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Reflecting Life at *Saint Mary's Home of Erie*

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Skilled Nursing
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Alzheimer's & Dementia Care
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Founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph and operated in the Catholic tradition, Saint Mary's Home of Erie is committed to an environment of loving to care where primarily seniors, their families, staff and volunteers participate in fostering an atmosphere of community.



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A Message from the President



Allen L. Bonace,
President/CEO

Our legacy of "Loving to Care" began at Saint Mary's Home of Erie 135 years ago but it remains at the forefront of our vision for the future.

When the Sisters of St. Joseph responded to the unmet needs of the elderly in 1884, they couldn't possibly have envisioned the Saint Mary's of 2019 — a Continuing Care Retirement Community spanning two campuses and caring for more than 350 residents! We've grown a lot over the years and our history shows many accomplishments. But the most important thing for us to remember is that we are here because of those who were thinking forward.

The world of healthcare is full of challenging obstacles and changing landscapes. There is a lot of talk about how to prepare for the aging baby boomer population— who will pay for the services, how will they be delivered, how will regulations and funding change. What will our healthcare system even look like in 5, 10, 20 years?

As we move through our 135th year and plan for the future, we must keep our purpose in mind and ask ourselves: How do we respond with forward-thinking to the dynamic needs of older adults and their families? How can we continue to evaluate the structures and cultures of our communities so that seniors feel engaged in their care? What more can we do to help our residents live their life in a fulfilled, dignified manner?

Our ultimate goal is not just to ensure health but to support well-being of the mind, spirit and body. May we move forward, always in this mission, ready and prepared to respond with real action to the changing needs of today and beyond.

Onward,



Allen L. Bonace
President/CEO

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Over the Years

A look back at 135 years of caring at Saint Mary's Home of Erie

On September 21st, 1884, the doors of a two-story brick building opened on the corner of East 26th and Ash streets to fifteen elderly individuals. Today, 135 years later, the doors of Saint Mary's Home of Erie, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph, remain open to more than 350 residents.

Following the opening of St. Vincent's Hospital in 1875, the Sisters of St. Joseph grew concerned about the welfare of older adults leaving the hospital. They purchased five acres of swampland and pursued plans for a home to be built that would provide the elderly with a place to live. Saint Mary's Home for the Aged quickly began to grow.

Throughout the early 1900's and the Great Depression, the Sisters operating Saint Mary's broke ground numerous times to accommodate for congested living spaces and long wait lists. Family-like dining spaces were added, modern rooms were created and spacious grounds were landscaped. By the 1950's, advances in medicine continued to increase life expectancies and, as a result, increased the number of people needing specialized services as they aged.

Forward thinking throughout the second half of the 20th century again brought developments;

the construction of a Skilled Nursing Facility, the opening of an Adult Day Center and the dedication of the Gallagher Center designed as the first freestanding facility in northwestern Pennsylvania to serve peoples with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's and dementia. By the new millennium, Saint Mary's was ready to introduce a second campus, Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge, to the Erie community that was later followed by the Carriage Homes at Asbury Ridge. In 2005, Saint Mary's was accredited as a Continuing Care Retirement Community.

Across our two campuses, we are licensed for 514 beds and 49 adult day clients. Our levels of care include Independent Living, Residential Living, Personal Care, Skilled Nursing, Alzheimer's and Dementia Care, Adult Day Services, Home Care, and Respite Care. We are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. We serve seniors in a range of life circumstances, from those able to live independently to those needing rehabilitation services to those needing memory support.

Growing. Embracing. Learning. Leading. That is our history — and will be our future.

The original building from 1884

*Photos on the following pages
from the archives at Saint Mary's*



Residents in 1894





Sr. Jerome Cronin, the
1st Superior of the Home

Then & Now

A glimpse at what has changed and what has remained the same

What was life like in 1884? Chester A. Arthur was finishing his term as the 21st president of the United States. The Statue of Liberty would not be unveiled for another two years. The eight-hour workday was first established. Tuberculosis was a leading cause of death. Old-age homes were just starting to appear in response to housing concerns over conditions for the elderly, orphans and those with mental illnesses. The average life expectancy for men and women was less than 60 years. As one of the first homes in the country dedicated to caring for the aged, Saint Mary's Home of Erie has seen a lot of change over the years.

But what hasn't changed is this: The core of our community is about a shared sense of belonging. That sense of belonging radiates from our employees, forms between neighboring residents and comforts worried family members. Whether you were on our campuses in 1884 or 2019, you would find a spirit of volunteerism, a belief that advocating for seniors will result in a better world for us all, and a strong bond among a group of mission-driven people who know the impact of the words "loving to care."

1884

2019

15



1,000+

Number of people served annually

1



9

Levels of care

5 acres



42 acres

Growth in campus size

\$5,000



\$23 million

Invested into Erie community



New look



Reflections

A peak into the lives at Saint Mary's



EILEEN TRACY

Saint Mary's East

Here: 3 months

Why Saint Mary's: A connection and recommendation from a friend brought Eileen here to Saint Mary's – "It's always been the place!"

Occupation(s): Assistant Manager at the Boston Store; Housekeeper; Bank Teller at PNC

Interests: Oil painting and Bob Ross shows on Saturday mornings

Reflections on life: "Accept things. Don't fight life."



AUDINE WILSON

Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge

Here: 11 years

Why Saint Mary's: One day, her family found Saint Mary's and thought it was a perfect fit; her son said to her, "I found the place for you, mom!"

Occupation(s): a director at a senior center in Fairview

Interests: Opera music – as a child she attended the opera in Cleveland and New York City with her father! Bingo and outings are favorites as well.

Reflections on life: "Behave!"



MSGR. HENRY SCHAUERMAN

Saint Mary's East

Here: 18 years - the longest resident at Saint Mary's East!

Why Saint Mary's: He turned to the Sisters knowing the people at Saint Mary's would care for him like family – "I had nowhere else to go."

Occupation(s): Priest since the 1950's – he even used to pretend to be a Priest as a child by playing dress up with vestments his mother made for him!

Interests: Praying, weekly Rosary and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches

Reflections on life: "Be nice to people and do your job the best way you can do it."



GERRY HOFFMAN

Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge

Here: 7 months

Why Saint Mary's: Gerry was cleaning at home when she fell and wasn't able to get up. She received rehab at Asbury Ridge, was impressed with her care and decided Residential Living would meet her lifestyle needs – "If you have to be any place, this is the place to be!"

Occupation(s): Chamber of Commerce; Auto Dealership; Hallgren, Restifo & Loop (now HRLC) Architects

Interests: Bingo, musical entertainment and cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers

Reflections on life: "If you want to help yourself, help other people."

Around Our Home

A glance at our active and dynamic community



Tranquil Trails

The trails along the shores of Presque Isle offered a nice change of pace and an afternoon of relaxation for residents of Saint Mary's East.

Pictured left to right: Dan Connolly, Patty Cooney (standing), Mary Pierce and Neva Hamilton.



Peninsula Picnic

Games, food and sandy shoes! Clients of Adult Day Services relaxed at a Presque Isle pavilion on a sunny summer day and enjoyed time together in our state park.

You Go, Yolanda!

Yolanda Jefferson, LPN at Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge, was named one of three finalists in the prestigious Nightingale Awards of Pennsylvania in the area of Clinical Practice LPN. Yolanda was the only nominee selected from the Erie region. Winners will be announced at an awards gala in Harrisburg on November 8th. Congratulations, Yolanda!





Acknowledging Our Anniversary

The Manufacturer's and Business Association presented Saint Mary's with a plaque in special recognition of our 135th Anniversary.

Pictured left to right: Carol Mingarelle, Board of Trustees Chairperson; Audrey Urban, Asbury Ridge Administrator; David Thornburg of the MBA; Allen Bonace, President/CEO of Saint Mary's; Mary Drexler, SSJ, President of the Sisters of St. Joseph; and Cheryl Truett, East Administrator.



Around Our Home

Ships Sighted

Stella Carroll, Betty Moran, Therese Woods and Edrye Boraten, pictured left to right, visited Tall Ships Erie along the Bayfront where they spent the afternoon exploring 14 ships and taking part in other festival highlights.



A Winning Workplace

Allen Bonace, President/CEO of Saint Mary's, accepted the Workplace of the Year Award on behalf of Saint Mary's Home of Erie at the 2019 Commitment to Erie Awards on September 19th. The awards are given by the Erie Times-News. We are proud to foster a community of engaged individuals who make Saint Mary's a great place to work and an exceptional place to receive care!

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Merry Times at the Maritime

Asbury Ridge residents spent an afternoon entering the world of Lake Erie by visiting the Erie Maritime Museum. They explored the past and learned new facts about the history of our area!

Pictured left to right: Edrye Boraten, Mary Kellogg, Terry Sobers, Therese Woods, Bert Sobers, and Debbie Greenwald.

Community Concert

East Residents joined community members and residents of Soldiers' and Sailors' Home for an outdoor concert. The concerts are put on throughout the summer and provide plenty of entertainment for individuals of all ages!

Pictured left to right: back row, Peggy Rekitt, Kathy Chimenti, Camille Jimerson (seated), Kristie Runser and Diane Lutz. Front row: Jacqueline Pacinelli, Arlene Barlekoff and Kenneth Getschow.



Sounds of Summer

Lake Erie Sound took the stage at Saint Mary's East for the Mayor's Summer Concert Series, a free music series organized by the City of Erie. Residents and community members were treated to the soothing sounds of the men's a cappella group.



Piano Performance

Tommy Johnson, one of the fastest keyboard artists in the world, who once played with Liberace, graced our eyes and ears during a special event at Asbury Ridge. Residents and community members were entertained by his passion for "boogie woogie."

Around Our Home

Sweet Summer Sundae

Who says you can't have dessert before dinner? Lyman Cohen, Asbury Ridge resident, knows there is nothing sweeter than Sara's on a summer day.



Awesome Anniversaries

Two special anniversaries were celebrated at Saint Mary's East over the summer. Dolores and Harry Jagodzinski (left) celebrated 70 years of marriage while Larry and Carol Smith (above) reached their golden anniversary of 50 years!

Fortunate for Friends

At a special luncheon in May, 13 volunteers received their 100 hours of service pin. We are fortunate for the dedication of our volunteers, the Friends of Saint Mary's!

Pictured left to right: back row, Carol Gilmore, Diane Lutz, Rosemary Repko, Sonja Leszek and Christine Kaschak. Front row: Margaret O'Brien, SSJ, Peggy Westhoff, Barbara Burton, Sheila McLaughlin, Linda and James Polito. Not Pictured: Shirley Gaston, Robert Napierkowski, Jordan Nuzback and Maggie Stolley.



Grateful for Giving

On Erie Gives Day, Saint Mary's Home of Erie received nearly \$20,000 from 95 generous donors - our largest year yet! Thank you to all of our supporters.

Pictured left to right: Sarah Cacchione, Marketing and Development Assistant; Michael Batchelor, President of the Erie Community Foundation; and Emma Toner, Director of Marketing and Development.



Lunch at the Lake

After lunch along the water, East Residents spent an afternoon basking in the sun and enjoying every last bit of summer at Lampe Marina.



Pictured left to right: Allen Bonace, President/CEO; Marilyn Reiser, Corrine Egan, Bettie Vincent, and Nedra and Roger Richards, 2019 Follies chaircouple

Celebrating "A Lifetime of Giving" and 135 Years of Caring

3 Remarkable Women • 460 Attendees • 62 Sponsors • \$97,900 Raised for Benevolent Care

On September 21, 1884, a group of remarkable women embarked on their ministry of loving to care. Almost 135 years later, that ministry, known as Saint Mary's Home of Erie, celebrated the legacy of those women by honoring another group of remarkable women.



460 guests filled the Grand Ballroom of the Bayfront Convention Center on September 12th

A record-breaking 460 friends of Saint Mary's attended the 2019 Saint Mary's Follies held on September 12th. The evening not only paid tribute to three honorees who exemplify "A Lifetime of Giving," but also celebrated the 135th anniversary of Saint Mary's Home of Erie.

Through the 62 companies and individuals who sponsored the event, along with supporters who purchased tickets or made donations, the amount raised surpassed previous years, totaling a noteworthy \$97,900 for the James E. Mantyla Benevolent Care Fund at Saint Mary's Home of Erie. This fund supports qualified residents who are no longer able to afford the cost of their care.

Corrine Egan, Marilyn Reiser and Bettie Vincent were recognized as Ageless Remarkable Erieites during the evening. They were each honored with an award in recognition of those over the age of 75 who display a passion for their communities. Their selfless work and service to others was shown to the audience through tribute videos and testimonials, proving they truly embody the essence of the award.

The 7th annual Saint Mary's Follies was led by chaircouple Nedra and Roger Richards. Along with the inspirational awards ceremony, guests enjoyed complimentary cocktails, a three-course dinner and musical performances throughout the evening.

Read the full stories of the honorees and view photos from the event at stmaryshome.org/charitable-giving/saint-marys-follies/about-saint-marys-follies.



Pictured left to right: Rich Tryzbiak, Patrick Thiem, Charles Corritore, Almi Clerkin, Jean Malthaner, Bob Martin, Karen Brennan, Shawn Clerkin and Mike Malthaner

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2019 Employee Service Awards

41 employee anniversaries were celebrated in May during the 2019 Employee Service Awards Dinner. Together, their dedication totals 570 years of service! We are fortunate for their commitment and proud to recognize them.



30, 35 & 40 Years

Pictured left to right: Audrey Urban (30), Heidi Patterson (35) and Lucy Negron (40)



15 Years

Pictured left to right: Kim Green, Shelly Brotherson, Shannadda Crosby, Barbara Shields, Courtney McGarvey, and Gayle Meyer
Not pictured: Sedina Barucija

25 Years

Pictured left to right: Margaret Carpenter, Williemy Jordan and Heidi Moreland
Not pictured: Nancy Boyer



10 Years

Pictured left to right: Rachel Cipolla, Bonnie Burns, Maryann Carey and Sandra Joncas
Not pictured: Mark Cervik, Scott Coccarelli, Toni Jewell and Cynthia Wassel



5 Years

Pictured left to right: Talisha Ratcliff, Elizabeth VanHoozer, Audrey DiPlacido, Eileen Perino, Laurie Holler, Tina Rutkowski, Carol Wilkinson and Janet Wright
Not pictured: Ruth Craig, Daniel Fosco, Michael Horvath, Kayla Presley and Albert Territor



20 Years

Pictured left to right: Julie Jones, Karen Kern, Margaret Rodak and Chad Zampogna
Not pictured: Diana Szocki



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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)
Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

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*To thank you as we'd like to do is far beyond our power.
For if we had no friends like you there'd be no home like ours.*

Postcard pulled from the archives at Saint Mary's.
Our sentiments remain the same.