



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

SK Anthony Caroleo



Don Bosco Council #7784

Family Picnic: September 21, 2024

Swartswood State Park 11am—3pm

Rain or Shine

**1091 E Shore Road, Swartswood, NJ
07877**

**Cost: \$10 per family/ Free Admission
to State Park**

**Menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Soft
Drinks**

No Alcoholic Beverages Permitted

**Families are requested to bring a
salad, side dish or dessert to share.**

President's Message

Agnes Gerrety

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Welcome to our new Columbiette year. I am honored and thankful to be elected as your president. I am looking forward to working together with you to continue to support our church communities, food pantries, charities, community activities, social events, supporting the Knights and to carry on our commitment of helping others. Many thanks to Mary Ann Stanek, our immediate outgoing president, for her continued leadership, hard work, dedication and commitment for many years.

During the NJ State Convention in June, we received a number of awards. It is through your collective efforts, dedication and love that we received the Sunshine Award, Pennies from Heaven Program Award, and 100+ Participation in the Support Club / Charity Raffle Award.

In addition to the monthly donations distributed in our local communities, donations to the convention from our auxiliary included:

- 38 backpacks filled with school supplies distributed to children in homeless shelters
- 15 toiletry bags
- 39 purses for a purpose. Gently used pocketbooks filled with trial size personal care items for women in shelters
- 90 large garbage bags, 31 cardboard boxes of clothing for Ukraine and monetary donation toward shipping costs
- 48 pounds of can tabs for the Ronald McDonald house to help with accommodations for parents while their child is hospitalized.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to Newton High School senior Jennifer Ellsworth who received the \$500 Mary Ann Stanek Founders Award and the \$250 Good Citizen Award. The Eighth grade Awards at Pope John High School for \$75 each were awarded to Anne Giacchi and Bernadette Forneris.

Don Bosco Columbiettes – Proposed Meeting Dates

Tuesday, September 3, 2024, - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Installation 6:30 p.m. - Zoom 7:30 p.m.

Mondays 6:30 p.m. in-person, /Zoom - Sacred Heart Center

October 7, 2024

November 4, 2024

December 2, 2024

January 2025 – no meeting

February 3, 2025

March 3, 2025

April 7, 2025

May 5, 2025

June 2, 2025

Note: DBC hosting Western Chapter on Wednesday, May 7, 2025

· As Saint Mother Teresa said, “In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love”

A total of \$10,800.00 was donated by the State Council to various charities.

We also received the prestigious Margaret Mary J. Mangan Award from the Supreme Council Columbiettes recognizing our membership for the good work you accomplished this past year. Your hard work and loyalty throughout the year is recognized and greatly appreciated.

A huge thank you to all who worked at the Knights of Columbus food booth during the State Fair. The stormy weather throughout the week brought with it many unexpected challenges this year, some of which were flooding and early Fair closure. A special thank you to Nick Testa for training staff and his endless contributions in making sure things ran smoothly.

There are many members we have not seen in some time. Please know that we miss you and pray that you will join us in September. Our first in-person meeting will be Tuesday, September 3rd, the day after Labor Day. The meeting will NOT take place at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center. Instead, we will meet at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community Center, 203 Swartwood Road, Swartwood. The installation of officers at 6:30 pm, followed by a short reception prior to the meeting. Zoom access will open at 7:30 pm.

Our September Voluntary Donation: Shop-Rite/Weis gift cards for Mt. Carmel Food Pantry.

Love and blessings,

Agnes Gerrety

Welcome
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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.

HAIL MARY CAMPAIGN

PRESERVATION OF OUR CONSTITUTION AND FREEDOMS



The Don Bosco Columbiettes are sponsoring a Hail Mary Campaign which will be based on the "PRESERVATION OF OUR CONSTITUTION AND FREEDOMS."

We are seeking our Blessed Mother's intercession to help our nation. We need to prayerfully reflect on the origins of our country and the original framework of a legal system that ensures fairness, equality, and due process. This has been threatened by abolishment in the belief of one nation under God. The Declaration's proclamation of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" has been marred by private interests. We need to pray for the return of Christian moral values and the protection of citizens' rights, domestic tranquility and freedoms. This campaign will run from June 1, 2024 until May 31, 2025.

Please remember to continue sending your Hail Mary counts to our dedicated website hailmarysforPCF@gmail.com. The cumulative tally of all Hail Marys prayed are updated as responses are received at: www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com. Our current tally is 504,717.

Columbiette Upcoming Events

Auxiliary Meeting, Tuesday, September 3, 2024, - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Installation 6:30 p.m. - Zoom 7:30 p.m

Sunday, September 15th K of C
40 hr. Adoration Good Shephard TBD Saturday,

September 21st K of C Family Picnic Swartswood State Park 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 26th Executive Meeting
Zoom 7:00 p.m. Wednesday,

October 2nd Western Chapter Meeting/Officer Training St. Anthony's, PVCC Hall, 65 Hamburg Tpk, Butler Hospitality: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 4th Pizza Fundraiser Villa Capri All day

October 7, 2024 Auxiliary Meeting, Sacred Heart Center, 6:30 p.m. in-person, Zoom

2024-2025 Columbiette Officers



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Check out our websites . . . .

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- [www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com](http://www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com)
- [www.squirettes-marysangels.weebly.com](http://www.squirettes-marysangels.weebly.com)
- Facebook page at: Don Bosco Columbiettes for updated information on events.

Prayer Chain Requests

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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.

