

Sisters Donate Former Home to Grow Ohio Valley

On June 24th, sisters, associates, staff and others from the Congregation of St. Joseph gathered for a prayer and blessing ceremony at a home that sits on the site of the original Wheeling Hospital where our sisters first lived and served beginning in 1853.

The house, which is located on 15th Street in Wheeling, is being gifted by the congregation to Grow Ohio Valley, an urban farming initiative that our sisters in Wheeling have a long-standing relationship with. The house will be used by Grow Ohio Valley for offices and meeting space. A portion of the house may also be used by AmeriCorps volunteers to live in while they are working in Wheeling.

Our sisters have served this neighborhood and the Wheeling community for over 169 years, working at Wheeling Hospital, Cathedral Grade School, St. Joseph Academy/Central Catholic High School, Blessed Martin School, Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center, and Cathedral parish. The blessing event was attended by some of the sisters who once lived in and ministered from this house.

Sister Kathleen Durkin, a longtime supporter of Grow Ohio Valley, said, “It is wonderful that those who are inheriting this house are young, energetic, creative and loving. We are thrilled that our former home will continue to be a presence in the neighborhood into the future.”

“Grow Ohio Valley has been working to build a just and equitable food system in the East Wheeling neighborhood for many years with the support of the Congregation of St. Joseph,” said Glynis Board, Interim Executive Director. “It has long been a dream of ours to be an extension of the sisters’ values and work in our community. This house provides us an opportunity to do that. We are extremely grateful to the Congregation of St. Joseph for gifting us your beloved house in East Wheeling.”

To learn more, visit [GrowOV.org](https://www.growohiovalley.org)



Life at
*Mount
St. Joseph*

There is always something going on at the Mount! Our sisters enjoy a diverse array of mind, body and spirit offerings and activities which provide opportunities to connect with one another, and contribute to an overall vibrant living experience.

Here are a few recent snapshots of life at Mount St. Joseph!



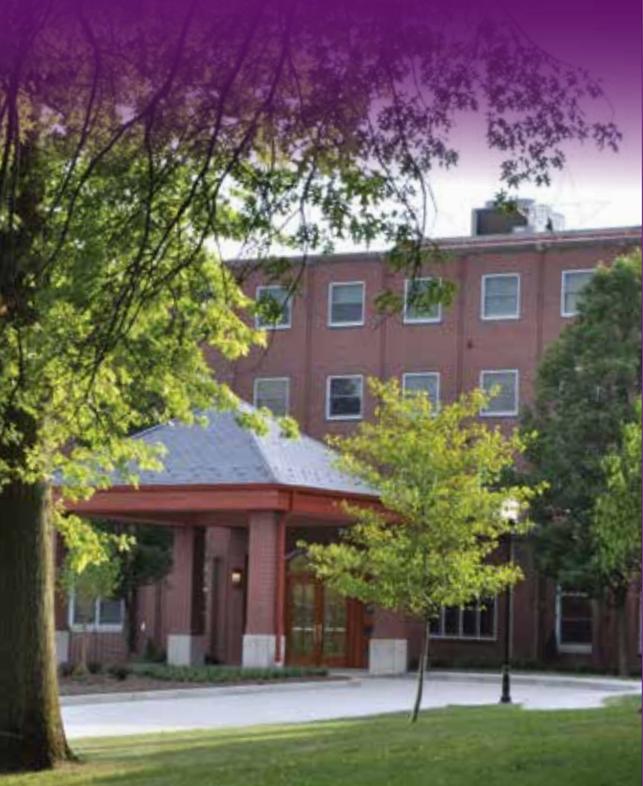
Sisters and associates in Wheeling wore blue as part of Human Trafficking Awareness Day in January to bring awareness to the atrocity of this modern form of slavery as part of the Wear Blue Campaign.



Sisters Mary Clark and Alicia Weiskircher demonstrated their baking skills while making Irish Soda Bread in March.



In May, sisters gathered to start a variety of flower and vegetable seeds. Sisters Mary Alice McMaster and Joan Kreyenbuhl above started marigolds and impatiens for the Serenity Garden outside.





Sisters Mary Clark, Theresa Metz and Ruthann Scherer made these lovely spring wreaths for their apartment doors.



Sisters Caroline Benken, Ellen Poche and others had fun creating these beautiful painted “stained glass” art.



Sisters Joan Singer, Rosalie Bucci (seated) and Rosie Coughlin created these beautiful 3D tulip greeting cards.



Jubilee

2022

The following sisters who live at Mount St. Joseph, and others from our founding community of Wheeling, are celebrating Jubilee this year. Jubilee is the anniversary of a sister's entrance into religious life.

Congratulations to all our sisters who are celebrating from around the congregation this year!



Sister Rosalie Bucci, CSJ
(Sister M. Delphine)

75 Years



Sister Kathleen Durkin, CSJ
(Sister Mary Karen)

60 Years



Sister Rosie Coughlin, CSJ
(Sister Marie Josine)

75 Years



Sister Ruthann Scherer, CSJ
(Sister Mary Rose)

60 Years



Sister Evelyn LaGory, CSJ
(Sister Marie Goretti)

70 Years



Sister Nancy White, CSJ

60 Years



Sister Patricia Sullivan, CSJ
(Sister Mary Kevin)

70 Years



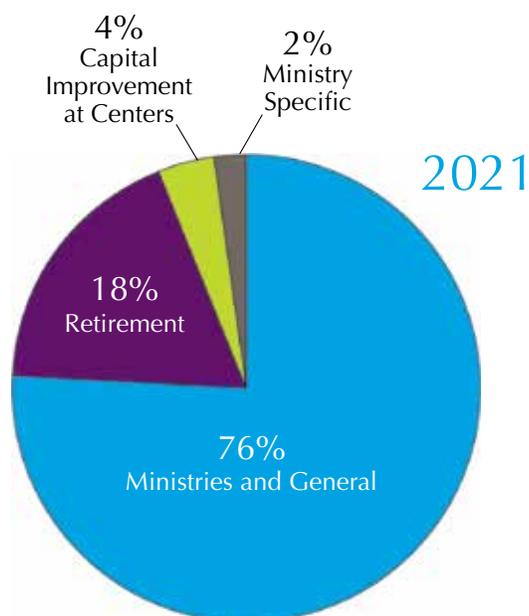
Sister Judith Minear, CSJ

25 Years

To view sister biographies, visit our Jubilarians page at CSJoseph.org

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Spirit of Giving

Peggy Palmer loved her family, friends and all things Catholic fiercely. A Wheeling native, Peggy was educated by our sisters at St. Michael's school and at St. Joseph Academy. She raised five children with her husband, John Palmer, the brother of our own Sister Mary Palmer.

Peggy was a life-long volunteer – at church, at her children's school and at Wheeling Hospital, where she did outpatient registration for 30 years. She served on the auxiliary boards of the hospital and the Sisters of St. Joseph, where she was a fixture at fundraising teas and the annual spaghetti dinner. Her daughter Cathy recalls asking her once why she was dressed up. "I'm going to help serve the tea up at the nuns," her mother answered. Cathy laughs and says that was how her mom always put it, "up at the nuns," or "I'm going with Aunt Mary and the nuns."

"She so enjoyed visiting with the sisters at Mount St. Joseph," said her son Jack. "My mom had a deep connection to the congregation and to our aunt, Sister Mary." So it is no surprise that Peggy supported the sisters throughout her lifetime and also included the sisters in her estate plans. We are deeply grateful for and honored by her generosity.

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Peggy & John Palmer's legacy includes five children, ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Peggy is shown seated in center.

† IN MEMORIAM †



Sister Rose McBreen, CSJ
(Sister Rose Immaculate)

Entered into eternal life on September 25, 2021, after 80 years of religious life.



Sister Mona Carol Farthing, CSJ
(Sister Jane de Chantal)

Entered into eternal life on July 23, 2021, after 65 years of religious life.



Sister Angelina Cavallaro, CSJ

Entered into eternal life on June 27, 2022, after 81 years of religious life.

Lending a Helping Hand

On April 7th, sisters gathered at Mount St. Joseph to fill sixty Easter bags with treats for students at the Laughlin Chapel Afterschool Program in East Wheeling. The sisters also put together twenty-five “Uplift Your Spirit” bags for unsheltered women who attend the Blossoms group at Laughlin Chapel. The bags included items such as socks, lotion, make-up, and candy. Each recipient also received a hand-written card to let them know the sisters were thinking of them and sending their love along with Easter blessings!



Welcome New Associates

On May 14th, five new associates were welcomed to the Congregation of St. Joseph during a commitment ceremony at Mount St. Joseph Chapel. From left, Colleen Ryan Mayrand, Nick Mayrand (with son Charlie), Rev. Susan Lehosky, Mark Drnach, and Beth Longo each spoke during the ceremony about their history with the sisters and how they came to this day. Applause of affirmation came from those gathered which included many sisters, associates and family members. It was a moving ceremony with lively music and rich readings from scripture. Afterward, the celebration continued with dinner followed by a social at St. Joseph Retreat Center.



A Celebration of Service

This year, in addition to celebrating her 60th Jubilee (see page 4), Sister Nancy White is also celebrating 25 years as a Pastoral Associate at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Morgantown, WV. In this role, Sister Nancy visits with and brings communion to those in hospitals, nursing homes, and who are home bound. She also takes care of the sacristy at the parish, teaches Scripture class, prepares parents for the baptism of their children, helps with funerals and wake services, and works with parishioners who want to learn more about the faith. “I have always loved working in the parish and have had some wonderful priests to work with so that it has made for a happy workplace,” said Sister Nancy. “I thank God for all the blessings and graces I have received over these years of parish ministry.”



St. Joseph Retreat Center Earth Day 2022 Celebration

On Sunday, May 15th, St. Joseph Retreat Center hosted *Celebration of Earth Our Home* on the beautiful grounds of Mount St. Joseph. The fun event was open to our neighbors and friends and featured a Monarch butterfly interactive art installation sponsored by the West Virginia House of Hagar Catholic Worker, displays and information about how to recycle with a purpose from the Trash Talkers, an outreach project of the House of Hagar, and tours of the beautiful and historic St. Joseph Retreat House. There was also music from local musicians, a goat petting area sponsored by Godaway Farms, and lots of outdoor games and fun for kids and kids at heart.

To learn more about St. Joseph Retreat Center, please visit StJosephRetreatCenter.org



Sisters Health Foundation

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

For 25 years, the Sisters Health Foundation has been listening to and collaborating with neighbors, colleagues, and area non-profits to respond to the healthcare needs of the Mid-Ohio Valley community. The Foundation, formed through the partial sale of St. Joseph Hospital in Parkersburg, continues in this mission today. “We do what the early sisters did – continually go into the community to see what the needs are and then decide what we can best do to respond,” said Senior Program Officer Sister Molly Bauer. Since 1996, the Sisters Health Foundation has awarded over \$21 million in grants and is committed to ensuring the foundation remains a trusted, reliable resource for the region.

At left, Sisters Health Foundation Executive Director Renee Steffen, Sister Molly Bauer, Board Member Alice Harris, and Sister Rose Ann Hefner at the Foundation's booth at Pride Fest in Parkersburg.



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Sister Rosie Coughlin visits with Picasso, a Pomeranian who belongs to Anna Marie Troini, Director of St. Joseph Retreat Center.

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