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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.*

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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.

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그것은 주님의 은총입니다

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 + 1st 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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★ 22nd Anniversary Mass of Kkottongnae NJ (10/23/2024)



With God's grace and Mary's care, Kkottongnae NJ marked its 22nd anniversary with a thanksgiving Mass at the Orange branch.

★ Dedication of Handcrafted Lectern at Gillette Retreat House (9/14/2024)

Mr. Michael Lee's family, who handcrafted and dedicated the beautiful altar at the Gillette Retreat House chapel, has now offered a handcrafted lectern after months of prayer and devotion. This marks their 10th donated liturgical piece. Thanks and glory to the Lord.



★ 2024 Queens Parish Bazaar 1st Prize Donation for Haiti (10/20/2024)

At the Queens Parish Bazaar, where parishioners and neighbors gathered in unity and love, Mr. Han-sik Lee, a 3rd order member, won the 1st prize and joyfully donated the \$2,000 prize to Kkottongnae Haiti.



★ Handmade Honey Soap, Socks, Pickles, and Rosaries Sold for Kkottongnae Fundraiser (10/20/2024)

With the support of the Queens Parish community, Kkottongnae NJ raised funds through a bazaar booth, selling handmade honey soap by

student volunteers, donated bamboo socks, various rosaries, and pepper pickles.



★ Grace and Love Church Volunteer Service and Charity Donation

Grace and Love Church, a dedicated supporter of Kkottongnae through ongoing service and donations, generously offered a special charity donation. Thank you.



★ Jade Stone Bed Donation to Gillette Retreat House

With heartfelt generosity, Ms. Angela Han's family donated a jade stone bed to Gillette Retreat House.



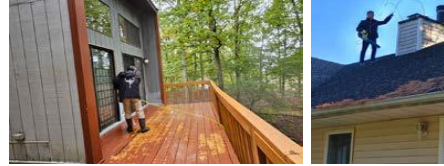
★ NJ Orange & NY Bronx Meal Service

Many Kkottongnae members, 3rd order members, and volunteers participated in the weekly meal service in NJ Orange Town and NY Bronx. Special thanks to Fr. Peter Kim Joo-nam from the Jeonju Diocese for his dedicated service.



★ Fall Building and Facility Repairs & Power Washing at Kkottongnae

Mr. Joseph Kim volunteered to power wash the exterior of the Pocono Retreat Center, a long-overdue task. Mr. Tobias Kim and Mr. Thomas Lee dedicated their efforts to repairs and power washing at the Orange branch and Gillette Retreat House. Sincere thanks to all.



★ Hackettstown Site Brush Clearing Volunteer Service



Mr. Alexander Kim dedicated several days to clearing brush from the Hackettstown site. Thank you.

★ Hackettstown Farm Fall Harvest

Many participated in farming and orchard care throughout the year. Special thanks to Mr. Paul Yang and Mr. Luke Kim for their great support. Thank you.



★ November 3rd Order Gillette Retreat House Leaf Cleanup

3rd Order members worked together to clear and dean up the fallen autumn leaves at the Gillette Retreat House garden.



★ Winter Preparation: Kimchi Making



For winter and Christmas sharing, kimchi was made. This year, mothers from St. Michael's Parish and Kkottongnae members from Holy Angels Parish joyfully volunteered despite the cold.

★ Visit to the Young Adults' Healing Community

Visited the Young Adults' Healing Community, where prayer, communal life, and labor create a simple and humble Christian fellowship, sharing spiritual brotherhood.



★ Winter Preparation: Kimchi Making

Ms. Clara Lee Jong-won, a cherished benefactor from Kkottongnae NJ's early days, passed away. A funeral Mass and farewell gathering were held in her honor. Lord, grant her eternal rest.



★ Kkottongnae 3rd Order

The love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, refuge for sinners, led Him to take on our human form, bearing our suffering, wounds, trials, and death. Kkottongnae 3rd Order members follow Christ through the founding spirituality of Fr. Oh Woong-jin, who received the grace to establish Kkottongnae as an expression of Jesus' boundless love. Those who wish to live this spirituality as 3rd Order members may contact the nearest listed address on the back of this newsletter. (Kkottongnae NJ: 201-230-5643)

