



Flag Day 2024 was celebrated in a special way at Lourdes Noreen McKeen Residence, with the Inaugural blessing and raising of our new flag on the recently installed flagpole. Sr. Kevin Patricia Lynch, CEO presided as emcee of the outdoor celebration and welcomed residents, staff and guests. The flagpole is located on the IL/AL entrance on Flagler Drive.

“Today, we come together to celebrate and be reminded of what our flag represents to us and others around the world,” she stated.

The festivities included an opening prayer and blessing of the Flag by Chaplain, Father Tomasz Bochnak, the raising of the flag and readings by Sr. Ann Dailey, Sr. Alice Webster, Sr. Diane Mack, Kelly Carroll and Nick Pizza from The Weitz Company. All in attendance joined in singing The National Anthem, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and bowing for a moment of silence to honor past and present members of the armed forces.



Sr. Diane Mack, Administrator, spoke of the significance this event would have meant to Sister Fidelis Regan, who served as Administrator here from 1987 to 2000. Her infamous fight with the City and Historic Preservationists to tear down the old Pennsylvania Hotel led to building the McKeen Towers on this same site. Following Sister Ann’s Benediction, the program ended with a musical benediction of Kate Smith’s version of, “God Bless America”.

