



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Grand Knight's Message

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With the start of the fall season marking the end of the first quarter of the Columbian Year 2023-2024, the Knights of Don Bosco continue to be very busy.

The month of September 2023 marks a significant milestone in the history of the Council, voting unanimously to approve a resolution for the expenditure of funds for the purchase of a new, state-of-the-art, ultrasound machine for use at a pregnancy resource center in Sussex County. The Council worked diligently with several stakeholders at multiple levels of the Church, local communities, and both the state and national Knights of Columbus. We will continue our work toward this end, and the Council looks forward to the final phase of this project, when the equipment is ordered and scheduled for delivery. We will keep you posted.

Council members continue to foster the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, with several fund-raising and community projects. Through the continued support of the members of the parishes at St. Joseph, Good Shepherd, and Our Lady Queen of Peace, the *Football Mania* ticket sales met our expectations, and we look forward to sharing the news about continued charitable work of the Council. Additionally, we wish to acknowledge the Columbiettes, and the young catholic women and men who worked tirelessly at the State Fair this year.

The *Holy Hour Service*, held on Thursday, September 19th at Good Shepherd was very well attended. As we prayed the rosary with the congregation, we remained steadfast in our commitment to our faith and the pledge of service that guides the Knights of Columbus. Our calendar is filled with the promises of continued *Charity, Unity, and Fraternity*. We welcome all to share with us.

Don Bosco #7784

President's Message

Mary Ann Stanek

Dear Columbiette Sisters,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Installation Ceremony in the chapel at the Sacred Heart Center on September 5th. It was heartwarming to see so many sister Columbiettes present for the installation, reception and meeting. Welcome back to a new and love-filled season!



The Life Chain on Sunday, October 1st, is fast approaching. If possible, please join us on the Green in Newton along with our brother Knights from 1:00-3:00 p.m. or for whatever time span works for you. If you need additional information, please contact Jerry Woodring at 973-222-1032. Pro-Life signs will be available onsite.

Inside our recruitment brochure, it asks, "Is Mary Calling You?" By the very fact that you are contributing Columbiettes, you have answered that call! I am extremely grateful for your sacrifices and dedication to our organization and am seeking your help in expanding our membership. Brochures will be available at our October meeting for you to share with anyone you think might be interested in joining the Columbiettes. You can also download a copy from our website under the "Apply for Membership" link. If you get three new ladies to join before June, your name will be placed in a drawing at convention for \$100.

- Prayers at Planned Parenthood in Newton, which begins on Thursday, September 28th and will be held every Tuesday (8am), Thursday (12pm), and Saturday (9am).
- Blue Mass at Our Lady Queen of Peace (10am)
- Rose sale at St. Joseph's and Good Shepherd (9/30 & 10/1).
- Saturday, October 14th, Bishop's Pilgrimage to Washington, DC. Check with local parishes for tickets.

Please visit the Council website, <https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/index.asp?CNO=7784> and check for our calendar of events. Also, please contact us if you know of a *need* that the Knights can help with.

Vivat Jesus!
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FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Once again, ghouls and ghosts will be resurrecting for our upcoming Family Halloween Party along with some new surprises. Please let everyone know about this fun event which will be held on Saturday, October 28th. As last year, admission for this community service event will be a good-will donation. A volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated at our September meeting and it will be passed around again at October's meeting. We need many volunteers to make this project a success. It is truly something to be experienced! Costumes are optional but encouraged. The flyer can be downloaded from our website for distribution.



Discussion was held at the September meeting regarding personalized Columbiette business cards. If you would like to have some made for you to assist in approaching potential members, please let me know. A sample copy is shown here.



On a final note, please add "columbiettes.mstanek@gmail.com" to your e-mail address book. Many messages are being returned in the group mailing because your provider is classifying them as spam.

Yours sincerely in the love and Divine Mercy of Christ,

Mary Ann



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 1, Respect Life Sunday, Newton Square from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- October 2, Auxiliary Meeting, Sacred Heart Retreat Center
- October 4, Western Chapter Meeting, St. Anthony's in Butler
- October 6, Pizza fundraiser, Villa Capri in Newton
- October 8th Squirettes, 3pm in St. Joseph's Community Center
- October 28th Family Halloween Party in St. Joseph's Community Center





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.

SQUIRETTES

This youth group met on Sunday, September 10th for our first meeting of the year and the girls are extremely excited about making new friends and upcoming activities. In order to continue, we are in the process of soliciting new members and are seeking your help to spread the word about this fun, Catholic group. Please visit our website at www.squirettes-marysangles.weebly.com for more information.



VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generosity to the Mt. Carmel Food Pantry. We collected \$220 in cash and Shop-Rite/Weis gift cards. As seen in the picture, Treasurer, Kathy Draghi, presented Father Abuchi with our donations. Donations for October will be for Father John’s Animal Shelter—no open bags of food. Please remember that we are keeping a running total of donations throughout the year for the Feed the Hungry Program. This includes pet food!

SHARE THE RIDE PROGRAM

Do you need a ride to a meeting? If so, please call (973-943-7930) or e-mail Mary Ann Stanek (columbiettes.mstanek@gmail.com) several days prior to the meeting so that arrangements can be made. We have a Share the Ride Program sheet available at our meetings if you wish to volunteer to offer a ride to a sister Columbiette in need. God bless you for your willingness to assist others.

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.

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PIZZA! PIZZA! PIZZA!

As discussed at our September meeting, we will be holding a pizza fundraiser on Friday, October 6th (all day) at the Villa Capri Restaurant in Newton. We will receive one dollar for every pie sold whether eat-in or takeout. So, please treat yourself and enjoy a delicious pizza while supporting the Columbiettes. Thank you.

2023-2024 Columbiette Officers



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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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2023-2024**

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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.

