



CDA Happenings

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Greeting from our Regent



Those lazy, hazy summer days have given way to cooler, busier times. Vacations are pretty much done, kids are back to school, the days are slowly getting shorter. It's almost a melancholy atmosphere – only made bearable by the lessened humidity and the gradual turning of the leaves and trees to the warm, beautiful colors of fall.

But despair not, for this fall brings a flurry of activities for us all, beginning with the annual Church Picnic/Pig Roast on Saturday, September 6th after the 5:30 Mass. Come to our monthly CDA meeting on September 20th which starts with our annual Court Memorial Mass at 6:30 to honor our deceased friends and family. On Saturday, September 23rd, join us for the Pallottine's Cocktail Party at the Queen of Apostles in Monroe and enjoy great company, food, drink, music a basket raffle and silent auction. Maybe you'll even see your adopted nun there (or invite her and treat her with a ticket - they don't get to come for free.). Then, on Sunday the 24th Court Assumption will host its annual tea at their Church Hall in Maybrook. Next up is the SOAR! dinner honoring our own Helene Shepard with the inaugural Dorothy Day Award on Thursday, September 28th. A bus will be leaving from St. Mary's to take attendees to the New York Athletic Club and back. And to wrap things up for a few weeks, our Court will hold its annual tea on October 7th with a wild and crazy Mardi Gras theme.

And don't forget to keep your spiritual side up with Tuesday night rosary, Thursday night bible study and monthly adorations.

There is something for everyone to help keep those winter blues and doldrums at bay.

Check out the rest of this newsletter for more information on these and other upcoming events to keep your year active and fun and it'll be summer again before you know it!

In Unity and Charity

Gail



National News

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Where in the World is Helene Shepard?

Helene hardly packs, unpacks, launders, and repacks before she is on her way to another National meeting. In early August she and the entire National Board traveled to Sioux Falls, SD to begin plans for the summer 2018 45th Biennial National Convention. Before the work began they were all invited to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Helene and Lee Niles. All work and no fun as the saying goes.



As National Regent of CDA, Helene was invited to speak at the annual NCCW (National Conference of Catholic Women) on Thursday, September 7th, representing the 72,000 Catholic Daughters in Dallas, Texas. That day Helene will be the "Red Rose of Texas".

SOAR!

At the annual SOAR! Dinner this September 23rd in New York City Helene will be honored with the Inaugural Dorothy Day Award. Dorothy Day was the co-founder of a community of activists while feeding, sheltering, & living with the poor. Called "The Catholic Worker" the group & newspaper set forth a radical Christian version of a world made more humane through active love, sacrifice, personal freedom, pacifism, and resistance. In 2000, the Vatican agreed to the long protocol of considering Dorothy for sainthood.* Helene has been a dedicated supporter of SOAR! for many years and truly worthy of this recognition.

*More of Dorothy Day's life can be read in her autobiography "The Long Loneliness".

*from Who2.com

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Mark Your Calendar!



COURT FUNCTIONS

Regular monthly meeting

September 20, 2017
Court's Memorial Mass
6:30 pm in Church

Adult class

Catholicism, 101

Mondays at 7pm beginning
September 17 in the Church

Weekly Rosary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the
Church

Pallottine Cocktail Party **& Silent Auction**

Saturday, September 23



Labor Day

September 4th

SOAR!

September 28th, 2017



State Happenings

Memorial Masses

This is the time of year that each Past Regent Chapter in every diocese in New York State will be having their Memorial Masses to honor the Catholic Daughters in their local courts who have died during the past year. At each of these memorial events the State CDA court gives \$2000 to the Seminary in that diocese. The NY State officers will be attending these Masses to honor the deceased members and give this donation in our, the local members names, to support the seminarians who will be our future priests. We can show our respect for these members by joining the Officers, Past Regents members, and all CDA members in the Archdiocese at the Mass and be in union with all of them. After the Mass there will be a luncheon at which we can mingle with members of other courts and renew friendships.

Circle of Love Leadership



The Summer Lunch Program was, once again, a huge success! Many thanks to the most dedicated group of women I have ever had the privilege of knowing. We all worked together for one goal, to feed the children of the Washingtonville School District. No one was turned away. We fed them all, parents and grandparents as well. What a great feeling of accomplishment. The program ran for 6 weeks this year. Catholic Daughters took the first two weeks, Grace Church took the next two and Barbara Quinn, principal of Taft School, and her team took on the additional two weeks. The program started on July 10th and ended on August 18th with a total of 5045 lunches distributed. Catholic Daughters distributed 1551, Grace Church 1388, and Taft 2106.

A huge thanks goes to John Flores and his team, Brian Manngard and Bill Preston. I think I can compare the Food Pantry to the gospel story of the loaves and fishes. Every time we needed food it just miraculously appeared and there was always more than enough. Without John Flores and the Pantry this program would NOT HAVE HAPPENED.

I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for all their hard work and dedication to this program. **Nanette Murray**



Grace Alcaro, Jane Hosford,
John Flores, Nanette Murray
(wait, is that a halo over Nanette's head?)



The volunteers who lent their time and support to this successful endeavor.

Quality of Life

As Thanksgiving and Christmas near, we need to start thinking about collecting and bringing small toiletries for Linda Jurain, Chairman, to assemble gift bags for the ladies in Safe Homes. This year, Linda encourages you to bring them to any of our meetings, Sept., Oct., Nov., and/or Dec. She has bins in which she stores them until the December meeting when we schedule the assembly and delivery of the gift bags.

We will once again work with the Food Pantry for Thanksgiving food but feel free to bring in paper goods, small treats, and cute useful items (dish towels, pot holders, etc.) with a Fall theme for Safe Homes Thanksgiving baskets to our November Anniversary meeting.

Court Happenings

Twisted Tea



Plans are under way for our Court's Fall Tea scheduled for Saturday, October 7th from noon to 3 p.m. in Fr. Tetreau Hall; but this year our committee has decided to switch things up. Instead of the usual Fall theme and tea format, they are going Mardi Gras style. There will be feathers and balloons and beads (no flashing please) and masks. Wild hats are encouraged.

This year all plates, utensils, and tea cups will be supplied by the Committee so you need not "sponsor" a table as in the past. You can reserve full or partial tables for a large group, but single reservations are welcome. Tickets will be \$10 for ladies and \$5 for young ladies under 13. There will be NO tickets sold at the door so please make your reservations in advance by calling Thelma (845-496-3129) or Ginny (845-614-0459) by October 1st.

There will be games and door prizes as well as our usual wonderful array of finger foods and desserts. Small door prizes are needed and a sign-up sheet will be available at the September meeting for those who would like to provide a finger food or dessert.

Past Regents Memorial Mass & Luncheon

The Past Regents Chapter of the Archdiocese will hold their annual event here at St. Mary's on Saturday, November 11th beginning with an 11:00 am Mass celebrated by our New York State Chaplain, Fr. Matthew C. Newcomb. A hot lunch of penne ala vodka, chicken franchiase, eggplant rollatini, salad, and dinner rolls catered by Gigi's, along with punch, iced tea, lemonade, coffee, tea and cake will follow in Fr. Tetreau Hall. The cost will be \$20 per person. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting for those who plan on attending either or both events.

Even if you can't make the luncheon, we encourage you to join members from all the local courts in celebrating the Memorial Mass for our deceased members. Unfortunately, we will have 5 names from our Court to be honored in remembrance this year. Please come and celebrate their memory in Unity with our CDA sisters.

Color Guard

The PR Memorial Mass committee is looking for 4 CDA members to process with the American Flag and the CDA banner into the Church with the Knights of Columbus on November 11th at the 5:30 pm Mass. The color guard is required to wear all white - either a dress, skirt & blouse, or dress slacks & blouse and white shoes/heels. Gloves & banner are provided by the court. If you are able to participate please call Joan Oram at (845) 496-7362.

Newest Member



Please welcome our newest court member, Joan Melmore being pinned by Nanette Murray, Vice-Regent.

September Birthdays



Aster

<i>Maureen Bowes</i>	9/2
<i>Mary Kavanah</i>	9/5
<i>Patricia Cooney</i>	9/7
<i>Geraldine Sherman</i>	9/15
<i>Amy DeSantis</i>	9/24
<i>Emily Sheboy</i>	9/24
<i>Maureen Burns</i>	9/27



February Meeting Volunteers

Setup/Cleanup -	Bernadette Silvestri & Ellen Martirano
Greeter -	
Attendance -	Pat Cooney
Refreshments -	Gail Erickson, Grace Alcaro, & Hanora Belluca
Milk -	Snooky Kelly

Please come by 5:30-5:45 to have everything ready before Mass for the meeting.

Court Finances

Figures as of July 15, 2017

Checking Balance:	\$3284.47
Convention Fund:	\$1616.32
Building Fund:	\$2677.93

July 50/50 Winner
Honey Kelleher



Keep in Your Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Carmen Bruckner's daughter, Christine McCartney; Marie Temple's nephew, Jamie Erwin, Mary Spear's sister-in-law, Margie Duane; Winnie McDonnell's grandson, Johnny Shepp; Pat Cooney's sister Kathy; Linda Jurain, & her friend's father, Arthur.

Linda Jurain's friend, Barbara wants to say thank you for all the prayers- her biopsy was negative.

Our condolences to Theresa Schaefer on the passing of her husband, Bill and to Brian Mangard on the passing of his father, Edward

In Memoriam

We are saddened at the passing of our member, Erika Dosch. Keep her in your prayers.



Louise Grix, a charter member of our court, is moving to Florida in October to be near her family. Her new address is:
420 Roper Road, Apt. 206
Winter Garden, FL 34787

We wish Louise good health and happiness in her new home.

Help Needed

As most of you know, for the last 20 years our teams of volunteers have been taking turns saying the Rosary every Sunday morning at 10am at the Valley View Nursing Home in Goshen. Our present volunteers urgently need your help. Sadly, we have lost many to illness, moving away and snow birding. Since my last plea for help, our Court has gained many new members who may be anxious to participate more fully in our Court's endeavors and perhaps old members who finally have retired, sent their kids off to college or whatever and now have just a little more time to spare. Including travel time, it will only take a little over an hour of your time, once a month or once every 2 months, if we have more volunteers on each team. Many hands make light work.

Please ladies, give this a try. You don't have to do it alone. You can team up with a partner. I provide a Rosary Booklet and full instructions and directions and our Rosary Makers club provides the patients with all the rosary beads we need. I promise that when you leave the home after saying the rosary your heart will be filled with gladness and peace. Everyone who participates has testified to bountiful graces received.

Please consider this worthwhile cause prior to our September meeting so I will be sure to gain at least 6 or more volunteers at the meeting and our ministry will continue. We can't let Our Lady down. It will be a sad day indeed if we have to cancel this ministry given the awesome reputation our court has as a model court.

Call me to sign on or if you have any questions or reservations at [845-988-7891](tel:845-988-7891).

Your CDA sister, *Margaret Healey*





Glad Tidings

-of great Joy. Congratulations to Maureen and Jim Burns on the arrival of their newest granddaughter McKenna Julia to parents Erin and Chris Lee.

Blessings and congratulations to Deacon Timothy and Cheryl Curran on the Christening of their granddaughter, Madelyn.



22nd Anniversary Mass & Dinner

To celebrate the 22nd anniversary of the institution of Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419 our annual Mass and—this year—dinner will be held on Saturday, November 18th. Mass will be at 5:30 pm followed by a catered dinner in Fr. Tetreau Hall. Nanette Murray and Janet Heidemann are busy planning and arranging the details and will fill us in at the October meeting. Hope you will all join us to celebrate 22 year of good and charitable works by our wonderful court.



Other Courts Events

COURT ASSUMPTION in Maybrook will hold their Tea Social on Sunday, September 24th at 2 p.m. in the Assumption Church Hall in Maybrook. If you wish to attend, contact Darlene Raessler at [845-427-5561](tel:845-427-5561).



Save the Dates

Ct. Genevieve Walsh will have scheduled their Tea for Sunday, April 15, 2018. Further information will be available closer to the date.

Ct. Madonna will have their annual craft fair/gold buying/bake sale on November 18. More info next month

Silent Auction & Cocktail Party



to benefit the Pallottine Sisters and their outreach programs in the community will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Queen of Apostles Center, 98 Harriman Heights Road, Monroe, NY. Tickets are \$25 per person and include a wonderful hors d'oeuvres buffet, wine, beer, soda, coffee, tea, and desserts. Our court will be purchasing 2 tickets to be raffled off at the September meeting. Extra tickets to the event will be available to purchase at the September meeting if you didn't win one. It is a fun evening with a wide variety of auction items on which you can bid, raffle baskets to win, music, fun, and great food. Have a great time while supporting a worthy charity.

Ongoing Happenings

- ▶ Collect **boxtops** for Education and register shopping cards online to benefit St. Mary's Little Lambs Pre-school
- ▶ Recycle empty **cans and bottles** and bring to the meeting. Funds are used in our Convention fund to offset costs****
- ▶ Bring **Food Pantry donations** to the meeting. Any and all canned, jarred, boxed and/or any non-perishable food items are welcome.
- ▶ Bring items for the **Food for Kids** backpacks and place them in the bins outside the St. Joseph's room.

******PLEASE remember to support this cause. Heather and Karen recycle the cans and bottles. The monies made pay for registration for our delegates to convention so it isn't taken from the Court's funds.**



OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES....

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."



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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”

Blessed Mother Mary
Patroness



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Urgent Request

Our Catholic Daughter Sisters in Texas and Louisiana are in desperate need of our prayers and help. Many are homeless and have only the clothing on their backs as a result of hurricane Harvey and relentless rains. The CDA disaster relief fund will send money to Bishops in the affected areas to help feed, clothe and house refugees and survivors. We are asking Courts all over the country to donate what they can and we invite individual members to contribute as well. No amount is too small- it all adds up. We will be looking for a motion at the September meeting to make a donation from our Court. We will also be taking donations from members who wish to help. Cash, change and checks, made payable to Catholic Daughters of the Americas, with the note on your check indicating Disaster Fund will be accepted. We will then send what we collect to the National Headquarters for the Disaster Relief Fund. Remember, our motto is “Unity & CHARITY”.

