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**KKOTTONGNAE: "Flower Village" in English is a community of love and salvation for the neediest.**

*Even if you have only some strength to beg for food, it is a gift of God's grace.*

**Homepage:**

[www.kkot.or.kr](http://www.kkot.or.kr)

**Internet broadcast:**

[www.kkottv.com](http://www.kkottv.com)

**Choi, Gui-Dong Peter**

He was born as a son of a rich family in Eumseong-Gun, Chungbuk, Korea in 1909. During the Japanese occupation, he was a conscript and forced to work in Bukhaedo Mine as a laborer, and became mentally ill due to the harsh conditions and torture.

He became homeless after returning home. Since then he had taken care of the poor in worse situations by distributing the food that he had collected from his begging to them for about 40 years.

On Sept 12, 1976, Fr. Oh, Woong-jin had a providential encounter with Gui-Dong and witnessed his life. He realized "Even if you have only the strength to beg for food, it is the blessing of the Lord.", and started Kkottongnae for helpless poor people who even have no strength to ask for food.

**To Kkottongnae members**

- Membership number is on your membership card.
- Please add your membership number to your check when you send your membership fee.
- If you send your membership card together, we'll stamp a receipt on it and return it to you.
- You can receive an IRS tax deduction.

**Join Kkottongnae Membership**

1. Anyone can join the membership.
2. Membership fee is a minimum of \$1 every month.
3. Please send your membership application form together with the first month's membership fee.
  - **By mail:** Application + 1<sup>st</sup> Month fee
  - **Other methods:** Text or email your application and then send your membership fee by **Zelle**
  - You can call us or visit Kkottongnae to apply
4. Please refer a new member to Kkottongnae. Thank you.

**Eligibility for the Elderly Admission**

- Priority is given to elders who have no one to depend on and who do not have the strength to even beg for food.
- Elders that have no family members or relatives, or the ones who have no place to live

- We give the priority to the ones in the most difficult situation among the applications in difficult situations. (Please contact us if there is anyone in that category around you)

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Address	Home			
Phone	Home		Cell	
Parish			Recommender	
Other	Email			

## Merry Christmas

### ★ Memorial Mass for Arthur Bird in the Month of the Holy Souls



A memorial Mass was held at New Jersey Kkottongnae in November, honoring Arthur Bird and other departed Kkottongnae family members.

### ★ Dominica Hwang's 74th Birthday

Grandmother Dominica Hwang celebrated her 74th birthday with a Mass by Father Michael Kim and a small celebration.



### ★ Sr. Nam Matthias Returns to Korea, Sr. Kang Thaddaeus Arrives in Orange

In early September, Sr. Nam Matthias temporarily returned to Korea for religious visa renewal, while Sr. Kang Thaddaeus arrived at the Orange Kkottongnae branch.



### ★ Visit by Fr. Kim Junsoo Peter of Kkottongnae Brothers

Fr. Kim Junsoo Peter, assigned to the Kkottongnae 3<sup>rd</sup> order Association, visited New Jersey members for a retreat and special lecture on the spirituality of Kkottongnae's founder, including small group meetings.



### ★ New Jersey Kkottongnae - Sanctuary for the Poor and Protector of Life

New Jersey Kkottongnae, actively participating in the pro-life movement, welcomed pregnant woman Alexis and asylum-seeker Fatima as part of their community, through the "One World One



Love" initiative. Fr. Stefano offered blessings for pregnant women and unborn children during the community Mass.

### ★ Thanksgiving Special Mass and Meal

To celebrate Thanksgiving, a unique American holiday, Kkottongnae families and Korean parishioners shared a warm and joyful meal together.



### ★ Newark Train Station/Orange Town Meal Service

The meal services at Newark Train Station and Orange Town are vital outreach efforts by the Kkottongnae community to meet the needy in America. These individuals, living in parts of New Jersey, desperately need attention and sharing. The Manhattan parish and Choice youth group participated in both the Haiti packing service and Newark Penn Station service.



### ★ Meal Service Sandwich Donation by Lee Julia's Family

Lee Julia and her family, along with brother Ha Joseph, donated all the sandwich ingredients for the Newark meal service. We are thankful for their generosity.



### ★ Hot Water Boiler and Gas Pipe Replacement

The aging hot water boiler and nearly century-old gas pipes in New Jersey Kkottongnae were replaced with the assistance of Peter Kang's family.



### ★ Fall Preparation at Hackettstown Farm

Members and volunteers came together at Hackettstown Farm to prepare for the winter season. They worked on pruning pepper plants and mulching the orchard with the dedicated help of Brothers Yang Paul and Kim Ki Seong Luka. Thank you for your hard work.



### ★ Tree Cutting in Hackettstown & Gillette

In Hackettstown, as part of the 'Forest Management Program' on the premises, a large number of dead trees were cut down through a professional company. In Gillette, near the retreat house, excessively large and lush fir trees were cut down.



### ★ Roof Cleaning By Maplewood Catholic Church Volunteers

As part of the winter preparations, Brother Thomas Aquinas Kang and Brother Alexander Kim from the Maplewood Parish volunteered to clean the gutters and roof of the Gillette Retreat House, which were filled with fallen leaves. Thank you.



### ★ Spirituality Center Maintenance & Brochure

The Spirituality Center was inspected, and a promotional brochure was created. Maintenance work and a thorough cleaning were carried out.



### ★ Queens Parish Support for Haiti and Bazaar Participation

Queens Parish has been running a food donation campaign and fundraising for Haiti's Kkottongnae since September 2023 and participated in the October parish bazaar for donations. Sincere thanks.



### ★ US President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)

Mr. Lee, Spencer Jaehoon (Joseph) and student volunteer Ryu Ain, who consistently participated in Kkottongnae volunteer activities throughout the year, were selected as recipients of the 2023 US Presidential Volunteer Service Award - Gold. The award ceremony was held on December 9th in the New Jersey Kkottongnae meeting room. We sincerely thank them for their relentless efforts, time, and talents dedicated throughout the year. Congratulations.



### ★ US Jesus' Kkottongnae 3<sup>rd</sup> order Meeting (Northeast Division)

To live the never-ending 'Love that substitutes for suffering and death' of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the salvation of sinful humanity, Kkottongnae 3<sup>rd</sup> order members dedicate their lives to God within the status of lay members. Amidst reduced face-to-face meetings post-pandemic, a touching and love-filled gracious meeting was held at the Gillette Retreat House in November, in preparation for reflecting on the year as the year-end approaches. Those interested in the lay association are encouraged to visit the nearest Kkottongnae branch or call for inquiries. (NJ: 201-230-5643, njkkot@hotmail.com)

