



WHISPERS OF FAITH



Don Bosco #7784

Grand Knight's Message

Thomas Hudak

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

February 14th Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday are celebrated as a day of love and meditation upon the passion of Christ as we prepare to embark on our Lenten journey.

In doing so, I wish to reflect upon literature that I have recently come across pertaining to "The smoke of Satan has entered the Church". The Feb 17th edition of the Star Ledger newspaper included 4 pages listing priests of the New Jersey Diocese's who were charged with engaging in improper sexual behavior.

Paul Harvey, Radio Broadcaster once stated "In times like these, it is helpful to remember, that there have always been times like these." Sexual scandals and improper behavior among religious leaders are nothing new. This is not the time to despair. Corrupt Church leaders have existed since Christ established the Church---and have not prevailed. Author Rod Bennett in his book Bad Shepherds revealed that Catholic laity---often shone brightest just when their bad shepherds were at their worst. "God, in other words, had not left Himself without a witness." (Author Rod Bennett)

March 6th is Ash Wednesday when we will begin The Way of the Cross, a devotion in which we reflect and meditate upon the passion of Christ. Through this devotion, we can experience Jesus' suffering as he made his way to Calvary, and feel his love---a love so great that he was willing to die for both ourselves and his Father. If we can begin to understand the human experience of suffering out of love for one another, we will then begin to understand the meaning of the Cross. (source: Catholic Prayers and Devotions, Jesuit Edition June 2003)

Concluding our Lenten Journey on Sunday April 21st we will experience the reward of faith, prayer and fasting as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fraternally,

SK Tom Hudak, GK Council 7784

President's Message

Miriam Montagne

Prayer Journal

What do you do when someone asks for prayer? How do you track whom you offered a prayer for?

Perhaps you stop and pray right then or pray the next time you think of that person, but do you keep praying continuously until the prayer has been answered?

It's easy to say you'll pray for something, and then completely forget to do it. It's almost second nature to say "our thoughts and prayers are with you" when tragedy hits—but that doesn't mean very much when you don't have prayers to offer them.

One of my relatives shared with me how she keeps track of her offered prayers. She said that she records the prayer request in a prayer journal. That way she remembers the names and the specific intention of each person. As she prays each day, she'll pull out her journal and pray for the individuals written in her book.

A prayer journal helps hold you accountable, and it provides a reference for you to go back and revisit. Prayer is an ongoing process. Using a prayer list helps you to remember. I don't know about you but the older I get, the more I need to jot things down to remember what I need to do. Sometimes, you have to pray for things more than once. For instance: praying for patience, praying for spiritual growth, praying for a new job opportunity, praying for a successful surgery, praying for a speedy recovery, praying for the repose of someone who died and so on.

UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS**March**

- 6th Ash Wednesday
- 7th Officer's Meeting
- 14th Council Meeting
- 16th St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 27th Fourth Degree Meeting
- 29th KofC Founder's Day
- 31st Fifth Sunday Family Rosary

April

- 4th Officer's Meeting
- 6th/7th Diaper Drive
- 7th Wives' Appreciation Brunch and Council Awards
- 11th Council Meeting
- 14th Palm Sunday
- 19th Good Friday
- 21st Easter
- 24th Fourth Degree Meeting



Columbiette positions available for a two (2) year term from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021:

President

Vice President

Secretary

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Treasurer and/or Financial Secretary can serve indefinitely provided they are duly elected annually by the Auxiliary.

Major degree is required in order to qualify as a candidate.

Please prayerfully consider filling one of these available positions. If you have any questions or would like to find out what the position entails, please contact Patricia Keegan at 862-268-4176.

President's Message cont.

If a prayer has been answered, you could write when the prayer was resolved and say a prayer of thanksgiving and praise to God for His great goodness in answering the intention. This all in itself will answer your prayer for spiritual growth. The goal of this exercise will help increase your faith. I know it does for me.

If a prayer has not been answered, it's not that God is ignoring your intention it's just that you have to Trust in God's plan and His timing. Do not lose Faith or Hope but continue to pray fervently.

May your Lenten season be one of reflection, repentance, and rejoicing.

Miriam

PRAY - FAST - GIVE

"Prayer is putting oneself in the Hands of God." Mother Teresa

**Voluntary Monthly Meeting Donations**

**March 2019 – Shop-Rite/Weis gift cards
for Manna House**

**April 2019 - Coffee/Tea/Sugar for
food pantry.**

Thank you for your continued generosity!

COLUMBIETTE-UPCOMING EVENTS**March**

- 4th First Degree 6:30
- 4th - Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m.
- 6th - Ash Wednesday
- 13th - Western Chapter meeting at St. Anthony's (Butler) at 7p.m.
- 16th - St. Patrick's Day parade in Newton
- 31st - First and Major Degree at St. Francis DeSales (Vernon)
- 31st - 5th Sunday Rosary at St. Joseph Church before the 11:30 a.m. mass

April

- 1st - Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m.
- 5th - 7th - State Retreat
- 7th - Wives' Appreciation at Lafayette House
- 12th - Villa Capri Fundraiser
- 15th - Migrant Ministry
- 28th - Charity Award Luncheon
- 30th - Humanitarian Award
- 30th - Student Good Citizen Award



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Location: St. Joseph Community Center, after all masses (except Sunday 5 p.m.).



“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 461,626 but we still need 538,374!

St. Patrick’s Day Parade Time!

Calling all Squirettes, Knights, Columbiettes, and families!

Join us at the old train station on Lower Spring Street at 11:00am Saturday, March 16.
Dress in your finest green and march with us along Spring Street to Memory Park. You are guaranteed a fun time. We will be handing out lollipops to the children along the route.



February Meeting Highlights

Fair Stipend received from Grand Knight Tom.



Please join me in congratulating Jo-Ann Higgs (Sister Columbiette) for being chosen by the VFW as Pope John XIII HS Teacher of the Year!



2019 Dues -

Have you paid your dues? If not, please give Colleen your \$20 dues for the new membership year.

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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