



# WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

## Grand Knight's Message

Richard Matrisciano

Dear Brother Knights,

June brings the end of another Columbian Year, and with it the end of my term as Grand Knight. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with my brother Knights, bringing new projects that focus on saving lives and building respect for those in need. What we do as Knights is very important, especially with state and federal government attacking God, His church and even the way He created us. We try to live up to St. John Paul II's statement that we Knight are, "the strong right arm of the Church."

On July 1<sup>st</sup> the new Columbian Year will bring with it our new Grand Knight, SK Anthony Caroleo. I'm sure Anthony will make a great leader for our council over the next two years.

Our slate of officers will be finalized at our June meeting. With such strong candidates Don Bosco Council will continue to be a force for good, working hard to support our local charities. May the Holy Spirit be with the new officers.

As reported last month, we submitted our application for an ultrasound for Today's Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in Newton to the diocese for approval. Unfortunately, after more than two months the diocese has neither approved nor rejected the application. Without their approval we cannot use the monies set aside for this purpose. If we don't hear in time to get our State and Supreme councils involved, we will have to start all over in July.



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## President's Message

Mary Ann Stanek

Dear Columbiette Sisters,

Wow! Is it almost June already? Our last meeting for this 2022-23 year is fast approaching—June 5th! I would like to sincerely thank you, my sisters, for your selfless dedication to the Columbiettes this past year. Together we have achieved many things (both spiritual and charitable) as well as felt the heartbreak of the deaths of Geoffrey Crann, Louis Read and Patrica Hefferan—husbands and member along with former Charter member Anne Marie English. I recently saw a journal book cover which read, "Together is a beautiful place to be." and it made me think of what an awesome statement it was. We, as sister Columbiettes, practice being together every time we hold a meeting and/or do activities together whether happy or sad. This togetherness builds friendships and makes us stronger. I truly feel blessed to have met so many beautiful women through the Columbiettes that I call friends.

Our 30th Anniversary is fast approaching and I look forward to celebrating this joyful event with many Columbiettes, families and friends. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, this is a CELEBRATION of YOU and the many kindnesses accomplished over the past 30 years. With anticipation, I hope to see you there. To feel included, you need to be included! Please come share this happy milestone with us. Great food, dancing, complimentary photos and other surprises await you! So, gather your families and friends—let's all have a party TOGETHER!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our May Crowning on Sunday, May 21st. How sweet it was watching our First Communicants share in the crowning ceremony. They were both so excited and sincere in their demeanor while participating. May God bless these cherubs and keep them close to His heart. Afterwards, it was quite enjoyable sharing a meal at Dominick's Restaurant.

We salute our sister Columbiettes as they celebrate their 30th anniversary. Congratulations to all who make the Columbiettes a success!

As of this writing we have not yet had our Corporate Communion mass at St. Joseph Church on May 28th. Before the mass there will be a ceremony honoring the Saint Joseph Icon. The icon is traveling around the country, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. We were honored to have the icon and celebration at Good Shepherd last October.

Our biggest fund drives are coming up. In August we will again man the food booth at the State Fair. We'll be asking our members to sign up for specific days and shifts to make sure coverage is equally spread out. Of course, we are happy to have our Columbiettes sisters join us.

We also will begin offering our Charity Mania tickets which have a donation of \$20 and include football prizes.

These two are the main source of income our council uses to support the local charities. The more members who participate, the more charitable efforts we can employ.

Peace

Rich Matrisciano

Grand Knight

**Have a  
Great  
Summer!**

As this year winds down, I would like to, once again, express my heartfelt thanks to the Executive Board, Committee Chairs, Columbiette members and everyone else who helped to make this year run so smoothly. We broke new ground with the Halloween Party and the Photoshoot with Santa which we hope to run again. We also resurrected the Applebee's Fundraiser. Every so often I had moments of "Oh, my goodness, we need more people." but you always came through. God bless you all for your dedication and loyalty to this great organization!

Hope to see many of you at the State Convention later this month especially on Saturday, June 24th, when our nominees Sister Jazmin Rangel and Derya Demirtas (Baldini) receive awards.

Yours in the love and peace of Christ,  
Mary Ann

#### **Columbiettes upcoming events**

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

Wednesday, June 7- Western Chapter Meeting & 65th Anniversary Celebration St. Ann's Church, Parsippany 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 11- 30th Anniversary Celebration Farmstead Golf & Country Club 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 18-Father's Day

Tuesday, June 20-St. Anthony's 65th Anniversary K of C Hall, Butler 6:30 p.m.

Friday-Sunday June 23-25-State Convention Embassy Suites Piscataway/Somerset All Weekend

Sunday, July 9 Mass for Geoffrey Crann Saint Joseph Church 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, July 16 -Mass for Patricia Hefferan-Saint Joseph Church-11:30 a.m.

Friday-Saturday, August 4-12 Knights of Columbus Food Booth-Fair Grounds in Augusta-All shifts

Sunday, August 6- 9:30 Mass for Louis Read Saint Joseph Church

Sunday, August 13- 9:30 Mass for Shirley (Sutton) Forsythe Saint Joseph Church

August 25-27-Supreme Convention Embassy Suites Piscataway/Somerset All Weekend



**The repose of the souls of Patricia Hefferan and Lou Read, Also please pray for John Holzli, Derya Demirtas , Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo, Louise and repose of the soul of Geoffrey Crann, Patty Savacool, 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.

**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN, TOILETRIES, BACKPACK MINISTRY AND CAN TAB REMINDERS**

Our May meeting was your last opportunity for the year to donate to "Pennies From Heaven." The funds raised will be distributed at the June convention to help seminarians and postulants/novices. Please remember that donations for the toiletries, backpack ministry and can tabs will be collected at our June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you are not sure what to include in your bags, check our website for lists.

**ST. ANTHONY'S COLUMBIETTES—65TH ANNIVERSARY**

St. Anthony's Columbiettes have invited us to their 65th Anniversary Cocktail Party on Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the PVCC Hall, 65 Hamburg Turnpike, Butler, NJ. Cost is \$20.00 per person with an RSVP by June 5th. Make checks payable to "St. Anthony's Columbiettes" and mail to 16 Old Woodstock Trail, Oak Ridge, NJ, 07438. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Wickham at 973-219-2945 or debaweb@optonline.net.

**FUNDRAISING SUGGESTIONS**

Please come to our June 5th meeting with ideas for fundraisers. A sheet will be circulated on which you can write your proposals. We need your input and will look into your ideas over the summer for possible inclusion in our calendar. If applicable, contacts would also be appreciated.

**E-MAIL MESSAGES**

Please make sure to add columbiettes.mstanek@gmail.com to the contact list of your e-mail provider. This will prevent messages from being undeliverable.

**HAIL MARY CAMPAIGN**

**DIVINE MERCY FOR ALL THE WORLD**

Our new Hail Mary Campaign will be designated as "Divine Mercy for all the World." We are seeking our Blessed Mother's intercession to bring souls back to Christ and end the tumultuous attack on our Catholic faith and Christian values. Jesus told Sister Faustina, "Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity." (Diary, 965) Through the message of Divine Mercy, our Lord is preparing us for His final coming.

This campaign will run from June 1, 2023 until May 31, 2024. A dedicated e-mail address has been set up at: hailmarysforDM@gmail.com to receive tallies from anyone at anytime. Please ask family members, friends, neighbors, church groups, etc. to pray Hail Marys to help in obtaining this goal. The cumulative tally of all Hail Marys prayed will be updated as responses are received at:

www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com. The rosary is crucial. It is a powerful weapon. Our Lady came from heaven at Fatima to ask us to pray the rosary every day. We should have no excuse not to honor her request.



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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.**



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