



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

Richard Matrisciano

Dear Brother Knights,

With Easter arriving, we ended our vigil outside Planned Parenthood. Jerry Woodring and I would like to thank all those who participated; praying and showing support for the unborn, especially those who were regulars. Hopefully, when we resume our vigil in the Fall more will join us so there won't be so many empty slots.

The issue of selling abortion drugs OTC or via mail is now in the courts. This is an evil way to get around the Supreme Court's overturn of Row v Wade last year. Since each state now has the power to regulate abortion, or not to regulate it, getting the drugs via the mail makes any restrictions a moot point. Pray the courts come to their senses and stop such evil.

This past month our council formally submitted the applications required to get Today's Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in Newton a new ultrasound. As of this writing we are awaiting the diocese's approval of TC. We are all praying for a successful outcome – hopefully by the time this article is published.

Many of our Knights and their families joined with our sister Columbiettes to make the Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's a success. Congrats to Mary Ann and all the Columbiettes who worked so hard putting the event together, selling tickets and working the tables!

President's Message

Mary Ann Stanek

Dear Columbiette Sisters,

Oh, Mary, we crown you with blossoms today; Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May. The magical month of May is just around the corner. During this time, images of our dear Blessed Mother crop into my mind along with all the dear mothers throughout the world. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers—no matter how connected to motherhood you are! How appropriate that May is the month of Mary and Mother's Day. To honor Mary, we will be holding our May Crowning on Sunday, May 21st after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Rose Garden behind Saint Joseph Church. I hope to see many of your smiling faces as we honor the Blessed Mother through song and participation in the ceremony. Afterwards everyone is encouraged to join together at Dominick's Restaurant for a self-paid fellowship meal. There will be a signup sheet at our May meeting. We are in need of a First Communicant to crown Mary. Please contact me if you know of anyone.

Well, we were certainly busy in April with Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday and Applebee's Flapjack Pancake Breakfast! Thank you so much to everyone who worked and/or supported this fundraiser (including our brother Knights). I was filled with happiness to once again see you together in a fun activity showing support for our scholarship fund. God bless you all!!! We made a profit of \$848. Thanks, also, to Karen Glowatski for setting up the Villa Capri Pizza Fundraiser and to those who purchased pizza. We raised \$275+\$5 donation for our scholarship fund. Now, that is a lot of pizza! Between both fundraisers we have covered the expenses of our scholarships. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!



We will be collecting items for Birth Haven at our May meeting. A representative will come at 7:00 p.m. to pick up the items and take a photo for the newsletter.



Our recruitment drive was held the end of March at Good Shepherd. Although no one signed up at the drive, we had a few good prospects showing interest.

One of our brothers who just moved up to the Knights 4th degree, SK Dennis Melillo, is heading a Pasta "Knight" fundraiser at Good Shepherd. Timing yet to be determined. Dennis is an accomplished cook, so the food promises to be great! Everyone will be welcome.

Our Nominating Committee is putting a slate of officers together for the Columbian year 2023-2024. It will be presented to our members at our May meeting when nominations from the floor will be accepted. Voting will be in June.

Now that Spring is officially here, we have to think about our food booth at the State Fair. We'll need volunteers for each of the nine days, beginning August 4th.

Peace

Rich Matrisciano

Grand Knight

**30th ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION—OPEN TO ALL
KNIGHTS, COLUMBIETTES &
GUESTS**



"Zoomers" take note that the meeting will be paused while she is there. Hopefully, there will be many donated items for those women who choose to have their babies instead of an abortion.

The invitations for our 30th Anniversary Celebration to be held on Sunday, June 11th at the Farmstead Golf & Country Club in Lafayette have been mailed out. This event celebrates YOU and 30 years of inspiration, service, leadership, charity and Catholic action. Please come help us gather together in the joy of sisterhood, love and laughter. The very thought makes me smile! There are rumors of surprises for those in attendance. All Columbiettes and brother Knights along with guests are welcome to share in this festivity. Responses along with payment are due by May 27th and I am eagerly awaiting your positive reply.

Yours in the love and peace of Christ,
Mary Ann





The repose of the soul of Anne Marie English, Patricia Hefferan, 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 will be 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 5th meeting. If you are not sure what to include in your bags, check our website for lists. Toiletries and backpack donations will be brought to the State Convention for distribution to agencies throughout the State. The can tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House Program to help with accommodations for parents while their children are in the hospital.

FEED THE HUNGRY PROGRAM

We collected a total of \$548.00 at our April 3rd meeting (personal donations and donations to Our Lady Queen of Peace Food Pantry) to give us a grand tally of \$3,926.93 so far. Our May meeting will be the final time to record any amounts made to food pantries or other charities this year since we need to send in the grand total to the State Columbiettes after our May meeting. The top three auxiliaries will win a prize at the convention.

STATE CONVENTION REMINDER

If you plan on attending the 2023 NJ State Council Columbiettes Convention, don't forget that reservations are due by May 15th. Information can be found on our website. Hope to see you there!



HAIL MARY CAMPAIGN



The Hail Mary Campaign for the "Peace of Christ" will be ending on May 31st. We have almost reached over two million Hail Marys prayed. Our new campaign will begin on June 1, 2023 and end on May 31, 2024. The theme will be "Divine Mercy for All the World" and 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 along with all the atrocities against mankind. A dedicated email address has been set up at hailmarysforDM@gmail.com. Please continue to share your prayers for this extremely important cause. 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.

Columbiettes Upcoming Events

- May 1st Auxiliary Meeting (in person & via Zoom) Sacred Heart Retreat Center 6:30 p.m.
- May 3rd Western Chapter Meeting, Long Valley (6:30 p.m. dinner)
- May 7th Squirettes, Community Center 3 p.m.
- May 21st May Crowning, Rose Garden after 11:30 a.m. Mass.
- June 1st Executive Board Meeting Zoom 7 p.m.

2022-2023 Columbiette Officers



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- 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.

