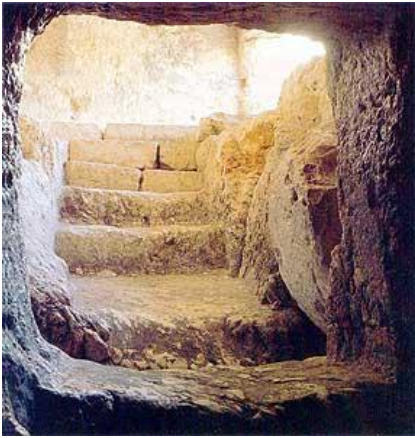


April 2017

Villa-Wide Therapeutic Recreation Programs & Events for April 2017

- 3, 10, 17 and 24 **Monday Manicures**, 6:00pm, Conservatory Lounge
- 4 **Diner's Club Lunch**, 12:00 Noon, Auditorium
- 4, 11, 18, and 25 **Bingo**, 2:00pm, Auditorium
- 6, 13, 20, and 27 **Knit and Chat**, 10:30am, Conservatory Lounge
- 6 and 20 **Pottery Group**, 2:15pm, Auditorium
- 11 and 25 **Men's Club**, 6:30pm, Conservatory Lounge
- 12 **Intergenerational Easter Program**, 10:30am, Auditorium
- 12 **Resident's Council Meeting**, 2:00pm, Auditorium
- 17 **Easter Social**, 2:00pm, Auditorium
- 26 **Queensway Bellringers Spring Concert**, 10:30am, Auditorium





Easter at the Villa

Join the Spiritual Care Department as we embark on the Easter journey from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday. We've included a schedule of Easter services below. All are welcome!

Palm Sunday, April 9th: Rosary at 9:30 a.m., Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 13th: Rosary at 3:00 p.m., Mass at 3:30 p.m.
(Foot washing ritual with 12 individuals – Residents/Staff/Volunteers)

Good Friday, April 14th: Service at 3:00 p.m. There will be no 10:30 a.m. service.

Holy Saturday, April 15th: No service

Easter Sunday, April 16th: Rosary at 9:30 a.m., Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Wishing you the hope and joy of the resurrected Christ this Easter season and always.



Antibiotic overuse

in Ontario's long-term care homes

What is the problem?

50%

of antibiotic courses are unnecessary¹

78%



of residents receive at least one antibiotic course each year²

How are antibiotics overused?

There is variability in prescribing:



10x



Homes with the highest use are using 10x more antibiotics than homes with the lowest use

Prescriber preference is the key reason for differences - not resident characteristics²



Duration of therapy is often longer than necessary²

Why is this important?

Residents in homes with higher antibiotic use experience more harm:

24%

increased risk of *Clostridium difficile* infection, diarrhea, allergic reactions and antibiotic-resistant organisms³

What can you do?

Practice antibiotic stewardship:



reduce unnecessary antibiotic prescriptions



re-assess the need for antibiotics regularly



use the shortest effective duration possible

For more information regarding antimicrobial stewardship: www.publichealthontario.ca/asp

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Skin Care Clinic

Reminder to all staff that Dr. Mohatarem is now providing dermatology services at the Villa on the last Friday afternoon of each month, beginning March 31, 2017. These services are available to both residents and staff.

MD referrals are required for residents, however staff can call Christina directly at X 2248 to book appointments. Information required for booking includes your Health Card Number, address and date of birth.

