



# WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

## Grand Knight

SK Anthony Caroleo

## President's Message

Agnes Gerrety

Dear Columbiette Sisters,

The month of October has been a very busy month for the Columbiettes holding a sequence of events - - fundraising, volunteering, recruitment, holding a Halloween community service event and planning for our annual Christmas Photoshoot event. November also promises to be very busy and our days are getting shorter. Daylight savings time will end in only a short week away.

Thank you to all who supported our scholarships pizza fundraiser at Villa Capri on October 4th. We brought in \$260.00.



On October 6th, we had a good showing of Columbiettes, brother Knights and sisters from the Sacred Heart Center attending the Life Chain Rally on the Green in Newton. Most of the drivers passing by supported us by tooting their horns and waving or giving thumbs up.

Thank you, sister Columbiettes, who volunteered their time and distributed over one hundred recruitment brochures after masses at St. Joseph Church, Newton, on October 12th and 13th.

Our third annual Family Halloween Party was a great success. A huge thank you to all who attended, as well as the large number of volunteers who dedicated many hours to make this a fun-filled community event. We are so grateful to our local most generous donors who gifted the beautiful potted mums, many large and small pumpkins, coupons, merchandise, gift certificates and cards which were raffled off during the evening. Attendee freewill cash donations received totaled \$229. THANK YOU ALL, for your support and generosity.



## VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

Donations for November will be for the Saint Mother Teresa's Food Pantry: Items for children's lunches (juice boxes, snacks, etc.—no peanut products.) The December voluntary donation is for men's/women's white socks for residents in local nursing homes.

## RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

NJ State Council – Recruitment Program – Win \$100. To be eligible to enter this drawing all you need to do is sign up three (3) or more new members, provided they take their Initiation Ceremony prior to the State convention. Contact Agnes Gerrety, email: [columbiettes.agerrety@gmail.com](mailto:columbiettes.agerrety@gmail.com)



## NOVEMBER 5TH—ELECTION DAY

Please remember to vote with Catholic values in mind. A good source of information is available from United States Conference of Catholic Bishops <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-and-peace/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd. Don't forget to turn your clocks back.

November is retention month for the Columbiettes. Please attend our meeting on Monday, November 4th either in person or via Zoom. Hopefully, you received a reminder postal card sent out by our Vice President, Mary Beth Flora. As an incentive, we will have a membership drawing for those in attendance. One lucky Columbiette will have her dues paid for 2024-2025. Should you need a ride, please call Agnes Gerrety at 973-903-7948 or email: [columbiettes.agerrety@gmail.com](mailto:columbiettes.agerrety@gmail.com) a few days prior so that arrangement can be made with our Columbiette volunteers of "Share the Ride Program." In addition, a guest speaker from the Sussex County Division of Social Services will present an overview of the many services offered by the agency in our area.

On Veterans Day, November 11th, there are number of ways we can honor our veterans. Fly an American flag in front of your home. If you're out in public and see a veteran, take a moment to say, "thank you" and show your appreciation with a kind gesture or a small act of kindness. Observe a moment of silence and reflection to honor the many service men and woman who sacrificed their lives us, for our country, our freedom and peace.



Christmas Photoshoot with Santa and Mrs. Claus for Family and Pets will be on Saturday, November 23rd, 1 – 4 pm, Saint Joseph Community Center, Halsted Street, Newton (ACROSS FROM CHURCH.) Admission is only \$10 per family. Santa will have a small gift for each child. Create your Holiday photos for Christmas cards and family albums. Use your own camera to take family/pet pictures with Santa and or / in front of 11 different Holiday backdrops. Photos may also be purchased for \$3.00. Note: ALL PETS MUST BE ON A LEASH. We look forward to seeing you there.

God bless you all for your dedication and support.

**Love and blessings,**

**Agnes Gerrety**



**Also please pray for John Holzli, Derya Demirtas , Susan Kadar, Amy Keegan, Michael Palumbo, Louise Crann, 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.

### 30-WEEK CLUB RAFFLE

The New Jersey State Council Columbiettes will host the 30-Week Club Raffle again this year. Proceeds from this program help assist with funds needed to run State programs. Drawings will be held Saturdays, from November 30, 2024, and commencing at the State Convention on June 21, 2025. Sign-up sheets and additional information will be available at our November meeting. The cost is \$30/ticket for 30 weeks. You are eligible for three drawings per week for 30 weeks. Anyone can enter, not just Columbiettes. These tickets make wonderful Christmas presents, birthday presents, thank you gifts or a "Just Because" gift for anyone.

### BACKPACKS

Free backpacks will be available on a first come, first served basis. Save money and take advantage of back-to-school specials now available in stores and online. Fill them with school supplies for needy children. We will collect them at our June meeting and deliver them to Western Chapter for distribution later that month.



### Columbiette Upcoming Events

- *All Saints Day November 1*
  - *All Souls' Day November 2*
  - *Daylight Saving Time ends November 3 Daylight Saving Time ends*
  - *National Vocation Awareness Week November 3 - 9*
  - *Auxiliary Meeting (in person & Zoom) November 4, 6:30 pm Sacred Heart Retreat Center*
  - *General Election Day November 5*
  - *Veterans Day November 11*
  - *Mass K of C-deceased Members & Columbiettes November 17, 11:00 am Good Shephard*
  - *Dine & Donate for Western Chapter November 18-21 Thatcher McGhee's Denville & Pompton Lakes*
  - *Executive Meeting November 21, 7:00 pm - Zoom -*
  - *Photoshoot with Santa November 23, 1-4 pm St. Joseph Community Cener*
  - *Thanksgiving Day November 28*
- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

2024-2025 Columbiette Officers



- President, Agnes Gerrety ..... 973-300-4952**
- Past President, Mary Ann Stanek ..... 973-943-7930**
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- Facebook page at: Don Bosco Columbiettes for updated information on events.

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2024-2025 Don Bosco Officers:

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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.**

