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## *Christmas Prayer of Pope John XXIII*

O sweet Child of Bethlehem,  
grant that we may share with all our hearts  
in this profound mystery of Christmas.  
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace  
for which they sometimes seek so desperately  
and which You alone can give to them.  
Help them to know one another better,  
and to live as brothers and sisters,  
children of the same Father.  
Reveal to them also Your beauty, holiness and purity.  
Awaken in their hearts  
love and gratitude for Your infinite goodness.  
Join them all together in Your love.  
And give us Your heavenly peace. Amen.

Pope John XXIII





*New Jersey State Council Columbiettes*  
*Message from State President*

*As I write this Christmas message, we are anticipating our first snow of the season. During this time, we tend to slow down and hurry up all at the same time as we begin our preparations for the celebration of Our Lord's birth and the birth of the 'Holy Family'. As we plan our celebration of 'family', it is also a good time to reflect on what our family has meant to each of us during this past year. I know that for me, my 'sister Columbiettes family' have been most supportive, caring, kind and generous this past year and I am sincerely thankful that you are all part of my life.*

*I want to take a moment to promote the NJ State Council website. We continue to update the information regarding all of the state programs when there are any changes. I also want to encourage each of the auxilia-*

*ries to submit your events for posting on the NJ State Council website's calendar, so that others may see when, where and what events you are planning and have the opportunity to support those events. That is what 'families working together' do, support one another.*

*Wishing each of you a spiritual Advent, a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!*



*May the Holy Family bless you and your families.*

*Vicki Bird*  
*New Jersey State President*



## State Chaplain—Father William Smith

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

We have just finished celebrating Thanksgiving, 2018. I hope each of you have something to be THANKFUL for. I have many things that I am thankful for. Among them are the friendships and associations I have made over the years I have been associated with the NJ Columbiettes as auxiliary chaplain, chapter chaplain and state chaplain.

As we celebrate the Season of Advent, we anticipate celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I have tried to find a reflection or a prayer for Christmas written by a woman because the Columbiettes have always been a Catholic woman's organization.

The prayer that follows was written by Grace Riccardi, a member of St Anthony of Padua Church, Port Reading, NJ.

### A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

If the Love and Peace of Christmas  
would last throughout the year

all the meanness, anger and hate  
would just disappear.

We would love each other and

there would be peace on earth.

The stars would shine in heaven  
like the night of Jesus' birth.

Amen

May you and your families have a Peaceful, Joyous and Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Blessed 2019.

Father Bill Smith, KCHS  
State Chaplain





## Immediate Past State President—Lisa Roberts

Hello to all my sister Columbiettes of NJ!!!

As the Immediate Past State President, I have the privilege of chairing several state programs: First Degree Honoree program that will honor our own State Chaplain Fr. Bill Smith and Welcome Seed program. Both programs give evidence of the growth and prosperity through membership for NJ. Please remember to send me the forms for both programs when you either host or attend another auxiliary/chapter First Degree. The new member will receive a beautiful certificate to congratulate them for joining along with a seed package of Forget Me Nots. Additionally, their names with the First Degree date and sponsor's name will be added to the scrolls for the state and a presentation of all First Degrees conducted in Fr. Bill's name will be given to him at our annual meeting in June, 2019.

As I just returned from a wonderful month of cruising and touring in Europe, I will be able to prepare and mail the Welcome Seed Certificates and seeds very soon. Just getting back into the swing of things after the fantastic trip to celebrate my 30<sup>th</sup> (now actually 31<sup>st</sup>) Anniversary. Keep up the great works of expanding our membership.

It may seem as if June, 2019 and our Annual Convention is far

away—but you should be documenting all of the wonderful things that your auxiliary accomplishes in preparation to submit the Families Working Together Activity Awards application. The deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup> to submit the application. Remember, I know you all do so much and are all worthy of this recognition. So, as I always say, “Fill out the form—you will get the award.”

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019**  
**TESTIMONIAL DINNER HONORING**  
**STATE PRESIDENT VICKI BIRD**  
(Additional details and reservation forms will be sent after the holidays.)

Last and certainly not least—consider joining the NJ State Council Columbiettes Tank Pull Team. The Tank Pull will be held on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Additional details can be found in the Leaders Guidebook and on the website. Please notify me directly if you would like to be on the team. I will send the waiver form for completion prior to the event. We need a team minimum of 20 ladies and each lady must provide a donation to the team of \$75—or more. This can be an individual donation or can be collected from faithful sponsors.

This is a fun way to support those who served us in the military and have arrived back home needing





assistance.

I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events throughout the year.

I send warm wishes to you, your family and friends for a very Happy Thanksgiving, Joyous and Blessed Christmas and prosperous New

Year.

Please continue to Count Your Blessings—and know that as I count my blessings, I count each of you twice.

Lisa Roberts  
Immediate Past State President

## A Message from our Prestigious Past State Presidents

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

May the blessings of the Holy Family be at home in your hearts each day of the coming New Year.

Peace be with you.  
Prestigious Past State Presidents



Sandy

## State Vice President—Elena McFarland

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

It is time to be thankful for all that we have and thank others for all they have done . . . “Thank You” to all of my sister Columbiettes for all the wonderful works of charity you have done throughout 2018. Let us focus on the joy and happiness of Christmas and find pleasure in all we do as we prepare for such a joyous event.

After Christmas comes tax time!! IRS filing of the 990N e-postcard is due by January 15, 2018—the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month after your fiscal year ends. If your fiscal year is anything other than 9/1 - 8/31, please let me know so Supreme can correct it with the IRS before filing. If you have any questions or need guidance please give me a call.

Elena McFarland  
State Vice President







## State Secretary—Nadine Lecorchick

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

It's the time of year to be thankful for all of our wonderful gifts of family, friends, and all of you, my sister Columbiettes. If you think of all the wonderful things you have done throughout the year, you can see why I am so thankful for you. Together we have fed the hungry, helped sick children and their families, sent kids to school with a backpack and a smile, and made sure the homeless had something to call their own. This is just a small amount of joy you gave this year not counting all of the individual charities you do in your own auxiliary and chapter. During this season of Thanksgiving and then

the Holy Season of Christmas, I wish you and your families all the love and joy the season brings.

May our patron saints, the Blessed Mother, St. Joan of Arc and St. Theresa watch over you all and bless you and your families with their grace this Christmas Season.

Nadine Lecorchick  
New Jersey State Secretary



## State Financial Secretary—Frances Corcione

Happy Thanksgiving to all of my sister Columbiettes and your families.

May the Holy Family watch over

you!

Sincerely,  
Frances Corcione  
State Financial Secretary

## State Treasurer—Kathleen Donahue

Christmas Wishes

Every year children make Christmas wishes for the things they want to get. I'm sending you my Christmas wishes. However, they are not for things I want but my wishes for you.

- I wish you a warm home filled with family and good friends.
- I wish you a bountiful table filled with delicious food so that you are never hungry.
- I wish you laughter because everyone deserves to have a little joy in their lives.
- I wish you good health.



- I wish you happiness so that you may enjoy the little things that make life worth living.
- I wish you comfort in times of stress.
- I wish you and the world peace that all people can live in harmony.
- I wish you faith in the goodness of the Lord.
- I wish for you to be loved and to give love in return.
- I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kathy Donahue  
State Treasurer

### State Advocate—Donna Lewandowski

Hello sister Columbiettes,

With the Christmas season upon us, let us all be thankful and grateful for what we have in life because so many are without. May the birth of our Savior enlighten you with an open heart and a giving spirit.

God Bless,  
Donna Lewandowski  
NJ State Advocate



### State Sentinel—Catherine Nicholson

Thank you again for electing me as your State Sentinel. It truly is an honor and a privilege to be on the NJ State Board. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

It is hard to believe summer is gone and the fall and winter

months are upon us. The season of spending time with our family and friends for the holidays is here. What a wonderful time to relive our childhood memories with our loved ones while making new memories along the way.

During the coming Christmas season may you be Blessed

◆  
*The love in our family*  
GROWS STRONG & DEEP  
◆  
*leaving special moments*  
TO TREASURE & KEEP  
◆





- With the spirit of the season, which is Peace
- The gladness of the season, which is Hope
- And the heart of the season, which is Love.

Wishing all of you a very Blessed Christmas and a Joyous 2019.

Cathe Nicholson  
NJ State Sentinel

## New Jersey State Committees

### Convention Committee

***Convention News!!!  
Mark your calendars!!  
June 21, 22 and 23, 2019***

Your Convention Committee is hard at work making plans so that everyone will have a great time! We're happy to announce that we are returning to the Embassy Suites in Piscataway. Convention is a special time for our Columbiette sisters from all over New Jersey to come together to share our accomplishments, honor our Good Student and Humanitarian Award recipients, meet those who will benefit from our Back Pack and Shoebag ministries and of course lots of hospitality fun!

Please plan to come to Convention! It really is a wonderful time. If you can't stay the entire time, consider staying over night for at least one night. Registration forms will be coming out in January! Feel free to contact us with any questions! Remember, "There is no place like home!"

***Pictures! Pictures!  
We need pictures!***

What is one word that sums up the New Jersey Columbiettes? FAMILY!!!

What's the best way to see families and their families? PICTURES!!!

The Convention Committee is looking for pictures of our Columbiettes with their families! "Family" pictures can be of you with your sister Columbiettes, with your husband, your children, grandchildren, God-child, pets, best friend. Digital pictures would be preferred; however, if you don't have the ability to send a digital picture, you can send in an actual picture that will be returned to you. Pictures will be used in a variety of ways in either a slide show presentation and/or as decorations. Please submit all pictures to :

Michele Ewing  
3415 Palace Court  
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Email: nmewingrn@comcast.net





## Angel Pins

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all auxiliaries ANGEL LADIES who took pins to display at their meetings and functions.

If they SEE the pins, they will BUY the pins. KEEP THOSE CHECKS COMING.

From Your Angel Lady,  
Anne Graziano



## Backpack Ministry

Happy Thanksgiving to all!!!

It's not too soon to start thinking about and planning for our backpack donations!

Just a few reminders:

- Please don't make the bags too heavy.
- Please only donate new items

and new backpacks.

- Please keep track of how many bags you are donating.
- If you can put your back packs in boxes or large bags, that would be great!

Thanks for your generosity!

Christina Mariani

## Badges & Jewelry



You may purchase Columbiette name badges in four colors: white badge with blue lettering, blue badge with white lettering, white badge with red lettering and red badge with white lettering. A magnet back costs \$10.00. A pin back

is \$9.00. Include your name, office (if you have one), your auxiliary (or chapter) and the town where your auxiliary is located.

We carry an assortment of jewelry with the Columbiette logo. It's a fashionable way to show that you are a Columbiette. We have necklaces, bracelets, charms and pins. We also have key rings and embroidered patches.

Soon you will be receiving your 2019 travel card. Is your travel



card case cracked, falling apart, held together with tape? Then it's time to get a new one. We carry them.

or have me come to your meeting, please e-mail: columbietteskathy@yahoo.com or call 732-826-3881.

If you would like to place an order

Kathy Donahue

### Charity Awards Luncheon

*"Catholic women celebrating Catholic women"* is the program for The New Jersey State Council Columbiettes' CHARITY AWARDS LUNCHEON. It will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at Pierre's of South Brunswick from 1:00 to 4:00PM. Tickets are \$40.00 per person.

This special event will recognize and thank Catholic women who do charitable works in the areas of family unity, education and social welfare. These special women volunteer their time and talents to better the lives of others and deserve to be honored for their accomplishments.

The Committee is gathering information on award candidates. A Selection Committee, comprised of

a Columbiette from each Chapter, will make the difficult decisions of selecting the honorees.

Nomination and luncheon reservation forms will be e-mailed to Chapter and Auxiliary Presidents in November. There is no limit on the number of candidates submitted by a member, Chapter or Auxiliary.

It will be an uplifting and enjoyable afternoon.

Thank you for your support!

With all our best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year,



Carol Bohinski, Chairlady  
Mary Ann Sweet, Co-chairlady

### Recruitment and Retention

Please don't forget to recruit on a regular basis. Our growth and prosperity are in your hands!.



### Ronald McDonald House—Tab Tops



Pull for the House.



## Shoebox/Bag Ministry

### Greetings from sunny Florida!!!

Thanks to everyone for your incredible generosity this past year with the many toiletries that were collected for donation to the five Dioceses throughout New Jersey. We were able to help so many individuals who are in need with this program.

As you are collecting again this year, I just have a few reminders!

- Please place your items in Ziploc bags and place the bags into boxes. This makes it so much easier for transporting back to the Dioceses.
- Please write the total number of bags in each box somewhere on the box. This helps us to divide things evenly

among all five groups.

- Please check in with one of us when dropping off your items and give us your total amount of bags. This information is important to have for our report during the Business Sessions for the Delegates.
- Big items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap are also welcome.
- Most importantly, if you can't lift your boxes when you bring them in, neither can we!!

Please contact me with any questions!

Colleen Ewing  
267-319-5004

Neelloc1205@aol.com

## Memorial Fund, Greeting Card and Business Card Enclosure Program

The Memorial Fund Greeting Card program is off to a running start already. A total of 127 cards have been requested since convention. The money from all purchases will be donated to our Seminarians and Postulants in June.

Cards can be requested for any occasion: Thank You, Get Well, Congratulations, Thinking of You, Sympathy, whatever your need

may be. You can provide me with the verse that you want written on the card, or I will write a custom message from you. All I need to create a card is your request via email, phone or mail. Your request should include who the card is being sent to (along with their address if it is not in the State Columbiette Directory), who it is from, and what kind of card you want. I will mail the com-



pleted card within 48 hours of your request using your return address or I can deliver it to you for your special occasion. The suggested donation is \$5.00 per card but any amount is gratefully accepted. You can request the cards today and pay for them tomorrow, I keep track of all requests and payments. Please contact me if you have any questions about how the program works.

I have already received one request for Christmas cards. It's not too early to order those cards for your Chaplain, District Deputy, or whoever you want and check an item off your to-do list!

As announced at the Officer Seminar, Memorial Fund Card Enclosures are now available for purchase. Like the Greeting Cards, the Card Enclosures may be ordered for any occasion: Thank You, Get Well, Congratulations, Thinking of You, Sympathy, what-

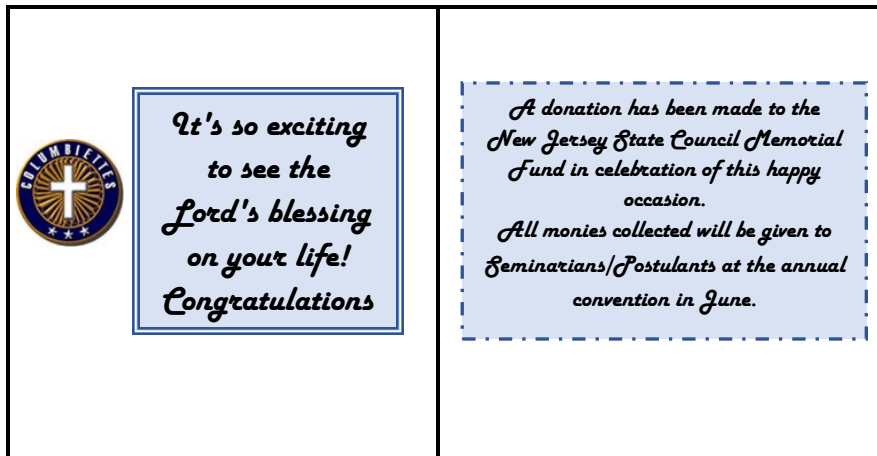
ever your need may be.

These are a business card size printed on both sides and can be inserted into your own store-bought greeting card. See sample Congratulations version below.

All I need to send an enclosure card is your request via email, phone or mail with the type and number of the card(s) you want. Your request should include who to send the enclosure card to (along with their address if it is not in the State Columbiette directory). I will mail the completed card(s) within 48 hours of your request.

The suggested donation is \$5.00 per enclosure card. I look forward to fulfilling all of your orders!

Kathy Jessen  
NJSCC Memorial Fund Greeting Card and Business Card Enclosure Program





## T-Shirts/Logo Wear

Do you want a BLING Shirt?? Wondering how to get one?? Check out our Columbiette Logo Wear Catalog located on the new NJ Columbiette website. You can even print out an order form and mail it to me with payment. We can do custom orders if your auxiliary or chapter is looking for something special.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Elena McFarland  
Club Shirt Chairman

NOTE: See several samples in next column.

Washed Denim Shirt



Full-Zip Fleece

Bling



## Vocations—Pennies from Heaven

Please remember to keep saving those pennies, this will enhance our Vocation program and we may then be able to give our Seminarian/Postulants a large check to help them in their studies.

The Pennies check is due on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>, one check please and payable to New Jersey State Council Columbiettes. All amounts big and small are acceptable. If you want to send it earlier than the due date, that would be great.

See you at Convention, when you will see the gifts given out on Saturday morning to the Seminarian/Postulants.

**CHAPTER PRESIDENTS – REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR SELECTION OF A SEMINARIAN/POSTULANT TO ME BY April 15 or earlier if possible.**

Thank again.

**Lorraine Noger, Chairlady**







## State Retreat

**San Alfonso Retreat House  
Where God and Sea  
Come Together”**

Next year’s retreat will be **April 5 – 7, 2019** and the cost will be **\$240.00.**

I have received a letter from the Retreat House, during the first week in November explaining an increase of **\$20.00** for next year’s retreat. San Alfonso has had a significant shortfall this past year and their only recourse is to increase the cost for the weekend. A **\$50.00** deposit will hold your reservation. Try to attend this beautiful weekend.

Reservations have been coming in, but there is still a lot of room. The One-Day for Saturday will remain at \$75.00.



You do not have to be a Columbi-ette to attend, so invite your friends and family.

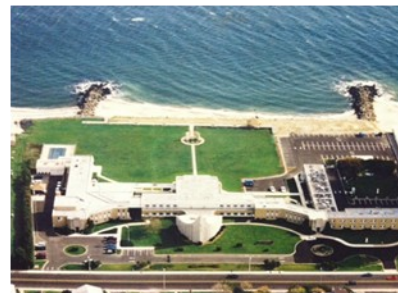
**Please call me at 973-271-5392  
cell or e-mail me at  
[bannlucarelli@aol.com](mailto:bannlucarelli@aol.com).**

**If you require a reservation form, I  
will send one to you.**

**Best regards,**

**Merry Christmas and a Happy and  
Healthy New Year!**

**Barbara Ann Lucarelli**



## Websites

Don’t forget to regularly visit our Columbi-ette websites to learn about new activities, events and regulations!

- Supreme: [www.columbiettes.com](http://www.columbiettes.com)
- NJ State: [www.njcolumbiettes.com](http://www.njcolumbiettes.com)



## News from our State Chapters

### Central

Central Chapter Columbiettes started the year off celebrating our 60 years of existence with a luncheon. We celebrated at the Wallington Exchange in Wallington with a sit down dinner and traditional Polish desserts. Celebrating with us was Supreme Director Carol Bohinski, and our State President Victoria Bird.



Our Mistress of Ceremonies was Past Central Chapter President Mattea Truppe, Our State President Victoria Bird led us in our

Opening Prayer and Chapter Sentinel Cathy Mortimer led us in the Flag Salute. Immediate Past President Barbara Ann Lissi thanked all for attending and wished everyone a pleasant day. After we had our meal, President Maureen Italiano thanked all for attending. President Bird presented us with a Certificate accepted by President Italiano, she then led us in the Closing prayer and we all enjoyed our desserts.

Our first meeting had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather. We had a Penny Auction planned but will be holding one in the near future. We plan to work together as a family and have a successful year.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Holy, Happy New Year.

### Western

Western Chapter installation of officers took place at Bishop Navagh in Pequannock on Wednesday, October 3, 2018. State President Vicki Bird installed the new slate of officers for 2018-2019.

President: Barbara Hill  
Past President: Catherine Nicholson  
Vice President: Ann Taggart

Secretary: Betsy Roos  
Financial Secretary: Colleen Testa  
Treasurer: Mary Hargraves  
Sentinel: Mary Kubisky





Remaining meetings for 2018-2019:

- December 5<sup>th</sup>—Long Valley, St. Marks—Christmas Party & Tricky Tray. Participants are to bring a \$5.00 or more gift; auxiliaries should bring a \$25 or more gift
- March 13<sup>th</sup>—St. Anthony's in Butler
- May 1<sup>st</sup>—Don Bosco in Newton—May Crowning
- June 5<sup>th</sup>—Parsippany—Election of officers

First and Major Degrees will be on March 31, 2019 at St. Francis De-Sales in Vernon. B-200 Forms should be filled out in triplicate and signed by District Deputy and President and submitted as follows:

- One copy to Hosting Chapter Financial Secretary

## South East

Our May Chapter Meeting, held at St Lawrence Auxiliary, began with our Annual Memorial Mass in Church, May Crowning and meeting following in their Church Hall. The Choir at Mass was beautiful and we thanked them, the Priest and Deacon for officiating at this meaningful celebration. NJSCC Memorial Cards with stipends were presented. Ways and Means Chair, Nancy Fallon, requested our Tricky Tray Baskets or Gifts be given to

- One copy to Supreme Columbiettes
- One copy to District Deputy
- Don't forget the A-100 Forms for First Degree Candidates with a check.

Chapter Fundraiser: Ann Taggart—April 1-4, 2019 at Thatcher Magees Restaurants in three locations (Denville, Pompton Lakes and Fairfield). They will give a percentage (20%) of bill including food and drinks toward the fundraiser for the entire four days—Monday through Thursday for lunch and dinner to guests who present flyer. Flyers will be available at the December meeting.

Western Chapter Columbiettes extend best wishes to all for a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year!!

God bless you all,  
Barbara Schounnot

her prior to the event . . . yes, even as early as now!

June brought about elections and of course our Annual NJSCC Convention in Piscataway where we got to visit with Sister Columbiettes and our President, Diane Kulbacki and her assistant, Katie Elichko provided our Chapter members with a delicious menu and terrific camaraderie.



Our newly elected President Kathy Donahue held our Annual Reorganization Officers Meeting on August 30<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center and our year was off. Chapter Officers and Auxiliary Presidents got to visit and share in a delicious meal provided by Kathy and go over upcoming events.

On September 12<sup>th</sup> a First Degree was held at St. Bernadette in Parlin which saw five (5) new members: Anamika Panna, Candice Bauman, Debbie Marquez and Tina Tucker from St Bernadette and Joanne from Our Lady of Peace in Fords.

Installation of Officers was held at Our Lady of Peace on September 20<sup>th</sup> and NJSCC Vice-President Elena McFarland installed the officers. Officers installed were: President—Kathy Donahue, Immediate Past President—Diane Kulbacki, Vice President—Katie Elichko, Secretary—Gerri Kosloski, Financial Secretary—Louise Welch, Treasurer—Pat Feeney, Sentinel—Agnes Gorska; Diane & Katie—Delegates NJSCC Nominating Committee and Gerri & Louise—Alternates NJSCC Nominating Committee.



President Kathy presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to outgoing President Diane Kulbacki for her dedication and tirelessness the two (2) years she was Chapter President.



The NJSCC Seminar held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> saw our Chapter Columbiettes renewing friendships and making new ones after our summer.

Another First Degree was held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Peace in Fords where one new member joined their Auxiliary.

At the time of this writing we are all looking forward to our Annual Tricky Tray Christmas Party on November 15<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Victory Auxiliary where we hold our only fundraiser for the year. A good time is ALWAYS had by all which is why it is such a heavily attended meeting.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner and our entire Chapter wishes you and yours a Very Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas. We pray for health and good memories in the New Year!

May God Bless you ALL!  
Lois Ann Smith, Publicity



## South West

In September, South West Chapter was honored to have the following 2018-2019 slate of Officers installed by State Council President Vicki Bird: President – Carol Bohinski (St. James); Immediate Past President – Mary Ann Sweet (St. Augustine); Vice President – Ann Fletcher (St. James); Secretary – Nancy Lee (Hopewell); Financial Secretary – Jeanne Bellas (St. Augustine); Treasurer – Evelyn Pearce (Immaculate Conception); and Sentinel – Joanne Rizzo (St. James).

For our November meeting, we invited Maria Jones from “Joining in Sibling Unity” (JISU), our Chapter’s charity for this year. Ms. Jones spoke on the importance and challenges of keeping siblings connected with one another. In many cases, foster home assign-

ments cannot keep families united. JISU provides the time and place for valuable and regular get-togethers. We look forward to hearing about this most necessary charity. Following this presentation, we held our Chapter Tricky Tray.

South West Chapter’s Major Degree Exemplification will be held on March 21, 2019, at St. Cecilia’s Church Hall in Monmouth Junction. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 PM and our Chapter Meeting will follow.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and to your loved ones!

Union of prayers,  
Carol Bohinski, President

## Mid West

Mid West Chapter began the Columbian year with the installation of Officers in September. Our Somerville auxiliary graciously hosted the evening and it was an honor to have State President Vicki Bird install our Officers for the coming year. We also recognized and celebrated Fran Corcione’s appointment as Supreme Director.

On October 7, 2018, several Mid West Chapter members attended the Let Them Be Little Foundation

Riders for Rare Diseases motorcycle run fundraiser to support children with rare diseases.





.The organization recognized three families, including Gavin Ruffer, the son of our Chapter Sentinel, Erica Ruffer, and her husband Carl. The families led the motorcycle run by riding in the lead vehicle and each child was surprised with special gifts and a monetary donation.



The first Nor'easter of the season caused the cancellation of our November Chapter meeting, but we are looking forward to hosting our annual Chapter Tricky Tray in February at our Millstone Valley Auxiliary and our annual Baby Shower

## Southern

Greetings from Southern Chapter. We have all had a very busy year thus far.

At our November meeting we celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years with a fun "Tricky Tray." Many of us won something to keep or re-gift.

Our Auxiliaries are all busy with Pasta dinners, fashion shows,



event in April at our Warren Auxiliary. Our Union Auxiliary will host our June meeting as we prepare for Annual Convention.

On behalf of Mid West Chapter, I extend wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving and a peaceful Christmas season to all our sister Columbiettes and their families.

Mia Sena  
President, Mid West Chapter

Breakfasts' with Santa. etc. Keep up the good work girls. We are very proud of you.

Our Chairperson, Michele Ewing, and her crew are all busy working hard and coming up with many good ideas for our Convention in June.

Noreen Boyle, our ceremonial chairperson is busy getting our



team together for a Major Degree, on March 24th, 2019. More information will follow.

Southern Chapter would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiv-

ing, a Blessed and Holy Christmas and a Healthy, Happy 2019. Stay warm!!! Se you next year.

Barbara Liona, President

## News from our State Auxiliaries

### Parsippany

Dear Sister Columbiettes:

Busy Columbiettes of Parsippany have been on the go throughout the summer and into fall.

Some of our very talented ladies have been knitting lap blankets for those in need at a Dover Hospice. These blankets are distributed from time to time and much appreciated by the hospice. We celebrated with our Altar Servers, serving lunch and thanking them for serving. On an ongoing basis we continue the mailing of cards to shut-ins whose names are provided by our three churches. Children's books and games have been collected for children with cancer and we plan to continue this project.

In October our ladies as well as some family members had an Ice Cream Social at the Firemen's Home in Boonton. The photo does not do justice to the smiles of gratitude on the gentlemen's faces.



Also, in October we held our annual, and major fund raiser, our TEA. This year the Garden Party Tea was a great success with questions about next year already. With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming some parishioners from all three churches are receiving Shop Rite gift cards and Giving Tree requests. One of our members involved with the Seton Hall Red Dress Gala fund raiser for Women's Heart Disease was given a donation on behalf of the Parsippany Columbiettes.

November found us again at the three Parsippany churches holding a recruitment drive - and wow . . . we have a record number of applicants we hope to join us as members after their First Degree.



Our Christmas Lunch celebration coming in December gives us a chance to celebrate and thank God for all our blessings, and the strength and ability to help others. We wish all our Sister Columbi-

ettes throughout our beautiful country a blessed Thanksgiving and Happy Christmas.

Fran Veit

## Saint Anthony's

Welcome to another fantastic year for the Columbiettes!

St. Anthony's has been very busy so far this year. Starting with our installation of Officers at the end of our June meeting and the reorganization meeting in August where we all knew it was going to be a fun year. President Debbie Wickham has much planned and we all know it is going to be a great year.

All of our Officers enjoyed attending the State Seminar on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is always a wonderful opportunity to see our Sister Columbiettes from throughout the State. We thank the State Officers for an informative afternoon.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we attended the first Western Chapter meeting of the new year at Bishop Navagh. Congratulations to our members who were installed as Chapter Officers: Cathe Nicholson-Past President and Ann Taggart-Vice President.

October continued to be a very busy month for us. On Friday, Oc-

tober 12<sup>th</sup> we held our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pocketbook Bingo. What an incredible event! We had approximately 125 in attendance who won Designer Bags when yelling B-I-N-G-O. It's great to have a fun time while helping worthy causes. Thank you to all who attended.



November 20<sup>th</sup> we held our 1<sup>st</sup> Vendor Night. What a fantastic time shopping 'til we dropped while supporting local business people who support our Auxiliary.

We look forward to our December Western Chapter meeting which is our annual Christmas Dinner and Tricky Tray. It's always a fun time to see all the wonderful prizes each member brings and even better to see what something is won.

December 7<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Annual Soup-er Bowl.





With the weather getting chilly, it's nice to have a selection of soups to taste and enjoy with our friends from the community.

St. Anthony's Columbiettes wish all of our Sister Columbiettes from New Jersey and their families a Blessed Thanksgiving, a very Merry

### **Our Lady of Victory**

The OLV Columbiettes are looking forward to a great year! Here are some of the things our auxiliary has been working on or participating in:

On Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, our Brother Knights held their Annual Family Picnic which featured plenty of food and also activities for the younger ones. Our auxiliary contributed baked goods for dessert. A good time was had by all those who attended.

On Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, our auxiliary attended the Knight's Shield Award Presentation and Breakfast which is an event that recognizes Police, EMT, Senior Citizens and Catholic Teachers for Outstanding and Exemplary Service.

On October 16<sup>h</sup>, we held a Harvest Tricky Tray where the money collected by those who attended was donated to charity.

Additionally, some members of our auxiliary attended the Annual

Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019.



MAVIS Spaghetti dinner on October 28<sup>th</sup>. This organization provides free musical instruments and subsidizes lessons for their blind members.

On Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, we held a fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse in Parlin. By presenting a flyer to your restaurant server, a percentage of the entire bill was donated to our organization so we can continue our charitable efforts. We had a nice turn-out and dinner was enjoyed by all who supported this effort.

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, members of our auxiliary along with Brother Knights joined students and faculty of St. Stanislaus Kostka school to attend a dedication service honoring the patriotism of the brave men and women of our nation's armed forces.

On Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, we hosted the South East Chapter's Meeting. Those who attended enjoyed a delicious Christmas Dinner and Tricky Tray as well.



On Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, we held a Memorial Service mass to honor and remember our deceased members. We then held our monthly meeting. We had a fun and different event, where we played the Price is Right.

In December, we celebrated Christmas with a Christmas Party and a free Tricky Tray for our ladies. We also provided a Christmas dinner for our Brother Knights as well.

Our auxiliary once again participated in the Pajama Program. The Pajama Program serves children throughout the nation. We collected pajamas and bedtime books or collected monetary donations towards the purchase of these items for children newborn to 18 years. These new items are donated to those who were physically or emotionally abused, neglected, traumatized or abandoned. Some of these children have never received new items in their lives. The donations are made to group

homes, shelters or temporary housing facilities. It is our way of letting them know that we care and that they are not forgotten.

We also are continuing our efforts in the Linus Program. This program collects handmade or store bought items for premature babies and donated to St. Peter's and various area hospitals.

Finally, we participated in the Giving Tree, where gifts or donations are made to children of our local churches.

Our Lady of Victory Columbiettes wish our Sister Columbiettes a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Liza Palestrini  
Secretary



## Bishop Navagh

On September 28<sup>th</sup> we hosted a Fish and Chips Dinner at St. Joseph's Halloran Hall in Lincoln Park. Over 180 Fish and Chips plates were "dished" out. A good time was had by all.

October and November were busy months for Bishop Navagh:

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Western Chapter Meeting was hosted by our auxiliary which included installation of

the new 2018/2019 officers. Barbara Hill, Mary Hargraves and Mary Kubisky of our auxiliary were installed as President, Treasurer and Sentinel—congratulations to all!

November 15<sup>th</sup> our auxiliary together with the Knights of Columbus had a Mass for deceased members of the Knights of Columbus and sister Columbiettes at Our Lady of Good Council in Pompton Plains.



During the months of October and November was recruitment weekend which was a huge success! It looks like we will be installing ten (10) new ladies from the various churches: Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Good Council and St. Joseph's. A huge thank you to my coordinator and Vice President, MaryBeth Doyle, and the ladies that spoke at the churches and handed out pamphlets.

We collected food for our adopt-a-family and also a frozen turkey and gift card. The family was very

happy to receive the holiday food. It is a wonderful feeling that a family will have a great Thanksgiving meal. We also had enough food to spare.

We are participating in the Pajamas & Book Program and as of this date we collected over 300 pajama sets and over 200 books.

Bishop Navah wishes all sister Columbiettes a Happy Thanksgiving, Joyous & Blessed Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year 2019!

## Saint James

St. James began our Columbian year with a commitment to dedicate our charitable efforts to the needs of the homeless. Thus, 2018-2019 is designated "The Year of the Homeless." Also, we committed to continue supporting the "St. James Food and Fellowship" charity.



Attending the State Sponsored Officers' Seminar in September.

During the Fall Festival at St.

James Church, we sold angel pins and recruited for new members. In October, we recited the rosary at our meeting and assisted our Brother Knights by providing deserts for their Annual Tricky Tray.

We are collecting gently used hats, scarves and gloves for donations to Naomi's Way Transitional Housing and Ozanam Family Shelter, both located in New Brunswick. Additionally, we are and will be fund raising for donations to homeless shelters.

At our November meeting, we will hear an address by our own Daria Ludas on "How I Became an Inspirational Author." She, with Nancy Quatrano, co-authored *Merciful Blessings*, an award winning suspense novel and the first in their "Amazing Grace Series." Daria



will explain how a decades' old dream became a reality. Then, during our social time, gobbling will be heard as we play "The Turkey Trot."

Our Memorial Mass for deceased Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will be held on November 13th at St. James Church. Together, we will pray for and remember our deceased Brothers and Sisters who built the foundations of the organizations we support and enjoy today.

We anticipate angels flying at an "Angel Pin Sale" scheduled early in December. Columbiette elves are busy in preparation for our Christmas Party on December 13th at which the State Council Columbiettes' Support Club Raffle will be drawn. In lieu of grab bag gifts, attendees will bring new socks for donations to homeless shelters in New Brunswick. Angels are busy in preparation and a heavenly evening is planned.

St. James is partaking in the "Hail Mary Campaign" and is intent on ensuring the goal is attained.

Many plans for the New Year are underway. We will pray together at our Corporate Communion Mass in February. We will hold a "Bakeless Cake Sale" and assist our Brother Knights with their Friday Lenten Dinners. We will serve lunch and cookies at St. James "First Communion Family Retreat" in March

and hold our "Showers of Love" baby shower for Right to Life. We look forward to the Weekend Retreat at San Alfonso's Retreat House. We will host our popular "Tea Party" and "Shake the Can" for vocations after all Masses at St. James and Holy Trinity Churches. Lastly, we will march with our Knights in the Jamesburg Memorial Day Parade to honor those who served our country so well.

To all our Sisters, from St. James Columbiettes - Our sincerest wishes and prayers for a Happy Thanksgiving, a Very Merry Christmas and a New Year full with blessings.

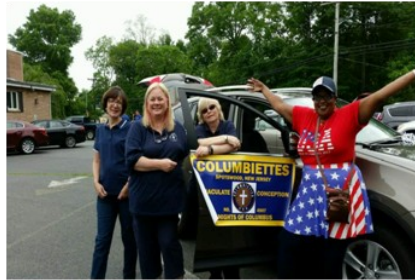
Carol Bohinski, President





## Immaculate Conception

Immaculate Conception Spotswood Auxiliary 4907 participated in our local Memorial Day Parade on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Members carried our Columbiette parade banner as others tossed candy to the children watching the parade. We also tossed biscuits to the many dogs along the parade route. After the parade we were treated to a barbeque supplied by our brother Knights at the council hall.



On Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 we held our Annual Scramble. This is our major fundraiser. We work all year on every aspect of this event. We were close to a sell-out crowd with over 195 people in attendance. We held a Calendar Raffle, and a 50/50. As always we had many, many beautiful baskets, including but not limited to: jewelry, liquor, cleaning, food and sports items and numerous gift certificates. This year, our Grand Prize winner won a night out with dinner, flowers and many other fun things. A big thanks goes out to our brother Knights for their assistance. They helped with setting up and clean-

ing up the council hall, setting up and directing the parking and for opening the bar for our guests. The funds raised enable us to support those in need in our parish and our sister parish, St. Francis in Guatemala as well other charities and individuals.



We held our first bus trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see Nunsense starring Joyce DeWitt on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The trip included lunch and was open to the parish. It is the first time we have planned this type of event. It was a great success and hopefully will be the first of many.

For our October meeting we held a Halloween Hat contest. Who knew we had so many funny ladies.





## Don Bosco—Newton

What has the Don Bosco Newton auxiliary been up to these last couple of months?

On April 29th, we gathered at the Charity Awards luncheon to honor one of our Columbiette's mother, Anne Savacool, for receiving the Family Unity Award. The award was presented to her by Victoria Bird, State President. Anne also received a Papal Blessing plaque from our Pope, Holy Father Francis.



On Monday, May 3rd our Columbiettes hosted the Western Chapter meeting along with the May Crowning. Then on May 6, 2018 we hosted the May Crowning of the Blessed Mother in the garden behind the St. Joseph Church. First communicant, Braeden Flanagan (son of Don Bosco Columbiette Lisa Marie) had the honor of crowning Mary.



At our May 7th meeting, we had a guest speaker, Marlina Schetting, from Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice to educate us about Hospice Care and the different types of care. We gave a small donation to help the hospice. Also in May, we donated \$500 to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Totowa from one of our fundraisers.

In May each year, our Auxiliary collects baby items and donates them to Birth Haven which is a shelter for pregnant homeless women. These donations shown in the picture were picked up by a Birth Haven representative. Continuing with our May donations we gave over 250 boxes of character band-aids a children's hospital in Morristown.

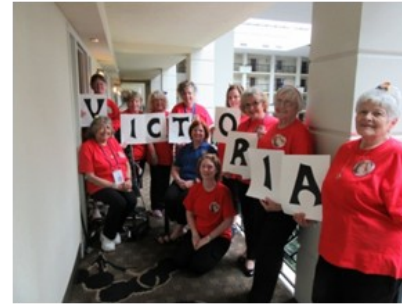


On Saturday, May 12th we did our patriotic singing at four local nursing homes (Barn Hill, Homestead, Valley View and Ave Care). The residents of the nursing homes love visitors. They joined us in song and stomping their feet to the beat.



Knights of Columbus 9th Annual Tank Pull in Clifton, NJ. Pat Keegan, Amy Keegan, and Vicky Bird competed in the tank pull for the Veteran Wounded Warriors.

In June we presented two scholarships to two high school seniors at an award ceremony for the Good Citizens Award at Kittatinny Regional High School and the Mary Ann Stanek Founder's award at the Sussex County Community College.



On June 9th, the Don Bosco Auxiliary hosted a gala celebration at the Lafayette House to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the formation of the auxiliary. Shown below are several of the original

On July 27th the Knights and Columbiettes gathered together at the Columbian Fair food booth for a barbeque, instructions, and training on the upcoming NJ State Fair. This is an annual fundraiser that runs for ten consecutive days (August 3th - 12th), and the funds raised go to the various charities of Sussex County. Many hours of labor take place during the ten days, but the bonding between the Knights and Columbiettes is as rewarding as raising funds for the charities.



charter members at the event.

A fun time was had in June at the NJ State Convention! A group of our Columbiettes entertained the conference members with a cheer-leading skit to chant what VICTORIA stands for us as the NJ State President.



The weekend continued with the



On Monday, October 1st we had a First Degree where we welcomed four new candidates (2 for Don Bosco and 2 from Long Valley) followed by our auxiliary meeting. Several days later we donated pet items collected at this meeting to Father John's Animal shelter in Lafayette.

On Sunday, October 7th (Respect Life Sunday) a group Knights and Columbiettes gathered at the Newton Green with posters supporting Right-to-Life. As a group, we recited the rosary for the sanctity of life.



On Monday, October 15th we assisted in the Migrant ministry dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus at the St. Joseph Church Community Center. The migrants thanked us for the food we served them. They were genuinely appreciative of our fellowship. The simplest task goes a long way.

In honor of our Blessed Mother, our auxiliary has started a "One Million Hail Marys" Campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession for world peace.

## Prayers for World Peace



We have opened the campaign to local parishes, the NJ State and Supreme Columbiettes and others to assist in this endeavor. The campaign runs from October 1, 2018, to May 13, 2019. Individuals and collective counts should be sent to [hailmarysforpeace@gmail.com](mailto:hailmarysforpeace@gmail.com) from which a tally will be recorded on the website at:

[www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com](http://www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com). To date, we have over 130,000 Hail Marys that have been prayed. Please join us. Thank you for your support!

At our November auxiliary meeting, we collected baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing) and non-perishable food items for the NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency. A representative, Ben Davey, spoke to us about the needs of their organization and was overwhelmed with the donations we had collected.

On Saturday, November 11th a Mass for deceased Knights and Columbiette members was celebrated at Good Shepherd Church in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Peace Church on September 7, 2018.





in Andover, NJ followed by hospitality hosted by the Knights. Then on Friday, November 16th we had our annual wreath making and potluck dinner at the St. Paul's Abbey in Andover. This is a collaboration of Knights, Columbiettes, Squirettes and confirmation candidates. We made approximately 100 wreaths which sell during the Christmas season to support the Monk's mission.

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."*

— Mother Teresa



Merry Christmas,  
Miriam Montagne

## Our Lady of Peace—North Brunswick

Several sister Columbiettes again volunteered multiple hours on a weekly basis at the North Brunswick Food Bank. One of these volunteers, Columbiette Grace Glasen was recognized for all of her charitable work by the NJ State Columbiette Council as a recipient of the Social Welfare Award at the Annual Charity Award Luncheon held at Pierre's Restaurant on April 29, 2018. Congratulations to Grace on her never ending support of charitable organizations.



The Auxiliary jointly co-sponsored an annual awards dinner with the Our Lady of Peace Knights Council #11378 on June 28, 2018. Several Columbiettes were recognized and received Certificates of Appreciation and Achievement for their tireless efforts in support of the Parish community.



In addition the Columbiettes held its installation of officers in con-



junction with the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Peace Church on September 7, 2018. Knights, Columbiettes and their families attended and were joined by Chaplain Father John Polyak at the post installation reception held at the parish.



The Our Lady of Peace Columbiettes #11378 held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health Fair along with St Peter's University Hospital on September 16, 2018 at our Parish Center. Over 15 different health professional organizations including nurses, doctors and other medical professionals were on hand to offer advice to the community. In addition a well-attended blood drive was held during the fair. Our local Fire, First Aid, Emergency Management and other various community groups were also available for questions, demos and information.

The Auxiliary sponsored a Murder Mystery show on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The theme was "A Dickens of a Murder." This charitable event was sold out and helped raise

much needed funding for various charities that the Auxiliary helps support.



Our annual Welcome Back Party was held on Friday November 9<sup>th</sup>. Fun was had by all. This event brings sister Columbiettes together to enjoy an evening of refreshments and relaxation and an opportunity to catch up with each other after the summer break.

The Columbiettes are working with the Knights of Columbus to assist with the Annual Parish Christmas Family Festival to be held December 15<sup>th</sup>. The Auxiliary is also assisting with the Annual Our Lady of Peace Pot Luck Dinner, honoring all the parish organizations and ministries on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

We're also working with the Knights of Columbus to assist them with the annual Christmas Family Festival and the annual Our Lady of Peace Parish Pot Luck Dinner to be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>. All organizations of our parish participate in this event.



The Auxiliary's Memorial Flower Campaign will again be directing the 2018 Church Flower Decorating Program. This Christmas Season will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year our parish community has honored their loved ones with cash donations designating each flower arrangement as a remembrance.

The Auxiliary will be sponsoring their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Indoor Garage and Bake Sale on April 6, 2019. This event helps raise crucial funding for a local family in need of funding

## Saint Bernadette's

Our Annual May Crowning was held during our May Meeting with election of Officers as well.

Officers for the 2018-2019 year were installed at our Memorial Mass in June. President—Lois Ann Smith, Vice-President—Lisa Vicino, Secretary—Lorraine Cioffi, Financial Secretary—Kathleen Jessen, Treasurer—Lilly Zammit and Sentinel—Karen Klotz. Our Third Annual Scholarship was presented immediately following the Mass and Installation. A pot luck followed where members were approached to chair committees for the coming year and they all said "yes!" So, we are looking forward to a very productive year.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> an Officer's Meeting was held to prepare for the upcoming year. Pizza was served (rather delivered!). Officer books were

as a result of health issues or other hardships. Nominations have started for the family and the recipient for 2019 will be announced in December 2018.

The auxiliary is currently working with Our Lady of Peace Parish organizations to assist with the planning of celebrations and festivities for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish in 2019. In addition they will be assisting in the planning of the 50<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary of their pastor.

passed down and responsibilities of each office were addressed.

Members assisted the Community Vacation Bible School by donating items, donating their time to prepare crafts for the program and volunteering during the week it was held.

In August our Membership Drive produced ten (10) women who were interested in joining our organization. Four (4) were available to take their First Degree on September 12<sup>th</sup>. With the assistance of our new Chapter President, Kathy Donahue, St Bartholomew's President Barbara Ann Kadubic and members of St. Bernadette, the Degree, under the direction of Linda Orosz, DD, went well. Our meeting followed and our four (4) new members as well as a new member for Our Lady of Peace in



Fords stayed for our meeting.



Our new members are Anamika Panna, Candice Bauman, Debbie Marquiz and Tina Tucker. These newest members have already signed up for many of our ministries as well as chairing events.

The weekend of September 15 & 16 found us at the doors of St Bernadette Church for "Shake the Can" for Vocations. This is the third time we have utilized this wonderful way to collect monies for seminarians and postulants knowing that 100% will be distributed at next year's convention to worthy recipients. Our Auxiliary has adopted our South East Chapter Seminarian Gilbert Starcher who is in his third year at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall. We send him periodic cards for holidays as well as his birthday and at our NJSCC Convention.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> found those who live in the area putting food donations out for the Youth Groups 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food Drive.

On October 7<sup>th</sup> we were once again

asked to attend our Brother Knights Memorial Mass and to prepare a light breakfast following. Again, we had some new members assist us as well.

Immediately following our October meeting we wrote Christmas Cards (English and Spanish) and Channukah Cards for The Venetian Care and Rehabilitation Center Residents. We have been doing this for more than ten (10) years and they truly appreciate it. We are able to send at least two (2) cards for each resident and send extra to be distributed to residents who are admitted closer to the Holidays. This year we will be sending a Christmas Card to each of the two (2) women residents that we adopted (they have absolutely NO family) a couple of years ago from each one of us. That should decorate their room and let them know we are thinking and praying for them!



October 21<sup>st</sup> brought us assisting our Brother Knights once again with their Pancake Breakfast and also selling Angel Pins and jewelry due to the generosity of the Chair



and Grand Knight.

That very afternoon several of us attended the very worthwhile "Pink Luncheon" held at St Bartholomew's. Monies raised went to St Peter's Hospital Breast Center in New Brunswick.

A number of us assisted the church for the annual dinner dance held on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Setting up, decorating, serving, etc. oh yes, clean up! This event raised \$6,000 for St Bernadette Church Renovation Fund.

We were contacted by a Brother Knight to assist in a fundraiser to benefit two (2) of our Brothers who have been seriously ill to help defray their medical expenses. This is planned for February 16. A Spaghetti Dinner, Bingo and Tricky Tray are in progress.

November 11<sup>th</sup> we held our 4<sup>th</sup>

Annual "Homemade Soup to Go Sale." Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Beef soups were prepared by Brother Knight Bill Tanko, Jr. and they were delicious! Two days of cooking!

Upcoming events are our Poinsettia Sale, Bake Sale in December and this year we are hosting our joint "Women's Organization Christmas Party." A new event this year is the First Annual Family Walk to Bethlehem which will begin at South Amboy's Knights of Columbus Council, proceed to several churches in the area where a story, carols, or scripture will be presented and our journey will end at the Knights for light refreshments.

Once again this year we will be donating Shop-Rite food cards in lieu of having a "grab bag" at our December meeting. These cards are given to the Social Concerns Committee.





A new event being chaired by our Respect Life Chair Lisa Vicino is "9 Days for Life." A very special Novena which will begin and be held in conjunction with our Praise and Worship Group.

St Bernadette Columbiettes wish all of our Sisters a Very Blessed and Holy Christmas and Happy, Healthy and Meaningful New Year!

Lois Ann Smith, Publicity

## Millstone Valley

New Year. New Officers. New Ideas.

The word is NEW. We come back energized and ready to start another year with new officers, new ideas, new fundraisers and new committees. It is a joy to welcome everyone back!

It is very exciting to welcome our newest officer - Financial Secretary Paulette Matis. We are grateful to welcome back our officers - President Linda Kenyhercz, Past President Ginny Bove, Vice President Lisa Rossi, Treasurer Pat Rao, Secretary Carol Wetzel and Sentinel Connie Panzera. We are blessed to have Yvonne Shimschok returning as our District Deputy. Our auxiliary is also fortunate to have many other members serving on existing and new committees.

Ginny Bove, Lisa Rossi, Beverly Jankowy and Erica Ruffer were thrilled to join our fellow New Jersey auxiliaries at the Annual Convention in June. They enjoyed meeting other Columbiettes from around the state. Our ongoing collections of backpacks and

school supplies for school districts in need, tab tops for the Ronald McDonald House and toiletries for homeless shelters were greatly appreciated.

We were happy to join our fellow Knights of Columbus members to help out at our Annual Parish Picnic on September 9<sup>th</sup> and Annual Veterans luncheon on November 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition to providing homemade desserts, our Outreach Committee gave each Veteran a hand-made red, white and blue "prayer in my pocket" holder with an inserted prayer. Very patriotic! It was a delight to meet and talk with the many men and women who served our country!

Our Social Committee organized a Columbiettes Night Out in October at Pizza & Pasta Restaurant. Twenty-three of our members came out for a nice evening of sisterhood. It was so much fun to get together to enjoy delicious food, wonderful conversation and a relaxing get together with each other.





We just held our annual Vendor Fair on November 14<sup>th</sup>. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and was a great success! Twenty vendors set up tables to sell their merchandise, including chain companies such as Pampered Chef, Thirty



-One Gifts, Avon, Party Lite and Young Living. Local vendors were in attendance as well to sell their handcrafted pens, jewelry, fragrant balsam fir pillows and homemade bottled hot sauces! Shoppers gathered to buy items for themselves as well as gifts for the upcoming holidays. We also raffled off several holiday-themed baskets

to lucky winners. The money we raise goes to our favorite charities at the end of the year.

We are looking forward to our Christmas party and Secret Santa gift exchange in December. At this gathering, we also collect pajamas for women and children which are donated to Safe & Sound (formerly the Women's Resource Center). We feel warm knowing that we help others especially in need during the colder months.

Thank you to Supreme Council! We are honored to announce that we received the 2018 Margaret J. Mary Mangan Achievement Award. We pray that we continue the good works that help others.

Finally, we wish all our fellow Columbiettes a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Healthy New Year!

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Jersey City

Hello Sister Columbiettes, welcome to the cold weather again. I hope your summer was a blast enjoying the sun and sea! Now back to Columbiette routines somewhat refreshed and rested. So here we are planning again our year-long projects.

First off, we started with a Membership Drive a couple of weeks ago. Six new people from the Parish expressed an interest in joining us so we plan to either get them to an Auxiliary for First De-

gree or maybe plan our own as soon as we can. Next on the agenda is the Thanksgiving food drive in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus.





In December we are planning to have a Christmas party right after our monthly meeting. We are also putting up our Parish Giving Tree for the Shelter for Mothers with kids and the Pregnancy Center. In January we will be in Pennsylvania for the Sight and Sound presentation of "JESUS." This will be our fundraising project. February we will sponsor the Renewal of Marriage Vows.



Above photo shows our 2018-2019 set of Officers—Seated front row L-R: Vice President Amelia Patag, President Elena Saludo, Past President Susan Liguori, Secretary Delia Faustino and Installing Officer SK Rudy Umali. Back row L-R: Guide 1 Susan Pensoy, DD Joan Winant, Financial Sec Sagrario Umali, Sentinel Tini Taino (proxy for Gilda Dalmán), Treasurer Adelina Regalado, Guide 2 Dolly Ignacio and Chairman Naty Caballero.

Sending our love and good wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving Day and Merry Christmas to all!



## Saint John's

In September, St John's Columbiettes, together with our Brother Knights participated in Dumont Day, a town day festival of food and fun! We served hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, fries, and drinks. The weather cooperated for once and we all had a wonderful day.

October arrived with Costumes and Halloween Karoke! We all enjoyed singing, eating, and dressing up for this first-time event for us. Then it was time for all the little ghouls

and goblins to come and enjoy themselves at our annual Children's Halloween Party.

November is the month we remember and give thanks. A Memorial Mass was held at our council for all those Columbiettes and Knights who have passed this year. We also had one of our popular events, "The Spudtacular!" Dinner consists of a hot, piping baked potato with a fixin bar to load up your spud with choices of chili, sour cream, broccoli, butter,





chives, carrots, onions, etc A smashing good time is had by all!

December it was time to “rock around the Christmas Tree” as the Knights and Columbiettes have an adult and children’s Christmas party. Santa and the Mrs. are known to make an appearance at both!

As the new year approaches (and we’re always surprised at how fast it comes!) we stop and reflect on the year that has passed and pray for a happy and blessed new year.

Peace,  
Roberta Elwell, Past President  
St John’s Council Columbiettes  
Dumont-Bergenfield

### **Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Maple Shade**

Greetings from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Maple Shade!

Hard to believe that the holidays are around the corner!

We’ve been busy here in Maple Shade! We celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this fall with Mass at OLPH Church followed by dinner and dancing at the Maple Room! We were excited to have Vicki and Jim Bird, Lisa and Bill Roberts, Sandy and Roger Bohinski and Patricia and Jim Zellner all in attendance! The celebration would not have been complete without our three District Deputies who have supported us over these last 10 years! A special thanks to Maryann Sparks, Gail Persia and Mary Ann Zagorski.

We continue to help our Knights with their monthly Spaghetti Dinners. This fall we’ve traveled to Lancaster to the Sight and Sound Theatre to see “Jesus.” It’s not a trip to Lancaster without a wonderful meal at Good and Plenty and a

trip to the Farmers Market. Our parish will be hosting the Torches from Our Lady of Guadalupe through the Thanksgiving holiday. The end of November will have us hosting a painting party to design and decorate wine glasses and beer mugs. December will have us Christmas Caroling with the Knights and celebrating Christmas with our joint holiday party.

The winter is looking very busy as we are helping out with a community event for the middle school students in Maple Shade. They are planning the annual Snowfall Ball Dance for the end of January that benefits the Ronald McDonald House. Our auxiliary assists with decorating, food donations and chaperone duties.

Plans are under way for our annual St. Patrick’s Day Party on Saturday night March 16<sup>th</sup>! It’s a night of music, authentic Irish food and Irish dancers!

Our most important task right now



is helping out the Convention committee! Be sure to register for the Convention, it's sure to be a good time!

Have a Blessed Christmas Season,  
Michele Ewing, President

To every thing  
there is a *season*, and  
*time* to every  
purpose  
under the heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

### Sgt. John F. Basilone

I would like to thank my Board of Officers for their support and continued dedication in keeping our auxiliary active.



We have been working side by side with our Knights during their monthly breakfasts, food for families drive and participating with many events for our church and community including Operation Jersey Cares for our troops. We pray for their safety and cherish our freedom.

This fall we celebrate Fr. Tom

Odorizzi welcoming him as the new pastor of St. Ann's parish. Let us pray for him and support him to maintain the church values and efforts.



Heartwarming wishes for a peaceful and blessed Thanksgiving and Joyous Christmas Season to all of our sister Columbiettes, their families and friends.

Barbara Rymer, President  
Sgt. John F. Basilone Auxiliary  
#13264





## Long Valley

The Long Valley Columbiettes had a very successful and fun-filled year and are planning many events this coming year.

In May several members marched with the Long Valley KofC in the Hackettstown Memorial Day Parade under the Knight's Banner. This coming year we will be marching with our own brand new beautiful banner which we just took delivery of.

In June we held our installation of officers with most of our slate of officers continuing in their roles for another year. New to our Board are Patty Cocozello as Secretary and Joanne Lee as Vice President.



Shown in above photo from left to right: Nancy Lennon (past president), Joanne Lee (vice president), Lucie Cohn (president), Nadia Delonas (financial secretary), Carol Guedez (treasurer), Fran Clary (sentinel), Patty Cocozello (secretary).

In August we helped at VetsSummerFest to raise money for Operation Chillout. Despite the rain and several activities being forced to be cancelled as a result, we still raised over \$20K. Several of our members were volunteers for the event, two are on the executive board for this event, and many more attended this music filled day. We hope to see everyone there next year on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Operation Chillout is a locally started organization that supports homeless veterans in NJ, PA, and RI and is Western Chapter's Charity of the Year.

In August we awarded two scholarships to two very deserving high school students, Victor Cochrane and Maggie Schaffer, who are members of one of our three parishes. It was a very tough choice as all of the applicants were deserving of recognition. We wish all of our high school students the best of luck as they begin the next phase of their growth and hope that they find comfort in getting to know our Lord in a closer way. Maggie Schaffer was also recognized as our nomination for Good Student Citizen. Her mother, Patrice Schaffer was recognized as our nomination for Humanitarian of the Year. Patrice has since made her First Degree with our Auxiliary. Welcome Patrice.



Shown in the photo below from left to right: Patrice Schaffer, Fr. Marcin, Lucie Cohn, Maggie Schaffer, Victor Cochran.



In August many of our members also attended a social event with our Brother Knights at Monmouth Race Track. We had a private picnic area right on the rail where we could get a great view of the races. We enjoyed each other's company and shared some wonderful food brought by all who came. We look forward to this tradition continuing next summer.

In October we held our Anniversary Mass and Communion Breakfast. Our meal was prepared by Enzo's Pasta Grill and enjoyed by all. Our newly appointed Chaplain, Fr. Javier Bareno officiated at the Mass and talked at the breakfast. We all learned so much about Fr. Javier from his talk. At the Breakfast we also presented Fr. Javier with his Chaplain's jewels since he was only appointed in August.



From left: Lucie Cohn, Fr. Javier Bareno and Marge Sanders.

Our ongoing project of crocheting scarves to keep the clients of Father English Center warm during the winter months is wrapping up for this year's donation. So far this year we have collected 76 scarves that were crocheted or knitted and several more scarves are receiving their finishing touches. It looks like we will definitely surpass last year's donation of 79 scarves. Any donations of extra yarn for us to continue this mission this year is always appreciated.

As we get ready to do our Black Friday shopping, many of our members are preparing for our January collection of PJs and Books for a local annual collection for Project Pajama with used books that are collected to be donated to Father English Center. We are also preparing for our April "Undie Sunday" collection to gather underwear and feminine hygiene products to be donated to Father English Center and Operation Chillout.



December will be our busiest month of the year. We are currently building a gift basket to be donated to our Brother Knights for their Annual Charity Auction on December 1. Every year we also help with set-up, serving, and selling of raffle tickets.

On December 5<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting the Western Chapter Meeting and Tricky Tray at St. Mark's.

On December 8<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting the luncheon for the Long Valley Historical Society's Holiday House Tour. This tour is a wonderful opportunity to see some of the historic homes in Long Valley all decorated for Christmas. Hosting the luncheon will give us an opportunity to show off our recently renovated Church and introduce people to the Columbiettes, while serving a warm delicious meal being prepared by our members and raising money for some of our projects.

On December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> we will be continuing our Annual Christmas Cookie Sale. Our parishioners look forward to the opportunity to

### Vincent T. Lombardi

The Vincent T. Lombardi Columbiettes are the epitome of the phrase "Jack of all Trades" (or in our case, Jill). Our small but enthusiastic group participates in a variety of activities in support of our Church, our community, our Knights, and our Sister Columbi-

buy different homemade cookies from us for Christmas. This year we will be holding the Cookie Sale at all three churches that we serve.

Each month we continue to visit our veterans at the Lyons VA Hospital. The visits each month bring joy to the members of the ward which we visit. We are looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas with our vets. We bring them food treats and little gifts. We socialize and play games with them.

The Long Valley Columbiettes hope that everyone has a safe and healthy Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday with family and friends.

Lucie Cohn, President



ettes.

In April we hosted a very successful Chapter Baby Shower. The much appreciated donations went to Good Counsel Homes, which provides services for young mothers and their children.



In June, two of our newest members, Susan Fischer and Louise Herbert, were installed as Treasurer and Sentinel, respectively, along with our returning officers. Our members also volunteered at the St. Mary's Great Fair, selling raffle tickets and manning the game booths. We also attended the VTL Knights awards, and the State Convention.

September brings a new start to a new season, therefore it also brings Officer Training. Five of our Officers attended the training. Our Catholic Action Chairperson, Mary Vernarelli, was asked to be the Chapter Catholic Action Chairperson, to which she gratefully accepted. Members also helped serve lunch for the Charismatic Mass at St. Mary's.

October is the month of the Rosary, and we attended the Rosary Rally at St. Mary's Chapel. We also attended the Blue Mass held at St. Agnes. The Mass is an annual event held in honor of Police, Fire,

## Warren

The Warren Council 474 Columbiettes started the unofficial Columbiette year in July by attending the Warren County Farmers Fair, serving food, drinks, pie, and ice cream to hungry visitors. Our efforts paid off for a few hours of work and laughter with a monetary donation to our organization.

In August, we held our second an-

EMS, Park Service, and Coast Guard personnel. We also held our Playhouse Fundraiser "Ghost Train" at the First Avenue Playhouse. This event supports our Scholarship Fund. And . . . our President, Ann Dimaira, became a grandma (again!) to baby Kaden. Kaden's mom, Kathleen McKeown, is one of our members, as are his Aunts, Jenny Dimaira, and Louise Welch.

In November our decorating skills were once again utilized by the Fr. Donnelly Knights for their Spaghetti Dinner. We will also be participating in the Middletown Helps it's Own "Adopt a Family" program for the holidays.

Upcoming we have the VTL Knights Annual Christmas Dinner for members and their families. And as always, we wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and most importantly, Blessed, Christmas season!

Submitted by: Mary Vernarelli  
Immediate Past President

nual backpack collection for our local needy children attending elementary school; over 80 backpacks were filled and distributed to various schools within our local townships. One of the elementary schools welcomed our donation with tears of thanks! What a great feeling that is to know that our efforts are making a difference in the lives of the less fortunate.



Our official year kicked off September 12 with over 21 Columbiettes in attendance at our first meeting. The Columbiette pledge was recited and our tentative schedule of events for the year reviewed as well as those events of our Brother Knights. Our first bake sale was held on the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and we made an unprecedented \$709. Our first Chapter meeting was held the following week with new officers installed prior to the start of the meeting. The following weekend our auxiliary officers attended the officers' training and enjoyed the large tricky tray event!

We finally broke down and voted on purchasing a large deck box to house our supplies and small tables used for our Vice President, Past President. We are all getting a bit too old to be running up and down stairs to our Brother Knight's storage area carrying our necessary supplies needed to run a meeting. Now we have easy access at floor level, yeah!

On Sunday October 14, we baked and served sweet treats at our Brother Knight's annual Roast Beef Dinner, only after we set up tables, washed tables, and put out all the condiments and place settings on Saturday. On Tuesday the 16, we concluded our BOSCOV'S department store fundraiser by selling \$420 worth of discounted coupons to friends and family; of course, many of us also purchased

the coupons and had an enjoyable time shopping. On Saturday the 20, we had our first tricky tray fundraiser sock hop Dance. While none of us won the hoola hoop contest, we did dance, ate some good food, laughed, and made \$1467.



Our Remembrance Mass for our deceased Brother Knights and Columbiettes was held on Nov. 5 followed by socialization with cake and coffee.

We will hold our angel pin/bracelet sale on the weekend of Nov. 10 and 11 at two churches; hopefully we will sell out and take orders. We will most likely hold a Christmas luncheon or dinner with a token gift exchange to celebrate the Holiday.

On behalf of the entire membership, we wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy New year filled with joy and prosperity.

Judy Leone, President Warren Council 474



## Saint Cecilia's

Our auxiliary has been off to a great and active start.

At the beginning of October, we held our membership drive. We currently have a least three prospective new members.

Also in October, we had a crafting day. It was not as well attended as the ones that we have held in the spring. However, we were still able to raise money to donate to our community food bank for the Thanksgiving Day season in the amount of \$350. It was a great effort by all.

In December, we will be having our annual Christmas wreath and grave blanket sale with the assistance of Amatos Nursery here in South Brunswick. We will be selling after each Mass on Sundays starting on November 25 and continuing through Sunday, December

## Leisure Village West

We started this year with the same slate of Officers. We are very excited and have lots in store for the coming year.

September, we held our first fundraiser, a jewelry sale from Premier Designs. We were able to send a check for \$250.00 to Deborah Hospital. We had a booking off of this party and the company will donate back to the Columbiettes 10% of the sale of this booking. So

16, which is the KofC Breakfast with Santa. We will be assisting the Knights at this event. It is a great time by all.

We have a very active group of Columbiettes that are willing to assist in whatever it takes to get the job done from speaking to parishioners about our auxiliary, to setting up the night before an event, to baking or cooking for an event, to spending time on a Saturday or Sunday to assist to make an event run smoothly.

I can't thank my auxiliary enough for all they do!

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all!

God bless,  
Karen Williams, President  
St. Cecilia's Columbiettes = #7046

we are hoping to add to the donation already made to Deborah. We also held our annual Card Party. September was a very busy month for us. The card party was a huge success again this year.

October rolled around, and we helped our brother Knights with their annual Kickoff Firehouse Breakfast. This is the seed money for them to get all the winter coats for the Joint Bases families who





would go without if it wasn't for them.

November is another busy month for us. Helping again our brother Knights with our Memorial Mass and Communion breakfast. It was a great turnout. Our Mass this year was a joint Mass with Knights/Columbiettes from St. John's Parish and Leisure Knolls.

At our first night meeting of the year we held a First Degree which we welcomed another 8 members to our growing group!!! Then had a business meeting in which we planned the Christmas Party with the Knights and the giving tree. This year we received a list from the Joint Base for items that are

## Saint Maximilian Kolbe

St. Maximilian Kolbe Columbiettes Auxiliary has been very busy these last few months.

In August, we attended The Rosary and Mass for Respect for Life Ministries, also attended the National Day Of Remembrances for Aborted Children. At Our Parish Grotto we attended a Mass and Rosary Service for the 101st Anniversary of Of Lady of Fatima.

In October, we had a Carnation Sale for Birth Right and the proceeds went to Ocean County Birth Right and Special Sources Shelters Inc.

We did a Sweet and Treat Sale

needed but not received, like blankets, a special book a child wanted, pj's, slippers etc. Knowing that they will be receiving toys and coats, hats and scarfs we wanted to do something special for them.

January will bring our annual soup dinner. It was a huge success last year. Then we will be in our Palm Cross mode for the Easter season. More to follow in the next edition of the Echo.

From all of us at Leisure Village West we would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a safe and Healthy 2019.

Kathleen Robinson

(where we had a great turn out). At our October meeting we did a Bottle Auction and a great time was had by all.

Besides all of this, we worked together with Our Brother Knights, in having a Barbeque for the 31st Anniversary of our Parish. We also helped out at their Communion Breakfast.

We did a membership drive. (we have 8 ladies interested).

The 101st Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima was also with Our Brother Knights.

In November we had a Memorial



Mass Service at our church for All Souls and deceased members of the Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus.

We're adopting three families for Thanksgiving. In place of a grab bag gift at our Christmas Luncheon and we are giving Pajamas to The

Children's Special Needs Hospital.

Wishing everyone a Very Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

Patricia Guerin  
President

### Santa Maria

April 29, 2018—Danielle Brenner received the Charity Award.

May 6, 2018—We hosted the first annual High Tea for Mother's Day held at Sacred Heart Auditorium. The Blessed Mother was our theme with white roses and blue bracelets for all women who attended, plus tea and treats.



June 9, 2018—Parish Pizza Recognition Party, 32 altar servers received wooden crosses from the Columbiettes for their service and devotion.

June 23, 2018—Nine members attended the NJ State Convention in Piscataway, NJ.



July 22, 2018—We served breakfast to families and patients at Ronald McDonalds' House in Camden, NJ., even though the kitchen was





having a remodel at the time!

July 27, 2018—As a fundraiser and fellowship activity, we did a Crabfest Trip by Bus to Wellwood Club in Charlestown, Maryland with a stop in Northeast, Maryland for a tour of an old church and shopping and at Dove Valley Winery for tastings.



Sept. 22-23, 2018—First Annual Mum sale

Oct 21, 2018—Humanitarian Award presented to parishioners George and Ann Kingston for many years of service.



Submitted by:  
Joanne Daywalt

## Father Cannon

Our auxiliary has been quite busy over the last months! We continue to support our Altar Servers by purchasing crosses for their use when they serve at Masses, and also provide food items and donations to the local St. Vincent DePaul Society.



Our First Annual Chicken Takeout Dinner was a tremendous success, and we worked side by side with our Brother Knights to sponsor the

First Parish Lenten Fish Dinner. We held our First First Degree Ceremony welcoming new Sisters, and we are holding our First Thanksgiving Pie Sale.



We held two Community Clean-up Events, and we enjoyed an awesome breakfast prepared and served by our Brother Knights to honor our Auxiliary Anniversary!



We support the Parish Giving Tree Program, and look forward to our

New Year Wine and Cheese Social which will kick off our Membership Drive in January.

We wish all Columbiette Sisters and your families a blessed holiday and a New Year filled with much love and happiness!



### Miscellaneous Pictures (contributed by Maureen O'Brien)



June 2018 Convention



Pictures from Officer Training



### State Directory Updates

Please note that all updates have been made directly to the online edition of the New Jersey State Directory. This publication can be seen by visiting the state website at: [www.njcolumbiettes.com](http://www.njcolumbiettes.com).



## A Note From the Editor

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

As 2018 draws to a close and Christmas celebrations are beginning, now is the time to reflect on the true Spirit of the Word and our “reason for the season.” While editing/formatting this winter edition of the ECHO, my heart was truly inspired by the selfless dedication of everyone involved with the Columbiettes. May our Lord bless you all for the many sacrifices and contributions you bring to those in need and may you all continue your good works in the Spirit of Christ!

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles for this publication and special thanks to Maureen O’Brien who contributed pictures from various functions.

Unfortunately, due to the high cost of printing the ECHO, printed subscriptions are no longer available. However, it is possible to have the booklet electronically sent to you via your auxiliary president and/or other officials who receive it. Additionally, it is posted as a .pdf file on the state website at: [www.njcolumbiettes.com](http://www.njcolumbiettes.com). Please share this availability with your members.

Before you know it the deadline for the spring edition (April 28, 2019) will be here. Submissions can be e-mailed to: [echonewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:echonewsletter@hotmail.com). Microsoft Word files are the easiest to manipulate when inserting into the publication. If you do not have the ability to e-mail files, you may mail reports to me at: 104 George Hill Road, Branchville, NJ 07826. If you have any questions, please call at (973) 702-7610. Hopefully, our spring issue will have representation from all auxiliaries.

## Hail Mary Campaign for World Peace

Please support our campaign to seek our Blessed Mother’s intercession for world peace to collectively say ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS by praying and reporting the amount of Hail Marys you have said. A dedicated e-mail address: [hailmarysforpeace@gmail.com](mailto:hailmarysforpeace@gmail.com) has been set up to receive tallies from anyone at anytime. Please ask family members, friends, neighbors, church groups, etc. to pray Hail Marys to help in obtaining this goal. In this time of conflict, Our Blessed Lady is a merciful mediator in prayerful requests. We need as many prayers as possible! Thank you for your assistance. The cumulative tally of all Hail Marys prayed will be updated as responses are received at: [www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com](http://www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com).



## *The Story Behind the “12 Days of Christmas”*

*The song was written by Catholics in England as a catechism song to teach their children about the Christian faith. The song’s “gifts” help remember the teachings of the faith.*



*“True Love” refers to God. “Me” refers to every Christian.*

*The other symbols mean the following:*

- 1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ*
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old & New Testaments*
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity or the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Trinity*
- 4 Calling Birds = The Four Gospels*
- 5 Golden Rings = First Five Books of the Old Testament*
- 6 Geese-A-Laying = The Six Days of Creation*
- 7 Swans-A-Swimming = The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12:8-10)*
- 8 Maids-A-Milking = The Eight Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10)*
- 9 Ladies Dancing = The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)*
- 10 Lords-A-Leaping = The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20)*
- 11 Pipers Piping = Eleven Apostles, not Judas*
- 12 Drummers Drumming = The Twelve Points of Doctrine in the Apostle’s Creed*



## New Jersey State Council Fundraiser

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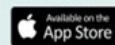
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