

Yo Wazzup



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Serving the Public: Carney Returns to EDR As Governor

On Monday, Jan. 23, Gov. John Carney and his staff visited Emmanuel Dining Room West to serve the noonday meal. They were not accompanied by any press.

“We were thrilled to have him there to help serve the poor and hungry among us. He put his apron on and served lunch from the kitchen,” said Sr. Julie McCole, OSF, director of Emmanuel Dining Room. “People were really happy to see him. They were grateful for his presence, and so are we.”

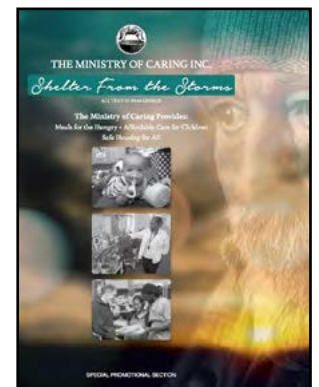
Before being sworn in as governor earlier this month, Carney served as Delaware’s lone congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2011 to 2017. He has visited Emmanuel Dining Room often over the years. In 2014, he invited then EDR site manager Janice Rice to be his guest at President Obama’s State of the Union address. Janice is now a certified nursing assistant at the House of Joseph II.

“I met Janice while volunteering at the Emmanuel Dining Room, and her kindness and passion for service is contagious,” he said at the time.

The governor’s office plans to send volunteers twice monthly to EDR.

News and Notes

- The open space next to the Ministry of Caring Building has been transformed in recent months. A statue of the Virgin Mary has been installed, and the space will be known as **Mary’s Garden**, and dedicated to Dolores and the late Pio Abessinio, parents of Rocco Abessinio, a longtime benefactor of the Ministry.
- **The Andrisani Building** now houses the Ministry of Caring’s counseling staff: drug and alcohol counselor Durand Cornish, mental health counselor Shannon Ayres, and Shannon’s team of interns. There are two phone numbers to reach the office: 302-428-3701 and 302-428-3703.
- The finance team has made manual adjustments to some employees’ **vacation accruals** to properly reflect approved vacation carryover for 2017, and/or to make corrections for vacation days taken the last week in December but charged to 2017. Review your accruals and if you have any questions, email CFO Bill Hayes and accountant Dan Habbart, cc’ing the person who approves your time card, with the details.
- CVS is partnering with MOC health insurance provider CareFirst to offer **free flu shots** at CVS, through April 30. No voucher is needed; simply show your Care First ID card along with photo ID.
- FXN fitness trainer Michelle Glazier reminds everyone that **2017 Health Challenge** sign ups begin Feb. 2. Register at www.delawareonline.com/weightogo to track your weight for the next 8 weeks and possibly win prizes. Contact Michelle with any questions: mglazier@ministryofcaring.org.
- The February issue of **Delaware Today magazine** has a 16-page supplemental section on the Ministry of Caring. Pick up a copy at the news stand or borrow one from Priscilla Rakestraw.



Tips From the Safety Committee

1 – Keep all work areas clean & free of debris/toys, etc.

2 – Clean up spills (water, chemicals, etc) immediately.

3 – Report any potential hazards to your program director or supervisor (maintenance that needs to be repaired, slip and fall hazards, etc).

4 – Clean up outside areas.

5 – Make sure you are ready for the wintry weather (wear appropriate shoes, shovel walks, etc.).

6 – Look around your facility as though you are a visitor. Is there anything in the way that needs to be removed? Are there clear pathways?

Remember: If you see something, it is your responsibility to take care of it, do not leave it for someone else. Safety is everybody's business



Upcoming Birthdays

1/27 -Tawana Dickson	2/5 -Marymar Hopkins
1/27 -Br. Ronald Giannone	2/7 -Sr. Mary Daniel
1/27 -Kay Moore	Jackson, SSCJ
1/29 -Glen Boone	2/7 -Sr. Gretchen Steiner,
1/29 -Marcella Boyer-Fisher	SSJ

In Your Prayers

Please pray for the health of these members of the Ministry of Caring community: Sr. Stephanie Wilson, OSU, former MOC employee and former Superior of the Ursuline Sisters in Wilmington, is in hospice care; Fr. John LoSasso, OFM Cap., continues to face health challenges; Gene McLaughlin, a former program director, is ill; Deacon Ed Lynch has been experiencing serious health issues; John Loy, a benefactor, is in poor health; Jim McManus, husband of HOJ II administrative assistant Rosemary McManus, is dealing with health issues; **Stan Bartowski**, whose wife Marty helps organize the Polish International Night, is suffering from Parkinson's Disease.

Please also pray for those who have died: **Mary Finlay Rickert**, mother of MOC board member Mike Rickert; **Fr. Achilles Cassieri**, a former Provincial of the Capuchins, who was involved in the early days of the Ministry of Caring.

Blessed Are Those Who Die in the Lord

Barbara Stewart, Jan. 1; **Mary Finlay Rickert**, Jan. 13; **Fr. Achilles Cassieri**, Jan. 19.



Upcoming Events

- Sunday, February 19, 4pm: **Sinatra show**, Sacred Heart Oratory
- Saturday, February 25, 6-10pm: **Mardi Gras**, New Castle County Irish Society
- Sunday, February 26, 5:30pm — **International Night: Spanish**, Francis X. Norton Center
- Wednesday, March 22, 8am — **General staff meeting**, Francis X. Norton Center

Staff News

- Michele Washington has begun working as a full-time temporary intern at CCC.
- Sr. Agnes Kaniyamkandathil, CJS, is currently volunteering full-time at CCC.
- Sr. Joicy Ambattu, CJS, is currently working as a full-time substitute at CCC.
- Falasade Speight will be joining HJ II as a part-time C.N.A. as of January 30.
- Suraieyica ("Shar") Jefferson will be joining Il Bambino as a full-time substitute teacher at Il Bambino as of February 13.

Staff Vacancies

- Part-Time teacher's assistant/interns for opening/closing shifts at all child care centers.
- Part-time curriculum coordinator to support all child care centers.
- Part-time cook (weekday hours) at HJ II.
- Live-In maintenance technician for SHV II.
- Housekeeper at SHV II.

2015 Annual Report Online, 2016 In the Works

The 2015 annual report is available via the "About" section of the Ministry website. If you'd like a printed version, contact Pete Kennedy at pkennedy@ministryofcaring.org. Work is already underway on the 2016 report. If you have ideas or photos to share, contact Pete.

