

Heartbeat

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Then

... for yourselves and for others

"[The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary to which you are consecrated] will be a treasure always open where you will find every virtue that you need, every gift that you desire, a remedy for every ill. Here will be superabundant satisfaction for all debts that you may owe to divine justice, an inexhaustible treasure. The more spiritual riches you draw from them the more you will find for yourselves and for others."

[Excerpted from the Fifth Circular Letter of Fr. Pierre Joseph de Cloriviere, 23 February 1802. In Circular Letters, pg. 73]

& Now

... light and leaven

- Assisting two 92-year-old people whom I care for on a daily basis with tender love and affection living in different locations. EO'C
- By making an intentional effort to speak words of kindness or complimenting a stranger in the store, on the street or in a restaurant that will brighten their day and put a smile on their face. AB
- Praying with and for a friend and her family. Her 14-year-old grandson is battling cancer. LS
- In conscious and prayerful support for the untold millions of people trapped in devastation and displacement throughout the world as a result of war and climate catastrophes. RCD

Adelaide's Place - was blessed for both Thanksgiving and Christmas by businesses and individuals in the area. Ocean Casino Resort prepared a scrumptious Thanksgiving meal of turkey stuffing, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, rolls, salad and apple crisp dessert. And, they provided enough for us to freeze for Christmas. Several church groups and individuals were Santa's elves, and the ladies received a huge bag filled with gifts they appreciated such as brand new sweatshirts, hat and glove sets, beautiful hand knit scarves, hand warmers and lots of candy and Christmas cookies! We watched "The Polar Express" and of course "A Charlie Brown Christmas". Visit www.facebook.com/adelaides.place



DeCice Hall Ministry - welcomes meetings of the US DHM, Behavioral Health Network, Al-Anon, Irish musicians, and other spiritual, justice and cultural enrichment groups. Visit www.decicehall.org



Nardin Academy - has named Dr. Eric Miles as its 28th President. Dr. Miles begins his service on July 1, 2025. The Academy has adopted the Strategic Plan 2024-2027. The plan may be reviewed at www.nardin.org/about/the-strategic-plan. Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees are scheduled through May, 2025. Daughters serving on the Board of Trustees: Anita Baird, Vice Chair; Paula Gaudet, Linda Selaya, Pat Lucas, Chris Clark. Visit the Academy website: www.nardin.org



NativityMiguel Middle School of Buffalo - NMMS has adopted its Strategic Plan for 2024-2028. The plan's major components are:

- Improving Programmatic Excellence (including enhancing STEAM education, deepening teacher development, and infusing the Charisms of its co-endorsers: [Daughters of the Heart of Mary DHM](#); [Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus SJ](#); [Sisters of Mercy of the Americas RSM](#) and a member of Mercy Education; [District of Eastern North America of the Brothers of the Christian School FSC-DENA](#))
- Securing a Long-Term Facility, including making a 2025 move into the school building at St. Stanislaus Church on Townsend Street in Buffalo; and
- Shifting to an Outcomes-Driven Culture, with a roadmap for student and graduate success.



The school is making great strides. With Mr. Chris Pitek serving as Head of School and Alan Alia, Jr and Marsha Koelmel as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, in 2024 the school grew its staff in service to the mission. New administrators and staff include Principal Mr. Michael Russell; Director of Advancement Jason Adsit; Director of Admissions and Community Partnerships Ms. Tiffany A. Lewis; and Director of Graduate Support Jacqueline "Jackie" Germain. The Board of Trustees will meet through the year. Anita Baird serves on the Board of Members; Chris Clark is on the Board of Trustees. Visit: www.nativitymiguelbuffalo.org & www.facebook.com/nativitymiguelschoolbuffalo

St. Joseph's School for the Deaf - NYPD Community Affairs visited the school for a Winter Wonderland community-building event in December. The search process for an Executive Director has been concluded. The new executive director will be announced in January and will start in the fall of 2025. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors are scheduled through May 2025. Daughters serving on the Board of Directors are Anita Baird, Board President; Pat Lucas, Treasurer; Chris Clark, Renee Dewhurst, and Anita Owens. Visit the SJSJSD website: www.sjsdny.org/home

