

# WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

## Grand Knight's Message

Richard Matrisciano

Dear Brother Knights,

This month: Good news and the Bad news.

First the bad (sorry): For years now we have been seeing a growing government disrespect for Religious Liberty and Free Speech. This past year the FBI sent a fully armed swat team to the home of pro-life Catholic Mark Houck in PA. His bogus arrest, being dragged out of his home at gunpoint with his children screaming was only the first. The same scenario was repeated in Kentucky and elsewhere.

Jack Phillips, a cake artist from Colorado has for 10 years been in litigation for refusing to decorate cakes that go against his faith. Even though he won in the Supreme Court in 2018 Satan's minions are still after him. He was again found guilty in a lower court and will have to go before the Supreme Court if they take the case.

Lorie Smith a web designer, also from Colorado is under attack for refusing to design a website for a gay wedding. The Supreme Court said it would hear this case.

Georgia police officer Jacob Kersey was told his personal post about marriage being between one man and one woman was a fireable offence so he had to resign.

Too much of this is going on in the country. It is all a secular distortion of what separation of church and state really means – that government cannot interfere with free expression of faith.

## President's Message

Mary Ann Stanek

Dear Columbiette Sisters,

March brings the magic of spring with the rebirth of crocus, forsythia and other early blooming flowers coupled with the anticipation of fairer weather. We can assimilate this new life into our philosophy of Catholic values by choosing to honor all life—born and unborn. Please remember to pray for the world's children. Life is precious and a gift from God.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Open House on February 19<sup>th</sup> in the Saint Joseph Community Center. It was heartwarming to see so many sister Columbiettes once again coming together to support our organization. We have signed up a new member and will have an Installation Ceremony on March 6<sup>th</sup> which will be held at 6:00 p.m. prior to our regularly scheduled meeting. The Zoom portal normally opens at 6:25 p.m. but may be slightly delayed if the Induction Ceremony is still in progress. Most assuredly, our Blessed Mother is smiling down on your efforts to increase our Columbiette family with workers of good deeds.

Hope you were off to a good start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. This period allows us to focus on Christ and repentance for our transgressions. Dwelling on His passion and sufferings can be a spiritual road to a closer union not only with Jesus but with our families as well. Offer your prayers and fasting for the Church, conversion of sinners and our country too. Wishing you all an inspirational and enriching Lent.

Yours in the love and peace of Christ,  
Mary Ann

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

Now the good news:

A revival erupted on Feb. 8 at Asbury University, located in a small Kentucky town, after an evening chapel service. It became a constant impromptu gathering that has since generated worldwide interest. Day and night, students and professors are passionately worshipping Christ. By Feb. 20th, an estimated 50,000 people had flocked to this Kentucky town with a total population of 6,000.

There are reports that the revival has spread to Lee University in Tennessee, Cedarville University in Ohio, and at Samford University in Alabama. "Tonight, a large number of students gathered again to pray, read Scripture, testimonies, and to worship Jesus for about two hours! ...Keep praying for wisdom and a genuine movement of the Lord," said Cedarville Un. President Thomas White. "We don't know what to do next or what will happen next, but let's prepare our own hearts to be ready just in case God graciously moves in our country."

From President White's lips to God's ears! America doesn't need a political revolution; it needs a spiritual revolution. We have, as a nation, told God he isn't wanted. And we wonder why there is so much strife and suffering. Time to change hearts and souls and tell God we need Him ... desperately!

Peace.

GK Rich Matriciano



## VILLA CAPRI FUNDRAISER

Many thanks to Karen Glowatski who organized our Villa Capri pizza fundraiser which will be held on Friday, March 31. This restaurant (located at 27 Hampton House Road in Newton) will donate \$1.00 to the Don Bosco Columbiettes for every pizza pie purchased on that day from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. This includes take-out or eat-in pies. What a perfect opportunity to skip making dinner by supporting our organization and having a yummy pizza in the process.

### MARCH DONATION

Our voluntary donation request for March is Shop-Rite/Weis gift cards for Manna House. All gift card values can be counted toward the Feed the Hungry Program which was \$729.78 prior to the February meeting. During that meeting it was disclosed that individual food pantry donations can also be counted. A donation sheet was passed around and an outstanding \$1,439.15 was recorded giving us a grand total of \$2,168.93! Thank you for your awesome generosity!

- [Columbiettes Upcoming Events](#)

- **Thursday, March 2-Executive Board Meeting-Zoom 7:00 p.m.**
- **Monday, March 6-Installation Ceremony 6:00 p.m/Auxiliary Meeting (in person & via Zoom) 6:30 p.m.**  
**Sacred Heart Retreat Center**
- **Sunday, March 12-Squirettes Community Center 3:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, March 12-Daylight Saving Time Begins**
- **Friday, March 17-Saint Patrick's Day**
- **Thursday, March 30-Executive Board Meeting**  
**Zoom-7:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, March 31-Villa Capri Fundraiser**  
**Newton Villa Capri**  
**11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m**



John Holzli, Derya Demirtas , Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo, Louise and Geoffrey Crann, Patty Savacool, the unborn, the people of Ukraine, all who need or have asked for our prayers and all the unspoken intentions.

Please submit all newsletter prayer requests to Patty Savacool.

## SAVE THE DATE—30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Sunday, June 11, 2023 is the date for our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Farmstead Golf & Country Club from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. A buffet luncheon will be offered featuring fish, beef and chicken entrees allowing you to combine any or all selections. Complimentary photos of attendees will be available to create memories. Look for your formal invitation with response card sometime in May. Additional information will be forthcoming as plans continue to be finalized.

## APPLEBEE'S FLAPJACK BREAKFAST

It's official . . . the date is booked for Saturday, April 22, 2023 to hold our flapjack fundraiser. Tickets cost \$12.00 and will include: pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs and a beverage choice including coffee, juice, soda and tea. Applebee's has increased its fee due to rising food prices which means our ticket price has increased also. Please spread the word and encourage all family and friends to support our efforts to raise money for scholarships. Tickets will be available soon.

## SQUIRETTES

The Squirettes will meet on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in the Saint Joseph Community Center. Please help promote this organization for girls aged 8-17. All young ladies are invited to come and discover what the Squirettes do. Pamphlets are available at the doors of Saint Joseph Church.

## HAIL MARY CAMPAIGN

Our Hail Mary Campaign for the Peace of Christ will be ending on May 31, 2023 which is just a few months away. According to Sister Faustina, our Lord Jesus said, "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." 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! The rosary is a powerful tool.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are seeking a new slogan for our 2023-2024 Hail Mary Campaign. If you have any suggestions please let an officer know. Ideas will be solicited at our upcoming meetings, or you can e-mail your thoughts to our dedicated e-mail-address at: [hailmarysforthePOC@gmail.com](mailto:hailmarysforthePOC@gmail.com). Thank you for your support. OUR TOTAL SO FAR IS: 1,655,113.



## DONATED CHARACTER BAND-AIDS

Thank you once again for your generosity in donating 76 boxes of character band-aids for hospitalized children. Shown here is Columbiette Ginelle Veenhuizen delivering the boxes to the Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center (formerly known as the Saint Barnabas Medical Center) Pediatrics Department where she works.

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

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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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