, we are hoping you'll take part in our Spring Raffle, "Supporting Our Residents Care."

For your convenience, tickets are enclosed with this newsletter.

Since the drawing is in June, won't it be nice to have a little extra cash for this year's vacation?

As always, thank you for your generosity and your support of the Little Sisters and the Residents of St. Martin's Home.



Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is a universal celebration in memory of Ireland's prominent saint. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that approximately 1 in 5 Americans have Irish lineage, but on March 17, everyone at St. Martin's Home is Irish and the day is a cause for celebration.

Sláinte! (Health!) Lá Theile Pádraig sona duit! (Happy St. Patrick's Day to you!)



MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

The Sunday gospels in Lent give us much food for thought as they reveal the person and power of Jesus. He is seen as a mystic emerging from the desert, a Messiah transfigured before the apostles, a prophet driven to decry the injustice in the temple, a wise teacher willing to dialogue with a Pharisee and a suffering servant ready to glorify God by embracing his Passion.

We walk in the footsteps of Christ this time of year, especially as it pertains to his suffering. We detach from the things of the world so we can be in tune with the things of God and that which is lasting and will not pass away with time.

Whatever observances we practice during the Lenten season, it is important to focus on the end goal of getting ourselves to Easter with greater love in our hearts for Jesus. After the good thief proclaimed Christ's divinity while hanging beside him on the cross, Christ said, "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." Let's remember these words await anyone who comes to Christ, no matter how late in life or in Lent. And regardless of where we stand on our spiritual journey, when Easter comes, let's run to him with joy over the mercy of God realized for us in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Easter and Spring,
*Mother Jeanne Mary, I.S.P.
Superior*

Exciting Upcoming Events You Won't Want to Miss!

As we move through the year, we have several events on the horizon, bringing our communities together for a meaningful cause. Check out the upcoming events that offer opportunities to get involved and have a great time while supporting the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Martin's Home!



"It's In the Bag" Purse Auction

Date: April 26, 2025

Location: St. Martin's Home

Get ready for a stylish afternoon at the "It's In the Bag" Purse Auction! This annual event features an auction of designer handbags, accessories, and more, all in support of St. Martin's Home. All proceeds will benefit the organization's mission to provide care and support to the needy elderly. It's a fabulous way to add to your wardrobe while helping a wonderful cause!

Patron Night FUNDRAISER



Date: June 24 & 25, 2025

Location: Chef Paolino Café and Five Guys Catonsville

Mark your calendars for Patron Night, where dining out becomes a way to support St. Martin's home. Enjoy delicious meals at Chief Paolino Café or Five Guys in Catonsville on June 24 or 25 from Noon – 7 p.m., with a portion of the proceeds going to support the Little Sisters of the Poor mission. Bring your friends and family for a fun night out and help make a difference simply by enjoying some great food! Visit our website for details as they become available: www.littlesistersofthepoorbaltimore.org.



12th Annual Nun Run

Date: September 13, 2025

Location: Cathedral of Mary Our Queen

This beloved annual event combines fitness and fun for a great cause! The 12th Annual Nun Run will feature a 5k run or 1 mile walk and is the perfect opportunity to get active while supporting the Little Sisters mission that is making a difference in the community. Whether you're walking or running, gather your friends, family, and colleagues for a day of movement, camaraderie, and charity. Don't miss out on the chance to be part of something special!



1st Annual Golf Tournament

Date: October 20, 2025

Location: Rolling Road Golf Club

We are excited to collaborate with our donors, friends and community for our 1st annual Golf Tournament. Help us raise awareness and funding for St. Martin's Home. This is much more than a golf game; it's a chance to connect with our community, build relationships and support a vital cause.