Little Sisters of the Poor
Hospitality at Heart

Jeanne Jugan Residence
Fall 2026





Jesus was here

There have been many celebrations for our country's semiquincentennial, but none will compare to the day Jesus came to visit our Home.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage 2026 visited our Home on Wednesday, July 1, as part of the 250th anniversary celebrations of the founding of our country. We felt honored that the Diocese of Providence had chosen our Home to host the Blessed Sacrament.

What joy resonated throughout the Home when the Residents received the news that Jesus was coming to Jeanne Jugan Residence! At 7:30 a.m., the Little Sisters, Residents, Jeanne Jugan Associates, staff and volunteers assembled at our outside entrance, which was decorated by a path of beautiful bouquets of flowers. Then the procession proceeded to the chapel where they reposed Jesus.

Afterwards, we gathered together in the main dining room where a scrumptious breakfast was prepared and served to over 50 people by our staff.

How edifying to hear the stories and witnesses given by our traveling pilgrims regarding their encounters and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

We ended this awesome celebration by gathering in the chapel for a "holy half-hour."

St. Jeanne Jugan Feast Day Celebration with Bishop Bruce

We prepared for St. Jeanne Jugan's feast day in August with a novena of prayer, gathering around the statue of our Mother on the patio after Mass each day with the Residents. They were very enthusiastic about participating, without missing a day.

On Aug. 30, the main celebrant for the Jeanne Jugan's feast day was Bishop Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R.

After Mass, the bishop dined with Fr. Paul Grenon, our new chaplain, and Fr. John McPhail, O.P., a Resident priest.

Bishop Bruce enjoyed sharing his meal with them and he offered to do the dishes the next time he comes!

In the afternoon we gathered in the auditorium for Jeanne Jugan Bingo. The Residents were happy with their cash prizes – a dollar per game!



Welcoming Fr. Grenon, our new Chaplain



On July 1, we were happy to welcome Fr. Paul Grenon to our Home as our new chaplain.

The Residents and Little Sisters gathered in the lobby to greet him with a bouquet of flowers, smiles, a song and good cheer.

He is a man of prayer and a tremendous blessing to our Home. He celebrates daily Mass, visits and anoints the sick, guides Residents through liturgy preparation and provides the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fr. Grenon grew up in the Darlington section of Pawtucket and attended St. Cecila School and Our Lady of Providence High School.

He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Providence, serving in many parishes throughout Rhode Island until he retired in July.

His association with the Little Sisters of the Poor has been lifelong. His paternal great aunt, his aunt and a cousin were all Little Sisters, and his paternal grandparents and aunt were Residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor until their heavenly rewards.

Fr. Grenon is grateful to God for many blessings and is especially happy to serve our Jeanne Jugan family here in Pawtucket. He is grateful for everyone's warm welcome!





Special Birthday Celebrations

We were excited to celebrate two very special birthdays in June. Dorothy Hill celebrated 103 years on June 16. The dining room was beautifully decorated in pink, her favorite color.

Matilda Leca celebrated 106 years on June 25. This time the dining room was decorated in purple, her favorite color.

The mayor of Pawtucket, Donald Grebien, came to wish our centenarians a happy birthday and celebrate with us. He posed for pictures with the Residents, family members and friends.

Both Residents had generations of family visitors on their special days, and we all enjoyed delicious birthday cakes.





Celebration of the 250th Birthday of America

The big day was celebrated in our Home on Tuesday, July 14 with a gathering in the auditorium.

One of the Residents from the Jeanne Jugan Apartments prepared a presentation on the history of United States, intertwined with patriotic music and song. The show started with a catchy tune entitled, It's a Yankee Doodle Birthday, written by Jeanne LaChance, followed by a prayer recalling the birth of our Nation.

History was traced from 1776 all the way to 2026. As each historic event was recounted, patriotic songs written during those memorable periods were either sung or played with the help of our volunteers, Karen and Kathy.

A Resident from Assisted Living read a poem dedicated to veterans which she had written when she was nine years old.

The show concluded with the song Proud to be an American. It was a fun-filled afternoon enjoyed by all!







Summer Soirée

Thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of our Advisory Board, a successful fundraiser was held at our Home on Aug. 12.

For the past four years, the "Summer Soiree" has been a means to support our mission while enjoying fine wine, craft beer and signature small bites from area restaurants and confectioneries in a delightful garden setting on our beautiful grounds.

The beautiful music provided by a local orchestra was one of the main highlights of the evening.

Another exciting moment was the raffle – several of our staff members found themselves in possession of winning tickets!

Watching some of our Residents and their family members enjoying the meal together in our beautiful garden was a joy to behold. Truly, it was an occasion to remember!







Mother's Message

Saint Jeanne Jugan often told the novices, "Pray you have need of grace."

She still encourages us as we recall her words, "Jesus is waiting for you in the chapel. Go and find him when your strength and patience are giving out, when you feel lonely and helpless. Say to him: 'You know well what is happening, my dear Jesus. I have only you. Come to my aid …' And then go your way. And don't worry about knowing how you are going to manage. It is enough to have told our good Lord. He has an excellent memory."

We Little Sisters come together five times a day to pray. We begin our days at six in the morning and end the day with prayer at 8:30 p.m.
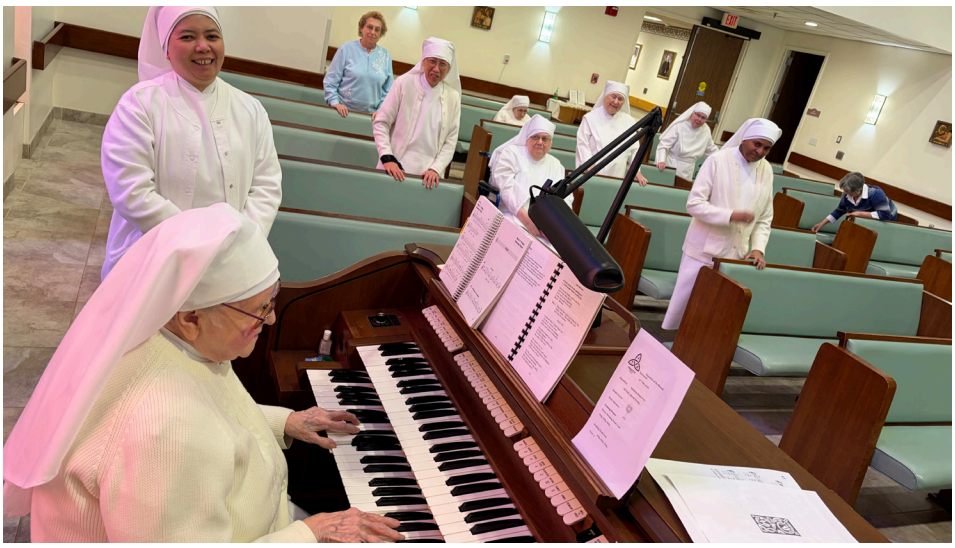
Our elderly Little Sisters who are no longer active, support us very much through their presence. They are powerhouses of prayer for all our needs, no matter how old they are. Through their prayer, they continue our mission.

Sr. Rose de St. Pierre, who is 95 years old, continues to give much joy to the Residents and our community. She still plays the organ, helping us to praise the Lord with her melodious touch.

We Little Sisters don't retire!

Please support us through your prayer so that we may continue to serve the Lord in our mission to the elderly poor with a flourishing of new vocations to our community!

May God bless you!



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