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International Festival of Owls

The International Festival of Owls, a celebration of these mysterious nighttime creatures, will occur during the first three days of March. Is it the owl's nocturnal nature, their swift silence, their chilling calls of "who," or their bizarre rotating necks that make them so fascinating? These birds have figured prominently in our imaginations for millennia. In ancient Greece, the owl was the symbol of Athena, goddess of wisdom. It was believed that an "inner light" gave the owl its superb night vision, and it was considered a good omen if an owl was spied overhead watching you. Because an owl is a bird of darkness, it has often been associated with death. During the Middle Ages, owls were thought to be witches or witches' helpers. American Indians, too, held many beliefs about owls and death. To some, owls were the spirits of the dead. To others, owls were guides of the recently deceased to the underworld. During the Festival of Owls, take the time to encounter one of these magnificent animals up close and you, too, may begin to think they are more than just birds.

The Heist of the Century

On March 18, 1990, over \$500 million worth of artwork was stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston, Massachusetts. In the early morning hours, guards admitted two men dressed as police officers into the museum. These clever thieves guickly tied up the guards and spent the next hour stealing some of the museum's most valuable art. They stole works by Vermeer, Rembrandt, Degas, Manet, and Flinck. The FBI launched an investigation and, despite following leads all around the world, neither the thieves nor the artwork have ever been recovered. The heist remains the largest robbery of private property in history. Investigators do have their theories about the thieves. It is thought that they were part of an organized crime group from New England and the mid-Atlantic. The stolen paintings likely moved through Connecticut to Philadelphia, where they were illegally sold. Gangster Bobby Donati, an associate of known art thief Myles J. Connor Jr., may have led the robbery under the orders of Boston crime boss Vincent Ferrara. With no admissions or further evidence, there is still hope at the museum. Empty frames still hang on the walls, so visitors can see where the paintings once hung and may hang again.

A Message from the Executive Director, Kyle Romano

Hello,

With the winter months almost behind us, we look forward to our Easter meal with residents and their families, our cookout season on the patio, and monthly outings for our residents. Spring is a time of new growth for our team here at the Blaire House of Milford. It is time to reflect on our new events and things for families and residents to do together in activity programs, forever caring and sharing memories and love with our families and residents. Like flower gardens, new friendships grow daily in our Blaire House of Milford family-centered facility.

Sincerely,

Kyle Romano

RESIDENTS' OUTINGS:

Please see monthly Activity Calendar



Debbie Bellavance and Kathy Hough making cupcakes on a snowy afternoon.



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MONTHLY HAPPENINGS:

MARCH

Pastor Mike: Tuesdays the 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th at 10:00 AM

Communion: Wednesdays the 6th, 13th, and 27th

Catholic Mass: Thursday the 21st at 2:00 PM

APRIL

Pastor Mike: Tuesdays the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23th, and 30th at 10:00 AM

Communion: Wednesdays the 3rd, 10th, and 24th

Catholic Mass: Thursday the 18th at 2:00 PM

MAY

Pastor Mike: Tuesdays the 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th at 10:00 AM

Communion: Wednesdays the 1st, 8th, 22nd, and 29th

Catholic Mass: Thursday the 16th at 2:00 PM



Dennis Fay (3/5/1947), Karen Letalien (3/28/1953), Max Coleman (3/8/1920), Einar Samuelson (3/8/1925), Marie Sanicandro (3/19/1925)

April Birthdays

Jose Costa (4/3/1924), Joseph Vieira, (4/4/1947), Mary Dedominick (4/7/1918), Esther Hicks (4/8/1939), Frank Defalco (4/25/1934)

May Birthdays

Lorraine Dacey (5/5/1937), Anna Lewis, (5/9/1947), Albert Iannitelli (5/11/1926), James Reardon (5/15/1928), Joanne Taylor (5/15/1936), Sandra Miller (5/22/1932), Kathleen Hough (5/23/1938),

Marjorie Pasquantonio (5/23/1928), Loretta Russo, (5/27/1930), Jeannine Belli (5/30/1933)