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Blessings at Christmas

May the blessing of joy abide within you; May the blessing of peace rest upon you; May the blessing of love flow out through you; May all the blessings of the Lord be yours at Christmas and in the new year.

-Author Unknown





New Jersey State Council Columbiettes Message from State President

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family, friends and loved ones. We are beginning to prepare for the Christmas season. I know it is sometimes the most overwhelming time of the year and can become stressful.

Please take a moment during Advent and celebrate the blessings all around you. There is the earth to warm your soul, the wind to lift your spirits, trees to grow your mind and the sun to brighten your heart. Christmas is a celebration of life, the birth of Christ. Celebrate all he has given us!

I want to encourage everyone to join the 30 Week Club! Tell your friends, family and coworkers for \$1 a week you have a chance to win three prizes! If we have 300 participants, we will have a special drawing at convention!! This fundraiser is being run in lieu of a social gath-

ering, tricky tray, etc. which require people to travel far. With the 30 Week Club everyone can join in the fun without leaving the comfort of home.

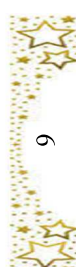
The 2020 NJSCC Convention will be held June 26-28, 2020 at the Embassy Suites, Piscataway, NJ. These dates are different from what appears in the directory. Information will be sent out in January. I look forward to our cruise theme and I invite you all aboard the S.S. Columbi-ette as we sail away! With the guidance of St. Therese, may our little acts of kindness shine with great love.

Joyous Christmas and Prosperous New Year!!

-Elena

SOS—need your help! **Hail Mary Campaign for Salvation of Souls**

Please support our campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession for the **S**alvation **o**f **S**ouls by helping to pray ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS. A dedicated e-mail address: hailmarysforsos@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. The cumulative tally of all Hail Marys prayed will be updated as responses are received at: www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com. This campaign will end on May 31, 2020 at which time all Hail Marys prayed will be dedicated to Our Lady. Thank you for your assistance.





Immediate Past State President—Victoria Bird

In the last few months the auxiliaries have kept me busy with sending out Welcome Seeds, thus far I have mailed out 37 seed packets to our newest sister Columbiettes! I hope this trend of growing our Columbiette Family continues in the months ahead..... keep me very busy!!

I want to wish all my Sister Columbiettes a **Happy Thanksgiving**



And a **Blessed and Merry Christmas**



And a **Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year**



Vicki Bird
Immediate Past State President



A Message from our Prestigious Past State Presidents

To All our Sister Columbiettes, Christmas Greetings from our Houses to yours, May the Season be bright and the year that's ahead turn out to be just right. With warmest wishes for Good Health and Happiness. Have a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year

Love, Peace and Joy!

Prestigious Past State Presidents

Sandy Bohinski Anna Misajet
Barbara Ann Lucarelli Anne Graziano
Marion Tallia Barbara Lasek Lisa Roberts

Keep saving your pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. They keep families together and near the care they need.

State Advocate—Cathe Nicholson

Thank you again for electing me as your State Advocate. 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. The chilly weather is upon us which can only mean one thing...the holidays are right around the corner. What a wonderful time of year this

is to spend time with family and friends and all the great memories that will be made.

Christmas Gift

To your enemy, *forgiveness*
To your opponent, *tolerance*
To a friend, *your heart*
To a customer, *service*
To all, *charity*
To every child, *a good example*
To yourself, *love and respect*

Wishing all of you a very Blessed Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Joyous 2020.





State Secretary—Frances Corcione

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

I hope all my sister Columbiettes have a Happy Thanksgiving and a great Columbiettes year

Sincerely,

Frances Corcione
New Jersey State Secretary



State Financial Secretary—Kathleen Donahue

The holidays are upon us. Thanksgiving gives us the opportunity to pause to thank God for His many blessings. Most of us are lucky enough to have loving families and lifelong friends. We have a warm place to live and enough food to eat. Let's remember to pray for those who

are not so fortunate. Christmas will soon be here. God so loved us that he sent His precious baby son Jesus to us as our Savior. I love how people live His message of joy, love and peace at Christmas. Let's continue to spread those good feelings throughout the year.



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

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

Badges & Jewelry



The Columbiette name badges are still available. The cost is \$9.00 for the pin back and \$10 for the magnet back. They come in white with blue lettering, blue with white lettering, white with red lettering and red with white lettering. The



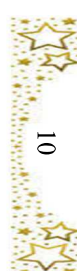
COMING.
From Your Angel Lady,
Anne Graziano

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

Thanks for your generosity!

Christina Mariani

badges are not just for officers, any Columbiette can wear one so everyone knows your name and where you are from. Contact me at 732-826-3881 or e-mail me at columbietteskathy@yahoo.com if you wish to place an order.
We have an assortment of Columbiette Jewelry items for purchase. There are a number of pins, necklace, bracelet, watch, charm and key rings with the Columbiette logo. You will be getting a new travel card for 2020. Do you need a new





Do you need a new case for it? Is yours split in two or being held together with tape? If it is, it's time to treat yourself to a

Charity Awards Luncheon

"Catholic women celebrating Catholic women" is the program for The New Jersey State Council Columbietes' 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

Recruitment and Retention

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



new one.

If you would like a Columbiette bag as featured at the 2019 convention, they are for sale.

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



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. A total of 78 cards have been purchased since convention. The money will be donated to our Seminararians 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 completed 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.

NOW ACCEPTING REQUESTS 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! Business Card Enclosures are also available for purchase. Like the Greeting Cards, the Card Enclosures may be ordered for any

occasion. These are a business card size printed on both sides and can be inserted into your own store-bought greeting card. You can buy them and use them as you need them. Order your Card Enclosures today! The suggested donation is \$5.00 per enclosure card. I look forward to fulfilling your orders and answering any of your questions. Kathy Jessen
NJSCC Memorial Fund Greeting Card and Business Card Enclosure Program
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5 Singleton St.
South Amboy NJ 08879



**It's so exciting
to see the
Lord's blessing
on your life!
Congratulations**

*Of donation has been made to the
New Jersey State Council Memorial
Fund in celebration of this happy
occasion.
All monies collected will be given to
Seminarists/Postulants at the annual
convention in June.*



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.

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 1st, 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.

Washed Denim
Shirt



Full-Zip Fleece

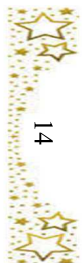


Bling



CHAPTER PRESIDENTS – REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR SELECTION OF 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 24 – 26, 2020** and the cost will be **\$240.00.**

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 banlucarelli@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 Columbiette websites to learn about new activities, events and regulations!

- Supreme: www.columbiettes.com
- NJ State: www.njcolumbiettes.com



News from our State Chapters

Western

Western Chapter was honored to begin their year on October 2, 2019 with the installation of officers by our NJ State President Elena McFarland. We were especially honored by the presence of five other state or state past officers and several K of C Dignitaries, including new President Lucie Cohn's father who came from Long Island to attend. Our newly installed officers are: President, Lucie Cohn; Past President, Barbara Hill; Vice President, Ann Taggart; Secretary, Betsy Roos; Financial Secretary, Colleen Testa; Treasurer, Mary Hargraves and Sentinel, Mary Kubisky. Long Valley provided a wonderful backdrop for the installation, with our delicious meal being provided by the Long Valley Knights of Columbus who joined in our celebration and desert being made by the Long Valley Columbiettes. Our officers enjoyed the Officer Seminar held on September 22nd in Spotswood by our State Officers. We always learn something new that will be helpful. On October 27th many of us gathered to celebrate and honor our own Western Chap-

ter's NJ State Past President, Vicki Bird, at her Testimonial Dinner. What a wonderful afternoon it was. We had a lot of fun honoring such an inspirational woman. Congratulations, Vicki! We are so proud of you! Western Chapter celebrated Long Valley's 10th Anniversary on October 19th at St. Mark the Evangelist in Long Valley. Their actual anniversary was October 18th. Our Communion Brunch that had been planned for November 17th has been postponed until the Spring. On December 4th we will all meet at Bishop Navagh for our annual Christmas dinner and tricky tray.

This is probably our favorite meeting of the year! It is a great way to start the holiday season. It is always a fun event and we use the profit from the tricky tray to fund our Chapter's charitable endeavors throughout the year. We all have much to be thankful for here in the United States. Let us enjoy Thanksgiving with our families and friends while we pray for those in the military that are serving to protect our freedoms.





Then, as we begin Advent, let us prepare our hearts and homes for the birth of Jesus. Let us never fail to keep Christ in Christmas. We wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas!

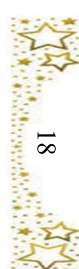


South East

Our May Meeting, hosted by Vincent T Lombardi Columbiettes, was held at St Agnes Church in Atlantic Highlands where our beautiful May Crowning was held prior to our Annual Memorial Mass. President Kathy Donahue made a beautiful crown! The flowers, choir and homily made for a very fitting and religious evening. Our meeting immediately following in the church hall determined that the "Traveling Gavel" would continue for the upcoming year.

- September 19th – St Bernadette, Parlin. No installation of Officers was needed since all officers will be remaining for the 2019-2020 year. We celebrated our Chapter's 40th Anniversary with a beautiful and delicious cake and had some time to catch up with Sister Columbiettes after our summer.
- November 21st – Our Lady of Victory in Parlin. Our hosts, once again, for our Annual Tricky Tray and "Christmas" meeting.
- February – 20th at Vincent T Lombardi where submissions and voting on our Chapter Charity will be held.
- March 29th - South Amboy Columbiettes will host this

- year's Major Degree in the Knights of Columbus Hall. It will begin at 2:00 p.m. with candidate's arrival at 1:30 p.m.
 - April 16th – St Bartholomew's in East Brunswick will host our Annual Right to Life Baby Shower. The Nominating Committee under the leadership of Immediate Past President Diane Kulbacki will be held this evening as well.
 - May 21st – Our Annual May Crowning and Memorial Mass will be hosted by Father Carey Columbiettes. This is always a very memorable and spiritual evening.
 - June 18th – Our Lady of Peace in Fords will be hosting our Election of Officers for the 2020-2021 year!
- Officers for the 2019-2020 year:
- President – Kathy Donahue
 - Vice President – Katie Elichko
 - Secretary – Gerri Kosloski
 - Financial Secretary – Louise Welch





- Treasurer – Pat Feeney
- Sentinel – Agnes Gorska
- Delegates NJSCC Nominating Committee – Diane Kulbacki & Katie Elichko
- Alternates NJSCC Nominating Committee – Gerri Kosloski & Louise Welch

Congratulations once again and thank you for a wonderful year!

On June 15th our Chapter Seminarian, Gilbert Starcher, was ordained Deacon at the Cathedral of St Francis in Metuchen and his First Homily was held the following day in his home parish of St Ann in Hampton, New Jersey. His Mass of Thanksgiving and “First Preaching” the following day was absolutely beautiful! His Parish Family held a very huge reception in the church courtyard immediately following the Mass. And, his parents and the love of his Parish was evident by their outpouring of love and support! I was fortunate to be invited and attend both very heartwarming and emotional events! Deacon Gilbert is at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall. He will be ordained in June, 2020! May God continue to bless him in his calling...we need more priests and nuns.

Many members attended the 63rd Annual NJSCC Convention at the

Embassy Suites where many Auxiliaries received many of the State Awards. Congratulations to all and keep up your good works!!!

Many thanks to Diane Kulbacki and Katie Elichko for once again providing an enjoyable and delicious hospitality room! We shared comradery and laughter, I’m sure, could be heard throughout the venue!

The State Fair Slumber Party lasted for as long as participants wanted to mingle and visit with Sisters from around the State!

An array of “Shades of Blue” was seen at the Hospitality Room and voting on the “stars” of Munchkin Land! Much thought was given to their costumes and was the highlight of the evening.

A First Degree was hosted by St Bernadette on Sunday, September 15th where 10 candidates took their First Degree. St Bartholomew’s had one (1) new member, South Amboy three (3) and St Bernadette had six (6) candidates.

Another First Degree will be held on Thursday, November 14th at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center in Fords.

Congratulations to our very own Barbara Lasek on being appointed Territorial Deputy to Wisconsin by Supreme! Happy and safe traveling Barbara!



Our NJSCC Annual Retreat has been scheduled by Barbara Ann Luccarelli the weekend of April 24th – 26th. Mark your calendars for a wonderful weekend. Many from our Chapter will join at San Alfonso Retreat House for yet another much anticipated weekend of spiritual renewal. Don’t forget to join us on the beach at 2:00 p.m. for the recitation of the Rosary “Where God and Sea Come Together”!

South East Chapter wishes all our Sister Columbiettes a Very Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas. Much health to you and yours in the New Year!!!





South West

South West Chapter is pleased to have the following 2019-2020 slate of Officers: 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).

Our Columbian Year began with joy and celebration. South West Chapter celebrated its 40th Year of Institution at our September Meeting. St. James hosted the party and all enjoyed the delicious anniversary cake as balloons waived in the air. This is a milestone of true “caring and sharing”. We were delighted to have our first Chapter President, Supreme Past President Sandy Bohinski, with us.

This half of the year was and is a buzz of activity from our Auxiliaries. To name a few: St. David the King held a successful mum sale, St. James celebrated 45 Years of Institution and concentrated on raising funds to ease children with catastrophic illnesses, Hopewell celebrated 40 Years of Institution and held a lucrative home-made apple pie sale, Immaculate Conception spooked many at their Halloween



Southern

The Southern Chapter celebrated the installation of our new officers for the 2019-2020 year:

- President—Michele Ewing
- Vice President—Shannon Ewing
- Secretary—Dana Zagorski
- Financial Secretary—Helen Judge
- Treasurer—Mary Ellen Kovalesky
- Sentinel—Kathleen Robinson

It was our pleasure to host the 63rd Annual NJSCC Convention at the Embassy Suites. We were happy to spend so much time with our fellow sisters. We appreciate all the hard work each of the auxiliaries and chapters contributed to make it successful! We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- Dana Zagorski, Chapter Secretary

Party, Our Lady of Peace (NB) was holding recruitment events for new members, St. Cecilia is busy preparing for their Christmas flower and wreath sale, and St. Augustine organized charitable fund raising events.

All Auxiliaries are booked with 2020 plans and are concentrating on membership expansion.

After our November Meeting, we will hold our Chapter “Holiday” Tricky Tray to raise funds for operations.

Our hostesses for the evening will be St. David the King and Immaculate Conception.

South West Chapter’s Major Degree Exemplification is planned for April 14, 2020, location to be announced. 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 from the South West Chapter Columbiannes!





News from our State Auxiliaries

Bishop Navagh

Our first few major fundraiser was a Tricky Tray that was held on Friday, October 11th at Halloran Hall at St. Joseph's Church in Lincoln Park.

After one year of making baskets of different themes, picking up gift cards, and grand prizes the night was a huge success! Bishop Navagh Columbiettes out did themselves!

The first three (2) weeks of October was recruitment weekend in three (3) churches – Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Good Council and St. Joseph's Church – quite a few ladies are interested in joining our auxiliary – congratulations to Marybeth Doyle for a job well done and the ladies that spoke at all the masses.

On November 8th we hosted a Fish and Chip Dinner at St. Joseph's Halloran Hall in Lincoln Park over 110 Fish and Chips plates where "dished" out. A good time was had by all.

November 21st our auxiliary together with Knight 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 we collected food for our adopt a family providing them with a bountiful Thanksgiving basket with extra food to spare and a Shop Rite gift card.

We are participating in the Pajamas & Book Program and as of this date we collected over 250 pajama sets and over 200 books.

Bishop Navah Columbiettes wishes all of our sister Columbiettes a Happy Thanksgiving, Joyous and Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year 2020!

Don Bosco—Newton

The sisters of Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784 welcomed the warm days of Spring by sponsoring a Palm Cross fundraiser which enabled ninety families to decorate the graves of their loved ones. This fundraiser brought in over \$400.00 which was donated to the Little Sisters of the Poor. A second fundraiser arranged with a local pizza restaurant gave the Auxiliary a dollar for every pizza purchased.

A Wives Appreciation dinner was celebrated in the springtime and many sisters and their Knight husbands had a wonderful time.

During our April meeting the Columbiettes collected over 100 pounds of sugar and coffee and tea for the Saint Mother Teresa Food Pantry.

Our annual May crowning was postponed until the end of the month because of the rainy weather. When we did have our outdoor celebration, it was under bright blue skies, with the

sun shining brightly. The afternoon was very unusual because there were four past presidents, a current president and the president elect.

Patriotic caroling was held in the Spring at four of our local nursing homes. In early June we presented scholarships to 2 local high school students, and a book award to an eighth-grade girl. The funds for the scholarships were raised by our Applebee's breakfast fundraiser.

During the year we started a Hail Mary campaign with the hopes of saying one million Hail Mary's. On the Blessed Mother's Birthday, we did reach one million with the help of many sisters from many other auxiliaries.

At the State convention we were able to turn in 95 pounds of can tabs, our goal for 2020 is to collect 100 pounds. To reach our new goal we will need to collect and additional 7,150 can tabs.





We donated 64 backpacks and sent \$350. to the Pennies from Heaven fund, which was raised by change collected by the Columbiettes all year long.

The new officers were installed in late July. The Auxiliary hit the ground running by volunteering with the Knights of Columbus to take orders and deliver food to all the patrons who stopped by the Knights of Columbus food booth, at the New Jersey State Fair which was at the Sussex County Fairgrounds. Twenty-four sisters worked at the food booths over eleven days. The total hours worked at the fair was five hundred thirteen. The Knights were very appreciative of our help and have donated money to our treasury so we can do more for people in need.

September was the start of our new year and the officers had agreed to donate the monthly donations to the local churches who are affiliated with the Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784. During early October, eight sisters gathered with the Knights of Columbus, to show support for the Right To Life campaign. They carried signs and walked around the Newton Park for motorists to learn about Right To Life. We have started another Hall Mary campaign called Salvation of Souls and as of November 9th, our count was

308,393. You can email your tallies to hallmaryforsos@gmail.com. We

will be the host for the Migrant Ministry Dinner for over 35 parishioners. As we gear up for the holiday season, we will carol at our four local nursing homes and we will leave white socks for both men and women at the nursing homes. Before the year ends the Don Bosco Columbiettes will get together to enjoy the company of one another at a holiday luncheon followed with a Christmas show at our local theater.

Wishing all a very blessed Merry Christmas, and a Happy Healthy New Year.
by Pam Raynor—President



Father Emil J Kapaun

In July we had our annual Tea and Basket raffle.

On Oct. 29th. we had a Pasta Dinner and basket raffle. We did very well at both events.

At our November meeting we made donations to St. John's Church, Harbor House, St. Vincent de Paul and Knights of Columbus 10022 seminarian fund.

At our December 4th. meeting we will have a Christmas Party and a Christmas bottle auction. We also are collecting unwrapped toys for boys & girl from the age of infant to 12 years old. All toys are given to St, John's Church for needy families.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday February 5, 2020. Their is no meeting in January as our meeting is held the first Wednesday and that is New Years Day.

We would like to wish everyone and their families a HAPPY, HEALTHY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS AN A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.

JOANNE MARTIN-PRESIDENT





Immaculate Conception—Spotswood

In May we joined our brother Knights at their annual May crowning. The crowning followed the recitation of the rosary.

We participated in the Spotswood Memorial Parade. Members carried our parade banner as well tossed candy to the local children and dog biscuits to the fur babies along the parade route. A barbeque provided by the Knights was served at the Columbian Club hall after the parade. God Bless America.

Many of our auxiliary members were involved with the Parish Carnival in June. There was a talented group that spent hours assembling baskets for the tricky tray and the around the house game booth. Some member worked multiple shifts manning the carnival games. Some made and served the delicious food at the parish tents. Others sold raffle and 50/50 tickets and signed in all the volunteers. While still more supported the carnival by buying food, raffle tickets, ride games and other items that were available making the carnival a great place to be.

We joined our Brother Knights in October for a Texas Roadhouse



Immaculate Conception—Spotswood

fundraiser to help with funding for the Columbian Club hall renovations. We shared food, fellowship and some peanuts for a good cause.

This year we hosted our first Halloween Party fundraiser. Guests came in costumes, as did our members. The DJ had people up on their feet dancing and having a ghoulishly good time. There was a costume contest and all the great costumes made deciding a winner a little difficult and definitely entertaining. Congratulations to our member, Geri who won “Funniest Costume” dressed as Marge Simpson. The hall bar was open serving up some spir-its and dinner was a buffet along with frighteningly delicious deserts along with fresh brewed coffee and tea. Even though there was a slight glitch with dinner, in true Columbi-ette style, everyone was graciously served. The reviews were amazing and this could become an annual event.





Leisure Village West

We started this year with almost a brand-new slate of Officers. Only two of our officers stayed the same. Camille Cecora is our new Vice president, Debbie McNeil Secretary, Dorothy Ruth stayed on as Financial Secretary and Karen McGinley is our new Sentinel. We are very excited to have new blood on the board and have lots of planning in store for the coming year. We also were honored to have a New District Deputy Mary Jo Farmer. September started off fast with a huge success for our annual Card Party. Not only did it bring in \$\$ but one of our members was able to bring over 19 gift cards for us to raffie off. Great job!!!

October, we had an afternoon tea and invited all Catholic women in the Village (we are in a gated community, so our pull is only from the village itself) to join us. We had different kinds of tea along with pastries for dessert. What a great time we had. We were also able to sign up 3 new members. We are hoping to hold a first degree as soon as possible. We helped our brother Knights with their annual Kick-off 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. So far this year 98 coats were delivered to the Joint Base. More will be given at the Christmas Party along with hats, scarfs and



Long Valley

gloves that the girls will donate. No-member is another busy month for us. Helping again our brother Knights with our Memorial Mass and Communion breakfast. It was a great turnout.

We will join our brother Knights for a Christmas Party again this year. Last year we had a giving tree from the Joint Base. We asked them to give us a list of what the children really wanted for Christmas. To be perfectly honest with you the list would break your hearts. These kids don't want any fancy games, electronics, iPad etc. they wanted chapter books (books with chapter in them), PJ's, clay, building blocks etc. Needless to say, they will get everything they asked for. At the Firehouse Breakfast Gregg from the Base came and told us that some of the families these were the only thing they had to give their children. We will not be meeting in January and in February we will start to plan our Soup Dinner in March. January, we will be attending our Snowball dance with the Knights.

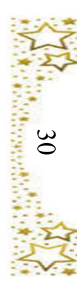
From all of us at Leisure Village West we would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, A Merry Christmas and a safe and Healthy New Year.



The Hackettstown Memorial Day Parade gave us the opportunity to showcase our brand new marching banner and to march with our brother Knights. In June we elected and installed our new executive board and over the summer we awarded scholarships to 3 outstanding and faith filled high school students and volu nteered at VetsFest, an annual event that supports Operation Chill Out. Our sale of soft pretzels and t-shirts netted over \$1800 to be used for Veteran's Programs.



October brought the 10th Anniversary of the Long Valley Columbiette Auxiliary. We celebrated with Mass, followed by a wonderful dinner in the parish hall. Thanks to Marge Sanders and her wonderful team of ladies who helped to make the night special! During the anniversary celebration we took the opportunity to present our pastor, Fr. Marcin, with a memorial chalice in memory of one of our sisters, Anamarie Markle, whom God called home last year.





Our Lady of Peace—North Brunswick

The Our Lady of Peace Parish continues to celebrate its 50th Anniversary. An Anniversary Gala was held in the Parish Center on June 1st. The catered event featured a 6 piece live band. Over 300 guests enjoyed dancing and fun throughout the night. Many groups from our parish contributed countless hours in the planning and organizing of the event. Some of these functions included decorations, food, music and presentations. A professional photographer was on hand to capture wonderful pictures of the attendees and special moments. Retiring Pastor Rev. Father John Polyak was honored at the Gala in recognition of his 50 years of service as a priest, 34 of those years were spent as the Pastor at Our Lady of Peace of North Brunswick.

The annual Knights of Columbus Fundraiser for the North Brunswick Food Bank was held at Applebee's in Milltown, NJ on June 8, 2019. The Our Lady of Peace Columbiettes assisted again this year by taking orders and serving food and beverages. All the proceeds from the event were given to the Food Bank



to assist in the purchase of essential food for families most in need from our community.

The annual Columbiette Mass and Communion Breakfast was held on June 23, 2019. Thirty five of the Our Lady of Peace Columbiettes attended the 10: 00 a.m. After Mass, the Columbiettes enjoyed a breakfast and buffet at a local restaurant.

The Joints Awards Dinner for the Our Lady of Peace Knights and Columbiettes was held on June 27, 2019 at the Ria Mar Restaurant. This annual joint event provides an opportunity to have dinner and fellowship with the Knights. We also celebrate the achievements of the Knights and Columbiettes who were recognized for the wonderful service they provide to the Parish Community.

July 1, 2019 we officially welcomed our new Pastor Father Michael G. Krull to the Our Lady of Peace Church. Father Mike comes to us from the Good Shepard Parish in Perth Amboy. We look forward to working closely with Father Mike as he takes on his leadership role of

our Parish Community. Welcome Father Mike!!

The Our Lady of Peace Columbiettes held their installation of Officers for 2019 - 2020 in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus. The event was held at the church on September 6, 2019. The Knights and Columbiettes along with their families attended a reception following the ceremony. Janet Pinto President of the Our Lady of Peace Auxiliary # 11378 also installed Rev. Father Michael G. Krull as the new Chaplain of the Columbiettes.

The Columbiettes Welcome Back Party was held in the Parish Center on September 27, 2019. Food and beverages were provided by sister Columbiettes. Music and Games were provided by Laura Gibbons.

The Columbiettes attended the Rotary Rally held in front on our Parish Center on October 12, 2019. Deacon Francis and Father Mike were on hand to lead us in prayer on this very special occasion.

Father Michael G. Krull was installed as our Pastor on November 2, 2019 Bishop James Checchio officiated the Mass. A reception was held in the Parish Center after the Mass. Father Mike's family and close friends joined in the celebration.

Our sister Columbiettes were very involved in the planning and coordination of the event to honor Father Mike.

On November 22, several Columbiettes will be attending a local DIY Workshop at Board and Brush in South Brunswick. There are many projects to select from to make Christmas Gifts or home décor items. This is our second "Ladies Night Out" attending this event and we find that it is a good way to get together and have fun while being able to create a beautiful item.

There are many events coming up in the month of December. December 6th will be the 3rd Annual Pot Luck Dinner for all Ministries of the Church. This Parish center event includes music provided by our sister Columbiette "DJ" Laura Gibbons. December 14th is the annual Our Lady of Peace Parish Christmas Family Festival. This event is organized and run by the Knights and Columbiettes. It is a wonderful annual event enjoyed by countless families of the parish.





Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Jersey City



Our lady of Perpetual help Auxiliary started this Columbian year with an Installation of Officers. The following are the Officers: Elena Saludo, President, Delia Faustino, Vice President, Dolores (Dolly) Bisa, Secretary, Sagrario Umali, Financial Secretary, Adelina Regalado, Treasurer, Almbella Capron Sentinel, Fr. John Hyatt S.J. Chaplain and Joan Winant DD

We also attended the new Auxiliary Star of the Sea Charter Installation, Officer's Installation, First Degree and Major Degree in Bayonne, NJ It's inspiring to see new faces of young ladies join our ranks.

Our line up of activities for this year includes, for this month of November, Food Drive for Thanksgiving, Membership Drive and participation in a Seminar on Spiritual Growth. For December, Giving Tree for shelters and children, Simbang Gabi A Filipino Tradition of 9 Advent Masses at 6AM starting on December 15-23rd and



Renewal of Marriage Vows in February.

We are trying to improve the attendance for our meetings. Last meeting, we had two old members who re-joined after a long absence. Hopefully after the membership Drive, we will have more members.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone. Enjoy your Turkey and the beautiful Autumn leaves of purple, yellow, orange and red beauties of God's creation. Hopefully this coming winter will not be very cold, but it's only Fall but feels like winter already. Merry Christmas in Advance to all. Keep smiling, be happy and keep looking young. Keep warm sisters!

Submitted by Naty Caballero, Publicity Chair





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 14th, our Brother Knights held their Annual Family Picnic which featured plenty of food, fun and activities for the younger ones. Our auxiliary contributed baked goods for dessert. A good time was had by all those who attended.

On October 15^h, we held a Harvest Tricky Tray at our monthly meeting where the money collected by those who attended was donated to charity.

On Oct. 24th, 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.

Additionally, some members of our auxiliary attended the Annual MAVIS Spaghetti dinner on October 27th. This organization provides free musical instruments and subsidizes lessons for their blind members.

On November 11th, members of our auxiliary 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. 19th, we held a Memorial Service mass to honor and remember our deceased members. We then held our monthly meeting.

On Nov. 21st, we hosted the South East Chapter's Meeting. Those who attended enjoyed a delicious Christmas Dinner and Tricky Tray as well.

On Dec. 7th, our auxiliary joined our Brother Knights as they celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Council's Charter. Our auxiliary showed our support and appreciation for all of Brother Knight's efforts by presenting them with a commemorative plaque and placing a full page ad journal. A delicious dinner along with dancing at this gala event was enjoyed by all in attendance.



Parsippany

Sister Columbiettes –

This is the time of year Parsippany Columbiettes take a deep breath after our super successful TEA and we move forward with our Thanksgiving and Christmas charities. The TEA was amazing and we were honored to have attendees Elena, Marion, Anna and Lucie join us, hopefully enjoying the colorfully decorated tables for each month.

The "little" things we do for love add up to big benefits for so many. We sponsor a Girls Soccer team, serve Ice cream to residents of the Firemen's Home, play bingo with residents of Care One, host a party for our Altar Servers, collect hats, gloves and scarfs for needy, donate toys to children who are cancer patients, save, clip and donate coupons to Military personnel, participate in the Knights Tank Pull in July – and so much more.

Our talented ladies who create lap blankets are continually bringing them to the Dover Hospice as well as Troy Hills Nursing Home.

We look forward to this coming January 27, 2020 when we celebrate our 65th Anniversary. We'll probably celebrate in the warmer weather as no one wants to brave ice or snow. We are so proud we remain strong with some wonderful new members as well as the "oldies".

We all wish you a very very Blessed Thanksgiving and Happy, Holy and Healthy Christmas and New Year ahead.





Santa Maria

June 21-23, 2019 we were privileged to help assist our chapter in sponsoring the State Convention. It was a great time, Working on registration and helping plan our evening festivities. The Wizard of Oz party was our best fete.

We have begun a prayer service at each monthly meeting. God bless.

Joanne Daywalt

Sacred Heart Church

Mount Holly New Jersey

Anne Defeo—President

Joelle Wentz—Vice President

July 14, 2019 our group helped the families at the Camden Ronald McDonald house, providing breakfast and snack packs. September we held our mum sale.

We have had 2 of 3 joint reflection nights with the Knights, with one to go remembering loved ones on November 13 with Deacon Jim.

Our joint pretzel sale will be held in November. Our Advent by Candlelight is scheduled for December 5, 2019.

Installation of our new President and board was held Sept. 12, 2019.

Upcoming Projects- visit to nursing home, and a senior prom.



Santa Maria





Santa Maria



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.

At our first meeting of the Columbian year we welcomed two new members to our Auxiliary. We know Amanda and Carolyn will be great additions to St. Anthony's and looking forward to working with them for all of our charities and good works which we do.

All of our Officers enjoyed attending the State Seminar on September 22nd. 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 2nd, we attended the first Western Chapter meeting of the new year at Long Valley. Congratulations to our member Ann Taggart who was installed as Western Chapter Vice President. 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.

November 17th we held our 2nd Annual Vendor Night and Soup-er Bowl. After enjoying all the wonderful homemade soups and dessert we had a fantastic time shopping 'til we dropped for the holidays.

December 6th we will be having our Annual Pocketbook Bingo/Tricky Tray. Its such a fun time trying to win some beautiful designer pocketbooks and great baskets filled with goodies.

St. Anthony's Columbiettes wishes all of our Sister Columbiettes from New Jersey and their families a Blessed Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2020.





Saint Bernadette

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

Officers for the 2019-2020 year were installed at our Memorial Mass in June. Our Fourth Annual Scholarship was presented at our Social immediately following.

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.

On August 14th an Officers Meeting was held to prepare for the upcoming year.

We held a Membership Drive the weekend of August 17th and 18th and held a First Degree on September 15th. We welcomed 6 new members!

St. Bernadette's hosted the South East Chapter meeting on September 19th.

Five officers attended the NJSCC State Officer Seminar on September 22nd in Spotswood.

On October 13th we were once again asked to attend our Brother Knights Memorial Mass and to prepare a light breakfast following. We had many volunteers to assist.



Saint Cecilia

Three officers attended Vicki Bird's Testimonial Luncheon on October 27th.

On November 1st members stuffed bulletins for our Annual Poinsettia Sale. Many hands made quick work of it.

Immediately following our November meeting we wrote Christmas Cards (English and Spanish) and Chanukah Cards for The Venetian Care and Rehabilitation Center Residents. We have been doing this for more than ten (10) years. In addition, we have adopted 2 residents of the Venetian and we send them cards regularly to let them know we are always thinking about and praying for them.

Upcoming events are our Poinsettia Sale, Bake Sale in December and attending our Parish "Women's Organization Christmas Party". For the second year we will participate in the Annual Family Walk to Bethlehem.

Once again this year we plan to donate Shop Rite gift cards in lieu of having a "grab bag" at our December Meeting. These cards are given to our Parish Social Concerns Committee.

We wish all our Sisters and their families a Very Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

The Columbiettes of St. Cecilia's parish sent a heartfelt thank you to our parish and friends for all their support. Since we renewed our charter in May 2013, we have received encouragement and support from the entire parish. With this support, we

looked for ways to help make a difference in our community. To date, our Columbiettes have disbursed over \$14,000.00 to local, state and national charities. This money was raised through bake sales, scrapbook days, Amato's wreath and poinsettia sales, raffles and Confectionately Yours fundraisers. Some of the places we have helped are the Rescue and Fire Departments of Monmouth Junction and Kendall Park South Brunswick Social Services, the Public Library, as well as our Church. We have supported local charities like the Amy Fieman Behar Foundation for breast cancer awareness and screening. We have also supported organizations like Sloan Kettering and the March of Dimes. With the help of our supporters, we are proud to continue our sup-

port of so many worthwhile organizations.
Diane Hurley, President, St. Cecilia Columbiettes





Saint Francis

The St. Francis Columbiettes have continued their annual fundraisers that include: chicken dinner, bake sale, and spaghetti dinner. We also had a new fundraiser where we sold Boscov's coupons. It was quite successful, and we look forward to doing it next year. We look forward to the coming year and what new opportunities it will bring us!

We wish all our sisters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Saint James

St. James began this Columbian year with a commitment to dedicate our charitable efforts to the needs of childhood illnesses. Most of our fund raising efforts this year will be donated to families dealing with a traumatically ill child and to charities which aid these children.

We were busy in October with selling angel pins and recruiting for new members during St. James Church's Fall Festival. We recited the rosary at our monthly meeting and assisted our Brother Knights by providing desserts for their 25th Annual Tricky Tray.

On October 20th, St. James celebrated 45 Years of Institution. Together, we prayed at Mass; then, feasted at Ciro's Restaurant for dinner. We were honored to have our Supreme President Micki Magee and her husband attend. She presented our Auxiliary with a beautiful certificate of achievement. Also, our NJ State President Elena McFarland and her husband attended and presented us with a beautiful certificate of honor. Adding to our celebration were our Grand Knight Kevin Esposito, PGK Al Swenson, Past Supreme President and our first Auxiliary President Sandy Bohinski, and a

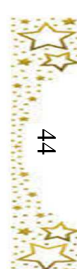
number of founding members. St. James is very blessed.

Our Memorial Mass for deceased Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes was held on November 4th at Holy Trinity Church. Together, we prayed for and remembered our deceased Brothers and Sisters who built the foundations of the organizations we support and enjoy today.

On the evening of our November meeting, we initiated three new members in a First Degree and welcomed them to our Organization. After our Business Meeting and during our social time, gobbling was heard as we played "The Turkey Trot". It was a special night for all.

Our Annual Tea Party, on November 17th, was an array of flowery hats, gloves, tasty treats and brewing tea. A Tricky Tray full of impressive gifts brought in funds to aid our charitable work.

We anticipate angels flying at an "Angel Pin Sale" scheduled in early December. Columbiette elves are busy in preparation for our Christmas Party to be held on December 12th during which the NJ State Council's Support Club Raffle will be drawn. In lieu of grab bag gifts,





attendees will donate to our “Basket of Help” to assist our charity designations for this year. Angels are busy in preparation and a heavenly evening is planned.

Many plans for the New Year are underway. We will pray together at our Corporate Communion Mass in February in conjunction with our Brother Knights. We will hold a “Bakeless Cake Sale” and work with our Brother Knights at their Friday Lenten Dinners. We will hold our “Showers of Love” baby shower for Right to Life in April and look forward to the Weekend Retreat at San Alfonso’s Retreat House. We will enjoy our “Pot Luck Supper” and a Crowning our Blessed Mother Ceremony in May. We will “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

or 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 of blessed new beginnings.

Carol Bohinski, President



Saint John

St John’s Council 1345 started off the 2019-2020 Columbiette year working with our Brother Knights at the annual Dumont Day Celebration. Together we handled the food booth and had such a big turnout....we ran out of food!...

October was time for our little ghouls and goblins to eat, drink, and be scary, as we held our annual children’s Halloween Party. All had a wonderful time.

November is our month to reconnect and give thanks. The Knights had a memorial mass for all of our Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes who have passed during the year. As November is Retention Month, we celebrated this with our Sister Columbiettes at our November meeting with a “Paint and Sip” event,

Everyone had a “Cheerful” Time! As we celebrate Thanksgiving at the end of the month, we are thankful for many things, but especially thankful that Fr. Michael Barone has become our new Chaplin!
We look forward to his spiritual guidance for us at our monthly meetings.



Once again, it’s December and time to “Rock Around the Christmas Tree” The Knights celebrate with an Adult party and a children’s party the next day. Both parties have the pleasure of having Mr & Mrs Claus attend!
As we look forward to the new year (hard to believe how fast it comes!) all of the members of St John’s Council wish everyone A very Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year!...

*Peace,
Roberta Elwell
Past President
St John’s Council 1345 Dumont-Bergenfield*



Vincent T. Lombardi

We at the VTL Columbiettes are active all year round, and this year was no exception. In April we once again joined the Knights to pass out water at the N.J. Marathon. In May we hosted the Chapter meeting at St. Agnes, which included the May Crowning. Everyone enjoyed a very blessed evening.

In June, in preparation for the Convention, we gathered at member Kathy LaRocca's home to pack backpacks and fill toiletry bags. We had quite the production line going. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work." The next night the Knights held a Spaghetti Dinner that some of us attended. Later in the month we volunteered at the St. Mary's Great Fair. We manned game booths, sold raffle tickets, and served in the food tent.

Our officers attended the Officer's Training in September. We enjoyed meeting other Columbiettes and sharing our experiences and ideas. At our November meeting, we held an

Open House for prospective members.

Upcoming we have our annual First Avenue Playhouse Fund-raiser on Dec. 6th. The play, a comedy, is "Twas the Fight Before Christmas". Next up is the VTL Knights Family Christmas Dinner on Dec. 17th. Then on Christmas Eve, we reprise our roles as Santa's helpers and help the Knights hand out Christmas gifts to pediatric patients at Monmouth Medical Center.

Have a Blessed Christmas, and remember, "Let us not be weary of doing good, for we will reap in due season, if we don't give up". Galatians 6:9

Mary Vernarelli VTL Vice President

Warren

Greetings from Warren County NJ! We left off in the Spring Echo that we were going to hold a bake sale at our Sister Parish. We did in May and we are proud to announce that we made a significant dollar amount. We sure did use a lot of flour sugar and eggs! We assisted our Brother Knights in their Shake the Can activity, while donations were down from last year, there still was a decent amount collected for the ARC.

In June, at our last meeting, before the long hot summer, we held a dinner and invited our Pastors of both churches who are kind and gracious and allow us to do a lot of collections in the parish for the poor and less fortunate, we also invited our Postulant Sr. Anna Palka and her associate with the Sisters of Jesus our Hope. A fine meal was served. Following our socialization and eating, we held our final meeting of the Columbiette year.

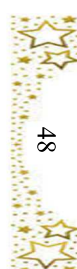
Early in June, we celebrated the graduation of our 8th grade Students from St. Philip and St. James elementary School and we gave a donation to the scholarship fund.

At the Convention, we were honored to have one of our parish members, Lisa Hummel, win the Humanitarian Award for her work with the homeless and poor and



Holly Pesis is the recipient of the Good Student Citizen award for her charitable works in the community. Lisa had also won the award earlier in April for her charitable works and was honored at the Charity Awards Luncheon. Therefore, we hit the TRIFECTA this year! While we were busy at the Convention, we were blessed to have two Transitional Deacons from our local community and parish ordained to the Priesthood in our Diocese. We celebrated them with a monetary gift and attended their first masses held at SPSJ Parish.

The summer was long, hot, and buggy but we managed to get through it. We started our new Columbiette year with our Installation of Officers at our first meeting in September. September was still warm, we enjoyed a picnic with our Brother Knights, good grilling, laughs, and all had fun. A recruitment weekend was held at our Sister Parish with an expressed interest by seven women, three of which have committed to the degree ceremony on November 17. Our officers attended the officers' training and three members from our Council were installed as officers for Midwest Chapter, what a busy September we had!





We immediately went to work on our first bake sale the first weekend in October and again did very well; perhaps we should open up our own bakery! We sold discounted coupons to our large Boscov's department store and we did some shopping with the coupons ourselves.

On the 20th of October we assisted our Brother Knights at their annual Roast beef dinner, we helped to set up, we baked, we served and assisted with clean up!
Our Blessing in the Bag committee collected items for the homeless and we participated by giving them a donation to buy those items that they did not collect from the parish members.

Several members attended the all Souls Day Mass held by their participation in the Choir. On November 4, several attended the memorial mass with our Brother Knights and socialization afterwards. We will donate to our food for the needy committee who works so hard to fill over 400 bags of complete Thanksgiving meal, which will feed well over a thousand people. We distributed Christmas tags for the needy children of Catholic Charities and will assist at the annual Christmas party for the needy children. We will assist our brother knights in packaging food for the needy seniors and will enjoy a Christmas celebration on

December 11. More information to follow in the spring edition. May you have a blessed Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Blessings to all,

Bev Redondo, President Warren Council 474



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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.njcolumnettes.com.





A Note From the Editor

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

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.nicolumbiettes.com. Please share this availability with your members.

Before you know it the deadline for the spring edition (April 15, 2020) will be here. Submissions can be e-mailed to: echonews-letter@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: 180 Estates Blvd. Apartment #24 Hamilton, NJ 08610. If you have any questions, please call at (856) 803-7257. Hopefully, our spring issue will have representation from all auxiliaries.

Dana Zagorski



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

Please support our Yankee Candle fundraiser. Orders may be placed through January 8, 2020.

NI State Columbiettes Group #999983485

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