



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

SK Anthony Caroleo

Welcome to Columbian Year 2023-2-24! As we come to the end of the summer, we look forward to the activities planned for the next year. The newly elected officers of the Don Bosco Council are excited to begin our service to the Church, and to the communities we serve at St. Joseph, Good Shepherd, and Our Lady Queen of Peace Parishes.

Our goal is to serve our community in the spirit of service that our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, established over 140 years ago. We recognize the traditions of the Knights of Columbus and the dedication to our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity are more important than ever in our community today. In that spirit, the Don Bosco Council has adopted the slogan: ***"Where there is a need, there is a Knight"***. "A need" may be a need at a parish; of a family; of an organization; or, of a community. For example, in the past 3 weeks we have come to the aid of our Brother Knights in Maui, Hawaii in the aftermath of the tragic fires that have destroyed an entire community. We have donated over 6,000 diapers and 10,000 wipes to local community organizations as part of our commitment to the Knights Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program.

Upcoming events are:

- September 9 we will hold our Council picnic
- September 19 we will host a Holy Hour Service at Good Shepherd Church
- We will begin our Prayers at Planned Parenthood starting September 28 (every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday till November 4)
- October 15 to raise funds to feed the hungry or support a mission, so save the date!

These are just a few examples of ***"Where there is a need, there is a Knight"***. This is the tradition we will continue. I invite you to visit our website KOF7784.ORG and check our calendar of events, and please feel free to reach out to us if you see a need that needs a Knight.

Vivat Jesus!
SK Anthony
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President's Message

Mary Ann Stanek

Dear Columbiette Sisters,

Fall is nearly upon us and the majesty of God's creation will soon bring an explosion of bright colors transforming trees and plants into eye-catching beauties. The same can be applied to the Columbiettes as we prepare for a new year of activities full of wondrous enthusiasm to praise God with selfless dedication and work for others. How beautiful is the soul that puts other first.

The 2023 NJ State Columbiette Convention in June brought many awards to our Auxiliary. Through your efforts, we received the Women of God Award, Charity Raffle Award, Retention Award and recognition for Feed the Hungry Program (third place). Once again, this year no certificates were presented but we did receive a can of coffee to serve at meetings for retention and a \$10 Shop-Rite gift card to purchase more food for the 2023-2024 Feed the Hungry Program. Ten auxiliaries reported 32,468 pounds of food donated.

Donations from our Auxiliary included:

- 35 filled backpacks donated (52 last year)
- 35 bags of Toiletries + 13.7 pounds extra supplies which filled two cardboard boxes (2 large Shop-Rite bags last year)
- 59 pounds of can tabs (35 pounds last year)

Our postulant, Sister Jazmin Rangel and our Charity Nominee, Derya Dimirtas each received a \$2,000 check from the State Council Columbiettes and Western Chapter donated \$250 each in honor of Mary Hargraves who recently retired after 32 years of service as Chapter Treasurer. A total of \$28,600 was donated by the State Council during the Convention to various charities.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- (Tuesday) September 5th Auxiliary Meeting, /Installation of Officers at 6:30 p.m. in Chapel Sacred Heart Retreat Center
Zoom Portal opens at 7:30 p.m.
- September 9, Knights of Columbus Family Picnic, Swartswood State Park
- October 1, Respect Life Sunday, Newton Square from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- October 3, Auxiliary Meeting, Sacred Heart Retreat Center
- October 5, Western Chapter Meeting, St. Anthony's in Butler

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those Columbiettes who helped at the NJ State Fair in August. Volunteering at the K of C food booth can be a monumental task but it is usually filled with great camaraderie and many smiles. Thanks, also, to Nick Testa who supervised and trained the many workers while dealing with suppliers and overall necessities of running the booth. Mention should also be given to George Parichuk who was instrumental in helping maintain the records, upkeep of the booth and delivering the daily supply of clams. Whether your role was large or small, please know that it is greatly appreciated.

We also received the prestigious Margaret Mary Mangan Award from the Supreme Council Columbiettes based on our activities this past year. Thank you to everyone for your support and loyalty. Your hard work is appreciated and recognized.

Well, soon we will be starting a new Columbiette year filled with challenges and expectations. Our goals are similar to last year with renewed zeal and participation in our activities/programs. As I wrote last year, "Please, if possible, step forward to volunteer when opportunities are presented. If not possible, please support our endeavors with your prayers. You will discover Our Lord's presence in your achievements and a closer relationship with your sister Columbiettes. Sometimes it only takes a smile to start a great friendship."

As you know, we have a new campaign slogan which is "Hail Marys for Divine Mercy for all the World."

Please remember to continue sending in your Hail Mary counts to hailmarysforDM@gmail.com. The cumulative tally is updated as responses are received on our website. Also, feel free to e-mail me any time (Columbiettes.mstane@gmail.com) with suggestions, questions or comments. I am open to opinions and recommendations for meetings and/or fundraisers. Frequently, good ideas never come to fruition due to lack of sharing.

Yours in the love and Divine Mercy of Christ,

Mary Ann





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.

MISSING YOU!

There are many members we have not seen in a while. You are missed! Please consider joining us again especially for our September 5th meeting which will include the installation of officers (promptly at 6:30 p.m.) in the chapel at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center followed by a short reception prior to our meeting.

BACKPACK SUPPLIES

Now is the time to stock up on school supplies for your backpack donations in June 2024. Many local stores have started their back-to-school sales. If you wish to donate any supplies early, we can hold them for you.

NEW DISTRICT DEPUTY

We have been notified by the State President, Fran Corcione, that Susan Kadar has been appointed as our District Deputy for the 2023-2024 Columbiette year. Thank you, Susan, for taking on this responsibility and making sure we follow all procedures accurately.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to North Warren Regional High School senior Mikayla Serdinsky who received the \$500 Mary Ann Stanek Founders Award. Peace Hevi from Vernon High School received our \$250 Good Citizen Award and the awards at Reverend Brown for \$75 each were awarded to Molly Austin and Lilianna Scaraggi.

RECRUITMENT CHALLENGE

We are looking for someone to assist Agnes Gerrety, Vice President and Membership Director, in recruiting new members. It was discussed at the last Executive Board meeting that we challenge each Columbiette to bring in a new member. This topic will be put on the agenda for September. Please come prepared with ideas for discussion.

**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
478,059!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BLESSED MOTHER!

The Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of **September 8**, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

O, Virgin Immaculate, pray for us!



NATIVITY OF MARY

2023-2024 Columbiette Officers



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- Facebook page at: Don Bosco Columbiettes for updated information on events.
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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.

