



# WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

## Grand Knight's Message

Richard Matrisciano

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

By now we're probably all sick of turkey. Turkey soup, turkey sandwiches, turkey salads, turkey etc. Hopefully we do not forget what Thanksgiving is supposed to be about - giving thanks to God for all His gifts to us. If we have enough faith, we can feel God's hand touching us, even in times of trouble and grief we can have hope for a better future.

As we now enter into the season of Advent, let it be a time of remembering God's gift to us all, and lead us into a deeper relationship with that gift; the baby whose birth we celebrate on the 25th. Let us pray for those around us, especially the poor and those who feel alone and forgotten.

We can, each in our own way, help "feed" those in need. Feed them with food for their physical hunger and prayer for their spiritual hunger.

Advent is a good time to pray our rosaries, each one as a specific offering for someone or some outcome. And don't forget to keep track of the 53 Hail Mary's we pray with each rosary and forward them on to the Columbiettes so they can achieve their goal of 1 million Hail Mary's.

Advent is also a good time to reflect on the readings of the daily masses. If you can't get to daily mass the readings can be found on the USCCB website, and you can opt to have them emailed to you every morning.

## President's Message

Pam Raynor

Dear Sisters,

I hope that your Thanksgiving was a wonderful time for you and your family. As we gather once again it is so amazing to be with our loved ones. It is at this time every year we realize all that we are grateful for in our lives. I hope that as we go into 2022 you continue to thank God daily for all that you have.

I want to share with all of you how grateful I am to my Columbiette Sisters. At our November meeting I shared with members that one of our own, needed our help. Louise Crann is in the process of moving to Maryland to be near her son Christopher and the nursing home where her husband Geoffrey is currently staying. When I shared, they could use help physically and financially many sisters stepped up to help. A motion was made and seconded to give Louise one thousand dollars in two installments to help with expenses. Every organization has an army of movers and shakers, and the Don Bosco Columbiettes has theirs as well. A BIG THANK YOU TO THE ARMY OF WORKERS, who are Peggy Bopp, Connie, and Fred and Major, Mary Ann Stanek, Kathy and Bob Draghi, Aggie Gerrety, and Miriam Montagne.

Our November meeting was a very full meeting, we had a guest speaker and the installation of officers. Our guest speaker was James Baldini, who with his wife and stepdaughter brought out much needed items to Sister Mary Ann in North Dakota. Jim shared that he would like to make this an annual event with other families to transport goods to the children in Sister Mary Ann's care. (I later realized that Jim was one of my second-grade students back in the late seventy's) We installed the new officers for 2021-2022.

Congratulations to Sister Theresa, Agnes, Connie, Kathy, Colleen, and Mary Beth. Have a WONDERFUL year!!



Now is also the time to accept the fact it's going to be hectic these next few weeks. Buying gifts, preparing for family gatherings, putting up Christmas trees and carefully decorating them. Spreading the gifts under the tree, with the help of Santa of course. Putting a creche in a prominent place to show the greatest gift of all and the reason for the season.

For every Happy Holiday we hear let us joyfully respond, Merry Christmas! On Behalf of all the brothers of our Don Bosco Council I wish each and every one of you a blessed Christmas and hopeful New Year.

Peace.

GK Rich Matrisciano

Knights Upcoming Events



Merry Christmas!

See you in 2022!



We also heard that our "Trunk and Treat" at Barnhill Nursing Home was an enormous success. The residents wheeled out to see the staff's children dressed in costumes collect treats and snacks. This was the first time we participated in Trunk or Treat, and I think we may add this to our fall events. THANK YOU, Kathy Draghi, Rita, Maureen F and Mary Beth, for making this event so successful.

We will be collecting socks for our four local nursing homes once again. Please remember only WHITE SOCKS. I will deliver them before Christmas. We will not be able to carol at the nursing homes this year, so keep the residents in your thoughts and prayers.

I want to wish everyone a Blessed Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

God bless you,  
Pam

Columbiette Upcoming Events



Wednesday, December 1 Western Chapter meeting. Bring a gift for grab bag/tricky tray.

Saturday, December 4th Mass for Alex Taggart in Butler, weather permitting.

December 6<sup>th</sup> our monthly meeting, **Starting at 6:30 pm**  
Donation white socks for nursing home residents.

Reminder no January Meeting!  
Stay tuned for a possible social event during January!

See you on February 7<sup>th</sup>.



Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo, Louise and Geoffrey Crann, the repose of the soul of Michael Gerrety, and all who need or have asked for our prayers and all the unspoken intentions.

Please submit all newsletter prayer requests to Patty Savacool.

## Columbiette Meetings

### Dates and times

Sacred Heart Center- 20 Old Swartswood Road

**IN PERSON-**

**New Meeting time**  
**6:30 pm**

- ❖ Monday, December 6th
- ❖ Monday, February 7th
- ❖ Monday, March 7th
- ❖ Monday April 4th
- ❖ Monday, May 2nd
- ❖ Monday, June 6th

**Dues Coupon:**

Send to Colleen Testa at

397A State Route 94S

Fredon, NJ 07860

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check number \_\_\_\_\_

Sending \$20.00 in check made out to Don Bosco  
Columbiettes

You can also pay your dues at the monthly meeting!

The Columbiettes are sponsoring a campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession for the United States of America.

Please support this endeavor to pray TWO MILLION HAIL MARYS. Please ask family members, friends, neighbors, church groups, etc. to pray

Hail Mary's to help in obtaining this goal.

All Hail Mary counts can be e-mailed to:

[hailmarysfortheUSA@gmail.com](mailto:hailmarysfortheUSA@gmail.com).

Our tally so far is: 826, 776



**2021–2022 Columbiette Officers**

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- Facebook page at: Don Bosco Columbiettes for updated information on events.
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**Prayer Chain Requests**

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**2021-2022 Slate of Officers**

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The Squirettes 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 8-17 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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