

# WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

## Grand Knight's Message

James McDonald

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With so much corona virus and hysteria throughout the world, I was pondering an appropriate faith-based message to share for this edition of Whispers of Faith. Since our Lenten journey has been interrupted by the pandemic, with all Church services being temporarily suspended, I thought it would be appropriate in lieu of a faith based message for all to focus on who will see us through the current crisis. To this end I have selected a poem with scripture reflections by Margaret Fishback Powers in 1964 that should achieve this goal.

### Footprints

"One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he asked the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints; I don't understand why when I needed you most, you would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

## President's Message

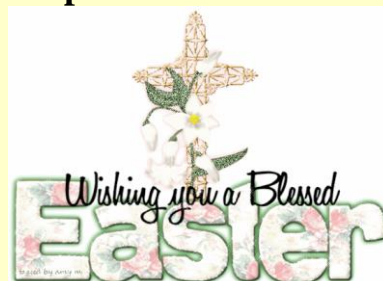
Pam Raynor

Dear Sisters,

I wish you a very blessed Springtime. As of this writing, which you are reading, we are in our homes practicing safe distancing and doing our best during this corona virus time. Once again, this time in history will stay with us forever; just as the assassination of President Kennedy, the morning of 9-11, and now COVID19 of March 2020. Please remember we will get through this as well.

The Supreme Council has asked us to say a Hail Mary each night at 8:00(just after Wheel of Fortune) for a cure for the virus. Some have asked for all to pray a decade while others asked for us to say a rosary. I leave it to you as to what to do. I will share, that when things were out of my control, I turned to prayer for guidance but above all for comfort. Please send your Hail Mary count to Mary Ann Stanek at [mstanek@ptd.net](mailto:mstanek@ptd.net).

We will not meet in April, because of the virus. Whenever we can get together, we will have a most wonderful celebration where we will be able to bring our April donations to the table for Queen of Peace Food Pantry. They have requested non-perishable items.



A few thoughts to consider as we are now spending more time at home due to coronavirus restrictions:

- ✓ "Worrying won't stop the bad stuff from happening, it just stops you from enjoying the good"
- ✓ "The smile on my face doesn't mean my life is perfect. It means I appreciate what I have and what I have been blessed with. I choose to be happy."
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- ✓ "When my arms can't reach people who are close to my heart...I always hug them with my prayers." And most important of all-----
- ✓ "Faith is hanging on tight when the going gets windy."

Now that we have completed the tasks of turning our clocks ahead one hour and Spring is upon us we will have some time remaining to spend in prayer during the last weeks of the Lenten season and Holy Week as we prepare and look forward to Easter Sunday when the most recognized figure in human history—Our Lord Jesus Christ is embraced throughout the world.

On behalf of the Don Bosco Knights of Columbus, I would like to extend my wishes that all of my Brothers and Sisters are blessed with gratifying spiritual experiences during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday.

All Don Bosco Council scheduled events have been cancelled or postponed during the Coronavirus Pandemic. Once restrictions have been lifted, a revised Calendar of events will be posted on our website.

Fraternally,  
SK Jim Mc Donald, GK Council 7784

I was hoping we would still have our fundraiser with Villa Capri on Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. It has been postponed. We will let you know the new date!

Sadly, I learned that Carol Strand's sister, Ann Clark passed away. Carol's home address is 47 Branchville-Lawson Road, Newton, New Jersey 07860. Her email address is

[nanstrand33@gmail.com](mailto:nanstrand33@gmail.com). A card is a very warm way to wrap your arms around Carol, invisibly of course.

As I close, I wish you and your family health, peace, and joy for this time we can share with one another.

Bless you,  
Pam

#### Worthy Brothers and Sisters:

My wife Carlyn has been sewing face masks for Newton Memorial Hospital and is running out of supplies. She and I are requesting help with supplies and volunteers to assist with sewing.

Supplies needed: \*\*clean cotton fabric, it would be nice if the fabric could be precut into rectangles 6 inches x 9 inches; \*\* elastic 1/4, 3/8 or 1/2 inch; \*\* and disposable dusting cloths that are used for lining.

Anyone that can help, please contact Tom Hudak @ 973-903-1494 or [chudak1644@gmail.com](mailto:chudak1644@gmail.com) in order to coordinate a safe drop off zone.

God Bless all who can help.

Yours in Christ.

Tom Hudak, PGK



Judy Moyer, Colleen Testa, Linda Flynn, Marion Gillen, Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo, Michael Polster, Anne Kappelmeier, The Savacool Family, Louise Crann, Adrian Koster, and everyone suffering with the Corona Virus. Please also pray for all the people working to fight the pandemic.

Please submit all newsletter prayer requests to Patty Savacool.



**WE DID IT!**  
**1,003,380**  
**3,380 over our goal**  
**SOS—WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Don Bosco Columbiettes are sponsoring a campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession for Salvation Of Souls. Please support this endeavor to collectively say ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS by praying and reporting the amount of Hail Marys you have said. This campaign will run from September 8, 2019 (Our Blessed Mother's birthday) to May 31, 2020. A dedicated e-mail address has been set up at:

[hailmarysforSOS@gmail.com](mailto:hailmarysforSOS@gmail.com)

to receive tallies from anyone at any time.

Thank you so much for helping us reach our goal! We will continue to accept Hail Marys until May 31, 2020. May our dear Lord bless you all.

The Villa Capri Pizza Fundraiser on April 2nd has been postponed. It will be rescheduled at a later date.



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