



# Celebrating Together: Making our House a Home



May 13, 2025, Our 20th Anniversary



Architect's Drawing - 2999 Schurz Avenue

## *20 Years at Jeanne Jugan Residence*

This year marks our 20th anniversary at our current location, Jeanne Jugan Residence on Schurz Avenue. For the past two decades, it has been home to hundreds of elderly Residents whose needs have been met with love and respect. We would never be celebrating this beautiful milestone, if it were not for the generosity of all those who have supported our mission. Although many individuals have shared in making this celebration a reality, we would like to pay special tribute to those who have had a special role in

making our house a Home.

What makes a house a home? A home is a place where we live as a family, where we feel welcome, where we find nurturing, where we give and receive forgiveness, where we are respected and show respect, where we love and are loved. When St. Jeanne Jugan welcomed Anne Chauvin, a destitute elderly widow, into her little apartment on a winter night in 1839, her modest dwelling became Anne's home. Jeanne spared no effort to care for her with dignity and respect in a

loving family atmosphere. In this newsletter, we wish to honor those who have continued her mission here in the Bronx with exceptional commitment.

As we look back on 20 years of making the elderly happy here at Jeanne Jugan Residence, be assured of our profound gratitude to you. We ask God to bless you and your loved ones with peace, health, and joy. Please join us on October 19 at Beach Point Club, where we will continue the celebration of our 20th anniversary!

## **New Look, Same Mission**

We're excited to announce our newly re-designed logo that has been launched worldwide. Visit our website

for a explanation of the symbolism of the new look that represents the Little Sisters of the Poor and their mission.



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## Our Pillars Have Supported Us

Having served as Provincial Superior during the planning and building phases of Jeanne Jugan Residence, **Mother Genevieve Regina** became our first Mother Superior. She opened the Home on May 13, 2005. The leadership, warmth, and humor that she showed as she spent herself tirelessly to make the elderly happy will be remembered for years to come.

**Sr. Bernice Marie** worked closely with Mother Genevieve as the project unfolded. Her intrepid efforts insured a solid foundation for the new Home.



Mother Genevieve Regina (1943-2023)



Sr. Bernice Marie

Another pillar of our Home, **Patrick Buckley**, has been an employee of the Little Sisters of the Poor for 25 years.

His dedication and commitment know no bounds. No task ever is too big or too little for Patrick!



Patrick Buckley



Ruth Bitume

**Ruth Bitume** is the only Resident who has lived in our Home since its beginnings. Quiet, kind, and industrious, Ruthie loves to work in the craft room and sometimes can even be found there late into the night.

She is especially grateful for her Home at Jeanne Jugan and the close, deep relationships she has formed here.



Ed and Lynette Bizinkiewicz

As a Jeanne Jugan Associate, **Lynette Bizinkiewicz** lives the spirit of our Mother Foundress in an extraordinary way.

She and her husband **Ed** are always available to help with whatever is needed and spend hours

every week working for the welfare and happiness of the Residents.



Dr. DeBlasio (R) with Tina Vacca

**Dr. Maria Pia DeBlasio** became the Medical Director at our Home on Baychester Avenue in 1987.

She continues to serve the Residents in this capacity at our current location with exceptional dedication, compassion, and expertise.

**Patrick Joseph Waide**, president of the Advisory Committee at Jeanne Jugan Residence, met the Little Sisters before we even moved in and contributed very generously to the building fund of our Home.

Pat remains one of the most committed supporters of our mission.



Patrick J. Waide

# Together at the Table

Meals are an important time for every family and in every home. Ours is no exception.

During the past 20 years delicious meals have been shared every day at Jeanne Jugan Residence, thanks to the generosity of many.

While it is not possible to name each one, in this newsletter we will highlight some who, for generations, have supported our Home in a very special way.

The New York City Terminal Market at Hunts Point opened in 1967, but the Little Sisters of the Poor in our Homes in the New York area had already been frequenting its forebear in lower Manhattan for decades.

The wholesale businesses at the market have supported us for generations, and the countless acts of generosity on the part of the owners and managers of these produce companies are known to God alone.

To this day, all of the fresh fruits and vegetables served to the Residents are donated by them.

Even during the pandemic, when Jeanne Jugan Residence was on lockdown, we were still able to count on our dear friends at Hunts Point to supply this vital need.

Our gratitude to each of them knows no bounds, and we thank God for the precious role they have played in our mission as we celebrate our 20th anniversary.



Dan Baribino, Sr. Charles Patricia, Danny Imwalle, and Joe Palumbo



Todd Rubin and Jerry Bifulco



Sr. Charles Patricia and Nick Armata



Jerry Porricelli and Lou Lord



Sr. Cecilia, Ira Nathel, Sr. Charles Patricia



John R. Tramutola, III of A & J Produce



Sr. Elizabeth and Michael D'Arrigo



Chris Borgatti

No visit to the Bronx would be complete without sampling the handmade pasta at Borgatti's Ravioli and Egg Noodles. The Little Sisters at our first Home in the Bronx were very familiar with this

iconic location which opened in their neighborhood 1935.

Chris Borgatti, the guardian of the legacy begun by his grandparents, continues their tradition of generous support of our mission.



## Mother's Message

Our 20th anniversary newsletter introduces you to some of the extraordinary individuals whose commitment to the support of the Little Sisters over the years has made what happens at Jeanne Jugan Residence possible.

In his wisdom, Pope Francis said, "Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbors, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence." When reading these words, I recall so many of our neighbors, friends we meet at the church collections and through our fundraising efforts, families of our Residents, volunteers and our Associates. Through their generosity and devotedness, they help us to continue the work of St. Jeanne Jugan who said, "Making the elderly happy, that's all that matters."

Thank you for being among those next-door neighbors that Pope Francis praised!  
God bless you!

*Mother Gertrude Mary*

## Save the Date

*Sunday, October 19, 2025*  
**Celebrating Together:  
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*Saturday, November 8, 2025*  
**Christmas Bazaar**



## Thank You!

Our gratitude to all those who share in our mission knows no bounds!

If you are already a "member" of our family, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

If you would like to become involved in our mission, please consider one of the following:

- Volunteering
- Regular donations, especially recurring gifts (by mail or online)\*
- Gifts from your donor advised fund
- Memorial donations
- Remembering us in your will
- Praying for our Residents and for vocations

*\*What if the impact of your gift to the Little Sisters of the Poor could be doubled?! In many cases it can! If your employer offers matching gifts, please consider applying!*

Scan the QR code to donate now:



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## Our needs:

- EPA approved sanitizing wipes
- Liquid hand soap
- Facial tissues
- Bathroom tissue
- Paper towels
- Batteries – AA and AAA
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Cases of copy machine paper
- Individually wrapped snacks and candy
- Juice – large bottles
- Small eco-friendly paper plates
- Disposable spoons
- Gift Cards
- Donations toward the cost of entertainment for parties

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