



Communicator

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Message from our Supreme President

Hello, my dear Presidents and Sister Columbiettes,

MARCH is a remarkably busy month for us all. While we continue to be attentive in protecting ourselves and our families from COVID, obtaining the coveted appointments in order to get the vaccines as they roll out, and continue our Lenten journey as we prepare for Easter, we must also work on our many virtual and in person events planned for our members across this country. As leaders, you must be looking towards the future of each Auxiliary, Chapter and State board. Keeping your members informed and engaged is one of the responsibilities of being a leader in our organization. Hopefully each President reading this will send a copy out to all of their members as we have all taken the same oath and members have an equally important role in our organization.

Now is also the time to be selecting and then electing Officers for each Auxiliary, State and Chapter. There are many ladies within our order who have great talents and would be great officers. If you are reading this and you have the desire to be an officer in your auxiliary, speak up and contact the President and express your interest. Each officer's job comes with training. Keeping our Garden

Growing is a responsibility for all. Without planting seeds and providing water, our Garden will wilt away and die and that is incredibly sad. Keeping our Garden healthy is the responsibility of all members. Securing officers is a high priority for us all and we pray for God's Blessings to fall upon us.

States are preparing for their annual meetings, aka convention, either virtually or in person. Each state board works extremely hard at providing an informational, structured event with perhaps some educational workshops and fun mixed in. Along with elections of our local officers, it is each Auxiliary's responsibility to ensure that you send delegates to attend your STATE's Annual Meeting/Convention. **Note: This is not applicable in Territories.** It is the responsibility of each auxiliary to send 2 delegates to the Convention/Meeting held in your state either virtually or in person.

If your Auxiliary is one that attends EVERY YEAR – THANK YOU!

It is written in each of your By-laws, who shall be the elected delegates and alternates to attend your state's annual meeting, if you cannot attend this year, due to whatever reason, then make sure that your

alternate attends to REPRESENT YOUR AUXILIARY.

Each state works extremely hard to put together an informational and structured event for the auxiliaries within their state. As Auxiliary President, it is your responsibility to ensure that your auxiliary has two delegates in attendance at every State Annual Meeting/Convention.

Supreme is looking forward to attending each state's convention and we are looking to see 100% attendance from all the auxiliaries within each state. If your state happens to be hosting a VIRTUAL meeting this year – there is NO REASON for two delegates NOT to be Present!

Please remember to STOP at 8 PM every evening to join your Sister Columbiettes across this beautiful country of ours to pray a Hail Mary for the end of this pandemic, please don't stop, our prayers are flooding the heavens above and it's working.

Stay Safe, Be Well,
Micki
Micki Magee
Supreme President

Message from our Supreme Past President

In this Covid world and the restrictions in our areas, many of us are out of touch with our family, friends and Columbiette Sisters. We may be experiencing feelings of isolation and depression due to the lack of contact with others. Even when we get together, there are masks and distance between. How do we overcome the feeling of separation? How do we retain our Team Members?

The key to retaining your membership is providing an environment in which members are engaged. In 2009, a report by MacLeod and Clark revealed that engaged team members are 87% less likely to leave the organization. We have to find creative ways to keep in touch with our membership. Of course, the best way is through in person meetings and events but when restrictions are in place, we have the options of virtual meetings. For a Leader to keep her team members engaged it is suggested that you develop good relationships. You can do this through the following method.

1. Responsibility– Individuals want opportunities to develop so give them responsibilities that allow them to grow and gain new skills. Provide training and materials for their use. Give more challenges to those that have earned it.
2. Respect – People need to feel appreciated and respected so that they can fully engage in their duties. This includes offering everyone the opportunity to participate in all activities. Communicate and consult with your Team

Members so that they feel that they have a voice in the organization. Leaders who respect their members can develop strong, productive and loyal relationships with them.

3. Revenue Sharing – Compensation and benefits are an important contributor to how satisfied your Team Members feel. Engaging the Knights Council can help with a group’s performance and can motivate both groups to make a more personal investment in achieving the organizations goals – fund raising.
4. Reward – Recognition for a job well done is important and can mean the difference in someone doing more or less for the group. Where appropriate, recognize individuals in front of your members, host appreciation events, give service awards, write personal thank you notes. If you do things that let your Team know that you appreciate them, you can boost morale and increase productivity.
5. Relaxation Time – Everyone needs to relax and recharge, so provide appropriate time after business for socialization and bonding. Looking forward to together time can increase your Team Members happiness and well-being.

Retain your members by creating an open and honest culture where they’re comfortable enough to share how they feel. Here are a few ways to promote this kind of environment.

- Providing Mentoring Opportunities – Give your Team Members the opportunity to learn something new or pass on their own expertise. This can help build relationships, grow confidence and learn more about the organization.
- Offer Shadowing – Encourage your Team Members to take an interest in other duties of the organization by shadowing sessions. Work with a book officer or Committee Chair, this may inspire them to consider a different position in the organization.
- Encourage Members to Give and Receive Honest Feedback – Provide your Team with regular sessions so they can voice opinions on things that matter to them and others in the organization.

Remember that everyone is different and that what engages or retains one Team Member may not necessarily work for another. Get to know your members, work with their strengths, be flexible in your approach. Be aware that their wants and needs may change over time so be open minded to new ideas and directions and regularly review your methods of engagement. Remember, You Got This!

Ronnie Albert
Supreme Past President

Who are our Officers and Directors

President

Micki Magee - (NY)

Past President

Ronnie Albert - (FL)

Vice President

Ronny Pliszak - (NY)

Secretary

Jean Breyer - (NY)

Financial Secretary

Jeanne Mucci - (NY)

Treasurer

Carole Samperton - (NC)

Advocate

Janet Schuler - (GA)

Sentinel

Marlene Korn - (NC)

One Year

Fran Corcione	NJ
Joellen Dodson	PA
Lisa Koenig	NY
Barbara Maier	NY
Crystal Vliet	GA

Two Year

Carol Bohinski	NJ
Kathy LoFrese	NY
Vicky Porcelli	NY
Jackie Ryan	CT
Pat Vahlsing	DE

Three Year

MaryAnne Alessio	NY
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CERTIFIED MAIL TO
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Message from our Supreme Secretary



Sister Columbiettes,

A message to all Financial Secretaries:

- When the A100 forms are being completed, please make sure to fill in all the blanks. It is especially important that the Initiation Date is identified.
- Please remember that there is no fee for Suspensions, but there is a \$5.00 charge for Withdrawals, which should accompany the A100 form.
- Also, do not forget to send in \$5.00 for each **new** member when you send in the A100 form after they attend an Initiation Ceremony.

Financial Secretaries are to notify their auxiliary members that it is now time to pay their dues. Since most auxiliaries are not currently meeting due to COVID, don't forget to let your members know where to mail the payment. Members should not be suspended for non-payment of dues until after March 31st.

Thank you,
Jean Breyer
Supreme Secretary

Message from our Supreme Financial Secretary



A few reminders, when you are sending in a payment for orders, please send a copy of the bill you were sent. It makes it easier to record your payments.

Financial Secretaries are responsible to maintain your Membership list. Please update your Membership list at least once a year.

Message from our Supreme Treasurer



Dear Sister Columbiettes,

If you are like me, you are so anxiously awaiting the arrival of springtime! No more snow, rainy dreary days, and with God's blessing, the return to living normal daily routines, but mostly a hope and prayer for the cure for the Covid-19 virus that we all have been living with for this past year. Along with the sunny and warmer days of Spring, may everyone experience good health and days filled with sunshine.

Carole Samperton, Supreme Treasurer

Message from our Supreme Advocate

I can't believe it's March and hopefully Spring will be with us soon! And we will soon be celebrating Easter. Time certainly has a way of flying doesn't it?

I know many of you are working on By-law changes, I appreciate all the emails. I just want to say you are all doing a great job, I get so many great questions. Please remember that it is very important to include the following when sending in changes:

1. Make sure previous wording and proposed wording are BOTH included. I don't have copies of everyone's By-laws, so I have no idea what you are changing.
2. Make sure you tell me when the Auxiliary, Chapter or State voted on the changes. If you don't tell me, my assumption is that a vote did not occur.
3. Be sure to send at least 2 copies and make sure BOTH are signed. For any other questions, please email supremeadvocate@columbiettes.com.

God Bless you and your families and may you have a Blessed Easter.



EMAIL SPOOFING

In this digital world we use multiple devices to schedule meetings such as Zoom, WebEx, Go to Meetings, group chat platforms and emails. Any one of these methods can be hacked.

Email spoofing is a technique used in spam and phishing attacks to trick users into thinking a message came from a person or entity they either know or can trust.

Don't open anything unless you recognize the entire address that it is coming from. Even if the entire address is one that you recognize...look carefully at the content ... Open This Now or Download this document or file ... should be reviewed very carefully ... especially if you don't usually get this type of request. Each day a new hack comes along ... best to be safe and not open it, then Delete the email. If it's from a trusted source or friend, they will reach out to you later. Best to be safe and not open.

There have recently been a number of emails asking you to open a Dropbox message. This is spam.



2021

SUPREME CONVENTION

We are hoping and praying that this year, we will be able to host our convention IN PERSON. We are looking forward to celebrating all the accomplishments of each auxiliary. With this in mind, we are busy visiting hotels and conference centers and hope to be able to present a complete package in the coming months.

Pat Vahlsing, Chair
Committee:
MaryAnn Alessio
Vicky Porcelli



Please pray for our sister Columbiettes, their families and all those who lost their lives and who were affected by the tornado which went through a portion of North Carolina as well as those affected by the storms and freezing weather in Texas.

God, bless each and every person **affected** by this **storm** and surround them with Your love, protection, and angels. Let them know there are millions of us out here praying for them and their loved ones. We give You all the praise and glory forever, Lord, and know that even in the darkest hours, Your are always with us.

Amen



Saint Josephine Margaret
Bakhita



Saint Josephine Margaret Bakhita was born around 1869 in the village of Olgossa in the Darfur region of Sudan. She was a member of the Daju people, and her uncle was a tribal chief. Due to her family lineage, she grew up happy and relatively prosperous, saying that as a child, she did not know suffering.

Historians believe that sometime in February 1877, Josephine was kidnapped by Arab slave traders. Although she was just a child, she was forced to walk barefoot over 600 miles to a slave market in El Obeid. She was bought and sold at least twice during the grueling journey.

For the next 12 years she would be bought, sold and given away over a dozen times. She spent so much time in captivity that she forgot her original name.

Her experiences, as a slave varied from fair treatment to cruel. Her first owner, a wealthy Arab, gave her to his daughters as a maid. The assignment was easy until she offended her owner's son, possibly for the crime of breaking a vase. As punishment, she was beaten so severely she was incapacitated for a month. After that, she was sold. One of her owners was a Turkish general who gave her to his wife and mother-in-law who both beat her daily. Josephine wrote that as soon as one wound would heal; they would inflict another.

She told about how the general's wife ordered her to be scarred. As her mistress watched, ready with a whip, another woman drew patterns on her skin with flour, then cut into her flesh with a blade. She rubbed the wounds with salt to make the scars permanent. She would suffer a total of 114 scars from this abuse.

In 1883, the Turkish general sold her to the Italian Vice Consul, Callisto Legani. He

was a much kinder master, and he did not beat her. When it was time for him to return to Italy, she begged to be taken with him, and he agreed. After a long and dangerous journey across Sudan, the Red Sea, and the Mediterranean, they arrived in Italy. She was given away to another family as a gift and she served them as a nanny.

Her new family also had dealings in Sudan. Her mistress decided to travel to Sudan without Josephine, she placed her in the custody of the Canossian Sisters in Venice.

While she was in the custody of the sisters, she came to learn about God. According to Josephine, she had always known about God, who created all things, but she did not know who He was. The sisters answered her questions. She was deeply moved by her time with the sisters and discerned a call to follow Christ.

When her mistress returned from Sudan, Josephine refused to leave. Her mistress spent three days trying to persuade her to leave the sisters, but Josephine remained steadfast. This caused the superior of the institute for baptismal candidates among the sisters to complain to Italian authorities on Josephine's behalf.

The case went to court, and the court found that slavery had been outlawed in Sudan before Josephine was born, so she could not be lawfully made slave. She was declared free.

For the first time in her life, Josephine was free and could choose what to do with her life. She chose to remain with the Canossian Sisters.

She was baptized on January 9, 1890 and took the name Josephine Margaret and Fortunata. (Fortunata is the

Latin translation for her Arabic name, Bakhita). She also received the sacraments of her first holy communion and confirmation on the same day. These three sacraments are the sacraments of initiation into the Church and were always given together in the early Church. The Archbishop who gave her the sacraments was none other than Giuseppe Sarto, the Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, who would later become Pope Pius X.

Josephine became a novice with the Canossian Daughters of Charity religious order on December 7, 1893 and took her final vows on December 8, 1896. She was eventually assigned to a convent in Schio, Vicenza.

For the next 42 years of her life, she worked as a cook and a doorkeeper at the convent. She also traveled and visited other convents telling her story to other sisters and preparing them for work in Africa.

She was known for her gentle voice and smile. She was gentle and charismatic and was often referred to lovingly as the "little brown sister" or honorably as the "black mother."

When speaking of her enslavement, she often professed she would thank her kidnappers. For had she not been kidnapped, she might never have come to know Jesus Christ and entered His Church.

During World War II, the people of the village of Schio regarded her as their protector. And although bombs fell on their village, not one citizen died.

In her later years, she began to suffer physical pain and was forced to use a wheelchair. But she always remained cheerful. If anyone asked her how she was, she would reply, "As the master desires."

On the evening of February 8, 1947, Josephine spoke her last words, "Our Lady, Our Lady!" She then died. Her body lay on display for three days afterwards.



The Official Prayers of the Columbiettes

The Official Columbiette prayers with proper wording are listed below. The opening and closing prayers are to be recited before and after all business meetings, special meetings, Initiation Ceremonies, and Installation of Officers Ceremonies. Recitation of the prayers begin and end with the Sign of the Cross. At each petition, the presiding officer states the salutation and the assembly states the petition. For example: the presiding officer says, "St. Joan of Arc" and the assembly says, "pray for us, the born and the unborn."

THE OPENING PRAYER

Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patroness, we beseech you to intercede in our behalf in obtaining the grace that we might be ever mindful of our responsibilities to Holy Mother Church and also in obtaining for us the spiritual as well as temporal favors which will enable the Columbiettes to grow and prosper.

St. Joan of Arc, pray for us,
the born and the unborn.
St. Therese, the Little
Flower, pray for us.

THE CLOSING PRAYER

O God, from whom are holy
desires, right counsels and
just works, give Your

servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be disposed to obey Your commandments, and the fear of our enemies being removed, our times, by Your protection, may be peaceful.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary,
obtain peace for the world.

All Prayer Cards, printed copies and video slides are be worded as above. The Supreme Council has not approved any word changes to our Official Prayers.

LET'S LEARN

Did you know . . .

Money received by the Chair of a fundraiser or any other function which includes receiving money is **not** to be deposited in anyone's personal bank account with the intention of transferring the money to the Financial Secretary. All money due the Auxiliary, Chapter or State is to be turned over directly to the Financial Secretary.

The Financial Secretary's duty is to collect and receive all moneys due the Auxiliary, Chapter or State. The Financial Secretary, within ten (10) business days of receiving the funds, turns over the money to the Treasurer. This includes all

funds received for fines, dues, contributions, initiation fees and money from any other source. The Treasurer gives the Financial Secretary a written receipt for the money turned over to her. All receipts are to be held and filed for audit.



The Treasurer is to deposit money received by the Financial Secretary to the credit of the Auxiliary, Chapter or State in an

approved bank or other secure institution of deposit where the organization holds an account. The deposit must be made within ten (10) business days of receiving the funds. This provides a check and balance system to protect the funds of the Auxiliary, Chapter and State.

Join our **facebook** Group

You are all welcome to join our Facebook Group! Find us under:

Supreme Council Columbiettes
(three separate words)

Many of you have already joined and we are happy to have you! IF you have been invited to join by a group member please accept the invitation. You can also become a member by clicking on *Join Group* button. Invite your Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights to join us as well!

Kathy Bacon
Administrator

Congratulations

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STATE	AUXILIARY	NUMBER	DATE	INSTITUTION	YEARS
NY	Cohoes	192	3/22/1953		68
NY	St. Martin	2489	3/18/1960		61
NY	Our Lady of the Rosary	4428	3/24/1960		61
CT	Father Coleman	2616	3/12/1961		60
NY	St. Regis	4651	3/9/1962		59
NY	General Sherman/Father Shine	569	3/27/1962		59
NY	Port Washington	1227	3/31/1967		54
NJ	Don Bosco	7784	3/10/1969		52
NY	St. Sylvester	6194	3/1/1971		50
NY	Mother Cabrini	7278	3/1/1981		40
NC	Bishop Greco	9499	3/7/1992		29
DE	Old bohemia	6543	3/2/1997		24
NJ	Father Carey	1280	3/22/1998		23
NC	St. Matthew	10852	3/25/2000		21
NY	Nativity BVM-Fr. Jos. Nossler	12675	3/9/2002		19
FL	Father Lopez	5737	3/8/2003		18
PA	Father Edwin Kaczmarek	2600	3/15/2003		18
SC	Martin C. Murphy	6847	3/22/2003		18
FL	St. Joan of Arc	11317	3/13/2004		17
FL	St. Malachy	13355	3/27/2004		17
NJ	St. Johns	1345	3/20/2005		16
DE	Brother Vincent	7517	3/15/2006		15
FL	San Marco	6344	3/2/2008		13
FL	St. Bernadette	13042	3/7/2009		12
NJ	St. Philip the Apostle	11671	3/20/2010		11
NY	Manresa	2147	3/21/2010		11
NJ	Warren	474	3/13/2011		10
SC	Father William G. Kinney Jr.	14892	3/31/2012		9
TX	St. Rose of Lima	11599	3/10/2013		8
CA	Bishop O'Dowd	3474	3/23/2013		8
NY	St. Pius X	10332	3/2/2014		7
NC	Father Maurice Tew	15752	3/8/2014		7
NY	Daniel J. Bradley	3102	3/20/2014		7
FL	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	13047	3/21/2015		6
NC	St. Joseph's	10891	3/21/2015		6
NY	American Martyrs Fr. John J. Murray	14666	3/21/2015		6
FL	Ave Maria Oratory	14697	3/4/2017		4
NM	Tomas Tenorio	10835	3/17/2018		3
NC	Santa Maria	2829	3/9/2019		2
	Florida State Council		3/27/1978		43
	Pennsylvania State Council		3/31/2007		14

work hard.

→ have fun.

↓ make a difference.

St. Patrick – March 17

St. Patrick – One of the world's most popular saints. Enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids. He turned to God while in captivity, escaping at about age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built.



Let us pray for a swift end to the corona virus pandemic that afflicts our world, that our God and Father will heal the sick, strengthen those who care for them, and help us all to persevere in faith. Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

By Fr. Alfonso Cely Pastor St. Ann's Catholic Church, Haines City Florida

Saint Joseph - March 19

Joseph is the foster father of Jesus, and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He's the man who taught the Christ Child the skills of carpentry and guided him in the Jewish faith.

Joseph is the ultimate model of manhood, fatherhood, and discipleship. It's fitting that we celebrate this great man during the time of Lent, when he had to give so much of himself and his desires to ensure the safety of Jesus and Mary.

Annunciation of the Lord – March 25

The Solemnity of the Annunciation celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH COVID:**

Monica Thrash and her family

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED:

Vincent P. Tavormina-NJ State Deputy

Jeanette Kilen's niece - Lauren Lorelli Hauser

Monica Thrash's father – Jose Sarto

Patricia Woitowitz

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Joyce Jones

Mary Catherine Swiney's young nephew Henry

Annet Caines Mitchell



At the 12th Annual Convention, held in Saddle Brook, NJ, President Volpe reported the Columbiette Emblem and Jewels were approved. The Squirette application for membership and travel cards were introduced and approved.



Friendly Reminders:

- ✓ When sending a payment to the Supreme Financial Secretary for items purchased, please enclose the invoice with your check so your account can be credited correctly.
- ✓ If you have elected new Officers, Delegates and/or Alternates during the year, you must notify the Supreme Secretary, your State Secretary and your Chapter Financial Secretary.
- ✓ Per our By-laws, the Financial Secretary has ten (10) business days to turn money over to the Treasurer. The Treasurer has ten (10) business days to deposit the funds in the bank.
- ✓ Member information reported on the A-100 form is to be sent to the **Supreme Secretary**.
- ✓ When sending in A-100 forms and a fee is due, make sure the form is filled out legibly and enclose a check made payable to *Supreme Council Columbiettes*.
- ✓ Information about Auxiliaries should be kept current on the Supreme website. Check to make sure contact information, Officer names, and dates with times of meetings are correct.
- ✓ Remember two signatures are required when issuing a check.
- ✓ Invoices received from the Supreme Council or your State Council do not require a vote to be paid. They are to be paid immediately to avoid late charges.
- ✓ The Immediate Past President is the Chair of both the Audit and Nominating Committee.

An Irish Blessing

Mag love and laughter light
your days
and warm your heart and home.
Mag good and faithful friends
be yours
where ever you may roam.
Mag peace and plenty bless
your world
with joy that long endures.
Mag all life's passing seasons
bring the best to you and yours.

Kathleen (Cavanaugh) Bacon
Territorial Deputy ~ Wisconsin

MESSAGE FROM THE STATES

Florida

13 masked ladies, all testing negative, attended the retreat on Jan 29-31 to grow and share in our faith with “The Power of Prayer” at the Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center. The decorating theme was LOVE. Love of God, Love of Neighbors and family and Love of yourself.

A beautiful ceremony on Friday night with the Canticles of Mary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin and Rosary. Our Saturday 3 sessions Why we Pray; What should we pray for; and How to Pray, were led by State President Carmela Foglio, Past Supreme President Ronnie Albert and Alabama Territorial Deputy Johanna Anzalone. Three tables were set up for discussion of the Mediation questions on each topic. The bonding and sharing that takes place during this time is amazing.

Confession and Mass was celebrated by Fr. Vincent from St. James church late Saturday afternoon.

After Saturday dinner all ladies expressed their creative talents by painting votive candles and prayer bowls. A perfect weekend in a perfect setting.

We are so blessed to experience this with our sisters. New friends were made, our faith was strengthened, and we all learned from each other. No one wanted to leave. Now that is LOVE



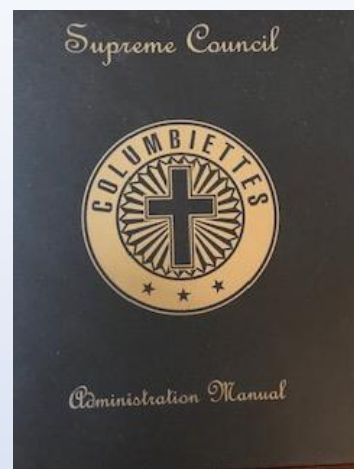
North Carolina

On January 30, 2021, North Carolina State Council Columbiettes welcomed a new auxiliary, Colonel Jerry W. Marvel Columbiettes #13488. This is the second military Columbiette auxiliary located in North Carolina. The Ceremony took place at the New River Air Station Chapel, in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

The Ceremonial team consisted of ladies from St. Michael the Archangel Columbiettes located on Fort Bragg. The team included: Rose Lada; Mary Yuscat; April Reneau; Julie Buch; and Audrey Piraneo. Jo Katherine Dessaw was appointed District Deputy.



Left to. Right: Fr. Waun, Bonnie Musselman, Secretary; Diana Comer, Vice President; Angela Sharpe, Financial Secretary; Shay De Candia, Treasurer and Cynthia Heintz, Sentinel. President Elizabeth Simpson was not available for the photo.



Is your Administrative Manual cover (black book) looking a little aged or the spine is torn? It may be time to order a new Administrative Manual Cover from our Store. The price is \$10.00. Have your Financial Secretary place an order directly on the Auxiliary website at: www.Columbiettes.com

Editor's Note



Newsletter Information
Supreme Committee Chairs:
send information on your committees.

States:
send in information on your activities, i.e. raffles, etc.

Auxiliaries:
send information on recruitment ideas, retention, fundraising ideas, helpful hints, etc.

Send in helpful hints.

What would you like to see covered?

All information should be sent in Word format!!

ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER MUST BE SENT TO

SUPREMENEWSLETTER@COLUMBIETTES.COM

NO LATER THEN THE 15TH OF THE MONTH!



Auxiliary Exchange

St. Anthony's-California

The St. Anthony Columbiettes have supported the Knights of Columbus food drives once a month for the past year. The pictures are from the drive-thru on January 31st. Several of the Columbiettes hold signs for cars to come in and others take counts of the families receiving food donations.



St. Joseph's-Florida

On February 9th, St. Joseph's Columbiettes Auxiliary 2505 Lakeland, Florida, had their first Baby Shower, for Options for Women here in Lakeland. Our Parish Community donated so many beautiful gifts for our unborn babies....as you can see it was a success. We are a new auxiliary and with the help of God we will continue to grow and do more of God's work.



Michael O'Connor Auxiliary-South Carolina



Ahhhhh...February, the month of cold weather, Groundhog Day, Chocolate, flowers and LOVE! This month the Michael O'Connor Auxiliary in Beaufort, SC kept busy with local ministries. Before the pandemic the Auxiliary would periodically hold BINGO for residents of a local nursing home. In an effort to keep in touch with the residents, our Auxiliary signed Valentine's Day cards and provided hand dipped pretzel treats. These were passed out to residents by staff members and were happily received. In order to maintain a connection to the people who reside here, our Auxiliary has expanded this ministry and will prepare cards and treats for holidays for the residents. We believe these senior citizens are among the most vulnerable in our community and are extending the reach of our "Card Ministry" to more than one Nursing Homes in the area.



The Auxiliary is working closely with our brother Knights to help make their upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification a success. Members are making chocolate replicas of the Emblem of the Patriot Degree as part of dessert being served after the Exemplification Ceremony.

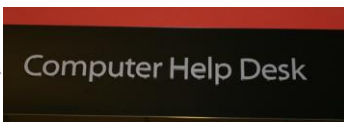
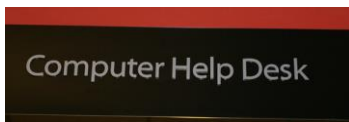
This is something that I read in Guideposts that I had to share, especially in these trying times:

At the end of World War II, Allied forces sweeping across Germany searched farms and houses for snipers. At one abandoned place, searchers with flashlights entered the basement where a victim of the Holocaust had scratched a Star of David on a crumbling wall. Beneath the star, in rough lettering, was the message:

*I believe in the sun - even when it does not shine.
I believe in love - even when it is not shown.
I believe in God- even when He does not speak.*

The power of faith - may we all feel it now and always!

Barbara Maier



Hello Ladies and happy Spring. A couple of tips for you with our "darling" computer system.

If you are trying to change a state for a member, it won't let you (one of our little "bugs") please send an email and give the details of what you need changed. It seems to take the state change if I do it.

When sending emails to the help desk, please remember to let us know where you are from (state). Remember that there are some Auxiliary names that are same in several different states, so narrowing it down really helps. As always, if you have issues or questions with the system, please send an email to supremecomputerhelp@columbiettes.com.

Thanks so much and may you and your families have a Blessed Easter.
Janet Schuler

GET COOKING WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.



WORDS

- ADJUST
- BREAKFAST
- CHOPPED
- COOKING
- CULINARY
- DESSERT
- DINNER
- FOOD
- GARNISH
- HOLIDAY
- INGREDIENTS
- KITCHEN
- LUNCH
- MEALS
- MEASURE
- MIXING
- PLANNING
- POT
- PRESENTATION
- RECIPE
- SEASONINGS
- SLOW
- SNACK
- TASTE



The

E A S T E R

Edition

Holy Week is the week before Easter Sunday, beginning seven days before with Palm Sunday. It ends with Holy Saturday. Easter Sunday is not part of Holy Week, but rather the beginning of the Easter season of the Liturgical year.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, riding a donkey. On that day, the people laid palms before Him, a gesture reserved for triumphant leaders. We celebrate this at Mass by distributing palms to the faithful who may keep them for a time for use as devotional objects. The palms are blessed at Mass. The faithful sometimes craft portions of palm fronds into crosses. Eventually, these palms are returned to the Church where they are burned. Traditionally, their ashes are saved and distributed at next year's Ash Wednesday services.



Later, when Jesus entered the Temple, he angrily drove out the money changers who had turned the Temple court into a place of business instead of devotion. Once the court was cleared, Jesus began teaching the masses. Meanwhile, His enemies drew plans to kill Him. The next major event in Holy Week is Holy Thursday. On this day, Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with the disciples. We know this feast as the Last Supper. This is the night He was betrayed by Judas and arrested.

The Last Supper is celebrated at every Mass, and especially on Holy Thursday. After supper, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and prayed. From this event comes inspiration for our practice of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, where we are invited to spend one hour in prayer with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist; Body, Blood, and Divinity. Jesus was arrested on the night of Holy Thursday.

The next day is Good Friday, and on this day, we commemorate the trial, punishment, and crucifixion of Our Lord.

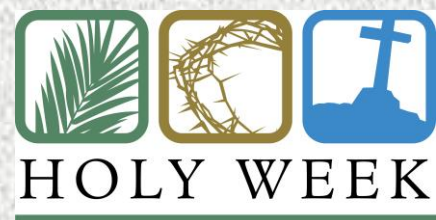
On that morning, Jesus was brought before Annas, a powerful Jewish cleric who condemned Jesus for blasphemy. From there, Jesus was presented to Pilate for trial. Although Pilate found no guilt in Jesus, he agreed to have him crucified to appease the crowd of people and prevent a riot.

Christ was stripped, flogged, and crowned with thorns. He was then forced to carry His Cross to the place of His execution. There, He was nailed to the Cross between two thieves who were likewise crucified. Late that afternoon, seeking to ensure Christ's death, a Roman guard stabbed him in his side with a spear. When Jesus died, an earthquake is said to have occurred as well as a great darkness which covered the land. Suddenly, many people knew Jesus was the Son of God.

Jesus was taken and laid quickly in a borrowed tomb, in accord with Jewish law, which required the dead be buried by sundown before the Sabbath. In our churches, the Tabernacle is left empty, to show that Christ is departed. On Holy Saturday, there is no Mass. Parishes may hold services, but there is no distribution of Communion.

On Holy Saturday, we remember that Jesus was descended into hell where He preached the Gospel to those who died before and opened the way to heaven for all those who were worthy.

This concludes Holy Week. The following day is Easter Sunday, the day on which it was discovered the Tomb was empty, and our Lord was resurrected, triumphing over death once and for all time.



March 28th-April 3rd 2021

Mass of the Oils

Chrism Mass

The **Chrism Mass** is a religious service held in Roman Catholicism, Lutheranism, and Anglicanism.^{[1][2]}

[Holy Thursday](#) is notable for being the day on which the Chrism Mass is celebrated in each [diocese](#). The Chrism Mass is one of the most solemn and important liturgies of the liturgical year. Usually held in the diocesan [cathedral](#), it is generally held on the morning of Holy Thursday, but may in some dioceses take place on another day during Holy Week.^[3] It is often the largest annual gathering of clergy and faithful held in most dioceses.^[4] In some dioceses, attendance is sufficiently significant that, due to limited seating, tickets are distributed to parishes.^[5] The Mass is a celebration of the institution of the priesthood with Jesus' words at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of me."^[6] During the Mass, those present are called to renew their baptismal promises; priests/ministers and deacons also reaffirm their ministry by renewing the promises made at their ordination.^{[1][4][7]}

The Mass takes its name from the blessing of the [holy oils](#) used in the sacraments throughout the year, which are then given to priests/ministers to take back to their parishes.^[8] The Rite of Reception of the Oils by representatives of the diocesan parishes is a sign of each parish's unity with the Bishop and the diocesan Church.^[9] Whenever the holy oils are used, the ministry of the bishop who consecrated them is symbolically present.^[10] The oils distributed are meant to last all year, although extra oil is also blessed during the Mass and is kept at the cathedral as a reserve if a parish runs out.^[11]

The service is a 1967 restoration of the rite recorded in the early 200s by the historian [Hippolytus](#) who writes of a ceremony taking place during the [Easter Vigil](#) at which two holy oils were blessed and one was consecrated. In the fifth century, the ceremony of the oils was transferred from the Easter Vigil to Holy Thursday during a special Mass for that purpose, distinct from the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The change took place, partly, because of the large crowds that assembled for the Easter Vigil, but also to emphasize Christ's institution of this ordained priesthood at Holy Thursday's Last Supper.^[12] In the decree renewing this rite [Pope Paul VI](#) said: "The Chrism Mass is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the bishop's priesthood and signifies the closeness of the priests with him."^[12]

The Holy Oils are:

- [Chrism](#) – used in the sacraments of [Baptism](#), [Confirmation](#) and [Holy Orders](#), as well as for the consecration of altars and the dedication of churches.^[13]
- the [oil of catechumens](#) – also used in the sacrament of Baptism, and
- the oil of the sick – used in the rite of the [Anointing of the Sick](#)

Blessing Chrism

The oil of the catechumens and chrism are used on the upcoming [Holy Saturday](#) at the [Easter Vigil](#), for the [baptism](#) and [confirmation](#) of those entering the church.

While the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick, are simply "blessed," the Sacred Chrism is "consecrated,". Holy chrism is a mixture of olive oil and balsam, an aromatic resin. Balsam is poured into the oil, which gives it a sweet smell intended to remind those who encounter it of the "odor of sanctity" to which those who are marked with it, are called to strive. The bishop breathes over the vessel containing the chrism, a gesture which symbolizes the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate this oil, and recalls the actions of Jesus in John 20:22, when he breathed on the apostles and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit..." The priests concelebrating the Mass extend their hands toward the vessel containing the chrism and say the prayer of consecration silently as the bishop pronounces it over the chrism.^{[4][12]}



A Prayer for Lenten Grace

*Loving God,
During the sacred
season of Lent, bring me
closer to you, Prepare a
place in my home and
heart for silence and
solitude, so that I may
re-discover the grace of
a prayer-full life.
Enlarge my heart so that
I give to those in need
and, in so doing, re-
discover the grace of
gratitude and
generosity.
Help me to fast fro those
things thaht threaten
the well-being of body
and soul, remind me of
the gace and simplicity.
May this seasob be
grace-filled time to
rekindle my love for and
faith in you.*

Amen.

Palm Sunday



Holy Thursday



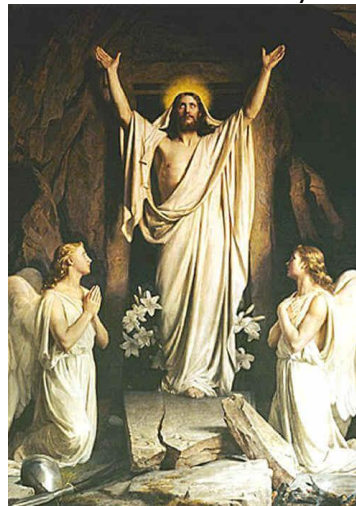
Good Friday



Holy Saturday



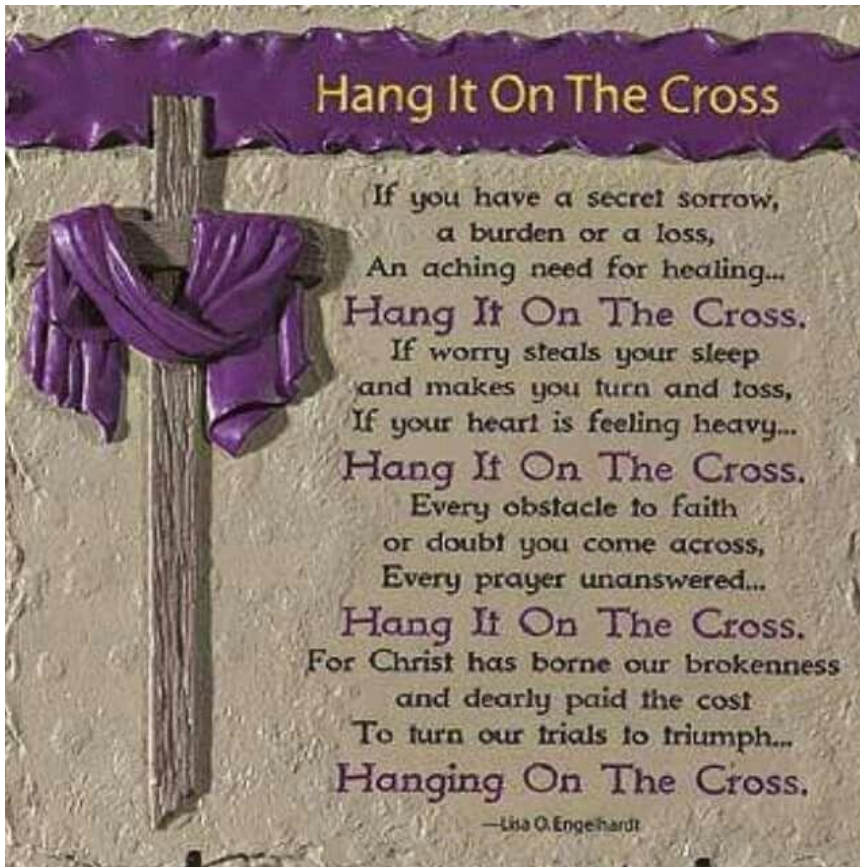
Easter Sunday



On **Holy Thursday** we will celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist by Jesus himself, the Sacrament of Holy Orders which Jesus ordained his first priests and the washing of the feet and the call to service of priests and people.

On **Good Friday**, the Church celebrates the saving death of Jesus Christ on the Cross. It is the only day of the year that Mass is forbidden because each Mass is a remembrance of that first Good Friday whereby we were all redeemed by Jesus' death on the cross.

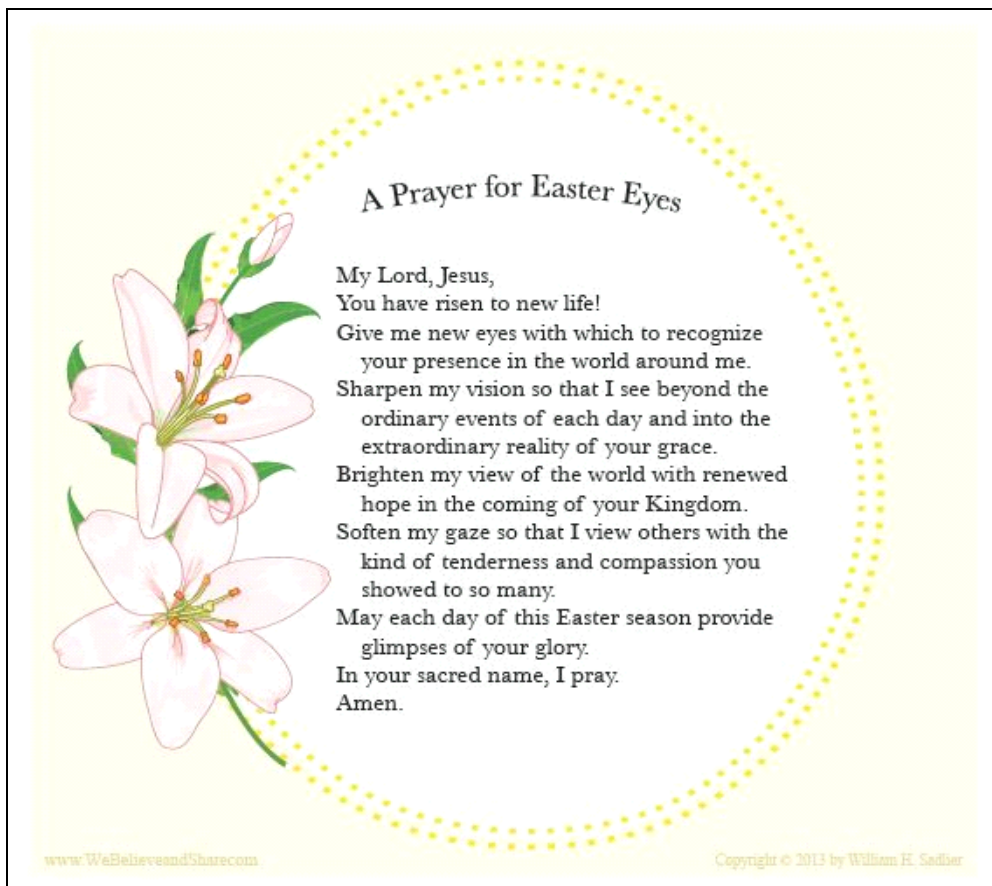
Lastly, the Triduum concludes with the **Holy Saturday Vigil** whereby we celebrate the liturgy of light, Jesus Christ, whose resurrection has brought light to the whole human race.



The Lily

Easter morn with lilies fair
Fills the church with perfumes rare,
As their clouds of incense rise,
Sweetest offerings to the skies,
Stately lilies pure and white
Flooding darkness with their light,
Bloom and sorrow drifts away,
On this holy hallow'd day,
Easter Lilies bending low
In the golden afterglow.
Bear a message from the sod
To the heavenly towers of God.

-Louis Lewin Matthews



Message from our Supreme Officers

Happy Easter to you and your family as we celebrate our Father's greatest sacrifice through his Son Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed Easter.

Micki Magee

Supreme President



My Fellow Sisters,

During Eastertime, a Man who was completely innocent offered Himself as a sacrifice for the redemption of all, including His enemies, and became the Salvation of the world. It was a perfect act of love.

Easter offers us a symbol of hope, renewal and new life. Let us embrace this opportunity to confirm our faith and trust in His will for the good of all the people. Easter is the only time of year when it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket and mine are in His.

May the Lord keep you in His care and may Our Blessed Mother cover you with her mantel. God Bless.

Ronnie Albert

Supreme Past President



Der Sister Columbiettes,

A year has almost gone by since COVID has changed our lives. What we took for granted: our family, our friends, just seeing each other, has been put on hold. The last time we met was a year ago.

Zoom is a wonderful thing, however, it does not take the place of a hug, a smile, having a cup of coffee with a friend and just being together. I think during this time we prayed more than ever, I know I did. However, there is light at the end of this, with the vaccines that are out, and, hopefully, we will get back to normal soon. One of our Columbiettes said on Facebook that getting the vaccine was like winning the lottery. I certainly felt that way also.

During this season of Lent, let us continue our prayers, especially for those health care workers and those that are ill, that God will put a speedy end to this pandemic, and we can all get together as we had in the past.

I wish all my Sister Columbiettes and their families a Blessed, Happy and Healthy Easter. Stay safe and well. God Bless you all and God Bless America.

Happy Easter
Frohe Ostern

Wesolych Swiat Wielkanocnych
Felices Pascuas

Vesele Velikonoce
Buona Pasqua

Ronny Pliszak
Supreme Vice President





Dear Sister Columbiettes,

As we approach and celebrate this Holy Easter season, may the spirit of hope that Easter brings, strengthen your faith in the Lord above who gave his life for all of us.

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.” [Pope John Paul II](#)

Many blessing to you all and please be safe.

Jean Breyer
Supreme Secretary



With each joyful moment, with each Easter tradition, with treasured family and friends around you... may you be touched by the wonder of Easter, filled with love, peace, and happiness. What a magnificent way to welcome Christ! God bless you for all you do for others.

Happy Easter
Jeanne Mucci-Supreme Financial Secretary



Easter, also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday, is a festival and holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, preceded by Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer,

Observances: Prayer, all-night vigil, sunrise service

Celebrations: Church services, festive family meals, Easter egg decoration, and gift-giving

Significance: *Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus*

When Is Easter? Easter 2021 occurs on Sunday, April 4. However, Easter falls on a different date each year.

Easter Sunday and related celebrations, such as Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday, are considered “moveable feasts,” although, in western Christianity, which follows the Gregorian calendar, Easter always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Easter typically falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox.

In some households, a character known as the Easter Bunny delivers candy and chocolate eggs to children on Easter Sunday morning. These candies often arrive in an Easter basket.

The exact origins of the Easter Bunny tradition are unknown, although some historians believe it arrived in America with German immigrants in the 1700s. Notably, several Protestant Christian denominations have opted to formally abandon many Easter traditions, deeming them too pagan. However, many religious observers of Easter also include them in their celebrations.

Easter foods are steeped in symbolism. An Easter dinner of lamb also has historical roots, since a lamb was often used as a sacrificial animal in Jewish traditions, and lamb is frequently served during Passover. The phrase “lamb of God” is sometimes used to refer to Jesus and the sacrificial nature of his death.

A blessed and holy Easter Season to all Sister Columbiettes.
Carole Samperton, Supreme Treasurer



Wishing all of my sister Columbiettes
everywhere a blessed and Happy Easter!
God bless you all!
Janet Schuler
Supreme Advocate



He has Risen.
Have Faith in him . . .
And he will be always there for you.

Wishing you Peace, Love and
Happiness at
Easter and always.

Marlene Korn
Supreme Sentinel

Message from our Supreme Directors



*May the beauty of the springtime fill your life with
new joy and many blessings!*
Pat Vahlsing, Supreme Director

Dear sister Columbiettes,

We have all been struggling to stay positive and cheerful during these uncertain times. What we do know is Jesus also suffered and sacrificed so much for us all. Even if we are unable to celebrate with family and friends this Easter, it is still a glorious time of renewal. Let us all be filled with love, peace, happiness and the grace of our Lord. Trust in God's promise for a better tomorrow. Stay well, Happy Easter and God's blessings to you.

With humility,
Jacqueline Ryan; Supreme Director





Easter Blessings

Wishing all Sister Columbiettes
A Joyful, Blessed Easter.
May all of you continue to
Stay Safe and Healthy.
God Bless you all during
These trying times.



Barbara Maier
Supreme Director

Our earth is preparing for its rebirth into Spring as we, during Lent, are preparing our rebirth in Faith. Blessings to all for a glorious resurrection of Spirit. Happy Easter!

- Carol Bohinski, Supreme Director



Message from our Supreme Territory Deputies

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

When starting this Lenten Season, one thing that I heard and stuck to me was: Why don't you, instead of giving something up for Lent, enrich yourself with something.

- Adopt an attitude that will enrich your faith and enrich others, or
- Read something uplifting that will fill your soul and prepare you for this Easter Season

I for instance started reading the Jesus Chronicles. Four books that relate the life of the Evangelists.

I wish you a very blessed and enriching Easter Season.

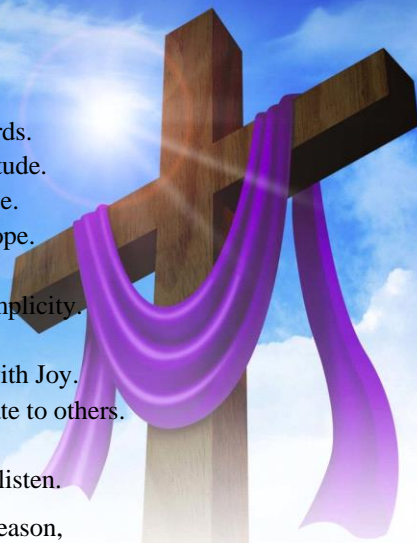
Manuela Graells
Territorial Deputy New Mexico

Do You Want to Fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- **Fast** from hurting words and say kind words.
- **Fast** from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- **Fast** from anger and be filled with patience.
- **Fast** from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- **Fast** from worries and have trust in God.
- **Fast** from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- **Fast** from pressures and be prayerful.
- **Fast** from bitterness and fill your hearts with Joy.
- **Fast** from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- **Fast** from grudges and be reconciled.
- **Fast** from words and be silent so you can listen.

Wishing you all a very Blessed Lenten Season,
Kathy Bacon, Territorial Deputy ~ Wisconsin



May God Bless you and Keep you Safe

Alleluia Alleluia

For He Has Risen

Love, Johanna Anzalone TD- AL



Message from our State Presidents

*From our State to yours we wish you all a healthy, blessed and safe
Easter!*



From all the State Presidents

Denise Brennan- CA

Grace Gambino-CT

Barbara Ballo-DE

Carmela Foglio-FL

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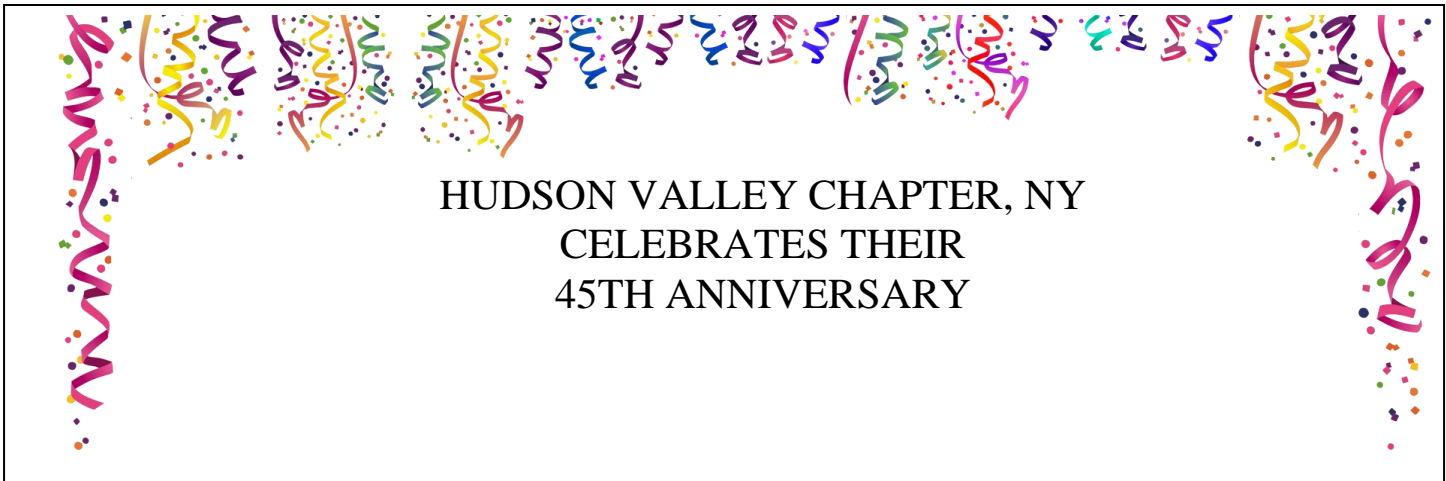
Easter- Holy Week

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- ABSTINENCE
- ASCENSION
- ASHES
- BETRAYED
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- CORONATION
- CROSS
- CRUCIFIXION
- DONKEY
- EASTER
- EUCHARIST
- FASTING
- FORSAKEN
- HOMAGE
- INDULGENCES
- JERUSALEM
- MOTHER
- NAILED
- PALMS
- PASSION
- PASSOVER
- PEACE
- PENANCE
- PILATE
- PILGRIMAGE
- RECONCILIATION
- REFLECTION
- RENEWAL
- RESURRECTED
- SCOURGING
- THORNS
- TOMB
- TRIAL
- TRIDUUM
- TRIUMPHANT

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