

THE
**GOOD
NEWS**

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**“We are a group
of women filled with
positive energy
dedicated to making life
better for those less
fortunate.”**

Ann D. Rose



TO SERVE RATHER THAN
BE SERVED WITH HUMILITY,
SIMPLICITY AND CHARITY.



President's Message

Sharon Giordano

Dear Ladies of Charity,

Happy Easter!

Spiritually, we have been well nourished these last several weeks! Sr. Joanne offered us daily prayer cards which included a suggested activity to support the Gospel reading for the day. She also teamed up with our members Diane Forenzo and Ann Rose who led us through a thought-provoking presentation of the Way of the Cross from Mary's viewpoint as she experienced the journey that very first time. I hope you have had a chance to hear about it!

Shelby Blendell, our membership chair, invited us to worship together at the St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar on March 1. It was the first of several planned recruitment Masses at parishes who have invited us to participate on their Giving Trees with tags for Mary's Corner and the Giving Room. Following the Mass, during their refreshment hour, we had a question and answer table. We are hoping that new members will bring new ideas and new energy and help us continue to help those in need. Please plan to join us at one of the next recruitment Masses at Christ the King and/or St. Matthews in April. Let us know if you would like to help organize a Mass at your church.

We are undergoing a change in leadership with our Mary's Corner ministry. Our former co-chairs, Mary Clinton and Alicia Smith, have resigned from their positions as of March 1. Alicia has also resigned as the Distribution Center Site manager. Rose Sherin, the Albany Site manager has also resigned as of March 1. Much thought, suggestions, inquiries for replacements and time has gone into finding new managers and co-chairs but, as of yet, no one has taken these on. In the meantime, the current volunteers at both of these sites have worked together to continue the work this ministry requires in order to serve those in need in the community. Please let me, or any one of our Executive Board members, know if you are interested in one of these leadership positions.

Our Northeast Regional vice president, Natalie Boone, is looking for a candidate interested in serving on the LCUSA Board, representing this area and becoming one of three directors for the NE Region. The other two directors are from St. John's University and the Binghamton area. She is looking for a good

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collaborator who is interested in a new experience. It is a position you grow into. If you are interested in this service, I can forward you the duties of the director and the application.

Spring is always a season of rebirth, renewal and new beginnings. I invite you to join us at our annual induction ceremony and dinner on May 20 to congratulate our newest members and to renew your own commitments to serve with the Ladies of Charity.

Thank you for your dedication and service to our mission.

Sharon Giordano

Spirituality

Sister Joanne Donovan, D.C., Vincentian Spiritual Moderator

A Path to our Own Fiat

Here it is March 26, 2026, the day after the Feast of the Annunciation and the day following the Daughters of Charity renewal of vows. I recognize that the newsletter will probably come to you in April, but I'm not someone who writes about future events. My mind and heart are on the day or within the week. Therefore, this reflection is a combination of the Annunciation and Mary's journey with her Son to Calvary and to the Resurrection and a part of Pope Leo's message to the world.

On the eve of the Annunciation our evening prayer had many quotes and pictures of Gabriel's annunciation to Mary. Here are a couple of the messages and pictures that stood out for me.



*"For a moment I hesitated on the threshold.
For the space of a breath I paused, unwilling to
disturb her last ordinary moment, knowing that the
next step would cleave her life, that this day would
slice her story into two, dividing all the days
before from all the ones to come."*

Mary's life changed with her YES!



*"I wanted to save her from what I had been sent to say.
Yet when the time came, when I had stammered the invitation
(history would not record the sweat on my brow, the pounding
of my heart, would not note that I said, "Do not be afraid" to myself
as much as to her) It was she who saved me—her first deliverance —
her Let it be not just declaration to the Divine but a word of solace,
of soothing of benediction..."*

[Excerpted from Gabriel's Annunciation by Jan Richardson]

Some of you accompanied Mary and other Ladies of Charity on our Lenten retreat day as we followed Mary through her Way of the Cross. Through her deep sorrow as a mother watching her Son suffer the excruciating pain of Calvary, she knew this had to be because it would bring about life for all of us.

As we journey through the Easter season, we are invited to pause and reflect. Easter is a sacred moment when we celebrate as Mary did the Resurrection of Christ. It is also a time for renewal. In his Lenten Easter message, Pope Leo XIV speaks of a world marked by conflict and division. The Holy Father reminds us that amid the many challenges we face in this world, Easter remains a path toward peace, healing and hope. It is a path that is rooted in Christ and made visible in how we live, listen and love one another.

In closing let us reflect on Mary's Fiat, her "Amen" to what was asked of her. We too need to say "Amen" to a peaceful, loving and hope-filled path, especially throughout this Easter season and thereafter.

2026 Lenten Retreat

Ann Rose

Recently, the Ladies of Charity gathered for a beautiful and meaningful Lenten retreat centered on the theme **"Hope Through Mary's Way of the Cross."** The day offered a special opportunity for prayer, reflection, joining our voices in song and fellowship as our Ladies spiritually journeyed with Mary along the Via Dolorosa.

Throughout the retreat, reflections on Mary's experience during the Passion invited everyone to view the Stations of the Cross through a lens of compassion, faith and hope. We also spent time in small group discussions, sharing personal reflections, listening to one another and supporting each other in faith. These conversations created a meaningful space for connection and helped many experience the retreat in a deeper and more personal way.

The retreat continued with daily Mass, which centered the day in the Eucharist. More time for fellowship was enjoyed as everyone shared a delicious lunch thoughtfully prepared by the staff at DePaul House.

One of the most moving moments of the day came during a prayerful activity when we wrote down the crosses we carry in our lives and watched those crosses dissolve in water. This powerful symbol served as a reminder that, when we entrust our burdens to God, we do not carry them alone.

As a lasting reminder of the retreat's message, participants received bracelets that included the word "Hope." These bracelets serve as a simple yet powerful symbol that, even in times of suffering and difficulty, we are called to trust in God and hold firmly to hope.

We are grateful to everyone who attended this powerful event. It was truly a grace-filled retreat that reminded us of the hope we have through Christ.



LADIES OF CHARITY 2026 LENTEN RETREAT

Hope through Mary's Way of the Cross



Small group discussion in progress.



Facilitators Diane Forenzo, Sr. Joanne and Ann Rose.



Dorè Schmidt selects a "Hope" bracelet.

Hospitality

Kellyanne Murray

The Ladies of Charity Installation Mass and dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Mass will be at 5 p.m. in the chapel at DePaul House. Dinner will follow at Wolferts Roost Country Club. Look for invitations in late April. They will go out via email and USPS to those without email addresses. Please try to attend this fun evening and welcome our new members!

Mary's Corner Thank You

Sharon Giordano

Thank you for your years of dedication to our former co-chairs of Mary's Corner, Mary Clinton and Alicia Smith, our Distribution Site manager Alicia Smith and Albany Site manager Rose Sherin! Under their leadership the ministry expanded, realized new forms of communication between the sites, secured new funding sources and grew our visibility in the community. All three of them worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

The Mary's Corner volunteers at all four sites relayed that they appreciate and applaud their leadership, dedication and guidance. They were helpful, resourceful and instrumental in making it a fun place to be on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, allowing each group to work together nicely and to create a bond.

I was included in an email from Bob Shields, the Notre Dame Club volunteer, one of several men who transport merchandise from the Distribution Center to the Cohoes Site, who was speaking of and to Alicia but I think this part of his words rings true for not only Alicia but Mary and Rose as well. "Through your work you have helped many persons who have probably never met you, nor know your name. But that is the essence of the sacrifices you have made to provide this essential service to those who come to depend on it for their parenting necessities. You didn't need to be known or honored for your service. You probably derived your rewards from the satisfaction of knowing many were helped through your efforts." Well said, Bob!

Celebrating Milestone Years of Service in 2026

We realize that not everyone has been mentioned in one of our recent issues, but your anniversary year may fall between these 5-year milestones. To you, and to our newest list of members, thank you for your volunteer hours and your many years of dedication to the Vincentian motto: To serve rather than to be served in humility, simplicity and charity.

5 years

Jane Melville

10 years

Bobbi Amiri
Jackie Baird
Sandie DiDonna
Mary Anne Dowd
Kathy Kingsley
Jeanne Schrempf
Beth Whiteman

15 years

Nancy Applebee
Ellen Boyer
Mary Ann Conway
Barbara Emerick
Corrine Falope
Sue Hollander
Joan Kehoe
Carolyn Koval

20 years

Tina Bosco
Rose Marie Brandon
Elizabeth Christman
Dolores Greagan-Powers
Suzanne Krosky
Katherine Ryan
Fran Schmidt

25 years

Rev. Patrick Butler

30 years

Sheila Morris Barnes
Nadia Rymanowski
Mary Ellen Sage
Kim Witko Seitz

More than 35 years

Carol Giroux
Eleanor McCoy

Public Policy/Legislation

Marie Copeland, Chair

[Update, January 13, 2026](#)

Federal Legislation:

Update on ACA subsidies: Although the subsidies expired on December 31, 2025, the House passed a bill in January to extend the Affordable Care Act subsidies for 3 years. The Senate is expected to offer its own bill which might extend the credits but include new eligibility requirements.

From AARP NY:

In the NYS Budget, AARP will push to protect funding for home-and-community-based services that help people age in place and to keep utilities affordable.

(aarp.org/NYadvocacy)

Social Security Changes in 2026:

Earnings Test: For beneficiaries who have not reached full retirement age (FRA), now between 66 and 67, \$1 will be withheld from their Social Security payment for every \$2 in work income above \$24,480 (up from \$23,400 in 2025).

Social Security Credits: For every quarter in which you earn at least \$1,890 in taxable work income, (\$1,810 in 2025), you will get one Social Security credit.

As of January 1, 2026, ten **Medicare Part D-covered drugs selected for price negotiations** became available at reduced cost. Some of these drugs are Januvia, Farxiga, Jardiance, Xarelto and Eliquis.

Federal Legislation to Watch:

Domestic Workers Bill of Rights Act: Workers such as home health aides, nannies, housekeepers and live-in caretakers would receive overtime pay, sick leave, breaks and other key workplace protections. This legislation would close loopholes in federal labor and civil rights laws.

The One Fair Price Act: This legislation would ban companies from charging different prices to different customers for the same product at the same time. The companies would be prohibited from using customers' personal data to set individualized prices with the assistance of AI (artificial intelligence).

The Strategic Plan for Aging Act: This would create a new, nationwide grant program to incentivize and support states' efforts to create Master Plans for Aging. This legislation would help make sure that state and local governments are prepared to address the needs of our aging loved ones. The goal is to guide policy choices and investments at the state level to ensure that older adults and people with disabilities can live with dignity in the settings of their choice. (Reintroduced)

Restoring Food Security for American Families and Farmers Act of 2025: SNAP was cut by \$187 billion and this legislation would fully restore those funds and:

- Eliminate the new requirement that states must cover a share of SNAP program benefits while also paying a larger share of SNAP administrative costs.
- Repeal the expansion of punitive time limits for SNAP recipients (20-hours per week work requirement).
- Restore SNAP access for lawful residents who are here for humanitarian reasons.
- Allow periodic updates to the Thrifty Food Plan that determines the maximum SNAP benefit amount, ensuring families can afford healthy food on a tight budget.

From Catholic Charities USA:

Housing for the 21st Century Act - Advanced by the House Committee on Financial Services in December, the bill includes the proposal to lift the Public Welfare Investment cap from 15 to 20 percent. It also exempts HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds from requirements in the Build America, Buy America Act.

Update on N.Y. Legislation:

Jack Reid Law: Protect All Students Act - The governor signed this legislation into law. As you will recall, this legislation requires nonpublic schools, like their public-school counterparts, to adopt anti-bullying and harassment policies and requires school employees to enforce those policies.

From USCCB:

Changes in Reconciliation Bill Affecting Non-citizens:

- **SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) eligibility**
- **Medicare eligibility** will be limited to LPR, Cuban/Haitian entrants and individuals lawfully residing in the U.S. For non-citizens who were eligible and enrolled in Medicare coverage at the time this bill was enacted but do not fall into one of the above categories, coverage will end after January 4, 2027. LPRs remain subject to a five-year bar before becoming eligible.
- **Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP)** - As of October 1, 2026, eligibility will be limited to LPRs, Cuban/Haitian entrants and individuals lawfully residing in the U.S. With limited exceptions, this provision ends Medicaid/CHIP eligibility for ORR-eligible populations besides Cuban/Haitian entrants. LPRs remain subject to a five-year bar before becoming eligible. Some states could continue coverage for certain non-citizen children and pregnant women.
- **Affordable Care Act (ACA) Premium Tax Credits** - Beginning January 1, 2027, subsidized medical coverage through the ACA Health Insurance Marketplace will be limited to U.S. citizens and LPRs, Cuban/Haitian

entrants and individuals lawfully residing in the U.S. Other lawfully present non-citizens will still be able to purchase health insurance plans at full cost through the Marketplace. Beginning January 1, 2026, lawfully present non-citizens earning less than 100% of the federal poverty level, who do not qualify for Medicaid, will be unable to receive subsidized medical coverage under the ACA.

- **There are new and increased fees for several immigration benefits** including asylum requests, humanitarian parole applications, special immigrant juvenile status applications, as well as initial and renewal employment authorization applications based on a pending asylum claim, parole or temporary protected status. (“Title X: Judiciary” in the USCCB’s section-by-section summary of migration-related provisions included in the reconciliation bill).

Congress continues to work on the federal budget. Deadline is January 30, 2026.

Update, February 10, 2026

From the NYS Catholic Conference:

Re: Executive Budget Proposals:

Affordable Childcare with a goal toward universal childcare - To expand pre-K programs to all school districts that currently lack them by 2028; make childcare assistance available to more families.

- Universal child care for 3-year-olds (3-K) and a similar program for 2-year-olds, only in NYC.
- \$1.2 billion to increase spending on child care subsidies (distributed to families whose eligibility is based on income and household size).
- Total commitment \$4.5 billion in the State of N.Y.
- Increase the permissible period of time for which adoptive parents may reimburse a birth mother for housing, maternity clothing and transportation expenses.
- Immigration: \$74 million to the Office for New Americans
- Proposal to amend the Civil Rights Law to protect sensitive immigration locations from immigration enforcement without a judicial warrant, i.e., houses of worship, schools, hospitals and day care centers.

Urgent Priority for New Yorkers struggling with affordability:

- **Federal Scholarship Tax Credit** - Allows taxpayers to get a credit of up to \$1,700 for donations to organizations that help families with the cost of a broad range of educational expenses for their children. States’ governors must opt in to this program. (The Catholic Conference is urging the governor to opt in.)

NYS Legislation:

Update on the Physician’s Assisted Suicide Bill: Gov. Hochul signed this legislation after the State Legislature added some agreed-upon safeguards.

Federal Funding for Capital Region Projects Received:

\$1 million for expansion of the Regional Food Bank of NE New York’s current facility to better serve clients.

\$850,000 for Hudson Valley Community College Applied Technology Education Center - To allow HVCC to acquire classroom and laboratory technology, furnishings and equipment to outfit its new workforce development facility on its Troy campus.

\$300,000 for St. Peter’s Hospital for Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary disease research to establish a clinical research unit focused on advancing the treatment of these diseases through research projects, novel interventions and improved patient care.

Federal Legislation Signed into Law:

World Trade Center Health Program - This program has provided treatment and medical monitoring for over 150,000 Americans with 9/11-related conditions and will be fully funded through 2040.

Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act - Bi-partisan legislation allows whole milk as well as reduced-fat and fat-free milk or nutritionally equivalent milk substitutes to be served in schools.

Trafficking Survivors Relief Act - Allows survivors of human trafficking to seek vacatur or expungement of convictions for crimes directly related to their trafficking victimization, reducing barriers to housing, counseling and other support services for survivors who are hindered by certain convictions.

Federal Legislation to Watch:

Closing the Meal Gap Act of 2025 - Would address food insecurity by increasing SNAP benefits and allocating more funds to those with large medical and housing expenses.

Fair Housing Improvement Act of 2025 - Would increase access to affordable housing for veterans and low-income families by including “military status,” “veteran status” and “source of income” in the protected classes listed in the Fair Housing Act.

Modern WIC Act - Would codify remote certification and benefit issuance options that have expanded participation and removed barriers for families during and after the pandemic. It would also:

- Streamline enrollment.
- Update outdated technology by modernizing electronic benefit systems (eWIC) so benefits can be managed digitally, reducing delays and administrative errors.
- Increase benefit levels to better reflect today’s food costs.
- Extend eligibility for children beyond age five to ensure families do not lose critical nutrition support during key developmental years.

Update on Interim Final Rule regarding religious workers: R-1 visa holders will no longer be required to spend at least one full year outside the U.S. when their visas expire. Now, the rule requires no minimum time outside the country before they may return on a subsequent R-1 visa, provided they meet all other requirements.

From the Alzheimer's Association:

Update on AADAPT Act (Accelerating Access to Dementia & Alzheimer's Provider Training) - Bipartisan legislation gaining traction in Congress will empower primary care providers to better diagnose Alzheimer's and other dementia and deliver high-quality, person-centered care in community-based settings.

(alz.org/Advocate)

CCUSA priorities for 119th Congress:

Addressing housing affordability, reversing SNAP cuts, restoring food assistance programs, ensuring funding for supplemental nutrition for women and children and protecting school meals.

Congress passed a spending bill to keep the government funded until September 30, 2026. Funds for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) received only a 2-week extension to allow for negotiation of new terms for ICE and CBP (Customs and Border Patrol).

Update, March 10, 2026

NYS Legislation to Watch:

Bills A9205 and S1918 - These companion bills propose establishing a specialized "health home" program under Medicaid for adults with physical disabilities. To improve care coordination for Medicaid-eligible adults (18+) who have a diagnosis of a neurological, muscular or neuromuscular condition and a mobility impairment. A9205 is in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee; S1918 has been reported and committed to the Senate Finance Committee.

Enhanced Energy Affordability Program (EEAP) extends direct payments on utility bills to middle-income New Yorkers and households. If eligible, the discount comes off utility bills. Visit nyeeap.com

Federal Legislation to Watch:

Healthy Start Program (Bipartisan) - This would reauthorize this critical federal initiative that supports community-based efforts to improve maternal and infant health outcomes before, during and after pregnancy. This program provides vital services in communities that experience disproportionately high rates of infant mortality and maternal health complications.

Living Donor Protection Act - This legislation would encourage organ donation by making sure people who are willing to donate can do so without jeopardizing their job security and without facing barriers to insurance

coverage. (Passed out of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions).

Healthy Families Act - (Introduced) This legislation would:

- Guarantee every worker in America up to seven paid sick days each year, to be used to recover from their own illnesses, access preventative care, provide care to a sick family member or attend school meetings related to a child's health condition or disability.
- Simplify how employers calculate paid sick leave. Workers would earn a minimum of one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked, up to a minimum of 56 hours per year.
- Allow employers to use their existing policies if they exceed minimum standards.
- Allow victims of domestic violence, stalking or sexual assault to use their paid sick days to recover or seek assistance.

From Catholic Charities USA:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a proposed rule allowing public housing authorities and certain landlords that rent to federally subsidized tenants to implement work requirements and time limits for non-elderly, non-disabled families. HUD's existing Moving to Work programs have allowed a select group of local public housing authorities to experiment with employment incentives and requirements for tenants. The proposed rule will expand that permission to most public and federally supported housing managers.

Update on Housing for the 21st Century Act - This legislation passed the House with bi-partisan support but failed to address homelessness.

Catholic Charities encourages Congress to consider expanded investments in Housing Choice Vouchers, project-based rental assistance, permanent supportive housing and homelessness prevention tools as ways to strengthen this legislation.

Update on the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act - This legislation addresses supply, affordability and homelessness. It includes a bill that would ban large institutional investors from buying up single-family homes.

From USCCB/Justice for Immigrants (JFI):

Enhancing Detection of Human Trafficking Act (HR 4307) - The bill would require training and continuing education for employees of the U.S. Department of Labor to help them better detect instances of human trafficking in the course of their work. (Passed by the House on 3/3/26; now goes to the Senate.)

The Bishops continue to support the passage of the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2025 (HR 1144).

USCCB Letter on Immigration Enforcement and Religious Liberty - The Bishops urged Congress to demonstrate its support for religious liberty on a bipartisan basis by ensuring respect for sensitive locations, especially houses of worship, and mandating consistent access to religious and pastoral services for all immigration detainees.

The partial government shutdown is continuing as the bill to reopen the Department of Homeland Security passed the House but failed in the Senate.

Thank you for your advocacy.

Junior Ladies at Academy of the Holy Names



Junior Ladies Induction Ceremony
on February 2, 2026. >>



<< Junior Ladies Moderator Theresa Moran and some Juniors playing Olympic Trivia with the Daughters on February 10, 2026.

Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure

MARY'S CORNER:

Mary Clinton and Alicia Smith, Co-Chairs

As we share this update, we do so with full hearts and deep gratitude for the journey we have had as co-chairs of Mary's Corner. Effective March 1, and after thoughtful consideration, Alicia and I have decided to step back from our roles. While this marks the end of our time in leadership, it also gives us a chance to reflect on what an incredible experience we have had these past three years.

Working together has been truly rewarding and we are so proud of what has been accomplished. From applying for our very first grant with the guidance of Sr. Joanne Donovan and Sr. Margaret Walker, to streamlining the ordering process for greater efficiency and cost savings, to welcoming students from Siena College's Bonner program and expanding outreach with a pop-up Mary's Corner at Watervliet Housing Authority, each step forward was a team effort. Along the way, we also built meaningful partnerships throughout the community that will continue to strengthen this ministry.

In 2025, Mary's Corner served 1,351 children and, as of March, the program is on track to meet or exceed that number in 2026. That momentum is something to celebrate.

Although stepping away was not easy, we are confident that Mary's Corner is in a strong and thriving position. The Distribution Center is well-stocked for the coming months, ensuring a smooth transition and continued service without interruption.

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to have been part of this ministry and have every confidence that the leadership of the Ladies of Charity will continue to nurture and grow Mary's Corner for years to come.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this work—your impact is lasting and meaningful.

SATURDAYS WITH THE SISTERS

Mary Clinton and Lois Keefrider

We had a couple great afternoons with the Sisters this past winter.

February 7 - S'MORES!

It may have been a very cold day, but that didn't stop the Ladies of Charity from gathering with the Daughters of Charity for an afternoon full of warmth, laughter and sweet treats. Bundled up in coats, scarves and gloves, the ladies arrived ready to enjoy time together—and nothing, not even the chilly air, could dampen their spirits.

(Submitted by Ann Rose)



Sr. Julie enjoying her treat.



Sheila Morris Barnes heats marshmallows for Sr. Joanne.



Alba Giordano and Marcia Wendth leave, stylish and warm for the wintry blasts outside.

March 7 - FRIENDS IN HARMONY ST. PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT

A spirit of friendship and music filled the room as Friends in Harmony performed a lively spring concert for Saturdays with the Sisters. The group—made up of eight longtime friends who share a love of singing—entertained the Daughters of Charity with a program that celebrated the season while adding a cheerful nod to St. Patrick's Day.

Their voices blended warmly as they performed a mix of familiar favorites and seasonal songs, bringing smiles, joined voices and plenty of toe-tapping along the way. A few Irish-inspired selections added a festive touch, perfectly timed for the approaching holiday. *(Submitted by Ann Rose)*



Sr. Kathleen Cevette and Judy Reimenschneider.



Sr. Helen Gertrude (sitting) with Sr. Vincent Louise.



Dorè Schmidt, Sr. Faith and Lois Keefrider wearing the green.

Friends in Harmony.



SMJC SOUP KITCHEN:

Lois Keefrider

Our guests are most appreciative for the meals that we prepare for them. We have seating for anyone who would like to stay and eat their meal in the company of others. Several people are taking advantage of that. It is the hope to eventually open up fully as we had in the past. In order to do that, we need more volunteers. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Lois Keefrider at keefriderl@yahoo.com. We are open Mondays and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Mary Pat Lashoff, Lois DeSano and Maureen Bernstein
taking a break from meal prep.* >>



THE GIVING ROOM:

Chris Sheridan

Anticipating that winter will very soon be over we have stored most of our cold weather gear and stocked our shelves for sunny days ahead.

Joanne's grandchildren helped us out on a very busy Holy Thursday morning. It was great to have them and we think that our guests appreciated seeing new (and younger) faces! For Easter our male visitors were able to select dress shirts and ties. The women could chose from the pretty dresses and tops we found in our collection.

If you would like to join us in this ministry at the Sister Maureen Joyce Center, we certainly can use your help. We are open for guests from 11:45 until 1 on Thursday and start getting things organized around 10:30. If you'd like to know more, there is information on our website (albanyloc.org/giving-room). You also can email csherida@nycap.rr.com.

*Joanne Criscione-McTague and Chris Sheridan
ready to serve their guests.* >>



Help Wanted:

LIFE ENRICHMENT DIRECTOR AT DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY, MENANDS

The Daughters of Charity provides a safe, welcoming home for the retired Sisters of the Daughters of Charity Ministries. We offer independent living, assisted living and memory care and our team plays a vital role in creating an environment where Sisters feel respected.

We are currently seeking a Life Enrichment Director to provide hands-on personal care and compassionate daily support to our Sisters. This role requires a balance of creativity, organization, and leadership, including supporting staff and holding expectations. This role will lead the planning and delivery of a person-centered life enrichment program that supports the physical, emotional and social well-being of our Sisters.

For more information about this position, see https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=6e65938c3e3c3c6f&from=shareddesktop_copy.

Save The Dates

Board Meetings at DePaul House: All meetings start at 5 p.m.

April 14, 2026
 May 12, 2026
 June 9, 2026
 July 14, 2026
 August 11, 2026
 September 8, 2026
 October 13, 2026
 November 10, 2026
 December 8, 2026

Saturdays with the Sisters at St. Louise House: All events begin at 1:30 p.m.

April 18 - BINGO
 May 16 - Game Day
 June 13 - Barbeque
 July 18 - Mocktails on the Porch
 August 15 - Ice Cream Social

Installation Mass and Dinner

May 20 - 5 p.m.
 Mass in the DePaul House chapel
 Dinner following at Wolferts Roost Country Club

**Please consult our website, albanyloc.org,
for the very latest news and schedule updates.**

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CORRECTION

In January we reported that Ann Rose had made cards for the Sisters to send to our soldiers. Her beautiful cards, pictured here, were actually greetings from us Ladies to the Sisters. Different cards were written and sent to the men and women serving in our military.





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