

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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ST. DOMINIC VILLAGE  
*A Senior Care Community*



# A MESSAGE FROM AMY



Amy Shields, CEO

I hope this newsletter finds you all well, enjoying the summer, and staying cool! I am happy to announce that after two years of not being able to get together, we are going to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Dominic again here on campus. I hope that you will be able to

join us as we celebrate Mass with Bishop Dell'Oro, followed by dinner and the return of BINGO! Feast Day has always been a wonderful occasion to bring residents, families, friends, and staff together to remember and recognize our Patron Saint. I hope many of you can join us on August 8th as we celebrate!

This is a gentle reminder for all that visit our campus. As a facility that is licensed by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, it is still required that everyone that visits our campus wear a mask and that they still check in each time that they visit. Check in is done at the front entrance of our nursing center. Thank you for your patience as we continue to keep our residents safe! As any changes come our way, we will be sure and keep everyone updated.

I want to encourage everyone to read more about our brick campaign. This is the first time in our campus history that we are creating a permanent way to remember or celebrate someone here on campus. This brick pathway will be directly outside of Warren Chapel, "The Heart of our Campus" and will be seen by almost everyone that visits. It is the perfect way to leave a lasting mark at St. Dominic Village!

Don't forget that we are always looking for volunteers. Alonso Martinez, is our new Director

of Spiritual Care and Volunteers and he is looking for new ways to incorporate and involve volunteers. Please read more about Alonso in the newsletter, and reach out to him for more information as to how you can impact the lives of our residents here with the gift of your time!

My door is ALWAYS open! Please stop by anytime!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Shields".

Amy Shields

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## Upcoming Events

Feast Day

August 8, 2022

St. Dominic Village

Parsley Charity Golf Classic

Benefitting St. Dominic Village

September 22, 2022

Golf Club of Houston

Fall Luncheon

October 13, 2022

St. Dominic Village

*\*Pictured on Front Cover: 12th Annual Evening With The Bishops Guests of Honor: Bishop Cahill, Bishop Mulvey, Bishop Guillory, Bishop Tamayo, Cardinal DiNardo, Bishop Toups, and Archbishop Fiorenza.*

# EVENING WITH THE BISHOPS

By Kimberly Elliott  
Director of Development

The 2022 Evening with the Bishop event was held on May 5th; at the Junior League of Houston. With a nod to Cinco de Mayo, the evening was an exciting affair celebrating the Guests of Honor and the life and legacy of the late Auxiliary Bishop George Sheltz and Donors Eleanor and Richard Scalzitti.

We were honored to host His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo; Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, Most Reverend Joseph A. Fiorenza; Archbishop Emeritus of Galveston-Houston, Most Reverend Brendan J. Cahill; Bishop of Victoria, Most Reverend Curtis J. Guillory; Bishop Emeritus of Beaumont, Most Reverend Wm. Michael Mulvey; Bishop of Corpus Christi, Most Reverend James A. Tamayo; Bishop of Laredo, and Most Reverend David L. Toups; Bishop of Beaumont.

The evening began with a video tribute to longtime friend and advocate Bishop George Sheltz. Bishop Sheltz had a very long history of involvement and support of St. Dominic Village going back to the days that his parents lived in our community.

In a beautiful and heartfelt tribute to his late wife, Mr. Richard Scalzitti shared his front row seat to Eleanor's life lived serving God, her family, and her community. He encouraged others to support St. Dominic Village. The highlight of the evening was the Live Auction with first time auctioneers Cardinal DiNardo and SDV Board Chair Michele Malloy. The auction item was a Dinner with Bishop Cahill at Carrabba's (generously donated by Johnny Carrabba). After much back-and-forth bidding, ultimately three generous couples split the fabulous dinner.

A portion of the evening was dedicated to getting to know the Guests of Honor a little deeper. Each Bishop answered a interesting question and shared some first-time stories and insight providing much laughter and amusement.

This year's event was the most successful yet, raising over \$170,000 for the mission of "Caring for Our Elders with the Compassion of Christ".

Thank you to our Bishop Table Sponsors: The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston; Charles Giglio, Lisa Parigi, Regina Rogers and Gay and William Scott; David Harvey; Michele Malloy; a member of Our Lady of Walsingham; Shari and Dr. Mark Provenzano; Judith Raines; Richard Scalzitti; and Raye G. White.



*Honoree Richard Scalzitti.*



*Bishop Toups speaking about Star Wars during "Questions With The Bishops."*



# EVENING WITH THE BISHOPS



CEO Amy Shields, Board Chair Michele Malloy, and Cardinal DiNardo.



James McCelvey, Bichlan Thai, and Bishop Cahill enjoying the VIP reception.



Hugh Idstein with Bishop Toups and Bishop Tamayo.



Flavia and Peter Scalzitti.



Archbishop Fiorenza, Cardinal DiNardo, Susan Stromatt, and Linda Schneider.



St. Dominic Village Senior Staff.



# PLANNED GIVING

**You can help... And save on taxes**

## Property

If you have owned a piece of property for more than one year, you can donate it to St. Dominic Village and deduct the total current value as a charitable deduction. Since property values have increased so rapidly such a deduction may save you a lot in taxes.

## IRA

Doing a direct transfer from your IRA to St. Dominic Village will avoid that money counting as your income- and being taxed - and this reduction in your annual income may drop you into a lower tax bracket.

## Check

You can always write a check to St. Dominic Village and classify that amount as a full charitable deduction.

## Appreciated Stock

Donate stock that has greatly gone up in value to St. Dominic Village to avoid capital gains taxes and have the full value as a charitable deduction.

**No matter which way you give we greatly appreciate your support!**

Visit [www.stdominicvillage.org/planned-giving](http://www.stdominicvillage.org/planned-giving) for more information.



# FALL LUNCHEON

## *St. Dominic Village Fall Luncheon*



Featuring Guest Speaker  
Amy Davis

October 13, 2022  
2401 Holcombe Blvd  
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To RSVP, visit [www.stdominicvillage.org/fall-luncheon](http://www.stdominicvillage.org/fall-luncheon)

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# VILLAGE HAPPENINGS



*Residents and staff waiting for the Astros game to begin.*



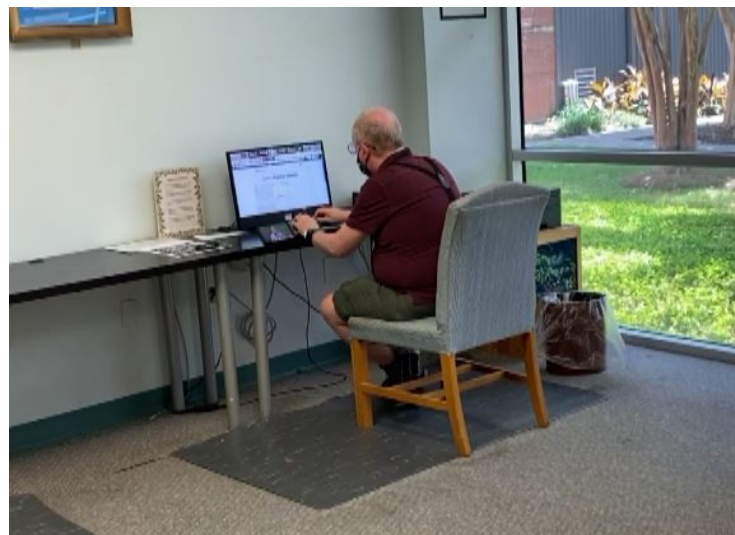
*AL and IL residents boarding the bus after attending an Astros game.*



*St. Thomas High School students cleaning up the RNC patio.*



*St. Thomas High School students and staff volunteering.*



*Mr. Rupert using the SDV computer lab.*



*Mr. Fitzgerald enjoying a sunny afternoon in Charlotte Hall.*



# PROJECT RENOVARE UPDATE

By Kimberly Elliott  
Development Director

The St. Dominic Village Board of Directors and staff put planning, effort, and belief into the success of Project Renovare, and with donations from our loyal and generous donors, we launched Phase 1 in January of 2022.

In the Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, some of the floors and paint are being refreshed. In addition, seven of the twenty-two rooms set to be fully updated are complete. Some of these new rooms will even have private showers.

The Charlotte Hall/Tower facilities used primarily by our Independent and Assisted Living residents, have three new rooms,

the Art Room, Wellness Center, and Activity Room. The rooms will soon be furnished and fully supplied for the residents' enjoyment. Much of the flooring throughout the communal areas has been updated, providing a beautiful backdrop for the upcoming updates on the staff offices, resident mailroom and the highly anticipated social area and Bistro.

It is an exciting time on campus with lots of moving parts and we appreciate the patience from all our residents, families, and staff. We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of Project Renovare and we cannot wait for everyone to see the completed project!

## BRICK CAMPAIGN

**We are creating a commemorative brick walkway on campus. It will be located in front of Warren Chapel, "The Heart of Our Campus". Purchasing a brick at St. Dominic Village is the perfect way to celebrate the life of someone special, memorialize the life of someone, or to celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, as started by Pope Francis in 2021.**

**To purchase a brick for a grandparent, friend or relative to honor their life in a permanent way, visit [www.stdominicvillage.org/brick-campaign](http://www.stdominicvillage.org/brick-campaign)**



# WELCOME ALONSO

St. Dominic Village is proud to introduce our new Director of Spiritual Care and Volunteers, Alonso Martinez. Alonso is originally from Nicaragua and moved to Houston with his family as a young teenager nearly 40 years ago.

Before starting his position at St. Dominic Village, Alonso worked as a Social Worker for the Welfare Department and Child Protective Services for 27 years. He was proud to serve the people of Texas by working with abused and neglected children and their families. For the past six years, he has been in formation for the Diaconate Program, with an anticipated Ordination date of February 2023. After he retired from working for the State of Texas, he asked God "to send me wherever He needed me." This prayer led him to St. Dominic Village.

One of the things he is most looking forward to is the opportunity to serve his neighbor.



He recalls how his mother taught him "the love and the importance to serve my neighbor and anybody in need." He is also excited to bring everything he has learned from his mother, professional career, and formation as a future deacon of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to his new position. We are excited to have Alonso on our team!

# PARSLEY CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC



St. Dominic Village is honored to have been selected by the Parsley Family to receive funds raised at the upcoming 19th Annual Parsley Charity Golf Classic!

If interested in being a Sponsor or Participant for the event, please contact Kimberly Elliott at 713.741.8722 or [kelliott@stdominicvillage.org](mailto:kelliott@stdominicvillage.org)



# EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



**Cynthia Malveaux**  
CMA  
April 2022



**Dasha Johnson**  
RNC Admission Coordinator  
May 2022



**Gina Miller**  
Social Worker  
June 2022

## FEAST DAY

### *St. Dominic Feast Day Celebration*



Join us on August 8, 2022 for our annual Feast Day celebration! An open house and tours will begin at 3pm. Mass will be held at 4pm in Warren Chapel with Bishop Italo Dell'Oro. Dinner and Bingo will follow in the St. Dominic Village auditorium.

To RSVP, visit [www.stdominicvillage.org/feast-day](http://www.stdominicvillage.org/feast-day)



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