



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

SK Anthony Caroleo

Another successful month is behind us as we enter an early season of Lent. On February 14th we celebrate both Ash Wednesday and St. Valentine's Day. What a great beginning for us to celebrate the love of our Savior, and the love we share with the special people in our lives.

On January 11th, the Don Bosco Knights and Columbiettes participated in our annual charitable awards program. Agnes and I distributed funds from our 2023 Fair Booth to the Paterson Diocese Catholic Charities, the novitiates and programs at the Sacred Heart Center; the parishes of St. Joseph's, Our Lady Queen of Peace and Good Shepherd food pantries; St. Paul's Abby; the Sanctuary of Mary; and, several Sussex County charitable organizations. This joint effort of the Columbiettes and Knights of Don Bosco is a great example of how working together we support our local community as Blessed Michael McGivney intended.

We also have an update on the ultrasound donation to Today's Choice. We learned the new ultrasound has been delivered, the staff have completed training, and this new machine has already saved babies! Those interested in learning more should contact Today's Choice.

On behalf of the Don Bosco Knights, we hope you have a blessed Lenten season. May your journey be one that brings you closer to Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Anthony Caroleo, Grand Knight
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President's Message

Mary Ann Stanek

Dear Columbiette Sisters,

Wow . . . how did it get to be 2024 so fast! Here we are in the new year with February, the month of LOVE, upon us. This year Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day. How significant is this in that our Lenten sacrifices reflect the LOVE of Christ and His passion to redeem our souls.

It was nice to see several sister Columbiettes at the Sacred Heart Weekend Retreat held this past January 5th-7th. The theme "Living Tabernacles" reminded us how we are depositories of Jesus living in us. That fact should be manifested in our speech and actions as Catholic women.

Thank you to everyone who attended the New Year Luncheon at Sheridan's on Sunday, January 21st. This enjoyable gathering had many members, family and friends celebrating a new year of optimistic happiness, service and good health. Circulating around the room one could hear the laughter and feel the spirit of camaraderie which was quite evident. It made me smile to see the cheerfulness and interaction among those present.

I wish you all a 2024 filled with LOVE and hope to see you soon either in person or via Zoom at our February 5th meeting. The voluntary donation this month is character band-aids for children in local hospitals.

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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARD SOCIAL

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the \$3,500 check received by Vice President Agnes Gerrety on our behalf at the Knight's Award Presentations on January 11th. This will help us greatly in our programs and services. We truly appreciate their sponsorship and look forward to helping them again at the 2024 State Fair.

UKRAINE DONATIONS

Donation boxes were distributed to all auxiliaries at the December Western Chapter meeting. Our box will be on the welcome table for the next several auxiliary meetings after which our collected total will be given to Western Chapter for presentation to a representative who is doing this for the State Columbiettes. He will be present at the June Chapter meeting to collect all donations.



BABY SHOWER—MAY MEETING

Western Chapter has voted to hold a baby shower at the May 1st meeting which Don Bosco is hosting. This will eliminate the necessity of our agreeing on a donation source for our May auxiliary meeting which is only a few days after the chapter meeting. Don Bosco members are encouraged to bring their baby items to the chapter meeting instead of the auxiliary meeting. Our purpose of helping those in need will still be met and recognized. Some of the organizations mentioned by Western Chapter included: Birth Haven, Several Sources, Oasis, and CareNet. Chapter President Lisa Roberts will reach out to these groups to get need lists and then circulate them to all auxiliary presidents. There is also the possibility of Western Chapter purchasing a large ticket item. Representatives from the above organizations will be invited to the May meeting.

HAIL MARY CAMPAIGN

Our Hail Mary Campaign will be ending on May 31, 2024 which is just a few months away. Thank you to everyone who recited Hail Marys and sent in their tallies. It would be wonderful if we could reach the TWO MILLION mark so keep praying!

We will be seeking a new slogan for our 2024-2025 Hail Mary Campaign. Ideas will be solicited at our upcoming meetings or you can e-mail your thoughts to our dedicated e-mail address at: hailmarysfordm@gmail.com. Thank you for your support. OUR TOTAL SO FAR IS: 1,387,679!





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

WESTERN CHAPTER COMMUNION BREAKFAST

There will be a pancake breakfast for all Western Chapter Columbiettes and their families on Sunday, February 11th at St. Francis de Sales Church in Vernon after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The breakfast will be run by the Knights of Columbus at a cost of \$12 per person for pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs. Western Chapter Vice President, Janet Tussey, is coordinating this event and will section off a spot in the church for Columbiettes to sit together. No RSVP is required—you can decide that morning. If you have any questions, you may call Janet at 862-268-6555 or email her at: dhemmel1348@aol.com



Don't forget your band-aid donations!

Columbiette Upcoming Events

Monday, February 5 Auxiliary Meeting (in person & via Zoom) Sacred Heart Retreat Center 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 11 Squelettes Community Center 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 11 Western Chapter Communion Breakfast St. Francis Church, Vernon 10:00 a.m. Mass then breakfast

Wednesday, February 14 Saint Valentine's Day & Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 29 Executive Board Meeting Zoom 7:00 p.m.



2023-2024 Columbiette Officers



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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.

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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.

