



CDA Happenings

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Message from Our Regent



In getting ready to write my Easter/Spring greeting, I got off track as usual and wondered what the word “Easter” meant and why this particular holiday was called that and why it changes

(datewise) every year. So I looked it up! And here’s the answer according to Brent Landau (Lecturer in Religious Studies, UT at Austin): Research shows that this dating of Easter goes back to the complicated origins of this holiday and how it has evolved over the centuries.

“On April 21, Christians will be celebrating Easter, the day on which the resurrection of Jesus is said to have taken place. The date of celebration changes from year to year. The reason for this variation is that Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox.

Most major Christian holidays have some connection to the changing of the seasons. Similar is the case with Easter, which falls in close proximity to another key point in the solar year: the vernal equinox (~March 20), when there are equal periods of light and darkness. Spring also means the coming back to life of plants and trees that have been dormant for winter, as well as the birth of new life in the animal world. Given the symbolism of new life and rebirth, it was only natural to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at this time of year.

The name of “Easter” seems to go back to the name of a pre-Christian goddess in England, Eostre, who was celebrated at the beginning of Spring. The only reference to this goddess comes from the writings of the Venerable Bede, a British monk who lived in the late 17th/early 18th century. As religious studies scholar Bruce Forbes summarizes: ‘*Bede wrote that the month in which English Christians were celebrating the resurrection of Jesus had been called Eosturmonath in Old English, referring to a goddess named Eostre. And even though Christians had begun affirming the Christian meaning of the celebration, they continued to use the name of the goddess to designate the season.*”

Bede was so influential for later Christians that the name stuck, and hence Easter remains the name by which the English, Germans and Americans refer to the festival of Jesus’ resurrection.’

Some early Christians chose to celebrate the resurrection of Christ on the same date as the Jewish Passover, which fell around day 14 of the month of Nisan, in March or April. These Christians were known as Quartodecimans (the name means “Fourteeners”). By choosing this date, they put the focus on when Jesus died and also emphasized continuity with the Judaism out of which Christianity emerged. Some others instead preferred to hold the festival on a Sunday, since that was when Jesus’ tomb was believed to have been found.

In A.D. 325, the Emperor Constantine, who favored Christianity, convened a meeting of Christian leaders to resolve important disputes at the Council of Nicaea. The most fateful of its decisions was about the status of Christ, whom the council recognized as fully human and fully divine.” This council also resolved that Easter should be fixed on a Sunday, not on day 14 of Nisan.”

Not very inspirational, but interesting and informative for those of you who, like me enjoy knowing the “why” and background of things. Trivial Pursuit, anyone?
My you all have a Blessed Easter,

Gail



State Happenings



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The New York State 2019 Nominating Committee chaired by Patsy Gavin presented the following Slate of officers for the 2019-2021 Term of Office on the State Board as follows:

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| State Regent— | Heather Rave |
| First Vice State Regent— | Theresa Duran |
| Second Vice State Regent— | Connie Breindel |
| State Secretary— | Open |
| State Treasurer— | Open |

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Mark Your Calendar!



COURT FUNCTIONS

Court Meeting

April 24th, 2019

KOC Hall

7pm



April 21

Bountiful Baskets

April 26th

KOC Hall

5pm

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 28th



National Day of Prayer

May 2nd



May 12th

State News con't

There were no submissions for the last two offices therefore, on Thursday, May 16, the first day of the convention, nominations from the floor must be submitted with a statement of eligibility, an endorsement by the Local Court of the candidate signed by a majority of that Court's Officers, and a written consent to serve signed by the candidate before the gavel goes down to officially open the Convention. Until this happens the Convention cannot begin. Keep in your prayers that someone may decide to serve on the State Board and for the success of the Convention.

Court Happenings

Your Dues are now due

April is the month for paying our annual Court dues. Our annual dues are still only \$20 and the Court sees none of that—it goes to the State and National Courts for our dues to them and assessments. If dues are a problem for you, please speak to Ann Adami or Gail privately for help. Please use the following coupon to mail to Ann or bring to the meeting for her. Thank you in advance for your prompt payment.

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This is to update our files

If paying by check make it out to:

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Please put "2019 Dues" in the memo line. Include this coupon with your payment at the court meeting or mail to Ann at:

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Keep in Your Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Carmen Bruckner and her daughter Christine McCartney, Cheryl Curran; Bob Kaiser; Linda Jurain; Danny McManus; Cindy Heintz and all who have requested our prayers.



In Memoriam

We extend our sincere condolences to the Bankcroft and Burns families on the passing of their beloved mother, and our friend in Christ, Irene Burns.

Quality of Life Schedule of Events

April:

Adopt a Family for Easter

On-going:

Prayer Shawls
Faith House
Summer lunch program

Easter Baskets

Linda Jurain and Grace Alcaro delivered the baskets that our Court members so generously filled to Catholic Charities on March 26 to provide special baskets for our adopted family of 6 to brighten up their Easter. Pictured with Linda and Grace at the Goshen office is Kristen Jensen, Chief Advancement Officer for Catholic Charities.



For God's Glory

Food for Kids was the beneficiary of the fund raiser on Saturday 4/13 arranged by John Flores. The Christian Band **For God's Glory** performed at the KoC Hall from 6:30-8:30. Our court members ran the kitchen that provided food and desserts, some of which were donated by our members, for sale.



Financial Review

With our court's District Deputy, Kay Valenzano, the semi-annual financial review will be conducted on Saturday, April 20th, with the following volunteers: Patricia Cooney, Kathy Drydan, and Janet Allen. **An alternate is still needed.** As required by the By-Laws of the National CDA organization, these are done twice a year to insure the financial health of every court. It is an important job and we are grateful to the members who generously give up their time to help in this requirement.

Bountiful Baskets

The date is **April 26th**. Once again, it will be held at the KofC Hall on Hallock Drive at the generosity of the Knights. Our April monthly meeting will take place on **April 24th** at the Knights Hall and everyone should bring their baskets there that night. Please bring all baked goods, non-messy finger foods (cookies, brownies, donut holes), between 11am and 4pm on Friday the 26th to the Hall. Along with the usual transporters for the large baskets from Janet H's house, we will need to transport all of the buckets and cans and such from their new location in the basement at Fr. Tierney Circle over to the Knights Hall and some items from the Church Hall on Thursday morning, the 25th.

It is vital to the success of this event that every member contribute. Tickets are now available by calling Gail Erickson—496-3723, Diane Meore—(845) 978-5294 or at the meeting. **No tickets will be sold at the door.** They can also be reserved and held at the door but **must be paid for in advance.**



Education

Christine Frisbee and Lynn Eismont have announced that the entries for this year's education contest have been judged and our court's first place winners have been sent on to the state level. The award presentation will be held in June. The court and Frances Wontz scholarships are now available and entries must be submitted by May 10, 2019. The state CDA scholarship is also available. Applications for all are available at the Parish office, on our website, and on the WHS website as well.

Fruit of the Vine

There will be a fundraiser at St. Mary's in Port Jervis on June 21st from 6pm to 9pm in the Church Hall at 50 Ball St. Winemaker William Ouweleen will conduct a priceless and fun wine education experience. Check-in is at 6pm and the event starts promptly at 6:15. Premium Finger Lakes wines hand-crafted by O-Neh-Da and Eagle Crest Vineyards will be served. For information and tickets, \$25, please call the Church office at 845-856-8212.



Kids in Church

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel microphone, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"



April Birthdays

Mary-Beth Doelger 4/04
 Carmen Bruckner 4/09
 Mary Ann Kaiser 4/10
 Cheryl Curran 4/14
 Marion Ciofalo 4/16
 Barbara O'Dwyer 4/17
 Kay Moran 4/21



Sweet Pea

March Birthdays Members



Bernadette Mullady and Ofelia Ramm were at the March meeting and we sang to them for their birthday.



Volunteers for April Meeting

Set-up/Clean-up: Rory Kahn
 Christine Frisbee
 Attendance & 50/50: Maureen Burns
 Bernadette Mullady
 Refreshments: Janet Heidemann
 Gail Erickson
 Milk: Jane Hosford



Circle of Love



Spirituality



Prior to the March meeting, Deacon Curran led the Court in the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. The members participated by each one in turn reciting the Our Fathers and Hail Marys as instructed by our Deacon. It was a very spiritual evening and we extend our appreciation to Deacon Curran for being with us.

Court Finances

Checking Balance: \$4876.31
 Convention Fund: \$2817.23
 Reserve Fund: \$3507.31



July 50/50 Winner
Dorothy Murphy

Ongoing Happenings

- ▶ Collect **box tops** 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.
- ▶ Rosary maker meeting—1st Friday of the month at 9am (place to be determined)

Habitat of Newburgh 20th Annual Walk for Housing



Marion Schrader is organizing any of our members who wish to participate in this event on April 27th at Washington's Headquarters, Newburgh. Registration will at 12:30 with the walk beginning at 1:30.

Every dollar raised builds a home for a deserving family.

Every donation gets us one step closer to changing lives.

Each one of us has the capacity to make a difference!

You can walk as a team, as an individual, support a walker, or donate on line at their website: www.habitatnewburgh.org.

Each family who attains a house through Habitat achieves safety, reliability, and self-reliance through home ownership.

"Tea for Two"

St. Mary's Hall in Port Jervis was decorated in a lovely Spring motif for their tea on Saturday April 6th. The members of Ct. Madonna #114 donned their best hats and served a delicious assortment of finger foods and desserts. Congratulations on an excellent event.



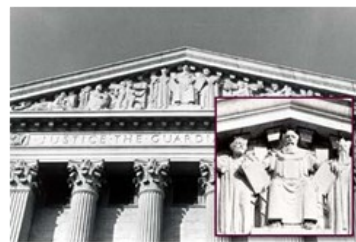
Community Activities



Empty bowls at WHS



Filling Easter eggs at Betty's



DID YOU KNOW?

DID YOU KNOW - As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing the one in the middle, who is facing forward with a full frontal view—It is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments

DID YOU KNOW - As you enter the Supreme Court Courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.

DID YOU KNOW - As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments.

DID YOU KNOW - There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the federal buildings and monuments in Washington, D.C.

DID YOU KNOW - James Madison, the fourth president, known as 'The Father of Our Constitution' made the following statement: 'We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God.'

DID YOU KNOW - Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

DID YOU KNOW - Fifty-two of the 55 Founders of the Constitution were members of the established Orthodox churches in the colonies.

DID YOU KNOW - Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law an Oligarchy: The rule of few over many.

In God We Trust

Recipe of the Month

ITALIAN EASTER COOKIES

- * 5 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- * 1 1/2 tbsp. baking powder
- * 6 eggs
- * 1/4 cups sugar
- * 1/2 lb. butter or margarine, melted
- * 2 tbsp. vanilla



In large bowl, beat 6 eggs until foamy. Add sugar, beat well. Add butter and vanilla, beat well. Add baking powder and flour a little at a time till sticky dough forms. Roll and shape into rings. Bake at 350 F. for 10 minutes and let cool. Dip tops in icing.

ICING:

- * 3 cups confectioner's sugar
- * 4 tablespoons water
- * 1/2 teaspoon lemon or orange extract
- * Nonpareil sprinkles





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Mission Statement

*“Catholic Daughters of the Americas
strives to embrace the principle of faith
working through love in the promotion
of justice, equality, and the
advancement of human rights and
human dignity for all”*



Keep in Prayer

Please keep in your prayers Mary Kavanah, MaryAnn Devitt, Carmen Bruckner's daughter, Christine McCartney, Marie Temple's nephew, Jamie Erwin; Carol Lacata of Ct. Margaret Mary; Helene Shepard; Mary Spear's sister-in-law, Margaret Duane; Gerry Sherman's daughter, Ann; Margaret Healey; Lynn Eismont's mother, Barbara; Cindy Heintz; Danny McManus, a ten year old who has leukemia; and all who have requested our prayers;

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”

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New York State Court

The New York State Board met the weekend of January 27-28 at Pallotti Center in Monroe, NY. They discussed business for the coming year.

New York State CDA Store

Did you know that the purchase of NYS articles does not have to be done by the Regent of our Court? You can go directly to the NYS website, click on “Sale of Articles”, download the order form and do it yourself. No waiting and the articles are sent directly to you. Check it out.

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