

# WHISPERS OF FAITH

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# Don Bosco #7784

# President's Message

Pam Raynor

Grand Knight's Message

**Richard Matrisciano** 

On March 27th we had our second CUF ceremony, this time at Sacred Heart's Chapel. Four brothers attained their 3rd degree, three with Don Bosco council and one with Fr. Mychal Judge council. We welcome them into our brotherhood of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. With their help we will be able to reach more people in need.

Supreme asked all councils to participate in the Knights outreach to Ukraine, bringing help to those citizens trapped in a war of aggression. Our council was able to make a substantial contribution. At the time of this writing Knights have answered the call with over \$8.6 million donated.

We are certainly living in a troubled world; however, Easter offers a time of hope. Jesus went to the cross to save us from our sins; those of us who seek to follow Jesus and bring peace as well as those who seek to follow Satan and bring destruction. The latter needing to repent and convert.

Our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, called on all Knights around the world to pray a novena for Ukraine and Russia. I hope you were able to join me in this worthy cause for peace. We Knights and Columbiettes must set a good example of prayer to those around us in order to attain the intercession of our Blessed Virgin Mary on behalf of our nation. I truly believe we cannot receive God's blessing and healing on America until we atone for the murder of 62 million babies.

Praying our rosary for the conversion of those who see abortion as "right," will certainly help atone. Many of us wrote to our two senators, Booker and Menendez, asking they oppose the so called Women's Health Protection Act. This act would make abortion legal in all 50 states from conception to birth, and possibly after birth. Neither senator bothered to read our letters.

# Dear Sisters,

Welcome to Spring!! Daylight is longer, the sun is out more often, and buds can be seen on the trees. Spring is a great season. Make it a point to get outside every day. Being outside daily, is good for your mental health as well as your physical wellbeing.

#### **MARCH HAPPENINGS**

At our March meeting we inducted Patricia Hefferan, as our newest Columbiette. Hopefully at our next three meetings you will have a chance to introduce yourself to Patricia and our March inductee Martha Elllis. During the meeting a nominating committee was formed in search of members who would serve as officers for our Don Bosco Columbiette organization for the 2022-2023 year. As you know the officers are president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, financial secretary, and sentinel. I am stepping down, so the office of president is open. Agnes Gerrety, vice president is thinking over her options. The other officers have agreed to stay on, in their current position, Connie as secretary, Kathy as treasurer, Colleen as financial secretary and Mary Beth as sentinel. If you would like to be an officer, we could have an election for the different offices. Please contact Miriam Montagne at mmontagne.donboscocolumbiette@gmail.com, or call her at 201-230-1373 to tell her you would like to be an officer.

### APRIL EVENTS

Our April donation is nonperishable items for Our Lady Queen of Peace Pantry. There is an 11:30 Mass for Peggy Bopp on April 24, and afterwards there will be a luncheon at Farmers Daughter on Spring Street. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get together and socialize. I hope to see you on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MAY EVENTS**

We are collecting baby items for the moms-to -be, at Birth Haven, for the month of May. On Sunday, May 15, with a rain ate of May 22, we will have our outdoor May crowning. Pattie Losey's granddaughter, Hailey Pepe will crown Mary after the 11:30am mass. It has been suggested we go to Dominick's for lunch and fellowship, after the crowning. Please mark your calendar with these events.

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Their staff sent the usual boiler plate response. Short of voting them out, the only way to create change is to change their hearts through prayer. That means we ALL pray.

Our Right to Life Chair Jerry Woodring continues to do his part; scheduling prayer vigils at Newton's Planned Parenthood facility 3 days a week throughout Lent. Unfortunately, the response has been sparce. If we can't make this simple effort, can we expect to change those hearts that are so accepting of abortion?

Kudos to those who have been showing up and those who pray their rosary at home because they can't be there in person.

Pray for Ukraine and Russia, for the Middle East, for China and Taiwan, for North and South Korea, for democracies that have been taking away personal and religious freedoms, for America and for all who suffer because of oppression.

Upcoming events: Before we know it August will be upon us and we will be seeking volunteers to help at the food booth during the State Fair. Please answer the call and help at least one

6-hour shift

Peace.

**GK Rich Matrisciano** 





Please continue to save the pop-top tabs, and gently fill the backpacks that Miriam and I will bring to convention. We are reminded to pack travel size toiletries in gallon size bags for the homeless. Have you paid your dues? Send \$20.00 dollars to Colleen Testa at 397 A Route 94 S, Fredon, NJ 07860. I look forward to seeing you at our April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Remember we start at 6:30pm. Thank you for all that you do for Don Bosco Columbiettes. God bless you, Pam

#### NEW SISTER TO INDUCT

I am happy to tell you that on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> We will have another induction of a new sister and then have our meeting. We will start at 6:30pm, so please arrive by 6:15. Those attending by Zoom I will be sending out the code on the weekend before the meeting.

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#### **Columbiette Upcoming Events**



See you on April 4th

## PIZZA FUNDRAISER NEWS

Villa Capri at 27 Hampton House Road, Newton has agreed to give us (\$1.00) one dollar for every pizza pie purchased) all day on Friday, April 8th (Friday before Palm Sunday)



APRIL 24-Peggy Bopp Memorial Mass 11:30 AM Saint Joseph's Church Followed by Brunch at The Farmer's Daughter.

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Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo, Louise and Geoffrey Crann, the unborn, the people of Ukraine, and all who need or have asked for our prayers and all the unspoken intentions.

Please submit all newsletter prayer requests to Patty Savacool.



Just a reminder that the Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

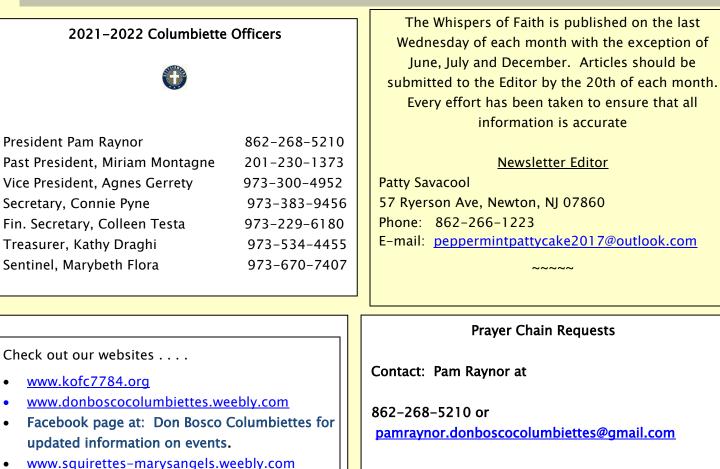


Kathy Draghi gave Laura Lippencott, Manager, our gift card donations of \$295 for Manna House. The Columbiettes, at the suggestions of our Peggy Bopp, are sponsoring a campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession for the United States of America. Please support this endeavor to pray TWO MILLION HAIL MARYS. Please ask family members, friends, neighbors, church groups, etc. to pray Hail Mary's to help in obtaining this goal. All Hail Mary counts can be e-mailed to: hailmarysfortheUSA@gmail.com.

# Our tally so far is: 1,754,009



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# 2021-2022 Slate of Officers

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Our Right to Life Chairman, Jerry Woodring, began a prayer vigil March 3rd that will continue throughout Lent in front of Planned Parenthood in Newton. Contact him to participate an hour at a time at rosiewoodring@gmail.com or call him at 973-383-0450.

Pray for the unborn children.

