



# WHISPERS OF FAITH

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## President's Message

Agnes Gerrety

Remember to light your Advent Wreaths!



Dear Columbiette Sisters,

It is hard to believe Advent begins on the last day of this month. During this period of anticipation, reflection, and preparation, it is recommended to dedicate time for thoughtful contemplation and spiritual engagement. We should deepen our faith and prepare for the celebration of Jesus Christ's birth. It is also a joyous and hopeful time as we begin the year anew, renewed by His birth. It is also a special time to give thanks for the blessings gifted upon us by our Lord. Remember to share with those in need, especially during these tough times for many. Donate to your food pantries, make a positive difference in the lives of others. If you are unable to donate, keep the sick, the lonely and those in need in your daily prayers.

Thank you to all who attended our November retention meeting. It was heartwarming to see so many of you in person and on Zoom. Later that week, we held our first membership drive at Good Shepherd working side by side with our brother Knights. We were successful in our recruitment, and, as a result, will have an initiation ceremony at our next meeting, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please join us again to meet and greet our new members in person. In January, we plan to branch out and hold another recruitment drive, this time at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



## VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

**December donations: Shop-Rite/Weis gift cards for Mt. Carmel Food Pantry**



Thank you to those who attended Mass for the Deceased K of C and Columbiettes on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd and breakfast that followed.



Jubilee year of “Pilgrims of Hope” will end on Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 2026. If you have not had an opportunity to visit the Jubilee sites in the Diocese of Paterson or Archdiocese of Newark, please see the list of designated sites in the February 2025 newsletter.

Our Photoshoot with Santa and Mrs. Claus continues to be a most wonderful time of the year. This year, we had a smaller number of families in attendance with babies, toddlers, school-age children and family pets, all dressed for the occasion creating family memories. A special thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus, our Faith Formation students, as well as our Columbiette volunteers and their families.

May your Christmas be blessed with peace, joy, and love!

Love and blessings,  
Agnes



**Towards  
2026  
and beyond**



**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

\*\*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*\*

**Please remember to pay  
your dues!**

### **PRESERVATION OF OUR CONSTITUTION, FREEDOMS AND PEACE**

Please remember to continue sending your Hail Mary counts to our dedicated website  
[hailmarysforPCFP@gmail.com](mailto:hailmarysforPCFP@gmail.com).

The cumulative tally of all Hail Mary's prayed are updated on our website:  
[www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com](http://www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com). Our current tally is:

**1,243,421**



### **Columbiette Upcoming Events**



- Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, our monthly meeting, Candidate Initiation 5:45 pm, meeting at 6:30 pm. Donations: Weis or Shop Rite cards for Our Lady of Mount Carmel food pantry.
- Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Western Chapter meeting. Bring a gift for grab bag/tricky tray.
- Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day.
- Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, New Years Day.
- Saturday, Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Membership Drive, Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
- Reminder no January Meeting! Stay tuned for a possible after holidays social event during January, See you on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Donations to children's character band-aids for children's ward in hospital.

**2025-2026 Columbiette Officers**



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**Check out our websites ....**

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- [www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com](http://www.donboscocolumbiettes.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 ACCESS ZOOM MEETING**

**The President will send you an email invitation to the address you registered with the Auxiliary. Within that email, you will find a link to 'Join Zoom Meeting'. Click on that link and follow the screen instructions to login.**

**NOTE: YOU MUST HAVE INTERNET TO LOGIN**

**MOBIL ACCESS: See details within that email: 'One tap mobile' or 'Dial by your location'**

