

WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

Thomas Hudak

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving with the following reflection from A Catholic Prayer Book compiled by Msgr. Michael Buckley:

In Gratitude

Thank you, Father,

For having created us and given us to each other in the human family.

Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows,

For your comfort in our sadness,

Your companionship in our loneliness.

Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives.

Thank you for friends, for health, for grace.

May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.

A short week after Thanksgiving we will begin the Advent Journey. Advent has been around for a long time, long before it was actually called "Advent," and possibly as early as the 2nd century. Originally, it was celebrated for 40 days, just like the Lenten season. Advent is given to us as a time to prepare our souls for the coming of the Lord. This season is very similar to Lent, so its nickname is the "Little Lent." In our current culture, we are tempted to skip over the penitential aspects of Advent and focus on the joy of Christmas. Focusing on the joy alone denies a crucially important truth: that the Christ Child, Our Lord and Savior, suffered and died for our salvation. May I ask that all of my Brothers and Sisters focus upon Keeping Christ In Christmas!!!!



President's Message

Miriam Montagne

Are you ready for the next four weeks of Advent which begins on Sunday, December 2nd and ends on Monday, December 24th?

You could say that if you were at the St. Paul's Abbey event on November 16th then you have indirectly started to prepare for the Advent season through the making of the wreath.

Why do we make and decorate wreaths and what does it mean? The circular shape of the wreath signifies continuous life, without beginning or end which symbolizes the eternity of God.

You may not realize it but the decorations that you place on the wreaths also have Christian meaning. The use of evergreens reminds us of our eternal life with Christ; pointy holly leaves and berries represent the crown of thorns from the Passion of Jesus and his Precious Blood; the pine cones symbolize Christ's Resurrection; the cedar signifies strength and healing and the laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. So the next time you look at your decorated wreath you will be reminded of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ. The Advent wreath and candles altogether give us, CHRIST - HOPE - FAITH - JOY - PEACE.

We should be encouraged to look at the wreath and contemplate the meaning of Advent and prepare our hearts and minds for the Lord's birth on the eve of Christmas.



Grand Knight's message cont.

The fall has been a very busy time. I appreciate the support of all who participated in our Migrant Ministry Dinner, Fifth Sunday Family Rosary, Mass of Remembrance for Deceased Members and Christmas Wreath Making at the Abbey. Unfortunately, we have had to postpone Family Bowling Day for Prostate Cancer and Christmas Social for a variety of reasons. These events will be rescheduled in 2019.

Fraternally,
SK Tom Hudak, GK Council 7784

President's Message cont.

May the blessings of peace,
the beauty of hope,
the spirit of love,
and the comfort of faith
may these be your gifts this Christmas Season.

Miriam



UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

December

- 6 Council Officers Meeting Sacred Heart Center
- 13 Council Meeting at Our Lady Queen of Peace.
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 30th - Rosary (5th Sunday) at St. Joseph Church at 11 a.m.



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colors: royal blue, light blue, athletic blue, cardinal, kelly green, grey

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colors: gold, charcoal, maroon, hunter green, light blue

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colors: navy with gold lettering

if you have your own garment, the cost for the monogram is \$10.00 per item

Payment accepted: cash only

Minimum order is 12 of each type

see Anne Kappelmier for more information

COLUMBIETTE UPCOMING EVENTS **December**

- 1st - Christmas Social, Annie The Musical at Sitnik Theatre in Hackettstown
- 3rd - First Degree at 6:30 p.m.
- 3rd - Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m.
- 5th - Western Chapter at Long Valley at 7 p.m.
- 8th - The solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
- 15th - Caroling at the Nursing Homes
- 15th – Christmas Concert—St. Joseph Church
- 25th - Merry Christmas!
- 30th - Rosary (5th Sunday) at St. Joseph Church at 11 a.m.

January 2019

- 1st - Happy New Year!
- no meeting in January

February 2019

- 4th - Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m.
- 16th - Sweetheart Dinner Dance at the St. Joseph Community Center

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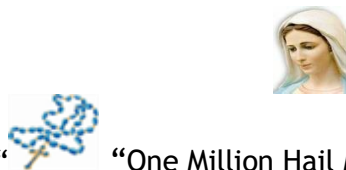
November Meeting Highlights:

- Guest Speaker, Ben Davey from DCP&P (NJ Div of Child Protection & Permanency) was overwhelmed with gratitude for the generous donations collected by our Columbiettes
- Angel Pins - new inventory available see Eileen Palumbo for details
- Secret Sister reveal
- Backpacks available at the meeting for filling
- November 16th - Pot Luck & Wreath Making at St. Paul's Abbey at 6 p.m.
- Christmas Social - December 1st, Annie, at the Sitnik Theater in Hackettstown for \$27 per person and Dinner (optional) at Bea McNally's at 5 p.m. for \$33 person - see Connie Pyne (Chairperson) for details
- First degree in December
- Christmas Caroling - December 15th

Has your name, address, or telephone number changed? Please let Colleen Testa or Patty Savacool know so they can update your information. We are going to have a busy year and want to be sure that you know all about all the planned activities

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“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 100,191



Join Us!

Nursing Home Sing-a-Long

When: Saturday, December 15th

Where: Barn Hill – 10:30 a.m.

Valley View – 11:15 a.m.

Ave Care – noon

Homestead – 2:30 p.m.

Bring a little cheer to the residents. Meet in the parking lot of the facility 10 minutes before the above times. You will have a great time

. Dress in something Christmassy!!!!

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Voluntary Monthly Meeting Donations

December - Socks (white) any size for the nursing homes

February 2019 - character band-aids for the children of RWJ and Goryeb Hospitals

Thank you for your continued generosity!



What: Christmas Show, Annie the Musical

When: Saturday, December 1st at 8 p.m.

Where: Sitnik Theatre of the Lackland Performing Arts Center, 715 Grand Ave, Hackettstown

Cost: \$27 per person if 25 or more people otherwise \$32 per person

Contact: Connie Pyne, for tickets and questions. Please call Connie at (973) 714-1920 or (973) 383-9456 or email at conniepyne@aol.com.

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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(Gamma – Phi – Delta)**

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