



SAINT MARY'S AT ASBURY RIDGE
SAINT MARY'S EAST

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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #4

As we head into this weekend, we know for many of us the celebration of Easter and Passover is going to be far from normal this year. While we may be apart, we are together in spirit. Please know we continue to report no cases of COVID-19 at either facility and we remain steadfast in our prevention efforts.

Regarding Easter services, residents will be able to watch the celebration of Easter Sunday Mass from our Chapel on Channel 3. EWTN, a global Catholic television network, is also available on Channel 111.

We want to take a moment to share a bright spot during this dark time. Today, almost 300 flowers were donated to our residents from a group of local florists who wanted to help lift spirits and spread a little bit of joy. We are so grateful to *Floral Affair, Foster's Rose of Sharon, Gary's Flower Shoppe, and Larese Floral* for their kindness and generosity! These flowers serve as a beautiful reminder of the new life and renewed hope that spring brings and we know how much each resident appreciates this gift.

We also want to express our gratitude for the selflessness of our staff. Every single team member has been working hard – not only to provide care and create a safe environment – but to truly serve our residents and one another by fostering friendship, compassion and community. Staff has risen to the challenge of this crisis and we recognize they are often making personal sacrifices to do so. **If you have a moment, we invite you to send back a brief message of encouragement, gratitude and support that we can share with our staff members as they care for your loved ones.** What you say will remain anonymous unless otherwise directed. Your inspiring messages will go a long way in showing our staff how much we appreciate all that they are doing to embrace our mission of loving to care by putting the needs of our residents first! Messages can be emailed to etoner@stmaryshome.org.

Wishing you a Happy Easter from all of us at Saint Mary's Home of Erie!