



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

SK Anthony Caroleo

Happy Fall!

Living where we do during this time of the year, we are blessed with a beautiful show of vivid fall colors every day. Temperatures are cooler, the air is crisp, and the days are getting shorter. Shortly, we will turn our clocks back an hour and preparations will begin for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and local stores have been reminding us of these coming holidays for the past several months with displays of decorations, but the Keep Christ in Christmas signs don't appear until the Knights take this on in a few weeks. The only true "season's greeting" is Merry Christmas!

As we mentioned last month, Don Bosco Council unanimously passed a resolution to fund an ultrasound machine for a local pregnancy resource center. We are pleased to announce that the Supreme Council and the NJ State Knights of Columbus have approved our request for support. They have joined us by also contributing to the funding of this project and we anticipate completing the purchase of a state-of-the-art ultrasound machine shortly. This ultrasound will be donated to a pregnancy resource center in Sussex County. We have also returned to praying at Planned Parenthood Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays now that they have reopened.

President's Message

Mary Ann Stanek

Dear Columbiette Sisters,

November will soon be here with the celebration of Thanksgiving Day. Even amidst personal sorrows, we all have much to be thankful for in our lives. Be thankful for your blessings as well as your troubles. Offer your sufferings to Christ in reparation for the sins of many. Jesus knows the longings and sufferings of your heart and there is realization of many suffering souls among us. Remember that God never tries us beyond what we are able to suffer.

Thank you to those who attended the Life Chain on Sunday, October 1st in Newton sponsored by the Knights. We had a good showing and were again joined this year by the sisters from Sacred Heart Center. Even though a few negative comments were made by motorists passing by, most drivers supported our efforts by tooting their horns or giving us a thumbs up.



The Family Halloween Party was once again a resounding success among those who attended. Special thanks to all those volunteers who helped with this community service project. Smiles on the faces of those who attended along with their laughter gave credence to the value and massive amount of work performed by our volunteers. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Our Pizza Fundraiser brought in \$185 to help with our scholarships and expenses. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort.

We will honor the deceased members of the Don Bosco Knights and Columbiettes at Mass on November 12, 2023, at 11am at Good Shepherd Church. The names of our deceased members will be placed at the altar for this Mass. The Council has not made any plans for a luncheon after this Mass as of this time.

Remember to thank veterans on Veteran's Day, November 7th. Pray for those who served our country and protected our freedoms. Many gave their all for the freedoms we enjoy. We should also be sure not to forget our active military, many of whom are presently in harm's way in these times of international unrest. Let's pray that Our Blessed Mother Mary gives them strength and protects them from harm.

Finally, on behalf of the Don Bosco Knights, we wish you and your family a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving, and a joyful start of Advent.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Anthony Caroleo, Grand Knight

PRAYER FOR THE END OF THE ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour Your power upon all Your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

-- Xavier University website

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. We now have three volunteers (Ginelle Veenhuizen, Connie Pyne and Aggie Gerrety—thank you, ladies) for the "Share the Ride Program" so if you need transportation call Mary Ann Stanek at 973-943-7930 or email columbiettes.mstanek@gmail.com several days prior so that arrangements can be made.

Just a reminder that Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back. Saturday, November 11th is Veterans' Day. God bless all of our veterans especially those who died to protect our freedom.

Yours sincerely in the love and Divine Mercy of Christ,

Mary Ann

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Executive Board Meeting- Thursday, November 2nd
Zoom 7:00 p.m.
- Auxiliary Meeting (in person & via Zoom)-Monday, November 6th, Sacred Heart Retreat Center 6:30 p.m.
- K of C Mass for Deceased Members & Columbiettes-Sunday, November 12th, Good Shepherd@11:00 a.m.
- Squirettes-Sunday, November 12th, Community Center 3:00 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Day-Thursday, November 23rd—HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- Executive Board Meeting-Thursday, November 30th
Zoom 7:00 p.m.

NEW RAFFLE DRAWING FOR RECRUITING MEMBERS

For every new Columbiette you bring in, your name will be placed in a drawing for a prize of \$25.00. Drawings will be in December, March and June. At the Convention, there will still be the \$100.00 drawing for those who bring in three new members.



Also please pray for John Holzli, Derya Demirtas , Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo, 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.

VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

Once again, thank you to our generous members who donated to Father John’s Animal Shelter. We received \$90 in cash/gift cards with 128 pounds of pet products. Our tally so far for the “Feed the Hungry Program” is \$913.00 which includes money, gift cards and pounds of merchandise. God bless you all for your kindness. Shown in the picture is a shelter representative happily accepting a car load of donations delivered by Vice President, Agnes Gerrety.



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)

NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES MAILING

Hopefully, everyone has received the mailing from the State Council Columbiettes. It provides a vast array of information regarding our programs, fundraisers and donations. A copy of all this information is posted on our website for easy reference. This will enable you to print forms from the convenience of your home.

RAFFLES

- NJ State 30 Week Club—returns are due by November 15, 2023
- Supreme 12 Days of Christmas Raffle—6 tickets for \$20.00 OR 1 ticket for \$5.00—returns are due by December 5, 2023

**HAIL MARY CAMPAIGN
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. 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.

OUR TALLY SO FAR IS 843,395!

DON BOSCO COLUMBIETTE WEBSITE QR CODE

We now have our own QR (Quick Response) Code which when placed on websites or printed materials will immediately take the user to our Don Bosco website. Try this two-dimensional matrix now! Use the camera feature on your cell phone to scan the code then tap on the pop-up message. You will be taken directly to the Don Bosco website home page. If this does not work, you probably have an older phone and will need to download a QR scanner code. There are loads of QR scanners available for free in the Google Play store.



2023-2024 Columbiette Officers



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

**Prayer Chain Requests**

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**OFFICERS FOR COLUMBIAN YEAR  
 2023-2024**

- Grand Knight - SK Anthony Caroleo
- Deputy Grand Knights - SK James Drylie
- Spiritual Advisor - Deacon SK Tom Sullivan
- Chancellor - SK James McDonald
- Financial Secretary - SK Tom Barry
- Recorder - SK Thomas Hudak
- Treasurer - James Kelly
- Advocate - SK John Feret
- Warden - SK Joseph Logarzo
- Inside Guard - SK Dennis Melillo
- Outside Guard - SK Michael Holzli
- 3yr Trustee - SK Rich Matricciano
- 2yr Trustee - SK Mike Catalano
- 1yr Trustee - Gerry Woodring
- Lecturer - SK Joe Logarzo

**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.**

