



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

Thomas Hudak

With so much turmoil throughout the world, I was pondering on an appropriate faith-based message for this edition of Whispers of Faith. In so doing I came across some gems of wisdom from good old Charles Schulz---- wonderful sense of time when things were based more on "common sense."

I would like to share a few Charles Schulz gems of wisdom:

- ✓ **"Worrying won't stop the bad stuff from happening, it just stops you from enjoying the good."**
- ✓ **"Perhaps they are not stars in the sky but rather openings where our loved ones shine down on us to let us know they are happy."**
- ✓ **"The smile on my face doesn't mean my life is perfect. It means I appreciate what I have and what I have been blessed with. I choose to be happy."**
- ✓ **"When my arms can't reach people who are close to my heart.....I always hug them with my prayers." And most important of all-----**
- ✓ **"Faith is hanging on tight when the going gets windy."**

Now that we have completed the tasks of turning our clocks ahead one hour and Spring is upon us, we will have some time remaining to spend in prayer during the last weeks of the Lenten season and Holy Week as we prepare and look forward to Easter Sunday when the most recognized figure in human history—Our Lord Jesus Christ is embraced throughout the world.

On behalf of the Don Bosco Knights of Columbus, I would like to extend my wishes that all of my Brothers and Sisters are blessed with gratifying spiritual experiences during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday.

Please remember in your prayers the victims of the shooting in the Mosque in New Zealand; the victims of the horrific cyclone in Mozambique; and the police officer recently killed in the State of Washington; pray that NJ legislators will vote no on legislation for Physician Assisted Suicide.

Fraternally,

SK Tom Hudak, GK Council 7784

President's Message

Miriam Montagne

Journey to Easter

How are you doing on your Lenten journey towards Easter? As you read this newsletter, we will be a few weeks away from the most important three days of our faith: The Easter Triduum (last supper, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior).

Life can be difficult especially when you want to consecrate your life to Jesus. You will be faced with adversities, trials, troubles, and suffering. It's easy to think, "I don't want to struggle or suffer in this life so I'll meet God on my terms." I'll pray when I need something. This is not the way it works; if we want anything in life we have to work hard and make sacrifices. Don't be discouraged, because as a child of God you will be strengthened, empowered, and fortified. God is IN us. God will not forsake us. When we need Him most there He will be in our midst. Let us accept our cross and carry it towards Calvary; God will be by your side for all eternity.

The resurrection experience of Jesus tells us that in Him, we can trust that the Father will raise us up in the power of the Spirit so that we might joyfully celebrate the fullness of life that is our inheritance through Baptism, at Easter.

UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

April

- 4th Officer's Meeting
- 5th Stations of the Cross/Lenten Meal—Good Shepherd 7:00pm
- 6th/7th Diaper Drive
- 7th Wive's Appreciation Brunch and Council Awards, 12:30 Lafayette House
- 10 4th Degree Prince Spaghetti Dinner, St. Kateri
- 11th Council Meeting
- 14th Palm Sunday
- 19th Good Friday
- 21st Easter
- 25th Fourth Degree Meeting

May

- 1st Due Date for College Scholarship Applications
- 2nd Officer's Meeting
- 5th Our Lady Queen of Peace Reception Rev. Deacon Jake Parinas details to follow
- 9th Council Meeting
- 12th Mother's Day----Good Shepherd Parish Hall refreshments after 9:00 and 10:30 Masses—hosted by Council 7784
- 18th Armed Forces Day
- 22nd Fourth Degree Meeting
- 27th Memorial Day
- 30th Ascension of the Lord
- 31st Candy Drive for People w/Intellectual Disabilities Hayek's 2:00pm-7:00pm

Columbette March Meeting Highlights:

St. Patrick's Day parade - 17 ladies marched along with Baby Emma and Heather too! Band-Aid drive was a success, 325 boxes for a total of 7,292 band-aids. Think of all the smiles you helped to create! Squirettes celebrated their 6th Investiture Anniversary on March 13th. Hail Mary Campaign has reached half a million, here's to the next half million. Keep praying!

President's Message cont.

It's life's journey that God uses to shape and mold us along the way to our final destination and our ultimate goal to join the Lord God in Heaven!

H - Happiness

E - End of suffering

A - Afterlife

V - Victory

E - Eternal life

N - Never-Ending

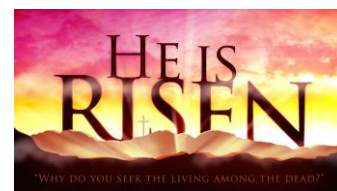
A prayer for you and your family,

*Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know You, a heart to seek You, wisdom to find You, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for You, and a hope of finally embracing You. Amen.
Thomas Aquinas*

Have a Blessed Easter!

Miriam

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31



EYEGASSES FOR THE NEEDY



The Knights of Columbus are collecting used eyeglasses for the needy.

Please put your eyeglass donations in the basket located at the entrance of the church.

COLUMBIETTE-UPCOMING EVENTS**April**

- 1st - Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m.
- 5th - 7th - State Retreat
- 7th - Wives' Appreciation at Lafayette House
- 12th - Villa Capri Fundraiser
- 15th - Migrant Ministry
- 21st - Easter Sunday
- 28th - Charity Award Luncheon
- 30th - Humanitarian Award
- 30th - Student Good Citizen Award

May

- 1st - Western Chapter hosted by Don Bosco at 7 p.m.
- 5th - May Crowning in Mary's Garden after the 9:30 a.m. Mass
- 6th - Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m.
- 11th - Patriotic Caroling at the Nursing Homes
- 12th - Mother's Day
- 18th - AppleBee's Flapjack Fundraiser
- 27th - Memorial Day
- 30th - Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day)

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Did you know?

What is symbolic about the number 40?

Why 40 days? Because Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert, and laid 40 hours in the tomb; the Hebrews wandered for 40 years in the wilderness; the world was flooded for 40 days in the time of Noah. Each was a period of preparation for what was to follow. So it was that early Christians began setting aside time before Easter to prepare for their celebration of the Resurrection.

Voluntary Monthly Meeting Donations

April - Coffee/Tea/Sugar for food pantry.

May - Baby Shower - Birth Haven

Thank you for your continued generosity!

SCHOLARSHIPS



The Don Bosco Columbiettes Auxiliary #7784 of Newton, NJ is offering two scholarships to young women who are graduating high school in 2019, including those young women who are homeschooled: 1) the \$500 Mary Ann Stanek Founder's Award and 2) the \$250 Good Citizen Award. The deadline for applications to be received is April 12, 2019. Applicants should see their guidance counselors or if home-schooled should contact Susan Bodnar at 973-383-1473 or email her at sjrbodn@ptd.net.

SPRING

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This fresh Palm cross is handmade with 10 fan sets of 6 Palm loops, 2 plastic lilies and a bow. The bottom of the wooden lath is cut at an angle for easy ground insertion. All crosses are individually wrapped in a clear poly bag.

Palm cross outer dimensions: 26"x14"

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For additional information, please call Miriam Montagne at 201-230-1373.

Pick up of crosses will be held on the weekend of April 6-7 (Palm Sunday) – Location: St. Joseph Community Center, after all masses (except Sunday 5 p.m.).



“One Million Hail Marys” Campaign

We are seeking our Blessed Mother's intercession for world peace through prayer. Please support this endeavor to pray ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS. You can e-mail your tallies to: hailmarysforpeace@gmail.com or write the number on a slip of paper and drop it into the container by Mary's statue in St. Joseph Church.

Personal names are optional—Mary knows who you are. God bless you for helping us with the venture! A cumulative tally will be recorded on the Columbiette website at:

<https://donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com>

The tally so far is 621,963 but we still need 378,037!

KEEP PRAYING!

SQUIRETTES—SEEKING ANGELS



The Squelettes of Mary, Circlette of Mary's Angels, sponsored by the Don Bosco Columbiettes is looking for more angels! If you know of any young practicing Catholic females aged 10-17 who are interested in joining this group, please have them contact Miriam Montagne for additional information. Meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month in the Community Center from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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