



# DECEMBER 2022



To the residents, families, and staff of Vincentian de Marillac,

For those who don't know me already, my name is Sidney Shanter and I am the new Life Enrichment Manager! I would like to take this opportunity to share a little bit about myself. This past summer, I graduated from Slippery Rock University with a major in Recreational Therapy and received my NCTRC Certification. This gives me the title of a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist!

In my free time I enjoy taking care of my house plants, doing puzzles, painting, and being with my family, including my dog, Bailey. My boyfriend and I got Bailey when she was six months old at the beginning of Covid back in 2020. She's a German Shepard mix, hence her large ears. Now she will be three in January!

Throughout my time here, if at any time you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for our Life Enrichment Department, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am beyond excited to start on this journey with you. I look forward to watching the Life Enrichment Department grow.

Happy Holidays!

Sidney Shanter

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**VINCENTIAN DE MARILLAC**

*Ministry of the Vincentian Collaborative System*



### From the Administrator's Desk-

As 2022 comes to an end, it's remarkable to look back at where we were this time in 2020 and 2021, and consider how far we've come! From mandates that stated no outside visitors were permitted in nursing homes (particularly heart-wrenching during the holidays!), to now being the closest we've been in the last three years to "pre-pandemic" life. However, while it feels like the rest of world has fully returned to some sense of "normal", we still have a number of considerations that make nursing homes "different" than many other settings. Oh, how we long for the day when all of these precautions are totally removed! But, because of the particular vulnerabilities of the folks for which we care, nursing homes aren't quite there yet... but we are dramatically different than we have been the last few holidays, and for that we CELEBRATE!!

With so many visitors coming through our doors this holiday season, I thought I might use this space to remind us all of the Visitation Guidelines we follow at Vincentian de Marillac, and ask that you PLEASE share these guidelines with your family and friends. We are a small facility, trying our hardest to keep everyone safe. As our partners in your loved one's care, please remember:

Each resident is permitted one visitor per resident per room at any given time. There is, however, no limit as to how many visitors a resident can receive in a day.

If more than one visitor is coming, please schedule this with the Receptionist, and you can use the Front Lobby lounge area for groups of 1-3 visitors. If your group will have more than 3 visitors, please let us know in advance so that we can see if there is a way to accommodate.

(\*We cannot guarantee this, however. And rotation of guests may be necessary.)

Everyone is required to use the electronic screening machine in the foyer before entering. We also ask that you please sign the guest book at the Front Desk.

When you are visiting in a resident's room, please remain in that room only. Use the call bell if you need assistance for things like water, ice, etc.

Please stay on your resident's side of the room, and pull the privacy curtain.

There is hand sanitizer in each room, as well as at the building entrance and by the elevators. We ask that you use them frequently.

We encourage you to wear a mask.

At this time, we are happy to test you for COVID 19 any time you come into the building. If you are at all unsure about your status, please ask the Receptionist to test you.

Please remember that COVID is not the only illness floating around out there... the above guidance is prudent for even slight colds or other potentially contagious illnesses.

*Merry and Safe Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at VDM!*

*Hillary Butts, NHA*

*Administrator 412-924-1911*

# Happy Birthday

12/1	Mary Hall
12/15	Sidney Shanter (Staff)
12/19	Colleen Sciulli (Staff)
12/27	Kenneth Kretchun (Staff)
12/27	Lashon Gault (Staff)
12/28	Esther West
12/29	Ann Klobuchar
12/29	Noelle Hahn (Staff)
12/30	Ebony Thomas (Staff)

## General Updates and Changes

- Please see Bridget, at the front desk , if you are interested in scheduling a hair appointment with the Beauty Shop!
- The Beauty Shop is now only open on Tuesdays.
- Please DO NOT feed the wildlife



## HOLIDAY WORD SCRAMBLE



Unscramble the letters to find words that have to do with Christmas!

1. GROCEOS \_\_\_\_\_

2. NACLORIG \_\_\_\_\_

3. TRAS \_\_\_\_\_

4. PORDUHL \_\_\_\_\_

5. NAAST \_\_\_\_\_

6. DRESSEPHH \_\_\_\_\_

7. GRAMEN \_\_\_\_\_

8. GALEN \_\_\_\_\_

9. LIMESOTTE \_\_\_\_\_

10. VANIIYITT \_\_\_\_\_

11. VIRSAOU \_\_\_\_\_

12. WAMSONN \_\_\_\_\_

13. EJUSS \_\_\_\_\_

14. SCAMSTHIR \_\_\_\_\_

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of  
all we've lost thus far.*



*"May angels lead them in."*



# DECEMBER

BEAUTY SHOP IS OPEN!

SEE RECEPTIONIST FOR APPOINTMENT

ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

CHECK WITH THE LIFE ENRICHMENT STAFF FOR

DAILY UPDATES

MORE INFORMATION FOUND ON CHANNEL 3.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ACTIVITY ROOM</b>				1. 10:30 Mass 11:00 Rosary 2:00 Sit and Stretch	2. 9:30 Morning Room Visits 10:30 Cards Club 2:00 Penny Ante 6:00 Evening Games with Izzy	Independent Word Search Puzzles
<b>CHAPEL</b>						
<b>LOUNGE</b>						
<b>DINNING ROOM</b>						
<b>ALL UNITS</b>						
10:30 Mass	4. 9:30 Morning Room Visits	5. 10:30 Mass 11:00 Rosary 1:30 Bingo!!! 4:00 Traveling Musician	6. 9:00 Room Visits 10:00 Winter Trivia 10:30 Making/sending Christmas Cards	7. 10:30 Mass 11:00 Rosary 2:00 Sit and Stretch 4:00 Virtual Pet Visits 6:00 Evening Games with Izzy	8. 9:30 Morning Room Visits 10:30 Cards Club 2:00 Christmas Store	9. 1:30 Room Visits 2:30 Pokero with Izzy
11:00 Rosary	10:00 Manicure Mondays	11:00 Rosary	10:00 New Years Trivia	11:00 Rosary	10:30 Cards Club	10. 1:30 Room Visits
1:00 Communion Calls with Fr. Steve	2:00 Chip It Game	1:30 Lucky #	10:00 New Years Trivia	2:00 Sit and Stretch	2:00 Cooking with Ebony 6:00 Evening Games with Izzy	
10:30 Mass	11. 9:30 Morning Room Visits	12. 10:30 Mass 11:00 Rosary 1:30 Lucky # Bingo!!! 4:00 Traveling Musician	13. 9:00 Room Visits 10:00 Finish the Christmas Carol 10:30 Winter Watercolor 2:00 Entertainer Don Valentyn	14. 10:30 Mass 11:00 Rosary 2:00 Sit and Stretch 4:00 Virtual Pet Visits 6:00 Evening Games with Izzy	15. 9:30 Morning Room Visits 10:30 Cards Club	17. Independent Christmas Cross-word Puzzles
11:00 Rosary	10:00 Manicure Mondays	1:30 Lucky #	10:00 New Years Trivia	11:00 Rosary	2:00 Christmas Store	
1:00 Communion Calls with Fr. Steve	2:00 Car Races	Bingo!!!	10:30 Firework Art	2:00 Sit and Stretch	2:00 Christmas Store	
10:30 Mass	18. Hanukkah 9:30 Morning Room Visits	19. 10:30 Mass 11:00 Rosary 1:30 Bingo Store! 4:00 Traveling Musician	20. Christmas Movie Marathon Pis and Popcorn in the Lounge! 1:30 Pet Therapy with Barbara and Hannah	21. 10:30 Mass 11:00 Rosary 2:00 Sit and Stretch 4:00 Virtual Pet Visits 6:00 Evening Games with Izzy	22. 9:30 Morning Room Visits 12:00 Christmas Lunch Social	24. Christmas Eve 1:30 Room Visits 4:00 Pet Therapy with Barbara and Hannah
11:00 Rosary	10:00 Manicure Mondays	1:30 Lucky #	10:00 New Years Trivia	2:00 Sit and Stretch	2:00 Christmas Store	
1:00 Communion Calls with Fr. Steve	1:00 Wrapping Christmas Gifts 2:00 Music with Ken	2:00 Creative Coloring	2:00 Resident Council	4:00 Virtual Pet Visits 6:00 Evening Games with Izzy	2:00 Christmas Store	
10:30 Mass	25. Christmas Day 9:30 Morning Room Visits	26. 10:30 Mass 11:00 Rosary 10:00 Manicure Mondays 2:00 Creative Coloring	27. 10:30 Mass 11:00 Rosary 1:30 Lucky #	28. 10:30 Mass 11:00 Rosary 2:00 Sit and Stretch 4:00 Virtual Pet Visits 6:00 Evening Games with Izzy	29. 9:30 Morning Room Visits 10:30 Cards Club 2:00 New Years Party	31. New Years Eve Independent New Years Workbook
11:00 Rosary	10:00 Manicure Mondays	Bingo!!!	10:30 Firework Art	2:00 Sit and Stretch	2:00 Christmas Store	
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