



## CDA Happenings

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### THE GOOD NEWS OF THE TOMB \*\*\*

Fr. Jeffrey Maurer, National Clergy Consultant

The last thing that the women expected going to the tomb of Jesus was good news. They were there because of bad news, the visceral and crushing news that He, who they had believed in, trusted and followed, was dead. He didn't die in battle, but was murdered in a cowardly set-up in a rushed trial with inexpressible cruelty next to two petty thieves. All his words, all his promises seemed to come to nothing...yet they loved him enough to anoint his body. It wasn't even in his own city...it was a borrowed grave, they didn't know if they eventually have to move it. All that they knew is that this gift of anointing and preparing and caring for his body, even during the busy time of Passover in Jerusalem, was a priority. They seemed, as they walked to the tomb, to be doing the ultimate losers' work, caring for someone that everyone else (save a few) had turned on or simply walked past. They would expect no thanks...just silence, the silence of an empty tomb and the scowl of a soldier staring them down to get on with it...hardly a work to be sought after. But that is where the bad news turns into Good News! What they expect is turned on its head! Death becomes Life, Sin into Mercy, Sadness into Joy! This joy of the Risen Christ, which He offers us, is not anything they (or we) could have planned out, inspired, or invented. Think about the ragtag, often rambunctious, and quarrelsome band of thirty or forty followers in Jerusalem at best....have you ever seen forty people get a story to agree on, period? They didn't even yet have the framework of faith to understand it when it did happen, no less the intelligence to cook it up ahead of time. This was clearly not man's work but God's! Because of God's action, not ours, the same disciples who once ran now stand firm, the same doubters become the confessors of His Resurrection and the same fearful frauds who were his deniers in the gospels become His powerful preachers only days later in the Acts of the Apostles! This is good news, that you and I can draw strength from: as we care for the people of God, his people, his body, sometimes even in desperation or sadness...like the women at the tomb we have the potential to tap into His Risen Life! May Easter be more than lilies and bunnies but the joy of the Risen Christ who brings us Good News of His Triumph! God bless you, Father Jeffrey Maurer

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*"Unity and Charity"*

### National Happenings

#### National Convention

The 57th Biennial National Convention will be held July 17-22, 2018 in Sioux Falls, SD. Our own Helene Shepard, National Regent, will lead us, with the guidance of our own pastor and Clergy Consultant, Fr. Jeffrey Maurer, through workshops and sessions leading up to the final hours of her reign ending in the semi-formal celebration dinner on Saturday night.

And don't forget to sign up for one of the excursions, either prior to or after the convention, to explore Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, the Badlands and all the beauty of South Dakota. (It really was my favorite State when I travelled the west)



### State Happenings

[cdanys.org](http://cdanys.org)



Welcome back to our valued member and State Regent, Heather Rave, who shall now be referred to as "Dr. Rave." Congratulations, Heather, on successfully defending your doctoral presentation on February 14, 2018. We look forward to catching up on all the New York State activities and happenings now that she has returned to the helm.

MARK THE DATES: State convention 2019 will be May 15-19 at Desmond Hotel in Albany. Details to follow.

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## Mark Your Calendar!



*\* Daylight Savings Time  
Begins March 11*

## COURT FUNCTIONS

*Court Meeting  
March 21, 2018  
7:00 pm*



*St. Patrick's Day  
March 17th*



*Palm Sunday  
March 25th*



*March 26-31*



*Easter Sunday  
April 1st*

## 1903 Society

There is always time to join the 1903 Society and help preserve the National Office in NYC. The care and preservation of this "grand old Lady" is up to us. It represents who we are and what we do as we "Serve the Lord with Gladness" An application is in the Winter edition of "Share"



## Circle of Love

Linda Jurain and Grace Alcaro will be collecting items at our March meeting for our Easter Basket to go to a needy family with 7 children: 4 girls ages 15, 14, 9 & 5; 3 boys ages 13, 6, 2.

Please bring small Easter toys, goodies and gift items along with non-perishable items to aid in making an Easter dinner and perhaps some toiletries. Small chocolate bunnies, holiday dish towels and pot holders, paper goods and canned yams, beans and the like are just some suggestions.

## And don't forget ....

To send your adopted nun and/or your secret CDA member an Easter Card . Let them know they're in your thoughts and prayers.

## BLIZZARDS OF FUN

Our January fund raiser has wrapped up and the results are in. Diane Meore reported this year's Blizzards of Fun fundraiser brought in a profit of \$2,797.81. Our gratitude to Diane for running the Blizzards each year and to everyone who participated. Thank you.

## Keep in Your Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Carmen Bruckner's daughter, Christine McCartney, Marie Temple's nephew, Jamie Erwin; Carol Lacata of Ct. Margaret Mary; Gerry Sherman's daughter, Ann; Margaret Healey; Lynn Eismont's mother, Barbara; Cindy Heintz, Joanne Tomassi , Peggy Guckin, Barbara Allcroft, our beloved Sister Carmel Therese and all who have requested our prayers.



**AND** our sincere condolences to Mary Zeisig, Past State Regent, on the passing of her mother-in-law, Ruth Zeisig.

## March Birthdays

Ofelia Ramm	3/02
Theresa Schaefer	3/04
Angie Bartlett	3/08
Erika Payne	3/13
Jane Fobert	3/15
Kathryn Foley	3/15
Betty Ann Bancroft	3/16
Marilyn Cardone	3/19
Susan Witte	3/29
Andrea McCullough	3/31
Bernadette Mullady	3/31



Daffodil

## February Birthday Members



Linda Jurain

## Bountiful Baskets

This year our famous fundraiser will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Hallock Drive, W'ville while Tetreau Hall and the Church are getting their makeover. We will hold our April meeting there on Wednesday night, April 25th, set up and put the baskets together on Thursday, April 26th, and our event will take place on Friday night, as usual.

Pat Cooney has generously volunteered to head up the advertising committee. Anyone who would like to help her or who has an idea to get the info out there, please see Pat.

Along with the usual transporters for large baskets, we will need help transporting all of the buckets and cans, and such from Tetreau Hall to the Knights and back after the event. If you can help, see Gail

A big THANK YOU, to Maryann Hogan and her "crew" for getting the letters out to all the businesses. We already have quite a few replies and donations!!

Meanwhile, start collecting your themed items and planning your baskets. It is vital to the success of this event that everyone contribute. It is also important that our members come to Bountiful Baskets and bring their family and friends to support us. It is a great night out for a group to share in the festivities, better than most of today's movies. And there are great door prizes so we all benefit. This is our main fundraiser from which we are able to donate to so many charitable causes and fund our Education Contest and Scholarship. It also allows us to be generous to other courts when they face natural disasters and are in need.

## THE FUNNY CORNER



Q. Why don't ants drink coffee:  
A. *Because they would be jitterbugs.*

Q. Why did the Clydesdale give the pony a glass of water?  
A. *Because he was a little horse. (Reader's Digest)*

Riddle of the day:

I always run, I never walk; I have a mouth, I never talk; I have a bed, I never sleep; I can be shallow,  
I can be deep.  
*What am I?*

(answer on p. 4)

## March volunteers

**Set Up:** Grace Alcaro

**Greeter:** Dottie Murphy

**50/50—Attendance:** Bernadette Silvestri  
Ellen Martirano

**Refreshments:** Mary Ann Kaiser  
Grace Alcaro  
Nora McCaffrey  
Maryann Hogan

**Milk:** Gail Erickson



*This is your last chance to sign up for the*  
**Fifth Annual Tea Party**

Sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court Genevieve Walsh #918 on Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 1:30—4:30 p.m. in St. John's McCaffrey Hall, 71 Murray Avenue, Goshen, NY 10925

**NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

A prize hat will be awarded for the best dressed hat!!



And if you've already signed up, please see Ann with your check as payment has to be sent from the Court in advance.

**And Springtime is Tea Time**  
**IN Port Jervis. Court Madonna will be having it's annual tea on April 21st from 12 noon to 2:30 PM at Most Sacred Heart Hall, 48 Ball Street, Port Jervis.**

**Court Finances**

Checking Balance: \$3,085.18  
 Convention Fund: \$3,488.95



**December 50/50 Winner**  
 Grace Alcaro

**Ongoing Happenings**

- ▶ Collect **boxtops** for Education to benefit St. Mary's Little Lambs Preschool and register shopping cards on line.
- ▶ Recycle empty **cans and bottles** and bring to meeting. Funds are used in our convention fund to help offset costs.
- ▶ Bring **Food Pantry donations** to the meeting: This month's collection is canned tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, jelly, and/or any non-perishable food item on sale.
- ▶ Bring items for the **Food for Kids** backpacks and place them in the bins outside the St. Joseph's Room.

**"Wanted" Nominating Committee**

It's hard to believe that 2 years have gone by already, but our Board has served it's term and several of us actually have served our limit of 2 terms. We will need to elect 5 members for a Nominating Committee at the February meeting. They in turn will have to nominate candidates for all Board positions. If you haven't been on the Nominating Committee for the last election, are not interested in being considered for an office, and are interested in serving, consider having someone nominate you.

Once the Committee is appointed, they will receive instructions on how to proceed with nominations. Their presentation will take place at the April meeting, voting will take place in May, and we will have the Installation Mass at our June meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please write a letter requesting that you be considered, the office in which you are interested and give it to the Regent, Gail, at the February meeting. It is a fulfilling, enriching experience and our Court needs a strong Board to continue its good works.



**Basket Theme Examples:**

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|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Italian dinner (products) | Day at the Beach | Cleaning House      |
| Movie Night               | Birthday Party   | Stationary supplies |
| Knitting items            | Puzzles          | Garden supplies     |
| Year-round holidays       | Baby Shower      | Wine & cheese       |
| Baking supplies           | Jewelry making   | Dog Treats          |
| Cat Treats                | Beauty Parlor    | Manicure &          |
| Pedicure                  |                  |                     |
| Game Night                | Model plane Kits | Car Wash            |
| Bucket                    |                  |                     |



## National Convention 2018

We have voted in our 2 delegates (the Regent is an automatic delegate), Grace Alcaro and Karen Rave, as well as two alternates: Linda Jurain & Margaret Healey. I have already reserved rooms as the hotels were filling up fast. Room cost is \$116 with two double beds, usually comfortable for 2 people to share. There will be food concessions throughout the hotel for breakfast, lunch, and dinner as well as a restaurant in the hotel. As usual, Thursday will be State Dinner night and details will be out soon. Friday night the Sioux Falls State Court will host a Red, White, and Blue Fun Night. Saturday will include a semi-formal dinner after the Installation Mass in the Cathedral. Costs for all dinners will be out shortly

Workshops will be held on Tuesday afternoon, July 17 with a concert to follow in the evening and there will also be pre- and post-Convention tours so you can make a vacation out of your trip. Be sure to see Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, the Badlands and all the splendor that is South Dakota.

BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO THE WOMEN, "DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR I KNOW THAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN, JUST AS HE SAID! COME, SEE THE PLACE WHERE HE LAY. —MATTHEW 28:5-6

### **This month's recipe** **PIZZAGAINA/PIZZA RUSTICO** **(a classic Italian easter quiche)**

#### Crust:

3 C flour  
1 stick butter (softened)  
1 tsp baking powder  
1/2 C warm water +/-

Make crust and press into or roll out to fit in large glass baking dish.

Cut up pepperoni, soppressata, Prosciutto and provolone in small Pieces.

#### Filling:

2 lbs Ricotta or farmer's cheese  
2 lbs Mozzarella or basket cheese  
1/4 C chopped parsley  
3 T grated cheese  
10 eggs  
1 1/2 lbs pepperoni  
1/2 lb Soppressata  
1 lb Prosciutto  
3/4 lb Provolone

In large bowl, mix cheeses and parsley. Slowly mix in eggs till blended. Stir in cold cuts. Pour entire mixture into crust and bake at 350 degrees for approx. 45 minutes or until brown and bubbly on edges.

Makes a great Easter breakfast or appetizer.





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Thanks to Richard Germain (See Exodus 7-12)

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**YAY, NO SCHOOL ... PLAGUE DAY!**

