



# WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

## Grand Knight's Message

James McDonald

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“Since love completes all, makes all hard things soft, and the difficult easy, let us strive to make all our acts proceed from love.”  
St. Arnold Janssen

I would like to express my wish that everyone enjoyed a Happy Thanksgiving with the following reflection from A Catholic Prayer Book compiled by Msgr. Michael Buckley:

In Gratitude

Thank you, Father,

For having created us and given us to each other in the human family.

Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows,

For your comfort in our sadness,

Your companionship in our loneliness.

Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives.

Thank you for friends, for health, for grace.

May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.

A short week after Thanksgiving we will begin the Advent Journey. Advent has been around for a long time, long before it was actually called “Advent,” and possibly as early as the 2nd century. Originally, it was celebrated for 40 days, just like the Lenten season. Advent is given to us as a time to prepare our souls for the coming of the Lord. This season is very similar to Lent, so its nickname is the “Little Lent.” In our current culture, we are tempted to skip over the penitential aspects of Advent and focus on the joy of Christmas. Focusing on the joy alone denies a crucially important truth: that the Christ Child, Our Lord and Savior, suffered and died for our salvation. May I ask that all of my Brothers and Sisters focus upon Keeping Christ In Christmas!!!!!!

The fall has been a very busy time. I appreciate the support of all who participated in our Migrant Ministry Dinner, Fifth Sunday Family Rosary, Mass of Remembrance for Deceased Members and Christmas Wreath Making at the Abbey.

Fraternally,

SK Jim Mc Donald, GK Council 7784

## President's Message

Pam Raynor

Dear Sisters,

**I want to wish everyone a very Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year. During this holiday season I hope that you will take time to thank GOD for all your blessings and enjoy the company of your family and friends.**

**I'd like to suggest to my sisters that as the New Year approaches, you think of creating a “Gratitude jar”. At the end of each day, you write down what you were grateful for on that day. Place your responses in the jar, and towards the end of 2020, take the papers out of the jar and reread your daily thoughts. It is quiet an eye opener to see what has happened in your life during the year.**

**The staff of Good Shepherd were so surprised and grateful to the lotions, shampoos, razors, toothbrushes and tooth paste that we donated this month to their food pantry.**

**I was pleased to see so many sisters at Good Shepherd Church on November 9 for the Remembrance Mass. Thank you, sisters.**

**The Migrant Ministry Dinner was held recently for about 25 people. Our Columbiette sisters provided a delicious meal and a fabulous dessert table for all to enjoy. Thank you, sisters, for your help in preparing, setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Everyone had a wonderful evening.**

**White socks for men and women is our donation for December. I look forward to seeing you at our December 2nd meeting. If your last name begins with letters A-L, please bring something to enjoy at the meeting.**

**God Bless you and your family,**

**Pam**

## UPCOMING KOC COUNCIL EVENTS

December

- Dec. 5 Council Officers Meeting Sacred Heart Center
- December 8th Christmas Social K of C at Sacred Heart 3pm-7pm \$20. Per person, food from Dominick's BYOB.
- Dec. 12 Council Meeting Sacred Heart Center.
- December 25<sup>th</sup> Merry Christmas



## COLUMBIETTE-UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- December 2nd Columbiettes meeting 7:00pm Community Center
- December 4th Western Chapter Bishop Navagh 7:00pm
- December 8th Christmas Social K of C at Sacred Heart 3pm-7pm \$20. Per person, food from Dominick's BYOB.
- December 21 Sing along at local nursing homes. 10:00am -4:00pm
- December 29th Rosary said before 8:00am Mass.

January

- January 3-5, 2020 Sacred Heart Retreat, 20 Old Swartwood Road, Newton.
- January 9th Knights Columbian Fair monies presentation at Sacred Heart. More information to come.
- January 23rd Overnight Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. and March on the 24th
- January 24th March for Life Bus Trip to Washington D.C.
- January 30th Executive Board meeting Parish Center 7:00pm



Has your name, address, or telephone number changed?

Please let Colleen Testa or Patty Savacool know so they can update your information. We are going to have a busy year and want to be sure that you know all about all the planned activities

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Judy Moyer, Colleen Testa, Linda Flynn, Marion Gillen, Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo, Michael Polster, Anne Kappelmeier, The Savacool Family, Louise Crann, and Roberta Treptau, and Kerri Knight.

Please submit all newsletter prayer requests to Patty Savacool.



Don't forget!

There is no Columbiette meeting in January!

See you all in February.

**Don Bosco Council 7784 Knights of  
Columbus  
Annual Christmas Social December 8,  
2019---BYOB 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Sacred Heart Center (lower level  
cafeteria) 20 Old Swartswood Road,  
Newton, NJ 07860 Family Members  
and Guests Invited**

### Christmas Social at our Meeting

Hope to see you all at the meeting.  
Please try to come and find out all the  
great things we are doing.

Come meet our new president.

Have a snack.  
See you at 7:00

### Save the Date



Join Us!

Nursing Home Sing-a-Long

When: Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

Where: Barn Hill – 10:30 a.m.

Valley View – 11:15 a.m

Ave Care – noon

Homestead – 2:30 p.m.

Bring a little cheer to the residents. Meet in  
the parking lot of the facility 10 minutes  
before the above times. You will have a great  
time

. Dress in something Christmassy!!!!



We have over 200,000 Hail Marys already!

### 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.

If you know anyone who is interested in  
joining, please have them contact our  
Membership Director (Pattie Losey) so that  
they can be contacted. Refer them to the  
website for an application.

Don't forget that your name gets put in a  
\$100 drawing at the State Convention in  
June 2019 for every three new members you  
recruit.



## 2019-2020 Columbiette Officers



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Check out our websites . . . .

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- Facebook page at: Don Bosco Columbiettes for updated information on events.
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## 2019-2020 Slate of Officers



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## Prayer Chain Requests

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