

# WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

## Grand Knight's Message

Richard Matrisciano

Dear Brother Knights,

On behalf of the officers of Don Bosco council I sincerely hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving and we wish everyone a spiritual Advent journey leading to the celebration of our Saviors birth!

Our brother Knights have been active putting up "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs at Good Shepherd, Our Lady Queen of Peace and Hayek's Market. We also responded to Fr. Tim's call to help with the exterior Christmas decorations at GS. Thank you to our DGK Anthony Caroleo and PGK Tom Hudak for coordinating the efforts and brothers George Parichuk, Pat Goerig, Tom Barry, Bob Tiscornia, Joe Logarzo, Rich Syzmanski (member Joyce Kilmer Council 2483) and all others who helped.

Our council had a wonderful response to the Pride in Priest dinner November 21st with a full table that included four priests. It was a joyous and fun celebration.

Advent is the beginning of the Church's new liturgical year which means radios and stores are full of the sound of Christmas music. You might even hear a song about the true meaning of Christmas if you're lucky! As for me, I'll wait for the true beginning of Christmas before playing them at my house.

In the new year our council will be able to work with the State Council and Supreme to fund a new ultrasound at a Pregnancy Resource Center in need of one. This has been a long journey, beginning with brother Jerry Woodring seeking to use a portion of our General Reserve funds for a project that would save as many lives as possible.

## President's Message

Mary Ann Stanek

Dear Columbiette Sisters,

December is a beautiful month of reflection and brings with it the birthday of our dear Jesus Christ. As Christmas approaches and we brace for a new year, take time to contemplate the many blessings which have been gifted to you by our Lord. Also, as you think about your new year's resolutions, perhaps you might want to include a daily period of prayer on your list—not only for requests but also for thanksgiving.

Thank you to everyone who attended the K of C Mass for Deceased Members & Columbiettes on Sunday, November 13th at Good Shepherd. Also, thank you for your attendance at our November meeting. We had a good gathering of members and the papers for our Retention Award have already been submitted by our Vice President, Agnes Gerrety. December 3rd, the date for our Christmas Photoshoot with Santa & Mrs. Claus, is fast approaching. Hopefully, you will be able to join us at this first-ever festive event. If you send out family picture Christmas cards this is the perfect opportunity to take those special shots for loved ones and friends. Besides the backdrop for Santa & Mrs. Claus there will be six other displays to suit everyone's preference. Please remember that all pets must be on a leash or in a carrier.



Our brothers voted to get the ultrasound and the Project Life committee worked hard to determine where it would do the most good. The Knights are Pro-Life to the core and I am proud of our council and its efforts leading to this momentous event. I'm sure God will bless us for seeking to help the least of His children, the unborn in the womb.

At the Respect Life mass at the Paterson Cathedral on Nov 19th we brought our Respect Life poster (see photo) and it received a lot of looks. Many people stopped to read the message and take a picture.

Peace.

GK Rich Matrisciano



Your voluntary donations to the Saint Mother Teresa Food Panty helped with the State Columbiette "Feed the Hungry Program." The tally for our November meeting was \$198.78 (\$40 Cash + \$25 Gift Card + 133.78 pounds of food). This makes our grand total since September \$729.78. God bless you all for your generosity. The December voluntary donation is for men's/women's white socks for residents in local nursing homes. Please note that if you cannot, at this time, afford to donate—no problem! Prayers for these recipients are greatly appreciated and as valued as an actual donation.

My prayers go out to everyone for a blessed, healthy and happy Christmas filled with love and peace. Hopefully, 2023 will prove to be fantastically wonderful! Pay heed to the cliché, "Take time and stop to smell the roses." If you look carefully, you will see a bounty of blessings. Treasure these gifts.

Yours in the love and peace of Christ,  
Mary Ann

### Columbiettes Upcoming Events

**Photoshoot with Santa & Mrs. Claus Saturday, December 3rd Community Center 2:00-4:30 p.m.**

**Auxiliary Meeting (in person & via Zoom) Monday, December 5th Sacred Heart Retreat Center 6:30 p.m.**

**Squirettes Sunday, December 11th Community Center 3:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Sunday, December 25th—MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Executive Board Meeting Thursday, February 2nd Zoom 7:00 p.m.**

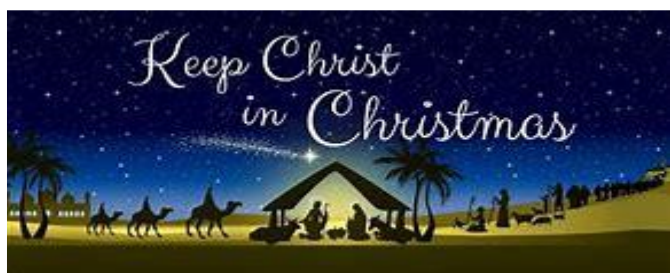
**Auxiliary Meeting (in person & via Zoom) Monday, February 6th Sacred Heart Retreat Center 6:30 p.m.**

**The Columbiettes do not meet in January. Our first scheduled meeting for 2023 is February 4th. Hope to see you there!**



People affected by Hurricane Ian, John Holzli, Derya Demirtas , Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo, Louise and Geoffrey Crann, Patty Savacool, the unborn, the people of Ukraine, all who need or have asked for our prayers and all the unspoken intentions.

Please submit all newsletter prayer requests to Patty Savacool.



### **Knights Upcoming Events:**

December meeting moved to Wed. 7th as  
Thur 8th is the Immaculate Conception

DPD Gift presentation at 6pm, Catholic  
Charities, Jefferson Twp. Dec. 14th

Pre-Spring Christmas/Valentines luncheon in  
January

### **ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN**

The Winter Weekend Retreat at Sacred Heart Center is scheduled for January 6-8, 2023. Registration forms will be available at our meeting or may be downloaded from our website. The theme is "Strength for the Journey." The whole weekend will cost \$180 with a Saturday only option for \$75 (breakfast, lunch and dinner is included). The Saturday program starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m. You can also arrive earlier to participate in the 7:00 a.m. Mass. Why not get a group of your friends and join us for a day of reflection. Attendees do not have to be Columbiettes.

### **NEW CAMPAIGN PEACE OF CHRIST**

Our new one-year campaign be designated for the Peace of Christ—that peace which only the Lord can give! This theme covers a broad spectrum of petitions such as peace in the world, serenity for yourself or others, forgiveness of our transgressions, etc. Your interpretation will be part of your intentions. It is now more important than ever to beseech our Blessed Mother's intercession with Jesus, her son, through the powerful prayers of the Rosary. Please support this endeavor to collectively say more than ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS by praying and reporting the amount of Hail Marys you have recited. This campaign will run from June 1, 2022 until May 31, 2023. A dedicated e-mail address has been set up at: [hailmarysforthePOC@gmail.com](mailto:hailmarysforthePOC@gmail.com) to receive tallies from anyone at any time.

Please ask family members, friends, neighbors, church groups, etc. to pray Hail Marys to help in obtaining this goal. Thank you for your assistance.

**OUR TOTAL SO FAR  
1,041,975**



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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.