



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

James McDonald

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Another Lent is almost here..... What Color do you associate with Lent? How about gray!!!! We know it's very important to be actively engaged in Lenten services at Church and in our daily rituals all of which most of us do not look forward to. For many of us Lent can feel more like a required time of woe before the joy of Easter. Reverend Fr. Gary Caster in his book entitled "The Little Way of Lent" meditations in the spirit of St. Therese of Lisieux illustrates points that will help to stay on the path with God during the upcoming season of Lent. I wish to share a key point as stated by Fr. Caster indicating that St. Therese's insistence was on the way we do things for God and not the things we do for him. It is not about what we are offering, it is about why!!!!**

February 14th Valentine's Day and Feb 26th Ash Wednesday are celebrated as (1) a day of love and (2) a day of meditation upon the passion of Christ. As Lent begins, ask Our Lord for His guidance in your daily practice of prayer, fasting and good works throughout the Lenten season.

Fraternally,

SK Jim Mc Donald, GK Council 7784

President's Message

Pam Raynor

Dear Sisters,

My gratitude journal was overflowing last week and let me tell you why. Our organization Columbiettes, was the recipient of three very generous benefactors. The Knights of Columbus Don Bosco Council No.#7784, awarded us three thousand five hundred dollars for our treasury. It was given to us for our time and skills that we had shared with the Knights throughout the year, but especially for our time and efforts at the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show this past August. If you remember collectivity our sisters worked over five hundred thirteen hours. That is over seventy days working for seven hours each day. (No wonder we were all tired after our shifts.) This money will allow us to support more causes that are dear to our hearts.

Our second bit of good news was, an anonymous donor, read about our collection of "Character Band Aids" for the children at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital and has donated one hundred dollars for us to purchase character band aids for the children.

The third bit of good fortune to come to our Columbiettes, was through the generous efforts of Dan Holt. At our December meeting, Mary Ann Stanek spoke of Sister Mary Ann from SOLT who had a Mission School in North Dakota, Upon hearing of the very cold days in ND, many of us saw the need to send warm clothes to Sister Mary Ann for the children in her mission. As our good fortune continues, we hear from Saint Mother Teresa Food Pantry, that they had some hats, gloves, socks, and a few jackets to offer to us for our new friends in North Dakota. A few sisters, Miriam Montagne, Pattie Losey and Ginelle Veenhuizen sent boxes on their own. Here is how Dan Holt came to our rescue. Dan agreed to pay for the shipping of three boxes to Sister Mary Ann in North Dakota. I am so overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of so many people, who support our many causes.

THANK YOU TO ALL!

The Columbiettes WILL NOT be selling PALM CROSSES this year. Our distributor raised their prices and it would have raised the price too much. I have been told Weis and Shop Rite will be selling them again this Easter.

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UPCOMING KOC COUNCIL EVENTS

March

- 5th Officer's Meeting
- 12th Council Meeting
- 14th Saint Patrick's Day Parade
- 17th Saint Patrick's Day
- 25th Fourth Degree Meeting
- 27th Station of the Cross /Lenten Meal
Good Shepherd 7pm
- 29th KofC Founders Day
Fifth Sunday Family Rosary—
All 3 Parishes



Our March calendar is so full, and I hope you will be able to join us at our events. Our APPLEBEE'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST, fundraiser is on Saturday March 7, starting at 8:00am. Tickets are \$10.00, and you get pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and a beverage, either coffee, or tea, or soda, or juice. We will set up, serve and clean up from 8:00am-10:00 am. Please look for the sign-up sheet at our March meeting.

On St. Joseph's Day, March 19th, we will have another fund raiser, at Bella Italia in Andover on Route 206. The owners have agreed to give us a percentage of the day's income. They are open from 11:00am to 10:00pm. They will honor take outs as well as dining at the restaurant. Please gather your St. Patrick's Day gear for the parade on SATURDAY MARCH 21. Note the date is the 21st. Join us in the Community Center parking lot at 10:15am so we can walk to the starting point of the parade at Lower Spring Street by 10:45am.

If you know of any Catholic woman that would like to join our Columbiettes please contact Pattie Losey at plosey51@hotmail.com, because there is a First Degree and a Major Degree ceremony on Sunday, March 29th.

Our MARCH donation is for Manna House and we are asking for gift cards, so that Manna House can purchase goods from Shop Rite, Weis, or Walmart.

Keep Friday, April 3rd open to dine in or take out at Villa Capri. There will be a fund raiser there starting at 11:00am until closing. The owners have agreed to donate one dollar for every pie purchased.

Thank you for reading this very long article.

We are very blessed,
Pam

COLUMBIETTE-UPCOMING EVENTS

March

- 2nd Auxiliary Meeting
- 7th Applebees Pancake Fundraiser
- 19th St. Joseph's Day
Bella Italia Fundraiser
- 21st Saint Patrick's Day Parade
- 29th First and Major Degree
5th Sunday Rosary

April

- 3rd Pizza Fundraiser at Villa Capri, from
11:00am - close
- 6th meeting at 7:00pm in Community Center
- 12th Easter Sunday
- 24-26 State Retreat in Long Branch, New
Jersey.



**February 13, 2020
Knights' Award Ceremony**

Please keep Saturday, March 21st open for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Join us in the Community Center parking lot at 10:15am so we can walk to the starting point of the parade at Lower Spring Street by 10:45am.



Judy Moyer, Colleen Testa, Linda Flynn, Marion Gillen, Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo, Michael Polster, Anne Kappelmeier, The Savacool Family, Louise Crann, and the soul of Roberta Treptau, Adrian Koster.

Please submit all newsletter prayer requests to Patty Savacool.



741,317. We still need 258,683.

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

to receive tallies from anyone at any time.

Save the Date



**Saturday,
March 7th**

First and Major Degree Sunday March 29th

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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- Facebook page at: Don Bosco Columbiettes for updated information on events.
- [www.squirettes-marysangles.weebly.com](http://www.squirettes-marysangles.weebly.com)



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