

Sunday Bulletin

May 14th, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter



Celebrating Marsha Wilson and welcoming Jennifer Clark in a new role!

On May 11th, 2023, we celebrated Marsha Wilson's many achievements as Director of the St. Joe's Women's Centre over the past 32 years. Marsha retired this spring, but her legacy in the Women's Centre is a lasting one. If there ever was someone in our community with a vast Rolodex, it's Marsha Wilson. She took a small, parish social outreach programme established by Fr. Fred Magee OMI to serve homeless and marginalized women and provide them with a safe place to gather during the day, transforming it into a social justice agency with an annual budget of \$600,000 -- one recognized widely throughout Ottawa. The Centre is supported by the City of Ottawa, it receives funding from businesses and individuals throughout our region and it employs a staff team of four full-time employees and one part-time member of our team.

The St. Joe's Women's Centre's facility in our rectory may not be very large, but the impact of its programmes is felt in so many ways. In 2022 the Women's Centre served 1,766 breakfasts, 7,314 lunches, distributed 1,805 school snacks, supported 129 families during the Christmas season and saw 8,592 women and children walk through its doors to access services, facilities, food and support.

Thanks to a large bequest, the Women's Centre also has a fund that provides bursaries and funding to empower women in areas of professional development and education, and to support other organizations that served the marginalized. In honour of Marsha, we're excited to announce that this fund is now named the **Marsha Wilson Women Moving Forward Fund**. The fund currently has a balance of nearly \$150,000.

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Welcome!

New Parishioners and Visitors Welcome! **Registration** Forms can be found through the Front Office (frontdesk@st-josephs.ca) or at the back of the Church.

Donations

Register with the Parish either to receive envelopes, or to sign-up for auto-debit, online through **Canada Helps**.

MASS TIMES & RECONCILIATION

- *Week Day Mass*: Wed to Fri at 12PM
- *Weekend Masses*: Saturday 5PM
Sunday 9:30AM (Family Mass) & 11:30AM
- *University Mass (Sept-Apr)*: Sunday 7PM
- *Reconciliation*: After weekday Mass or by appt.
- *Adoration*: 1st Friday of the month after the noon Mass

CHOIR SCHEDULE

St. Joseph's Parish Choir will be singing at the following upcoming masses!

- Sunday, May 14—9:30am Mass
- Sunday, May 21 —11:30am Mass
- Sunday, May 28 —9:30am Mass
- Sunday, June 4—11:30am Mass
- Sunday, June 11—9:30am Mass

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St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

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Office Hours

Cont'd—We're grateful for all that Marsha has accomplished and how she has grown the St. Joe's Women's Centre. Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe, on behalf of City Council, offers his thanks as well in the form of a letter, included in this bulletin for our parish community to read.

On May 11th, we also made an important announcement about the future. After a rigorous hiring and selection process, **Jennifer Clark has been appointed as the new Director of the St. Joe's Women's Centre.** Jennifer has worked alongside Marsha for the past 14 years, playing an ever-greater leadership role in the Centre. Jennifer has been instrumental in fundraising, community outreach, coordinating staff and programming, and developing new grant applications for the Centre. Thank you for all your passion and hard work, Jen, and congratulations on this important milestone in your career! We look forward to seeing how Jen will build on the legacy of the St. Joe's Women's Centre. We also extend our gratitude to the other staff of the Centre: Jane Tenthorey, Alia Reynolds, Brook Annan and Laurie Dumoulin.

Thank you to two passionate, determined leaders in our community, Marsha and Jen!

Christopher Adam

St. Joseph's Parish Executive Director



St. Joe's Supper Table



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

As we move into the summer months (and let our wonderful students go home for a bit), the Supper Table is hoping to recruit some new volunteers. We are looking for people who can commit to one three-hour shift per week. Tasks include preparing meals (chopping veggies), plating, serving at the window and, of course, cleaning! The commitment is from May-September, so if you have some availability, we'd love to hear from you! Please email: suppertable@st-josephs.ca



Mayor Mark Sutcliffe's Letter to Marsha Wilson



Mark Sutcliffe
Mayor | Maire

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May 11th 2023

Marsha Wilson
Outgoing Director
St. Joe's Women's Centre

Dear Marsha Wilson,

On behalf of Members of Ottawa City Council, it is my distinct pleasure to extend congratulations to you in recognition of thirty-two years of dedicated and outstanding service as Director of St. Joe's Women's Centre, supporting vulnerable and at-risk women, and mothers with children, from a diversity of backgrounds, in our community.

Thanks to your compassion and unwavering efforts, homeless and economically disadvantaged women, and those with children, could rely on St. Joe's Women's Centre as a safe haven through the operation of its day program. You helped to build the Centre's charitable reputation as a welcoming and non-judgemental place, where women, and mothers with children, have access to nutritious meals, emergency food supplies, basic hygiene necessities, crisis intervention and support, along with social services, as well as educational and recreational workshops, in addition to referrals to community services.

You can also take pride in promoting empowerment, autonomy and dignity for the women, and those with children, in need of a daytime shelter where they felt secure and received vital supports from the caring team behind St. Joe's Women's Centre.

As you pause to reflect on your valuable community service over the course of more than three decades as Director of St. Joe's Women's Centre, I trust that you will feel a sense of achievement in knowing that you played an instrumental role in providing a home away from home for women, and mothers with children, in the greatest need in our city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Sutcliffe".

Mark Sutcliffe
Mayor
City of Ottawa

P.S. You are amazing!

St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

Parish & Ministry Information

2023 AGM for May 13/14 2023 Weekend

On June 15th at 7pm we will have our Annual General Meeting in the Parish Hall. Please mark it on your calendar now and plan to attend.

During our AGM we will affirm members of our parish community that have been elected to the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). As a member of the PPC who will offer advice to our pastor and the leadership team with a collegial group of parishioners. The PPC meets once a month.

If you are interested to let your name stand for PPC, please speak to a member of Council. If you want to nominate someone else to become a member, please speak to that person first and then bring their name forward to a member of Council.

To learn more about the PPC please speak to one of its current members: Joan O'Connell, Claire Cheesman, Donna Rietschlin, Renée Liss-Siraco, Stephen Okoduwa, Kathleen Strader, Chris Adam or Fr Robert.



Library News — Books on CELTIC spirituality and prayer by J. Philip Newell include: Celtic treasure: daily scriptures and prayer (BV260.N496 2005), Book of creation: an introduction to Celtic spirituality (BR748IN45 1999) and Celtic benediction, morning and night prayer (BV260.N49 2000).

GAMES FOR LIFE



CHEO Games for Life

St. Joseph's is acting as a drop-off point for the Games for Life Campaign. The campaign is a donation in-kind opportunity for those looking to support CHEO by trading in their unused video games, trading cards, or collectibles. If you're interested in donating any unused video games, consoles, or trading cards, please let Olivia know. Drop off will become available at masses and at the front desk during regular hours. Further info is available at the back of the church. There are only a few weeks left, so spread the word! Thank you for your continued support.

More info can be found at <https://gtgames.ca/pages/games-for-life-campaign> or by emailing info@gtgames.ca.

Parking

Parking is free during weekend Mass & 30 mins after. Parking is also available in UofO Lot B **only** on Sundays from 8am-2pm

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Missing information?
To add or update Ministry info, please contact Front Office at frontdesk@st-josephs.ca or extension 251.

Front Office

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2023 Church Envelopes

If you have not yet picked up your box of 2023 church donations envelopes, you can do so by contacting the Front Office.

Our Financial Stewardship COLLECTIONS
for May 7th, 2023: \$5,821

WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

May 15th— May 21st, 2023

	Monday May 15th	Tuesday May 16th	Wednesday May 17th	Thursday May 18th	Friday May 19th	Saturday May 20th	Sunday May 21st
This Week	(1) Christian Mediation, 9:30, Sacristy (2) RCIA, 7pm, Sacristy	(1) Funeral for Louise Thibault-Little, 1pm (2) Finance Committee, 7pm, Women's Centre	(1) RCIA, 7pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Marsha Wilson's Retirement Party, 6pm, Parish Hall	(1) Christian Meditation, 7pm, Oblate Lounge		(1) Br. Len Rego Mass celebration, 2pm, Church and Hall

Future

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

European Pilgrimage Opportunity

European Pilgrimage: Fr. Gerard Plant, the pastor of St. Leonard Parish here in Ottawa, is leading a pilgrimage to France, Spain and Portugal, Sept. 23rd-Oct. 4th, 2023. For more information please see —<http://www.st-josephs.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Sept.-24-Oct.-4th-Pilgrimage.pdf>—or contact Paul at pdansereau@st-josephs.ca.

Mass intentions are available on Wed., Thur., and Fri. during Noon Mass for a \$15.00 donation. Please notify the Front Desk, frontdesk@st-josephs.ca for arrangements. Thank you!

Wed., May 17, 2023 : Philip "Peter" Phelan †
Thu., May 18, 2023 : Greg Gardner †
Fri., May 19, 2023 : Robert Black †



To add a name to the prayers for sick or those who have died: Email the Front Office at frontdesk@st-josephs.ca. We pray for those who are listed during the Prayers of the Faithful.

Prayers for those who are ill: Colleen O'Meara, Linda Mitchell, Leo Janna, Bob Graham, Gerald Schmitz, Ann Van Regan, Cody Dowson, Chris Cuming, Carmel Shales, Zilma Awad, Joan Cox.

Prayers for those who have died: Sheila Cuming, Stefania Teliga, Kevin Gillen, Louise Thibault-Little.