



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

SK Anthony Caroleo

He is Risen!

I hope this finds everyone in good health, and hope your Easter was joyously filled with prayer and family celebrations!

I would like to thank those who joined the Don Bosco Knights at the Stations of the Cross we hosted at Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Joseph, and Good Shepherd Parishes this Lenten season. This was our first year sponsoring the Stations at the three parishes and we had over 120 members and parishioners attend the events.

Our Spiritual Advisor, Deacon Tom Sullivan and I had a very moving experience during Lent. We both read about The Shroud of Turin exhibit at Our Lady of the Magnificat in Kinnelon in the Beacon, and we were able to schedule a personal tour by Fr Steve Shadwell. It was truly an experience we could not ever forget. The exhibit of high-quality 3D photographs of the Shroud, and the many historical and scientific items that were a part of the display were a moving experience for us. The photographs show, in great detail, the marks left by torture Jesus suffered before his death. We saw the nail marks in His wrists and feet, the marks of the scourging, the marks left on his back from the Cross, and the bruising He suffered when He fell. This is certainly a visit worth the trip. We hope to be able to schedule a visit again SO WE CAN SHARE THIS WITH Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes in the future.

Please check our website for future events sponsored by our Council. We will be celebrating our annual Corporate Communion in May and will be hosting a Tuesday evening Rosary each Tuesday in May at Good Shepherd Church. Please plan on joining us.

In closing, Vivat Jesus! (Jesus Lives)
SK Antony Caroleo, Grand Knight
Don Bosco Council 7784

President's Message

Mary Ann Stanek

Dear Columbiette Sisters:

Our Columbiette season is winding down with only three more meetings before we break for summer. April's meeting should be relatively mild after the flurry of donations and activities discussed at our March assembly which seemed to be the month of giving. There were so many suggestions and motions made with sincere concern for helping others. Pictures of several of those donations are shown in this newsletter. Your willingness to assist inspires and impresses me. God bless you abundantly for your sacrifices. You are absolutely the BEST!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Villa Capri Pizza Fundraiser and to Karen Glowatski who put everything together. We raised funds by just purchasing and eating delicious pizza during Lent.

Don't forget that the Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, March 29th and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th. In her *Diary*, St. Faustina records a special promise given to her by Jesus. He told her to communicate it to the whole world: "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy (699)." **"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (300)."**

Happy Easter and God's blessings on you and your families.

Yours in the love and Divine Mercy of Christ,
Mary Ann

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



CARE PACKAGE FOR NEW JERSEY COLUMBIETTE STEPHANIE AARON DEPLOYED IN KUWAIT

Thank you to everyone who donated items for Stephanie Aaron (Air Force) who is deployed in Kuwait. We shipped just over 21 pounds of goodies to Stephanie. Wow . . . will she be surprised!



HELP! HELP! HELP! The Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 27th from 8:00-10:00 a.m. The menu includes: pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs and a beverage choice including coffee, juice, soda and tea. There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet at our April meeting. This is a FUN activity where we gather in service to raise funds. As last year, we truly need your help in promoting this event since we are being charged for 100 tickets—sold or not! We do not start making money until we sell 50 tickets. So, please, please, please ask everyone you know (relatives, neighbors, co-workers, Knights, groups you belong to, etc., etc., etc.) to come out for this fundraiser. Tickets cost \$12.00 each and will be available at our April meeting or you can email (columbiettes.mstanek@gmail.com) or call me (973-943-7930) to hold tickets for you. Walk-ins are also welcome. Checks should be made payable to "Don Bosco Columbiettes." I'm praying for a massive amount of participants to help raise money for scholarships. It would be wonderful if you could purchase tickets for yourself and others at our meeting. Surprise someone with a breakfast date! Flyers can be downloaded from the website. Please consider downloading one and posting it throughout the community. Thank you so much!

SLOGAN FOR HAIL MARY CAMPAIGN

We are in the process of accepting slogan ideas for our 2024-2025 Hail Mary Campaign. An idea sheet was passed around at our March meeting and will be circulated again at our April meeting. So far, the following ideas were submitted: 1) Peace, Justice and Hope in Our World; 2) Preservation of Our Constitution of the USA; 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) Salvation Through the Will of God. If you are a Zoomer and would like your idea submitted, please contact any officer. We will vote at our May meeting for the new slogan which will begin on June 1, 2024

OUR TOTAL SO FAR IS: 1,743,892!

WESTERN CHAPTER FIVE WEEK CLUB

Western Chapter Five Week Club tickets (May drawings) will be available at our April meeting. There are 11 tickets available at a cost of \$5.00 each—first come, first served. Congratulations to Mary Beth Flora who won Week 2 in the January drawings.

MANNA HOUSE DONATIONS



A grand total of \$295.00 (gift cards & cash) was collected for Manna House at our March meeting. Vice President, Agnes Gerrety, is shown here with a representative from Manna House who was truly impressed and grateful for the amount received.

MARKET STREET MISSION DONATION

Shown is Connie Pyne, Secretary, with director Jacob Gaeta at the Newton location accepting our \$200 donation to assist in their mission of helping local men in need.





Also please pray for John Holzli, Derya Demirtas , Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo, Louise Crann, Colleen Buck, 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.

APRIL DONATION

Our voluntary donation request for April is non-perishable items for Our Lady Queen of Peace Food Pantry. All donation values can be counted toward the Feed the Hungry Program. Our current tally for this program is \$3,585.14.

CLOTHING DRIVE TO ASSIST SISTER MARY ANN RICHWALD AND THE MISSION OF THE TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

Those of you who wish to donate new or gently-used clothing (all types) to this mission, please bring your items to our April meeting. Connie Pyne will make sure that they are delivered to the Baldini family who plan to drive a large vehicle filled with donations to North Dakota this summer. Mr. Baldini was inspired to do this after visiting with donations two years ago and seeing the poverty and need of the people.

NEW MEMBER



Congratulations to our newest member, Linda Focht, who was initiated at our March meeting. We wish her a happy and rewarding membership as she becomes involved and makes new friendships. Linda and her husband, Ken, are co-cordinators of the Father Michael J. Burke Thrift Shop. Ken plans to join the Knights soon. Congratulations, Ken!

Columbiette Upcoming Events

- **Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)—Start Divine Mercy Novena**
- **Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday**
- **Monday, April 1—Auxiliary Meeting (in person & via Zoom) 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Retreat Center**
- **Sunday, April 7—Divine Mercy Sunday**
- **Friday, April 19-21—NJ State Council Columbiettes Retreat at San Alfonso's Retreat House**
- **Saturday, April 27—Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast in Newton from 8:00-10:00 a.m.**

SUNSHINE FOR THE NEEDY PROGRAM TURNED INTO LOCAL DONATIONS



Twenty (20) \$10 gift cards to Shop-Rite amounting to \$200 were donated to Saint Mother Teresa's Food Pantry, Our Lady Queen of Peace Food Pantry and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Food Pantry for a total of \$600. The gift cards were purchased through Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and Our Lady Queen of Peace Church which run gift card fundraising programs thereby also helping the Churches. Thank you to Kathy Draghi, Treasurer, for getting these and delivering them to all three parishes. State President Frances Corcione was notified that we "morphed" the State Program into a local endeavor.

2024 NEW JERSEY STATE CONVENTION

If you plan to attend the 2024 State Convention (June 21-23), please submit your reservation application as soon as possible. The deadline for either just Saturday or the entire weekend is April 15th. Mass will be held on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. We will once again have the sign-up sheet for journal boosters at our meeting: Adults (Sunshine) are \$1.00; Children (Sand Buckets) are \$.50. Your name will appear in the convention journal as a supporter with this nominal donation.

2023-2024 Columbiette Officers



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Check out our websites . . . .

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- [www.squirettes-marysangels.weebly.com](http://www.squirettes-marysangels.weebly.com)
- Facebook page at: Don Bosco Columbiettes for updated information on events.

### Prayer Chain Requests

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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.

