



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

Richard Matrisciano

Dear Brother Knights,

On the first weekend of October, we had our Rose Sale at St. Joseph and Good Shepherd. Over \$1800 was raised to support Right to Life charities. Great job by those who volunteered to man the tables at each mass and to those parishioners who supported our efforts!

At our October meeting the brothers voted to dedicate money out of our reserve for the purpose of obtaining an ultrasound for a pregnancy resource center within the diocese. We are working with the diocese to identify where the unit could be placed. Due to the widespread use of the abortion pill, which is taken early in the pregnancy, centers are seeking the units that can show life as early as 5 weeks. I'm told by directors up to 50% of women who enter their centers either wanting or considering an abortion can be convinced to go full term. The overwhelming reason given is the ultrasound. Once the mother sees the image of an actual baby there is a chance it can be saved.

Our Life Chairman Jerry Woodring continues our prayer vigil at Newton's Planned Parenthood location. PP is open three days a week, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. We give thanks to a group from OLQP who regularly take the first hour on Saturday, and for the Columbiettes who have also become regulars. We could sure use more Knights showing up to fill in empty one-hour slots. Contact Jerry to see where you can fill in an hour to protect the unborn. Sad note: After having lunch in Chester, Barbara and I noticed someone took the pro-life baby's feet magnet off our car. So sad that so many have been brainwashed to believe a baby isn't a baby, but just some blob of flesh that can be destroyed. We need to pray for those people, that they come to realize a life is taken with every abortion. By the time you read this election day will have more than likely passed. Did you vote pro-life? Remember James letter to the 12 tribes where he says, "...faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." Let's continue to pray and show through our actions we are pro-life!

Peace,

GK Rich Matrisciano

President's Message

Mary Ann Stanek

Dear Columbiette Sisters,

As the leaves are changing to gorgeous shades of orange and red, Thanksgiving will soon be upon us with the time to show true gratitude for the many blessings given to us. Blessings come in many forms: family, friends, love, patience, wisdom, integrity, strength, wealth, health, happiness, fruitfulness, purpose, etc. The list is endless. Take a moment this month to say, "Thank you!" Please remember this year to also give thanks for even your sorrows. As Sister Faustina of the Divine Mercy gave the Lord God fervent thanks for every sorrow and suffering, you can repent by silent suffering as an act of mercy for your sins and those of others.

By the time this newsletter gets sent out, our Family Halloween Party will be an event of the past. If you attended, thank you—hope you had a great time. Speaking of thanks, want to shout out a BIG thank you to all of the volunteers who worked together to make this party a success!

November is retention month for the Columbiettes. If at all possible, please attend our meeting on Monday, November 7th either in person or via Zoom. Hopefully, you received a reminder postal card sent out by our Vice President, Agnes Gerrety. Keep in mind that we have a "Share the Ride Program" if you need transportation. Simply call Mary Ann Stanek at 973-943-7930 or e-mail Columbiettes.mstanek@gmail.com several days prior so that arrangements can be made.

We have not received any news about wreath making at St. Paul's Abbey this year. If anything is forthcoming, you will be notified via e-mail.



Knights Upcoming Events

Election day, Nov 8th.



*Deceased Member Mass, Nov 13th
12 noon Good Shepherd*

*Respect Life Mass at Paterson cathedral,
Nov 19th 10am.*

*Pride in Priests Dinner at Hanover Manor,
Nov 21st 6pm.*

***Columbiettes Upcoming Event***

*Auxiliary Meeting-November 7
Sacred Heart Retreat Center 6:30 pm*

*K of C Mass for Deceased Members &
Columbiettes, Sunday, November 13th
Good Shepherd@12:00 noon*

*Squirettes-Sunday, November 13th
Community Center 3:00 p.m.*

*Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November
24th—HAPPY THANKSGIVING!*



Thank you to everyone who attended the Rosary Rally on Sunday, October 2nd on the Green in Newton sponsored by the Knights. We had a good showing of ladies. Unfortunately, there were not so many attendees at the “America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally” on Saturday, October 15th at St. Paul’s Abbey. With so many busy schedules it is understandable; so, we are particularly grateful to those who were able to be there.

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6th. Don’t forget to turn your clocks back.

Friday, November 11th is Veterans’ Day. God bless all of our veterans especially those who were wounded or killed while protecting our freedom. Just thinking how significant it is that this day falls in November which is the month of thanksgiving. Thank you to our veterans for their bravery—they are America’s heroes.

One last item is that I personally want to express my sincere thanks to all our Columbiette sisters for your dedication and loyalty over the years. We will be 30 years young in June 2023—that is how long you have been serving the Lord through your generosity and altruistic sacrifices. God bless you all!

Yours sincerely in the peace and love of Christ,

Mary Ann

**SHARE THE RIDE PROGRAM**

God’s blessings on Kathy Barbieri, Mary Beth Flora, Dian Koster and Ginelle Veenhuizen who volunteered to “share the ride” to the Sacred Heart Retreat Center with those members who need transportation. Please call or e-mail Mary Ann Stanek several days prior to any meeting if you need a lift so that arrangements can be made.



People affected by Hurricane Ian, 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.

SQUIRETTES

The Squirettes of Mary, Circlette of Mary's Angels had their first meeting on Sunday, October 9th with five new "angels" joining us. Many thanks to our volunteer mentors for leading the girls through various activities. The ice breaker segment was especially fun bringing smiles and laughter as the girls shared things about themselves. At the end of the meeting everyone expressed excitement about coming to our next meeting on November 13th.

VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

Once again, thank you to our generous members who donated to the Good Shepherd Food Pantry. We received \$65 in cash/gift cards with 116 pounds of cleaning and laundry products, etc. Once Good Shepherd was called to arrange delivery, we were told that they were donating miscellaneous overflow to Saint Mother Teresa's Food Pantry; so, that's where the items went. Workers at Mother Teresa's were so grateful for your contributions. Our tally so far for the "Feed the Hungry Program" is \$531.00 which includes money, gift cards and pounds of merchandise. God bless you all for your kindness.

Donations for November will be for the Saint Mother Teresa's Food Pantry: Items for children's lunches (juice boxes, snacks, etc.—no peanut products)

NOVEMBER 8TH—ELECTION DAY

Please remember to vote with Catholic values in mind. A good source of information is from the Mary Foundation at CatholiCity.com (www.catholicity.com/vote/guide.html)



NEW CAMPAIGN PEACE OF CHRIST

Our new one-year campaign be designated for the Peace of Christ—that peace which only the Lord can give! This theme covers a broad spectrum of petitions such as peace in the world, serenity for yourself or others, forgiveness of our transgressions, etc. Your interpretation will be part of your intentions. It is now more important than ever to beseech our Blessed Mother's intercession with Jesus, her son, through the powerful prayers of the Rosary. Please support this endeavor to collectively say more than ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS by praying and reporting the amount of Hail Marys you have recited. This campaign will run from June 1, 2022 until May 31, 2023. A dedicated e-mail address has been set up at: hailmarysforthePOC@gmail.com to receive tallies from anyone at any time.

Please ask family members, friends, neighbors, church groups, etc. to pray Hail Marys to help in obtaining this goal. Thank you for your assistance.

OUR TOTAL SO FAR
861,759



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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.