



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

President's Message

Mary Ann Stanek

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & COLUMBIETTE CORPORATE COMMUNION



The Columbiettes will be joining our brother Knights in a Corporate Communion on Sunday, May 5 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass in Saint Joseph Church. We ask that you try to unite with us at 7:30 a.m. for the recitation of the Rosary. Hope to see you there!

Dear Columbiette Sisters,

May, the month of Mary, our Blessed Mother, is fast approaching! This is one of my favorite times of the year with flowers blossoming and the sunny weather warming the earth and our hearts. In 2024, the National Day of Prayer is May 2, our Corporate Communion with the Knights is May 5, our Auxiliary Meeting is May 6, the Ascension of the Lord is May 9, Mother's Day is May 12, our May Crowning is May 19 and Memorial Day is May 27. Wow . . . that's a lot of May dates!

Also, the Western Chapter meeting which we are hosting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1 at the Sacred Heart Center. All members are invited to attend. We will be serving dinner at 6:00 p.m. so I am asking anyone who can help set up to be there at 5:00 p.m. Hopefully, you remember that Western Chapter is hosting a baby shower for Birth Haven and several other organizations that night. Please bring any baby items you wish to donate to the Chapter meeting on the 1st and NOT to our Auxiliary meeting on May 6th. Since these organizations support giving birth rather than abortion, our voluntary auxiliary monthly donation for May will be covered by the Chapter meeting contributions. The Chapter will donate a Pack 'n Play bassinet to each of the four non-profits.



Thank You!

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN, PURSES FOR A PURPOSE, TOILETRIES, BACKPACK MINISTRY, CAN TAB REMINDERS & CLOTHING FOR THE UKRAINE

Our May meeting will be your last opportunity for the year to donate to "Pennies From Heaven." The funds raised will be distributed at the June convention to help seminarians and postulants/novices. Please remember that donations for Purses for a Purpose (new this year), toiletries, backpack ministry, can tabs and clothing for the Ukraine will be collected at our June 3rd meeting. The backpacks you bring will then be brought to the Western Chapter meeting on June 5th for distribution to local shelters. If you are not sure what to include in your bags, check our website for lists. The clothing will also be brought to the Chapter meeting in Parsippany where a representative will pack everything for shipment overseas. The can tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House Program to help with accommodations for parents while their children are in the hospital. **NOTE: If you cannot attend the June meeting but would like to contribute to these causes, please bring your articles to the May meeting. We will hold on to them for you.**

FEED THE HUNGRY PROGRAM

We collected a total of \$1,022.00 at our April 1st meeting (personal donations and donations to Our Lady Queen of Peace Food Pantry) to give us a grand tally of \$4,607.14 so far. Our May meeting will be the final time to record any amounts made to food pantries or other charities this year. Thank you for your generosity.



Thank you to everyone who worked and/or supported our Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser (including our brother Knights). We made a profit of \$875.50 which will go toward our scholarships. I am so grateful for the support of everyone! Additionally, we made \$250 from the Villa Capri Fundraiser. Thank you to Karen Glowatski for setting up the pizza fundraiser.

To honor Mary, we will be holding our May Crowning on Sunday, May 19th after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Rose Garden behind Saint Joseph Church. I hope to see many of your smiling faces as we honor the Blessed Mother through song and participation in the ceremony. Afterwards everyone is encouraged to join together at Dominick's Restaurant for a self-paid fellowship meal. There will be a sign-up sheet at our May meeting

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, fur-baby mothers and any other mother-related individual! May our dear Lord bless you abundantly. Additionally, Memorial Day blessings to all of those who died protecting our freedom. May we always remember their ultimate sacrifice with gratitude.

Yours in the love and Divine Mercy of Christ,

Mary Ann





Also please pray for John Holzli, Derya Demirtas , Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo, Louise Crann, the unborn , all who need or have asked for our prayers and all the unspoken intentions.

Please submit all newsletter prayer requests to Patty Savacool.

HAIL MARY CAMPAIGN

Our current Hail Mary Campaign is scheduled to end on May 31st with the new campaign beginning on June 1st. Thank you to everyone who put forth a suggestion for our new slogan. Following is the listing of suggestions made for 2024-2025:

1) Peace, Justice and Hope in Our World; 2) Preservation of Our Constitution and Freedoms; 3) Return to God; 4) Pray For Peace Today and Peace Tomorrow; 5) Protect the Innocence of Children and Parental Rights; 6) Let Your Light Always Shine; 7) Defense of Human Dignity, Social Justice and Morality; 8) Increase in Religious Vocations; 9) Kindness and Peace Goes a Long Way; 10) Protection of Catholic Values; 11) Overcome Evil Through Prayer. We will vote at our May meeting for the new slogan which will begin on June 1, 2024. Our current Hail Mary total is: 1,958,085. If you are a “Zoomer” and want to vote, please email me with your choice by May 3rd.



Columbiette Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, May 1 Western Chapter Meeting Don Bosco—Sacred Heart 6:00 p.m. –Dinner**
- **Thursday, May 2 National Day of Prayer**
- **Sunday, May 5 Rosary & Corporate Communion Saint Joseph Church 7:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. Mass**
- **Monday, May 6 Auxiliary Meeting (in person & via Zoom) Sacred Heart Retreat Center 6:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday, May 9 Ascension of the Lord**
- **Sunday, May 12 Mother’s Day**
- **Sunday, May 19 May Crowning Saint Joseph Church Garden After 11:30 a.m. Mass**
- **Monday, May 27 Memorial Day**
- **Thursday, May 30 Executive Board Meeting Zoom 7:00 p.m**
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NOTE: The Columbiettes have been invited to join the Knights on May 9th at the Sacred Heart Center to pray the rosary at 7:00 p.m. Additionally, the Knights will pray the rosary every Tuesday in May at Good Shepherd Church starting at 6:30 p.m. Please join whenever possible.

2023-2024 Columbiette Officers



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- Facebook page at: Don Bosco Columbiettes for updated information on events.

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**OFFICERS FOR COLUMBIAN YEAR  
 2023-2024**

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**ATTENTION COLUMBIETTE SISTERS!**

**HOW TO REGISTER FOR ZOOM**

- Step 1: Go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and click on the "SIGN UP, IT'S FREE" button that's at the top-right corner of the screen.**
- Step 2: Verify your birth date. This will not be saved.**
- Step 3: Enter your e-mail address.**
- Step 4: An e-mail will be sent to the address you registered. Click on the confirmation link in that e-mail to begin using Zoom.**

