



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

Richard Matrisciano

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I've heard many people say, "2022 HAS to be better than 2021." Covid being the reason.

For this new year to be better, however, we the people must understand what has happened over the past two years. Those in power have successfully used Covid as a method to control how we live our lives. We were trained to do what we were told in order to be safe from the pandemic. We were even told we could not attend church and receive the sacraments until the government said we could do so "safely."

When Covid first hit, it was all about implementing measures aimed at reducing serious illnesses and deaths attributed to the pandemic. The government, federal, state and local, explained certain personal freedoms had to be given up – just until it was safe to give them back. It's been two years, and in much of America governments have not only been reluctant to give our freedoms back, they continue to take away more.

It doesn't matter if you believe government control will help stop the spread of Covid or not. The message here is that there is eminent danger in giving up our freedoms for a sense of safety. Benjamin Franklin said, "Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety."

Does that sound harsh? Those in power would tell you it is. They would have us forget that our Constitution created a government with three equal, but separate branches. Each making sure the others didn't overstep its bounds and seize power not theirs to take.

Case in point; the Executive branch cannot create laws, not even with executive orders. That is the job of the Legislative branch. And the Judicial branch's job is to make sure the Constitutional separation of powers is followed. That's not what is happening today. Executive orders from presidents, governors and mayors have become de facto "laws." And seeing how easy it was to exceed their Constitutional powers, we are still under threat of losing more God given freedoms. The question we must ask ourselves is, are those choosing not to get vaccinated putting the rest in danger, or are they fighting for their right to control their own bodies?

President's Message

Pam Raynor

Dear Sisters,

Wow! I can't believe it is already the end of January, so it is a little late for a Happy New Year greeting. I hope that you and your family had a lovely Christmas season and were able to stay healthy.

Last week was a particularly bittersweet time for me. Sadly, I learned of Peggy Bopp's passing on Sunday morning and just four days later Thursday I was at the Knights of Columbus award ceremony, and we received a check for \$3,500. For me it was a roller coaster of highs and lows in just one week

I want to thank all our Columbiette Sisters who came to the viewing on Tuesday, January 18th, to say their farewells to Peggy. It is my hope to arrange a Memorial Mass for Peggy sometime soon.

At the award ceremony Sister Theresa said we would be able to meet in person for our February 7th meeting. We will also Zoom the meeting for those at home. I will send the information during the first week in February. We will have our first Initiation Ceremony for our new Sister. Supreme has changed the ceremony and it will look a little different than past Initiation ceremonies. We will start at 6:30pm with our meeting to follow.

The February donation is character band-aids for the children at Morristown Medical Center.
God bless you,

Pam



Politicians and the media are doing all they can to vilify those not getting vaccinated; in effect creating two separate groups of citizens. In truth the spike in new Covid cases is coming from both vaccinated and unvaccinated. But the media follows the government mantra that the big threat is not from the disease, but from the unvaccinated.

Regardless of what you believe about getting vaccinated, will you join those who blame the unvaccinated for continuing deaths? Or will you seek to understand why many refuse to get vaccinated. Why we believe vaccinating our children is very wrong. Why depriving us of drugs known to aid in recovery from the virus is wrong. Why vaccines that are still experimental being mandated is wrong.

Knowing the facts is the best way to make decisions. In the case of Covid, getting the facts isn't easy. You will have to dig to see both sides of the issue. A good way to seek the truth is to follow the money. Pharmaceutical companies are getting rich and that's a good place to start.

Keep an open mind, it just might slow down government overreach.

Peace.

GK Rich Matriciano



Knights Upcoming Events

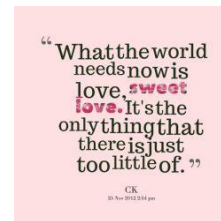


Don Bosco will have a CUF (charity, unity & fraternity) degree ceremony in February, date and location TBD

Columbiette Upcoming Events



See you on February 7th.
Please arrive on time so we may start the meeting on time.



Save the Date
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)



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Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo, Louise and Geoffrey Crann, the repose of the soul of Peggy Bopp, and all who need or have asked for our prayers and all the unspoken intentions.

Please submit all newsletter prayer requests to Patty Savacool.

Columbiette Meetings

Dates and times

Sacred Heart Center- 20 Old Swartswood Road

IN PERSON-

New Meeting time
6:30 pm

- ❖ Monday, February 7th
- ❖ (IN PERSON)
- ❖ Monday, March 7th
- ❖ Monday April 4th
- ❖ Monday, May 2nd
- ❖ Monday, June 6th



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR SISTER
COLUMBIETTE, PEGGY BOPP
94 YEARS YOUNG!



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:
1,381, 790



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**Prayer Chain Requests**

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The Squirettes of Mary, Circlette of Mary's Angels, sponsored by the Don Bosco Columbiettes is looking for more angels! If you know of any young practicing Catholic females aged 8-17 who are interested in joining this group, please have them contact Miriam Montagne for additional information. Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month in the Community Center from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

**Catholic Action, Cultural, Social and Athletic**  
**"Know – Love – Serve"**  
**(Gamma – Phi – Delta)**

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