



# WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

## Grand Knight's Message

SK Anthony Caroleo

The fall season is upon us: football, pumpkins, apple picking, and as Knights and Columbiettes, our season of good works kicks off again with renewed energy. Both organizations have many plans over the next few months.

The Don Bosco Council invites you to join us in several events planned, so please save the dates:

- October 6 is the Right to Life Rose sale at Good Shepherd and the Annual Life Chain at 1pm at the Newton Green.
- October 7, 21 and 28 Rosary at Good Shepherd at 7pm. All are invited to pray.
- October 20 is the visit to the Shroud of Turin exhibit at 1:30 pm at the Our Lady of the Magnificat Parish in Kinnelon, NJ. There will be a presentation and discussion about the Shroud. Anyone interested please contact Deacon Tom Sullivan at 973-262-1067 for more information. This is truly an amazing opportunity and experience.
- November 17 we will honor our deceased members at 11 am Mass at Good Shepherd Parish.

And as always, may the Blessings of our Holy Mother be with us all as we journey forward doing our good works.

Anthony Caroleo, Grand Knight

Don Bosco Council 7784

## President's Message

Agnes Gerrety

Dear Sister Columbiettes,



Thank you everyone who joined us for the Installation Ceremony at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Swartswood on September 3rd. A special thank you to Father Abuchi Nwosu, Pastor of OLMC who welcomed us to have the installation in church and use of meeting room facility of Biesiada Hall. At the ceremony, Father Abuchi's blessing, and his wonderful spirit made this event even more special and memorable for all present. After the installation, we continued our celebration with a small reception and meeting. During the meeting, we recognized our outgoing president, Mary Ann Stanek for her many contributions. Once again, we thank you, Mary Ann, for your leadership, dedication, your unending spirit and the contributions you continue to make to the Columbiette organization not only on a local level, but also, working with other auxiliaries within the State to help those in need.

**VOLUNTARY DONATIONS**-As part of our ongoing community outreach program, during the September meeting, we collected \$225 in Shop-Rite/Weis gift cards for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Food Pantry. An additional donation of \$50 was received a few days after the meeting. Thank you all so much for your generosity and continued support. Accepting the donation is Charlene Nagy (L), Food Pantry



Coordinator, presented by our Treasurer, Kathy Draghi (R)



### RESPECT FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Life Chain Rally on Sunday, October 6th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Square in Newton. Our local contact Jerry Woodring will have signs available for all. The Columbiettes have been big supporters in the past. Please join us once again and show our continued support. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

### RECRUITMENT DRIVE

On Sunday, October 13th and November 10th we will be distributing brochures after all masses outside of St. Joseph's Church. If you are interested in doing charitable work, to be involved in making a difference in our church and community while making new friends, please stop to speak with us. Additional information can be found on our website at: [www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com](http://www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com).

### FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY



Back by popular demand, our third annual FAMILY Halloween Party, Saturday, October 19th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Saint Joseph Community Center. There will be many fun activities for both children and adults including costume and thriller dance contests. Come see our animated ghouls and goblins. Admission is a free-will donation. Visit the Columbiette website at: [donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com](http://donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com) to see the flier.

Donations for October will be for Father John's Animal Shelter.

**At our next in-person meeting, Monday October 7th, we will have a qualified Guest Speaker from the Board of Elections. The topic of the presentation will be "Early Voting and the Proper way to Do it." The Speaker will cover proper registration and the five ways a person can register to vote in the State of NJ and much more. Please come and join us, we can all learn about the current voting process in place and avoid long lines on election day.**

In addition, the following will be available at the October 7th meeting:

- 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.
- NJ State Council Thirty Week Club will also be available - \$30 will enter you into a chance to win 30 weeks of prizes of \$30, \$20 and \$10 (90 chances to win) and at the annual convention in June a chance at 10 additional prizes totaling \$1000.
- Gertrude Hawk candies will be on sale for \$3/bar at our October meeting. The NJ State Columbiettes are requiring all auxiliaries throughout the State to sell a box to help support charities.

The month of October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th. Let us continue to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession to help our nation to protect our citizens' rights and freedoms during these troubled times. Please remember to send your tallies to the dedicated email address: [hailmarysforPCF@gmail.com](mailto:hailmarysforPCF@gmail.com). Thank you.

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.

Please remember to continue sending your Hail Mary counts to our dedicated website address at: [hailmarysforPCF@gmail.com](mailto:hailmarysforPCF@gmail.com). The cumulative tally of all Hail Marys prayed are updated as responses are received at: [www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com](http://www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com). Our current tally is 738,312.



### PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Our bi-annual pizza fundraiser is at the Villa Capri Restaurant (on Route 206) Newton, on Friday, October 4th. Please help us to raise money for scholarships and local charities. Villa Capri will donate \$1.00 for every pizza sold that day. Eat-In, Pick-Up or Delivery! Treat your family to some really great pizza and help raise money for a worthy charity!

An Adult Faith Formation Program for 2024-2025 is being offered at The Sacred Heart Center in Newton. The Fall Session begins Wednesdays, October 9th - November 20th, Time: 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Theme: The Spirituality of Vatican Council II. Registration is requested. Forms are available online at: <https://sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org/adult-faith-formation-1>

Correction: please note in the September newsletter, the amount donated by the State Council was misstated. The total amount donated to various charities was \$27,300.

### Columbiette Upcoming Events

- Friday, October 4th Pizza Fundraiser Villa Capri All day
- *Life Chain Rally October 6, 1 - 3 p.m. On the Green in Newton*
- October 7, 2024 Auxiliary Meeting, Sacred Heart Center, 6:30 p.m. in-person, Zoom
- *St Mother Teresa Food Pantry October 11 Farmstead Golf & Country Club*
- *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Tricky Tray October 12 OLMC - Biesiada Hall*
- *Recruitment Drive October 13 and November 10 St. Joseph's (outside of church)*
- *Family Halloween Party October 19 St. Joseph Community Center*
- *San Alfonso Retreat House October 21 Long Branch*
- *Executive Meeting October 24 Zoom*



### 2024-2025 Columbiette Officers



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- [www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com](http://www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com)
- 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.

