

The Village Voice

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A Senior Care Community

"Caring for Our Elders with the Compassion of Christ"



Independent Living Resident, Carl Southern

A Message from Amy...

I cannot believe that we are already in the midst of the busy Holiday Season! I pray that you all find time to enjoy the Holidays with your family and friends and that you can take some time for yourself to relax and reflect on the true meaning of the season!

I look forward to all of you attending our Annual Christmas Parties. We celebrate with the residents in the Rehabilitation and Nursing Center on December 11th and with our Assisted and Independent Living residents on December 13th. These are always such wonderful parties with great food, music and fellowship! Be on the lookout for your invitation and let us know how many from your family will be able to attend!

I also ask that everyone consider giving to our End of the Year Campaign, "Help Us, Help Them". This year we are focusing our efforts on raising money that will allow us to provide programs at SDV to enrich the Spirit, Mind and Body of our residents!

I hope that you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Amy Shields, LNFA
Chief Executive Officer

Through the Storm, a CEO's Perspective

Recognizing Our Amazing Staff

I would like to share with you an update on how St. Dominic Village fared during Hurricane Harvey. Although we did have storm damage related to a few roof leaks and water intrusions, for the most part we did stay safe and dry. Before the storm even arrived, St. Dominic Village was prepared, and we had many staff members that moved into the facility to ride out the storm with our residents. The staff left their own homes and families to take care of the residents of St. Dominic Village. It is a true calling of love for what they do, and I consider myself very lucky to have ridden out the storm here with such amazing coworkers. It was a long five days, but St. Dominic Village was blessed by the care of these dedicated staff members.



Matt Bell
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Yolanda Underwood
Brittany Warren
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Planned Giving at St. Dominic Village

REASONS TO REMEMBER ST. DOMINIC VILLAGE IN YOUR WILL

It's a lot like planting a tree today so someone can enjoy its shade tomorrow.

- Enjoy the satisfaction of providing the means for St. Dominic Village to fulfill its mission.
- Save on gift and estate taxes and reduce or avoid capital gains taxes.
- Pass assets on to family members at reduced tax costs.
- Leave a legacy without giving up assets.

ANY GIFT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every gift is important. Leaving a bequest to St. Dominic Village is your opportunity to create a meaningful legacy.

YOUR LIFE INSURANCE CAN BENEFIT ST. DOMINIC VILLAGE

You can make a substantial legacy gift to St. Dominic Village by designating St. Dominic Village as the named beneficiary of your existing life insurance policy. This gift can, in some circumstances, be far greater than anything you could donate during your lifetime.

WHAT IS A BEQUEST?

A bequest is a gift of property or assets left for St. Dominic Village in your will. A bequest can be established as either a percentage of your estate or a fixed sum.

Every bequest to St. Dominic Village is a powerful expression of faith and goodwill in the future of our campus.

WHAT IS A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY?

A charitable gift annuity is one of the most popular ways to help St. Dominic Village and receive income during your lifetime. For example, you can set up a gift annuity and receive a guaranteed payment far above market rates.

For more information on planning your gifts, please call Director of Development Kimberly Elliott at 713-741-8722.



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St. Dominic Village Annual Craft Fair

Fun, Fellowship and Creative Crafts!

There were so many highlights of this year's Annual Craft Fair. We had a host of returning craft vendors who brought inspired rosaries, beautifully handmade blankets, scented bath salts and other must have items. Some of our first time vendors brought amazing floral arrangements for every occasion and antique designer jewelry.

While there was definitely something for everyone, there was lots of excitement surrounding our very own Independent Living residents' creativity represented by their gorgeous handmade purses and artwork. They were truly the shining stars of the craft fair or maybe we're just biased!



Our Craft Fair was held on Thursday, October 12th. Be sure to join us in 2018.



Navigating the Talk

St. Dominic Village Panel Series for Seniors & Families

St. Dominic Village is proud to share our new panel series “Navigating the Talk”, lead by St. Dominic Village Director of Admissions and Marketing, Melba Hamilton-Breed and our dear friend Dr. Camel Dyer. The panel series focuses on a range of topics, such as signs that an elderly family member may need daily help, handling financial and personal affairs, when should family no longer honor the living arrangement wishes of an elderly parent or loved one and much more. Look out for posting on our Facebook page and website for the next panel.



Cheers!

Independent & Assisted Living Residents enjoy a trip to The Messina Hof Winery



Our Assisted and Independent Living residents enjoyed a wonderful outing to the Messina Hof Winery. During the tour, residents had an opportunity to meet with the owners and sample fine wines. Lunch at Los Cucos Mexican Grill capped off the day! Our residents had a wonderful time and we look forward to the next big adventure.



We did the Monster Mash

St. Dominic Village Annual Halloween Dance

This was no ordinary senior Halloween Dance at St. Dominic Village, and you only had to look around the room to see that. There was a walker standing alone but no hands on the handles. The owner of that walker was just inches away dancing with her arms in the air in absolute joy. Wheel chairs were twirling on the dance floor and there were smiling faces as far as the eye could see. It was clear that the DJ and his photographer wife, John and Carol Ramirez had done it again! They'd brought the visitors, residents and staff of St. Dominic Village to their feet to dance the afternoon away.

Then there was the parade of contenders for the Halloween Costume winners. They were a ghoulishly scary bunch with one thing in mind—winning. We saw four residents happily dressed as Crayola Crayons. There was a not-so-vicious gorilla on a leash whose dance moves were top notch. Everyone smiled at the very stylishly dressed Phantom of the Opera because he's a regular at the dance. It was not a joke that the Joker was in our midst hoping to win the grand prize and she did!

Great food, awesome music and staff escalating the FUN level by serving and dancing. Sounds a like party? We call it a day in the life of our residents at St. Dominic Village.



We did the Monster Mash

St. Dominic Village Annual Halloween Dance! (continued)

Top left photo features our Costume Contest winners; **from left to right:** Thomas Spencer (3rd place), Steve Brumbaugh and wife Beverly (2nd place) and Independent Living resident Alice Wood (1st place).



Volunteers Make a Difference!

We welcome volunteers of all faiths and ages.
We welcome individual volunteers and groups of
volunteers for one time visits or for ongoing assignments.

If are interested in volunteering with St. Dominic Village,
join us for our 2018 Volunteer Orientations.

Saturday, January 13th
Saturday, February 3rd
Saturday, March 3rd
Saturday, April 14th



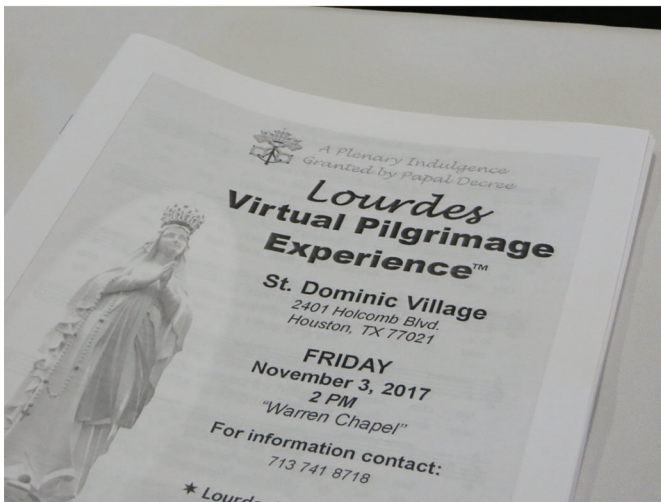
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<http://www.stdominicvillage.org/howyoucanhelp.html>

Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes

On Friday, November 3rd St. Dominic Village hosted a Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes in Warren Chapel, hosted by special guests Lynette McCadden and Fran Salaun from *Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality*. Residents, staff, family and friends experienced the sights of Lourdes through powerpoint presentation, photography and narration from our host.

Guests learned the history of Our Lady of Lourdes and participated in prayer and worship in her honor. In 1858 Lourdes rose to prominence due to the Marian apparitions claimed to have been seen by Bernadette Soubirous, who was later canonized. Lourdes has become one of the world's most important sites of pilgrimage and religious tourism.



Happy Birthday Residents



October

November

December

Lousie Bering
Geraldine Carter
Ann Cashiola
Elizabeth Darilek
Mary Devine
Elizabeth Haukohl
Carol Holmes
Leola Limbrick
James Novak
Max Rodriguez Jr.
William Trahan
Esther Wallace
Mary Whitmire
Alice Wood
Mary Zepeda

Maria Sylvia Bonin
Annie Bourgeois
Raquel Crawford
Anna Egan
Jo Ann Earnest
Horacio Fernandez
Susan Gedutis
John Hodnett
Henrietta Lair
Patricia Lamb
Wallace Mallay

Mary Migliore
Lane Parish
John Raia
Hilda Mae Randolph
Andrea Rogers
Natalie Sample
Lois Schindler
Delores Smith
Lois Ward
Mary Williams
Leonard Zatopek

Theresa Adair
Yvonne Barkate
Mary Ann Chambers
Margaret Gatti
Richard Jeso
Margie Lilly
Philomena B. Morgan
Sonia Troncso
Dolores Yurmanovic
Anna Cosby
Carol Elder
Marjorie Finnegan
Rosemary Humphrey
Geraldine Price



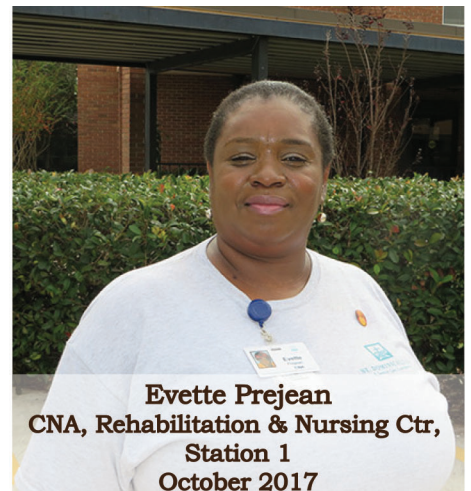
Employee of the month



Mary Martin
CMA, Rehabilitation & Nursing Ctr,
Station 1
August 2017



Dolce Santos
PRN CMA
September 2017



Evette Prejean
CNA, Rehabilitation & Nursing Ctr,
Station 1
October 2017

Your vote counts! Residents, staff and families are able to vote for *Employee of the Month*. Nomination forms are on the drop box at the reception desk and at each nursing station in the Rehabilitation and Nursing Center; at the reception desk in Charlotte Hall, and the 3rd floor in Assisted Living. You can also vote on our website for the employee of the month by visiting our homepage to cast your vote. Nominations can be made from the 1st to the 15th of each month.

15th Annual Bishop Rizzotto Golf Classic



Has Bishop Rizzotto touched your life? Was he your priest? Did he marry you or maybe baptize you? A great opportunity to thank him is to support his annual golf tournament. It is hard to believe, but the 2018 Bishop Rizzotto Golf Classic marks the 15th anniversary of this event. In the past years, the tournament has raised over One million dollars for the mission of St. Dominic Village. We have been blessed by sponsors, golfers, and volunteers supporting our biggest fundraiser each year to help us with our mission of *Caring for Our Elders with the Compassion of Christ*.

We will tee off at Wildcat Golf Course on Thursday, March 8, 2018. Thank you to our amazing and faithful Sponsors: Marek Bros, Mrs. Raye White, Westside Lexus, West Point Lincoln and Christ Taylor Insurance. We are also blessed by In-Kind Sponsors: Silver Eagle Distributors, Ragin Cajun, Tony Mandola's, KSHJ, Coca-Cola and Ace Advertising.

We still need sponsors and golfers to make this year the best yet! There are many opportunities to support the event, which include donating, sponsoring a priest to play or playing in a foursome. Another small way to help support our big day is to participate in the raffle. This year's raffle is a Texan Helmet autographed by JJ Watt. Each person that signs up to play golf between November 1st and February 7th will receive one free raffle ticket. The helmet is valued at over \$1,000. Raffle tickets will be on sale from February 8th to March 8th for \$50 each. The wining raffle ticket will be pulled at the awards dinner after we play golf. The winner does not need to be present to win.

We are busy planning a great day for all participants. We will have a silent auction, whiskey and wine pull and some other surprises. We will have a Putting Contest, Hole In One, Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin contests and prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Low Gross and Low Net on each course. Please join us to honor Bishop Rizzotto and support St. Dominic Village. **You can get more information at www.stdominicvillage.org or call Director of Development Kimberly Elliott 713-741-8722, or email kelliott@stdominicvillage.org.**



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Help Us, Help Them Enrich Their Lives

Our Residents



Sister Mary Boddeker
Rehabilitation & Nursing Center Resident

"The rewards of growing older are growing wiser, growing closer to God, and growing in my faith."



Ms. Mary Zepeda
Rehabilitation & Nursing Center Resident

"I pray daily. Even in times when I am not feeling well, I pray. Praying is a source of peace."



Mr. Charles Taylor
Assisted Living Resident

"I have had a good life and a good career, and I am not the least bit sorry that I came [to St. Dominic Village] for help. Matter of fact, I am very glad to be here and I am hoping to contribute to this community."

We are called to be good stewards of our elders. This involves more than just their healthcare needs. During this joyous season, please join me in helping to provide funds for programs devoted to the Spirit, Mind, and Body of our residents that reside at St. Dominic Village.

- Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo, D.D., S.T.L.

"I am so blessed to lead St. Dominic Village, and to be a part of the team that 'Cares for Our Elders with the Compassion of Christ'."

During this season of giving please consider donating to our End of the Year Campaign to provide the necessary funds to develop our programs devoted to the Spirit, Mind, and Body of our residents.

Your donation will make a direct impact on the quality of life of the residents we serve. I thank you for your support and wish you a Merry Christmas."

- Amy Shields, CEO

Your end-of-year donation will support enrichment of St. Dominic Village residents' Spirit, Mind and Body. Your gifts will support new activities, programs and classes specifically geared for the two hundred and eighty residents in our community.

Donations can be sent in by:

Mail - Attn: Development Department
St. Dominic Village ~ 2401 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77021
or

Online @ <http://www.stdominicvillage.org/endofyear-donation.html>

Thank you for your support & generosity

Welcome to the Village!

St. Dominic Village prides itself on the level of care and dedication we give each and every day to ensure our residents are happy and healthy.

Our staff go above and beyond to get to know each resident personally and learn what activities they enjoy most to ensure that all residents are engaged and connected.

Please welcome our new residents.

Assisted Living

Joseph Devine
Mary Devine
Vivian Huber
Olga Shimek
Mildred Wanja
Ana Stannard
Leonard Zatopek

Independent Living

Frank Bryan
Haracio Fernandez
Mirta Fernandez
Robert Ford
Susan Gedutis
Becky Morrow
Jim Muehr
Ed Svrcek

Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

John Alexander
Anna Cosby
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Special Service Dates

Tuesday, December 5th, **Advent Morning Retreat with Sr. Mary Dennison, rc**

- 9:30-11:00 a.m. Warren Chapel

Friday, December 8th, **Holy Day of Obligation for Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 8:15 a.m. Warren Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
- Noon Warren Chapel
- 1:30 p.m. 5th Floor Tower

Wednesday, December 20th, **Advent Penance Service**

- 10:00 a.m. in Warren Chapel

Sunday, December 24th, Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve

- 10:00 a.m. Warren Chapel Advent Sunday Mass
- 11:15 a.m. Warren Chapel Deaf Community Advent Sunday Mass
- 5:00 p.m. Warren Chapel Deaf Community Christmas Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Warren Chapel Christmas "Midnight Mass"

Monday, December 25th, **Christmas Day**

- 10:00 a.m. Warren Chapel This is the only Mass today

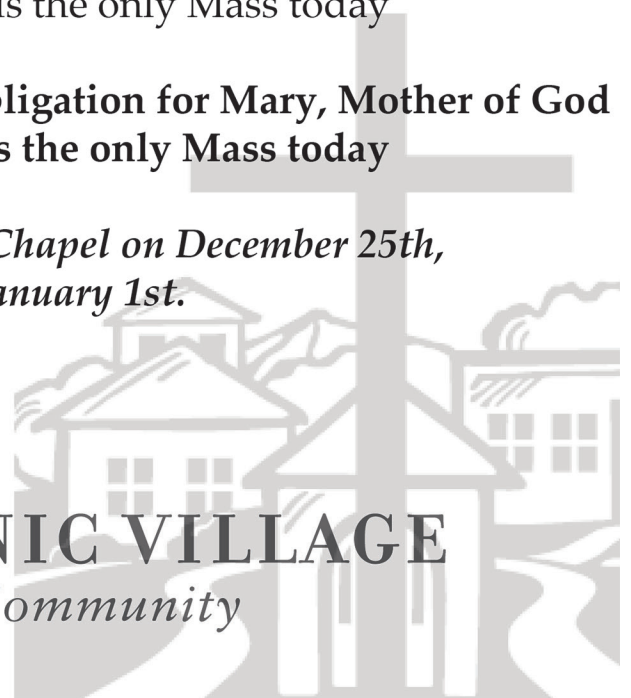
Monday, January 1st, **NOT a Holy Day of Obligation for Mary, Mother of God**

- 8:15 a.m. Warren Chapel **This is the only Mass today**

**There is NO Noon Mass in Warren Chapel on December 25th, December 26th, and January 1st.*



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*Join us for our
Christmas Parties*

Mark your calendars and join us for our annual Christmas celebrations.
The Rehabilitation and Nursing Center Christmas Party is:
Monday, December 11th, 5pm - 7pm in the Nursing Center.

Our Assisted and Independent Living Resident Christmas Party:
Wednesday, December 13, 5pm - 7pm in the auditorium.



*We look forward to you joining us
for an evening of fellowship, food, music and fun!*