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Please feel free to add additional names of those you would like to honor or to memorialize on a separate piece of paper and include, along with this form and your check for the total amount of your tax-deductible donation, in the enclosed envelope.

Shank You!



Sunday to Sunday



Day of retreat for St. Joan of Arc parish from the Bronx



Visitors!



Sisters on Retreat



Good Shepherd

If you wish to donate, scan this QR Code.





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Free of Speace and Light

2021

Our Tree Shines Brightly at MARYDELL FAITH AND LIFE CENTER 640 North Midland Avenue, Nyack, NY 10960

Dear Friends

Last June, due to the instigation of one of my friends, Josefa Lopez, we both ended up for about ten days in the Catholic Charities Immigrant Shelter of the Diocese of Laredo, Texas. Each day we welcomed anywhere from 20 to 80 refugees all looking for asylum in the United States. The shelter gave those seeking asylum food, clean clothes, an opportunity to shower, and, if necessary, housing overnight. One of our tasks each day at the shelter was to process new arrivals. This meant filling out forms with their immigration number, their destination here in the United States, and the family or friends that would be receiving them. As I was filling out one of the forms, I noticed that a young woman I was helping was headed to Spring Valley, New York. I said to her, "We are going to be neighbors!" I gave the young woman my number in case we could help in any way. About three weeks after my return to New York, she called asking if I could help her find bunk beds. She, her son, her mother, and little brother were sleeping on the floor of the little room they were renting for \$700.00 dollars a week! With the help of Sr. Susan McCarthy, RDC, bunk beds were found. The rest of the Board of Directors, our Centering Prayer Group, and others have donated clothes, food, pots and pans, and furniture. In the house this little family lives there are seven other families. I now make regular trips to Spring Valley with food, clothes, and other necessities. To my delight, around 10 of them are now coming to Marydell for English classes with One to One Learning.

Would it occur to anyone that this kind of assistance is one of the things we do here at Marydell? We can do so because people like you generously help us out all year long. This Tree of Peace & Light Brochure is our request that you send us the names you wish us to pray for with the donation that will help us continue what we do here. We are not sure yet if our program will be virtual, live, or a mixture of both, but we will let you know.



Scripture tells us that the poor are God's favorite. Well, these favorites of God make me laugh each time I go out to them. As the children see me getting out of my car, they joyfully greet me, "Abuelita! Abuelita! (Grandma! Grandma!)" Who says God doesn't have a sense of humor?!

Gr. Veronica

With Blessings of Peace for Christmas and the New Year. The Sisters, The Board of Directors and Staff of Marydell Faith & Life Center



Summer Outdoors







Our 'Neighbors' came to summer day camp





Sr. Margie leads prayer for the Good Sheperd Catequesis







STREAMING ON-LINE

Our hope this year is to have a hybrid celebration: live for those who want to be here in person and streamed for those who choose to watch it from home. If we think it is still not safe to gather at all we will go completely virtual like we did last year. We will let you know so that, if we have a hybrid presentation, you can choose whether to come or to watch from home.

TREE OF PEACE AND LIGHT

If we do have a hybrid celebration, the program will be on Saturday, December 4. Participants may start arriving at 4:00 p.m. Program will start around 4:30 to 4:45 depending on when it gets dark. I think we can safely have around 40 participants in the dining room. As in the past we will offer light refreshments.

Sr. V.

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Shine a Light on our Free of Speace & Light

I would like to share my blessings with Marydell Faith & Life Center

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