



## *Spiritual Care Notes – June, 2017*

**June is a time of change. Spring turns to summer. The fifty day season of Easter ends on June 4, Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is recognized as the Birthday of the Church. On the day of the Pentecost we read in the Acts of the Apostles that while "... they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim" (Acts 2:1-4). And they were all able to understand one another perfectly. What a wonderful moment! Imagine if we all could understand each other perfectly. Even when we speak the same language, we do not always hear and understand the real message. Let us do our best this month to keep our hearts and minds open to receive the Spirit in our everyday lives and listen to what is being said. The Holy Spirit descends on us and strengthens us when we receive the Sacraments and any time we open our hearts to receive God's blessings and to appreciate this wonderful world he made for us.**

**The second Sunday, June 11 is the celebration of the Most Holy Trinity. Father, Son and Spirit are all one in the same: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity remains one of the greatest mysteries of the Church.**

**The third Sunday, June 18 is the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ or Corpus Christi. Christ is the head of the Church and is truly present during the Mass when we share in the Holy Eucharist with the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ after the Consecration. This celebration is in remembrance of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ that makes salvation possible for every person ever born or to be born. June 23 is the celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. While on earth, Jesus was fully human and fully divine and is said to have held his love for all humanity in his human heart.**

**June 18 also is Father's Day. We pray for all fathers and honor Saint Joseph in this special prayer by Pope John XXIII:**

**St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the Holy Family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done. ~Pope John XXIII**

**As your new Director of Mission and Spiritual Care at Maristhill, I look forward to serving each resident, family member and the entire staff in fulfilling the Mission of Maristhill and the mission of the Catholic Church. I will do my best to keep my heart and spirit open to serve all with love, respect and dignity as we journey together fulfilling our own mission. Diane McCarthy and the Spiritual Care team she has established has been a tremendous help to me. I would like to extend my thanks to all of you for making me feel welcomed. I feel blessed and happy to be here and may God bless each of you.**

**Peace, Light and Love.**

**Janet Hutchison**

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