



*Antonine  
Village*



# Antonine Village News

*"We care for your loved ones"*

## *Mission Statement*

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The mission of the Antonine Sisters in the USA is inspired by Christian principles. We provide compassionate care for older and disabled adults promoting their independence and dignity in a home-like environment.

## *Let Freedom Ring!*

All of us, Americans, are so happy celebrating Independence Day every year! This year was no exception. What is so significant about 4<sup>th</sup> of July?

We all know that the Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776, but it really wasn't official until August 2, 1776 when most delegates of the Continental Congress signed it.

Thanks to the military leadership of Washington, and the combined efforts of the French Navy and Washington's good friend and ally General Marquis de Lafayette, the British surrendered after the Siege of Yorktown on October 19, 1781. The fight for independence was over. The Treaty of



Paris,

signed between the United States and Great Britain on September 3, 1783, made it official. The United States had become a sovereign and independent nation after six years of valor and sacrifice ([www.discoververmillion.org](http://www.discoververmillion.org)). The Fourth of July is not any day on the calendar. It is a day celebrated with pride, joy, and enthusiasm by all Americans. On this day, we think of "Freedom" won at a terrible cost. We honor all those



who lost their lives in defense of this freedom.

Families often celebrate Independence Day by hosting or attending a picnic or barbecue and to gather with family members or friends. Here at Antonine Village, we had the joy to have many of our residents go down to our new courtyard to sit around the tables, all decorated with colors of the American flag, and enjoy Patriotic songs while a big American flag hung on the wall of the building with other small ones flying around poles. Our residents enjoyed a traditional meal with their peers and had a...Continued on Page 2





## Let Freedom Ring... (Continued)

nice time away from the everyday routine.

What was remarkable though was that one of our Adult Day Care buses was beautifully decorated by our Activity Coordinator, Mrs. Mayada Iskandar, and did participate in the North Jackson parade as an important organization of the community in central Jackson township. On the bus, waving proudly small flags, were the Director of the Adult Day Care, Sr. Marie Madeleine Iskandar, Activity Coordinator, Mayada Iskandar, and few residents and staff, along with two family members.

The American nation is a great nation, truly endowed by God with an awesome vastness of land and beauty as well as richness of wonderful sceneries and sights, plain and mountains, rivers and seas. It is a land of opportunity for its citizens and for many others across its borders. We praise God for the freedom of its inhabitants, freedom of religion, of speech, and the choice to do what people want to do. We only pray that United States government and people continue to fight for the truth and to respect and live by their nation's motto, "*In God we trust.*"



Mahoning  
Valley  
Olde Car  
Club  
Show





## Adult Day Care



Jackson Milton Elementary students help Adult Day Care Participants create beautiful wreaths



Adult Day Care participants and family members enjoy the Mother's Day Luncheon and entertainment



Senior Luncheon at Jackson Milton Elementary School



Steel Valley Ukers offer a unique performance to all attending in the Adult Day Care



Pastor Dan Tayman (left) and nurse aides Pam and Cheryl and volunteer Marilyn Mastronarde always bring fun and laughs to the Adult Day Care

### *Thank You Cheryl*

Cheryl Wiseman has been at our Adult Day Care for twenty years. Cheryl has worked with true commitment and dedication all these years. She loves the participants and does her best to cater to their needs. Cheryl, thank you for all your service and all you continue to do at our Antoinette Sisters Adult Day Care. May God grant you good health and many years to go!





## *Antonine Village Activities*



Valentine's Day Party with Lon G



Activity with Polly Fleming



St. Patrick's Day with lovely singing courtesy of the Mill Creek Mennonite Choir



Craft with Dianne Householder



Memory Care fun with Nurse Aide Sarah



Easter Party & Luncheon with a visit from the Easter Bunny and his helpers



Solar Eclipse 2024





## *Antonine Village Activities*



Antonine Village residents at Senior Luncheon at Jackson Milton



Fun and surprises with Magician Phillip Easterday



Senior Fair 2024



Massage session with Pamela Kubic



Mother's Day with Ronnie Navarra



Ice cream outing with Mayada



Planting activity with Dara McIntosh (right) from Patriot





## *Antonine Village Activities*



Residents listen to beautiful music from pianist Sandy Patt (below)



Residents enjoy an activity with Dawn Kurelko



Senior Luncheon at St. Maron in Youngstown



Entertainment with Donnie Abraham



Shopping outing for Residents with Mayada



Veterans and family members of veterans honored



Memorial Day with flutist Penny Pavelko



## Pastoral Ministry



Spiritual services and masses are always available thanks to pastors coming to Antonine Village. Our deceased residents are remembered in these masses and services. A small group of ladies join daily to pray the rosary. Sr. Marie Maravola leads it three times per week; she also

meets with a larger group for some educational or religious talks. Sr. Samia Abou-Shakra conducts weekly a Bible study, and Pastor Samson Murry from Triedstone Baptist Church in Warren also leads religious discussions and/or services for residents.



Fr. Tony Massad celebrating Liturgy

## Antonine Therapy Center

Our physical therapy center is still thriving and receiving patients in need of physical and/or occupational therapies. Sr. Kawsar Choufani, DPT, is in charge of the center and, helping her actively, Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant, Rainie Frame, Occupational Therapist, Keri Overly-Wear, and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, Heather Lichty. We remind relatives and friends that the center can also receive outpatients for the above types of treatment.



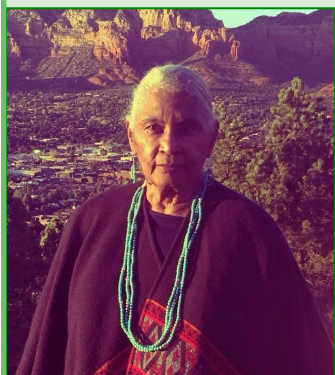
*Always Loved...  
Never Forgotten...  
Always Missed...*



**Agnes Schnarrs  
Florence Depp**

Mary Ruth Halfacre was one of the first inspectors from Area Agency on Aging who used to come in the late 90's and for some years ahead to look at our files and check everything there and on-site to ascertain whether our Adult Day Care was compliant with the rules of the Ohio Department of Health. We had the

pleasure a year ago to have Mary as a participant at our Adult Day Care. Unfortunately, this wonderful lady passed on to eternal life on June 2, 2024. We all will miss her and miss her gentle smile; we will never forget her services to us and to the greater community. Rest in peace, dear Mary!



## Birthdays



*Happy  
100th  
Birthday  
Bertha  
Gatta!*

*Happy  
103rd  
Birthday  
Rose  
Labate!*





# Guild of St. Anthony



*The annual St. Anthony Guild Dinner was held on Saturday, April 6, 2024. The St. Anthony Guild is comprised of men and women who support the Antonine Sisters' ministry to the elderly. The Sisters would like to thank the Guild members for their support and are so grateful to all the volunteers and donors who make this dinner possible.*

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Meeting on the third Monday of every month at 2:00 pm, an Alzheimer's support group is offered to the public at Antonine Village. Our Alzheimer's support group provides a consistent, caring place for discussion of the challenges of caregiving. Caregivers come to share experiences, tips, and information, as well as to offer support in a setting facilitated by our staff. Most of all, caregivers can develop relationships and friendships with all those who attend. This is free of charge and open to the public.

### *Support & Referrals*

**The work of the Antonine Sisters Adult Day Care and Antonine Village is made possible in part through referrals and support from the following:**

- Referrals from Direction Home of Eastern Ohio, The Alzheimer's Association, geriatric doctors and social workers, families of previous Adult Day Care participants, as well as families of the Village residents
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