



## *Spiritual Care Notes: June 2018*

While we might be in the unofficial start of summer, our warming local weather is finally recognizing that it is spring! The cool start to spring has allowed us a few extra days of enjoying our perennial spring blossom blast of color and renewed life!

Spiritually speaking, our hearts, minds and bodies might also be benefitting from the warmth and increasing hours of sun light. We all benefit from more time spent outdoors or indoors with family, friends and activities. We ended May with the celebration of the Most Holy Trinity - God in relationship – Father, Son and Holy Spirit –the ultimate relationship. We look to establish a stronger relationship with God and others as we go forward into ordinary time, a time to go and live our life as Jesus preached when he walked this earth. The priest at Mass resorts back to wearing green in the spirit of growth and renewal. I think of our Covenant Mission statement that proclaims our mission to provide healing and care for the whole person. When we live this mission here at Maristhill and live in relationship, the staff in service to our residents and patients, (in the words of Saint Teresa of Avila), become the eyes, ears, **heart** and hands of Jesus - since he no longer walks this earth.

**Sunday, June 3** is the Solemnity of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**, or **Corpus Christi**.

**Friday, June 8** we celebrate the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. From Jesus' heart flows his love for all humankind. Jesus, we place our trust in you! God is Love and God/Father = Son = Holy Spirit!

**Saturday, June 9** is the feast day for the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. Mary, "Full of Grace" was born with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. She was conceived, born and lived her life without sin.

**June 17 – Father's Day** – DO NOT forget this special day - in celebration and in remembrance for all of our fathers, whether they walk here on this earth or if they reside in the spiritual plain in heaven!!!

**June 24** - The **Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist** supersedes the Sunday liturgy. Other principle feasts of this month are **St. Justin** (June 1), **Sts. Marcellinus and Peter** (June 2), **St. Norbert** (June 6), **St. Boniface**(June 5), **St. Ephrem** (June 9), **St. Barnabas** (June 11), **St. Anthony of Padua** (June 13), **St. Romuald** (June 19), **St. Aloysius Gonzaga** (June 21), **Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More** (June 22), the **Birth of St. John the Baptist** (June 24), **St. Josemaria Escriva** (June 26), **St. Cyril of Alexandria** (June 27), **St. Irenaeus** (June 28), **Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul** (June 29) and the **First Martyrs of the Church** (June 30).

**Enjoy a joyous June! Thank you staff for all of your caring and compassionate hearts!**

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