



In Memory of Sister Joanna



In January we lost a very special part of Mercy House, Sister Joanna Monticello. Sister Joanna joined Mercy House in January of 2016 as Director of Social Work and Spiritual Care. She was a comforting presence to the residents, their families, the staff and volunteers at Mercy House. Here are some thoughts from Father Clarence, taken from her Funeral Mass.

"We need only to examine what Sister did with the 69 years God gave her to understand what she believed, what she loved, what she valued and why she made such a difference in so many peoples'

lives. She packed more living and doing into those 69 years than most people who live to be 100. How does one capture someone bigger than life? What is it about this woman, Sister Joanna Monticello, that brings so many of us together?

She was passionate about all peoples, particularly the sick and dying; she had a great love for her family; she had a great dedication for the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; she was a happy go lucky person with a great sense of humor; she was a member of the Mercy House Family where she served until her death. She lived what she believed; she was genuine and without pretense; she could relate to the powerful and the powerless. Her life was an active and concrete expression of her own faith and values.

Sister Joanna helped to make community happen wherever she was. She was the common denominator in so many groups and among so many friends. She was both Leaven and Glue. Whether it be her family, at Hospice, at Mercy House, or one-on-one, she had a unique ability to bring people together.

In sharing God's life and love with us, she has influenced us in many ways. We have been motivated and challenged to grow because of the values we have received from her. We must become community-minded and continue building what she began. We honor her best if we try to imitate her examples of unselfish service to others.

"With God's power in us, we can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3). This scripture sums up Sister Joanna. While we mourn Sister's death, we must also celebrate her homecoming with thanks to God for her life and for the example her faith gives us."

Our mission:

Mercy House will provide a home with an extended family for people with a terminal illness so they can live the final chapter of their journey with dignity and experience the unconditional love of God.

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Volunteer Spotlight

Stacy Terentieva is a senior at Binghamton University studying Mathematical Sciences with a Spanish minor and is on the pre-medical track! Stacy joined the Volunteer Team at Mercy House in January of 2018. Since she has an interest in palliative treatment and care, she knew that Mercy House would be a great place to spend some time.



“I really wanted to get involved with Mercy House in order to get a closer look at palliative treatment and care. Medicine is full of uncertainty, so unfortunately we do not have the cure for everything. Therefore, it is extremely important for an aspiring physician like myself to learn how to provide empathy, compassion and help to those suffering from a terminal illness.”

You will find Stacy at Mercy House two days a week – an evening and a morning shift - sitting with Residents, helping them with their meals and assisting Staff with whatever needs to be done for the Residents. Resident Care Aides, Theresa and Lynda shared, “she interacts very well with the Residents; has a great hands-on approach with a positive attitude; and is always willing to help out”.

Take me out to the Ball Game

Father Clarence Rumble will be throwing out the first pitch at the June 13 Binghamton Rumble Ponies Game. The Ponies will be taking on the Trenton Thunder and we have two ways for you to see this epic event!

Purchase Game Tickets

The Binghamton Rumble Ponies are selling game day tickets for \$10. A portion of the ticket price purchased through the following link will be donated to Mercy House. So grab your family and friends and enjoy a great evening of baseball for Mercy House.

Buy with this link: <https://groupmatics.events/event/Mercyhouse>



Original Rumble Raffle

Get your chance to watch Father Clarence Rumble throw out the first pitch from the comfort of your Rumble Ponies Suite on June 13th starting at 6:35 p.m. Then watch our Rumble Ponies take on the Trenton Thunder with 11 of your closest friends. This Raffle Package includes 12 Suite Tickets, 4 Parking Passes & Basic Food Package (alcohol not included).

A \$700 value!!! Drawing held June 1, 2019, during our Golf Tournament. Cost is \$10 per chance - get your raffle ticket (or more) today! All proceeds benefit Mercy House of the Southern Tier.

Go to www.mercyhousesoutherntier.com event page to get your raffle ticket.

Praying for our Residents who have passed

(Since November 2018)



Mark Edmondson
Margaret Mashas
Helen Farruggio
Louis Hudy
Richmond Farr
Patricia Pender
Thomas Ruane
James Meagher
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Sister Joanna Monticello
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Frances Donovan
Dennis Duggan
Lanny Fromm
William Pesce
William Santasiero
Elizabeth Shuta
William Sullivan
Linda Wiltz

2019 Mercy House Tony DelNero Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 1
En-joie Golf Club
Openings in the 8 a.m.
flight only!

Play Golf
Grab your friends
and have a great
time playing golf for
a great cause.

Sponsorship
If you or your
organization would like to
have a presence at our
golf tournament, a
sponsorship
is the way to go!

Tee Box
This is a great way to
show your or your organi-
zation's support of our
mission or to honor or
memorialize a
loved one!

Our Golf Tournament has Sold Out the past three years!
Many fun contests to add to the competition
Light Lunch at 1 p.m. and Dinner at 6 p.m.

NEW THIS YEAR!
We've added an All Women's division
in addition to our Men's and Co-ed
divisions.

All entries need to be received by May 17 - but sign up soon
before we sell out!

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For more information on playing, sponsorship or tee-boxes, go to the event page on our
website, mercyhousesoutherntier.com or call Greg Marx at (607) 201-6854.



A perfect gift for Mother's Day, a friend or even for yourself. Purchase a Rosewater Jade Count Your Blessing Bracelet or the Pink Pearl Count Your Blessings Bracelet before May 16th from Conti Jewelers (532 Hooper Road, Endwell) and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Mercy House.

We just wanted to take this space to thank our community for the generous donations we have received. Because we do not receive any state or federal funding, we rely on the donations from our community—both individual and businesses. From donations of food, wish list items, time and money, every donation counts toward the success of Mercy House. Your continued support will enable us to continue the mission and help so many more people in our community. Thank you, Thank you!



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