

ST. JOSEPH'S NURSING HOME

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A Ministry of Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce that our annual golf tournament will be held in September 2020, pending any disastrous changes in COVID-19. The date will be September 22, 2020. While it will still be in the familiar shotgun format, other details still need to be formalized by the golf course as time proceeds.

In an effort to save trees, only on-line registrations--or at the door on the actual golf event--will be accepted. To assist in planning, on-line registration is preferred. The golf course will establish a link for us in the near future which will be located at http://www.stjosephs.net/page/st_josephs_annual_golf_tournament.

As this is our major fundraiser each year, we hope both our "veteran" golfers and new friends can join us for a delightful day. Start praying for good weather as well as planning your foursome!!! More details will come as we know additional facts. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

As always, there will be opportunities for sponsorship of holes (tee signs) and memorial donations in the name of your loved family and friends (in the program booklet) and other venues.

We thank God for watching over us and keeping us safe during these trying times. God bless and keep all of you safe and well as the summer days begin. Many thanks for all your continual loving support.

Sincerely yours,



Sister Krystyna and Sisters



SPRING & SUMMER VIEWS



While it has been a difficult period for many of us, especially our residents who have been sheltered within the walls of St. Joseph's, we hope they have been comforted by the views from our windows and enjoyment of the courtyard. We would also like to thank our families for donating the lovely bird feeders shown.

OUR RESIDENTS



Pat and Bernie pictured in 1996 at their youngest son, Patrick's wedding

One of our newest residents, Miss Pat, made St. Joseph's her home shortly before the Quarantine began. Even though this might have been a challenging adjustment, Pat has been a companion and good friend to all she meets, whether it is her fellow residents, the sisters, or the staff. Her sense of humor and quick wit has truly been a blessing to everyone here at St. Joseph's. We all enjoy talking to Pat, and refer to our conversations as "fire side chats with Miss Pat". One story she shared is how she and the love of her life, husband Bernie, became smitten with each other. They met when they were in high school at the Catholic Youth Organization's teen socials where they both laid eyes on each other. She said they both knew they would marry someday, and all the other girls knew Bernie was "spoken for". They accompanied each other to their Loyola and Mount De Sales dances, and they did indeed walk down the aisle, having now been married for 61 years, with 5 children (3 daughters & 2 sons), 13 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. We also asked Pat what was so special about Bernie, and she said that he was and is the kindest, easy going man, and would do anything for anybody. We have a feeling that Bernie feels the same way about his beautiful bride!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Our Nursing staff of RNs and LPNs did a FANTASTIC job testing our residents, staff, and sisters for COVID-19, and we couldn't be any prouder of them! They made the process very easy and ensured everyone felt at ease.

Pictured left to right Sr. Krystyna, Joyce, Lexi, Christine (front), Giftie, and Mary Beth.

VOLUNTEERS

The past several months have made volunteering look differently. We've had dog visits through the front porch door, Mr. Joe Fertitta played the accordion, and the neighborhood children painted beautiful rocks for our courtyard garden.



CONVERSATION WITH SR. IRENA, DIETARY DEPARTMENT

Tell us about your Vocation and Calling

I was in 8th grade and there were many Sisters Servants in my parish. They also taught religious education to the children. I admired their simplicity and joy. I was invited to their home to understand their community better. I continued to high school, but after a year and half, I decided to enter the convent in 1975. As her only daughter, my mother was upset initially, but she grew supportive over time. I felt that I was able to learn more during the years I spent as a postulant and novitiate, versus a traditional educational setting. I was asked by our Mother Superior to go to the United States in 1983 after I took my final vows. I told her if that is God's will then that is where I should go. Since my parents had already passed away at this time period, I had to ask my brother for permission. My brother, always supportive, told me that he is not in charge of my decisions. After arriving in Catonsville, I attended CCBC to complete my studies in Dietary/Culinary Management Studies.

How does God lead you in your responsibilities? God's will allows me to do whatever is needed in our community life.

What pastimes do you enjoy? I enjoy gardening, music, and singing, as well as managing the Dietary Department. I enjoy the community life and companionship with my Sisters, as well as the relationships I form with staff, residents, and families.

