



**October 18, 2024**

## 2024 JUBILARIANS CELEBRATE

New England put on its finest autumn weather to provide a perfect setting for feasting our 2024 jubilarians on October 12<sup>th</sup>.



Jubilarian Sr. Helen Scarry



Jubilarian Sr. Lucie Jusseaume

The Marillac community and staff created a beautiful ambiance in the chapel and dining room as RJM's, Sisters of Charity and Marist Missionaries gathered for a Mass of Thanksgiving and a festive meal.



Jubilarian Sr. Mary Crepeau and Sr. Jackie Crepeau



Srs. Bernadette Oliva and Dina Garcia

Rev. Don MacMillan, SJ presided at the liturgy, Sr. Rosemary Mangan offered the homily and Sr. Jacqueline Crepeau wrote and read the Prayer of the Faithful. (Petitions and homily are attached)



Jubilarian Sr. Mariam Norick



Sr. Gertrude Lavoie



Sr. Janet Stolba and Michelle Authier



Sr. Agnes Bell

Because jubilarians Srs. Pat Ryerse and Kathleen Scanlon were unable to attend, Janet and Rosemary stopped in Yonkers enroute back to DC, delivering corsages and gift bags filled with greetings from RJM's.

During the visit, the Ellison community reported that they had enjoyed their own parallel jubilee revels, initiated by the community of Casa de Esperanza in San Diego. Jubilarian Sr. Natalia Mejia and her sisters there connected for a 'WhatsApp' celebration, that made up in spirit what it lacked in numbers.



Jubilarian Rosemary Mangan, Jubilarian Kathleen Scanlon, Sr. Pat Brito, and Jubilarian Sr. Pat Ryerse

**2024 Jubilarians**

<i>Sr. Lucie Jusseaume, RJM</i>	<i>70th</i>
<i>Sr. Mariam Norick, RJM</i>	<i>65th</i>
<i>Sr. Helen Scarry, RJM</i>	<i>65th</i>
<i>Sr. Natalia Mejia, RJM</i>	<i>65th</i>
<i>Sr. Mary Crépeau, RJM</i>	<i>65th</i>
<i>Sr. Rosemary Mangan, RJM</i>	<i>60th</i>
<i>Sr. Martha Torres, RJM</i>	<i>60th</i>
<i>Sr. Patricia Ryerse, RJM</i>	<i>60th</i>
<i>Sr. Kathleen Scanlon, RJM</i>	<i>60th</i>

The opening hymn of the Marillac Liturgy sums up the feelings of the day:

***For the beauty of the earth,...  
for the joy of human love,...  
for Yourself O Gift Divine,...***

***To You we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!***

- Sr. Rosemary Mangan

(Photos by Sr. Norene Costa, Linda Rapciak)



Sr. Liz Cornejo, Sr. Jackie Picard, Roodinna, and Sr. Rosario Fumanal

***WELCOME, ROODJINA!***

In a simple ceremony on October 6, the Kay Jezi Mari community in Gros Morne, Haiti welcomed Roodjina Andy Joseph as a postulant.

Roodjina, a registered nurse, has been living with the community during the past year, and sharing in ministry with MEJ (Eucharistic Youth Group) and in the school.

The evening prayer included a remembrance of Claudine's first night in Pierres Plantées, and closed with the French hymn: "Les Mains Ouvertes."

***Les mains ouvertes devant toi, Seigneur; ... notre joie est profonde.  
Open hands before you, Lord; ... our joy is deep!***



## FAVORITE TEXT - Jubilarian Sr. Rosemary Mangan



Sr. Rosemary Mangan, RJM



I love the dialogue between Jesus and Thomas in John 14:

***"We don't know where you're going.  
How can we know the way?  
Jesus said - 'I am the way...!'"***

It seems to me to capture both the uncertainty and mystery that is intrinsic to life, and the trust and security that faith brings to it.

Of course – how can I know the way? I don't. But someone who does know is right here with me.

## FAVORITE TEXT - Jubilarian Sr. Kathleen Scanlon

One of my favorite Scripture stories is and has been the disciples' journey to Emmaus. (Luke 24).

***"And it happened that.....Jesus himself drew near  
and walked with them." (Luke 24: 15)***

I view my 60 years as a road taken with unexpected and surprising turns, but one I never walked alone due to God's grace and RJM companionship. I pray now, that in the ordinariness of my days, I hope to listen to God speaking to me in the moment and on whatever "road" He leads me.



Sr. Kathleen Scanlon, RJM



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE WITH NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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| November 13 | Dina Maria Garcia, RJM |
| November 14 | Jacqueline Picard, RJM |
| November 15 | Mariam Norick, RJM     |
| November 16 | Loretta Knapp, RJM     |
| November 26 | Mary Bourdon, RJM      |

## PETITION: HELP FOR SUDAN

Please read and consider signing the attached petition from Avaaz, asking that an international protection presence be sent to Sudan to protect civilians and allow needed food aid to reach them.

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## **PROVINCE OFFICE**

November 1 Next *Bridges* published (articles due by Wednesday 10/30 at noon)  
October 21-31 Mary in New York visiting the “Bethany Five” and the Ellison Avenue Community

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## **UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Sr. Loretta Knapp** has a new address: Convent of Jesus and Mary, 15 Bethany Drive, Highland Mills, NY 10930. Her cellphone remains 917-273-6012 and her email knapp0@aol.com.

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## **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR...**

- Eileen McCarthy, who is in the hospital recovering from a fall. Eileen is a longtime friend of the RJM, a member of the AFJM in New York, and a generous donor to the Haiti Fund and the Refugee Education Fund;
- Sr. Christine Carrigg, who following a fall, is receiving physical therapy at Cabrini of Westchester, 115 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, room 128. She expects to be discharged October 30th;
- Continuing Prayer for: Michael Morse the brother of Sr. Teresita Morse; and Colleen Pusateri as well as her mother Lorrie Kenney who are both supporters of the Haiti Mission;
- The repose of the soul of former RJM, Pauline (Dumas) Connor, and for the comfort of her loved ones;
- The repose of the soul of Connie Bonin, sister of Sr. Beatrice Bonin, who passed away on October 5th and for the comfort of her loved ones;
- The DC/MD Community: 13th Street Christian Community (Srs. Mary Bourdon, Rosemary Mangan, Eileen Reid and Janet Stolba); University Park Community (Sr. Marge Perron) and The Meadows (Srs. Anne Magner and Rita Ricker) as this week’s community for special prayer.



Photo by Linda Rapciak

**WE ALSO PRAY FOR ALL THE NEEDS OF  
OUR RJM SISTERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**

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**Praised Forever Be Jesus and Mary**