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CD Happenings

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Greetings from Your Regent

We have slipped into the darkest days of winter, made darker this year with the daily alerts and scary news of the progress of the pandemic. Yet the approach of Christmas means lights everywhere, festive lights to keep our spirits up. That very first Christmas a brilliant star lit up the sky and was the beacon the Wisemen needed to find Jesus lying in a manger. Even in the dark days of December, our spirits are raised with the promise of **Hope** when we recount the story of the Baby Jesus. We are reminded the importance of **Faith** when we imagine a young teenage girl saying “yes” to God and pray that we, too, have the courage to say “yes” to God.

One of the things I will miss most this year is the annual Children’s Christmas Pageant. I always get a boost of Christmas spirit because I am reminded of the **Wonder** of children who keep the magic in Christmas.

It will definitely be a very different Christmas this year, but the constant in our lives is our Catholic faith. The crowds may be smaller, but Mass will be the same. And my eyes will still tear up when I walk into church on Christmas Eve and soak in the experience of receiving the Eucharist on the birthday of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

My wish for all of you is that you have a blessed and safe Christmas and that the New Year will deliver on its promise of a fresh start that we have all been praying for.

In Unity and Charity,
Diane

National News

(catholicdaughters.org)



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You must check out the National website! It was updated this past spring, and it is a wealth of resources. View :

National Regent Sherry Nilles’ television interview; a professionally-created video that, if you weren’t already a member, you would want to join Catholic Daughters; daily scripture readings, Convention workshops, and so much more!

State News

(cdanys.org)

Woo-hoo! Look at that! The New York State Court has resurrected its website, and it is beautiful! Check it out and come back to it regularly for updates.

Don’t forget to stay connected with NYSCDA on Facebook. Be sure to check out the Back to Basics series on You Tube hosted by the State officers. Go to **YouTube.com** and search NYS Catholic Daughters.

The New York State Court publishes a quarterly newsletter. It is always full of news. To receive an electronic copy of **The Rising Dawn**, send your request to Theresa Duran at tduran@optonline.net and Karen Rave at krave@hvc.rr.com. The Rising Dawn will also be posted on the new website.

Look on page 5 for more New York State news.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 9

7:00 P.M.

Court Meeting
(Father Tetreau Hall)

No Newsletter or Court Meeting
in January

Blizzard of Fun tickets have all
been mailed out or picked up.
Please be sure to mail your stubs
and payment to Diane by
December 31.

You gotta be in it to win it!

A composition from our newest court member
Meghan Summers:

“Hail Mary, full of grace,
That I live to put a smile on your Son’s face;
That my heart beats gold, that my thought and deed are true’
That I live a life worth living through Jesus Christ and you.”

Condolences

Sincere condolences are sent to **Barbara Martens** and her family on the death of her daughter Rachel. *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and perpetual light shine upon her.*

Keep in Your Prayers:

Thelma Fetchik
Carolyn Lindeman
Bob Kaiser
Carmen Bruckner and her daughter
Christine McCartney
Lynn Eismont’s mother and brother Robert
Dorothy Kincade
Joann Heberling
Geri Sherman’s daughter Ann Hughes
Marie Mancuso’s sister Denise Cariello
Margaret Healey’s sister Loretta McKeon
and her daughter Paine Griffiths
Father Maurer, our Parish Priests, Deacons and
Seminarians
All of our healthcare providers, first responders and
teachers, and all who have requested our prayers.



Happy News

Congratulations to **Mary Ann and Bob Kaiser**. They celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thanksgiving Day. All the best to you both on your anniversary and in the wonderful years to come.

Good-Bye

Gerry Sincerbox is on her way to her new home in North Carolina. She will be missed here in New York, but Cindy Heintz and Lauren Santos are eagerly awaiting her arrival. Wishing you happy days in your new home!

Josie Crowe is living in Massachusetts with her daughter. It was so nice to hear from her. She sent a beautiful note and asks to be remembered to all of you.

Birthdays

December

Gail Erickson (12/2)
Ann Strommer (12/6)
Honora Belluco (12/10)
Joan Milmore (12/12)
Joan Timoldi (12/13)
Suzanne Geraci (12/15)
Mary Ann Hogan (12/31)



January

Marie Mancuso (1/4)
Elaine Marchisi (1/5)
Nora McCaffrey (1/6)
Grace Alcaro (1/11)
Karen Smolar (1/14)
Florence Nasso (1/15)
Karen Flannery (1/16)
Thelma Fetchik (1/19)
Nanette Murray (1/20)
Teresa Fee (1/22)

February

Snooky Kelly (2/4)
Gladys Panet (2/4)
Mary Peppiatt (2/6)
Pam Ferrara (2/8)
Laura Descafano (2/9)
Linda Jurain (2/18)
Anne Page (2/18)
Karen Sheboy (2/22)
Rosalina Torres (2/23)
Marianne Devitt (2/26)

Court Finances

(As of November 30, 2020)

Checking Balance: \$4,606.61
Convention Fund: \$3,584.11
Reserve Fund: \$3,590.70

Ongoing

Recycle empty **cans and bottles** and bring to meetings. Funds are used in our convention fund to help offset costs.

Computer ink cartridges – recycling them offsets office supply purchases.

Bring **Food Pantry and/or Food for Kids donations** to the meeting. Any and all non-perishable food items are always in need.

Charitable Giving

Our Circle of Love – Quality of Life Chairman Linda Jurain has arranged for our court to adopt a needy family through Catholic Charities for Christmas. Gift tags were distributed at the November meeting. If you took a tag, please be sure to bring your gift to the December meeting. If you aren't going to be at the meeting, please call Linda to make arrangements to get your gift to her. Her number is 845-496-3375.

The Country Kids Food Pantry has made a plea for donations of toys for its clients. If you would like to leave a toy for the food pantry, bring it to the meeting and give it to Jane Hosford.

Someone commented that our court asks for many causes. Please know that these are OPPORTUNITIES for giving and not demands. Pick and choose among those offered, or choose not to participate in any. No one is noticing who is giving and who isn't.

The same thinking should apply to when our court is asked for a donation. The Regent must share the request with the membership, but it is up to the members to decide if they want to donate. Every month we publish our checking account balance and at every meeting the finances are shared with the members. Please let our finances be a guide as well.

**How to Fix America:
Put Jesus back in all the places you asked
him to leave:**

**home,
school,
government,
church
and your heart.**

Can I get an Amen?

To coincide with our 25th Anniversary, we began recognizing our members with special membership anniversaries, especially our charter members who are receiving 25-year pins. Over the next few weeks we hope to catch up with the other members who weren't able to be present to receive their pins.



At our November meeting we awarded 25-year pins to the charter members who were in attendance: Cheryl Curran, Suzanne Ferrigno, Carmen Bruckner, Maureen Burns and Marie Temple. Thank you for your dedication to Court St. Ann, Mother of Mary of Mary #2419 for these last 25 years!



We welcomed 2 new members at our November meeting. On the left, Michaela Frisbee welcomes her sister Samantha. On the right New York State Regent Heather Rave welcomes Meghan Summers.

Welcome to our Court!



November Birthdays: Samantha Frisbee (our newest and youngest member – 18 years and 22 days!), Ginny West and Regina DeFazio. Happy Birthday, Ladies!

We're bringing back our traditional **Christmas Bag Grab** at our meeting on December 9. Bring a \$5 gift in a gift bag and purchase tickets for the opportunity to grab a bag when your ticket is drawn. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Come join the fun! (Proceeds go into the Convention fund.)

More State News

On November 15 the New York State Court closed its **Park Lane jewelry sale**. If you purchased any items, you should have received them during the past week. We were so pleased to learn that Court St. Ann had the highest dollar amount of sales, which has earned us a \$100 Park Lane gift certificate! Good job, ladies.

New York State has released its **2021 College Scholarship** application. This \$1000 scholarship is open to any daughter, son or dependent of a member who has been a member in good standing for at least two years. The applicant must be accepted by a 4-year school. If you've got a high school senior, see Christine Frisbee for an application.

We still have one **NYS face mask** available. Please see Diane if you would like to purchase it.

Important!

The **NYS Convention** is scheduled to be held April 7-11, 2021 at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs. We have received notice from the National Office that, based on our membership numbers, we are entitled to send 6 delegates and 12 alternates. The regent is automatically permitted to be one of the 6 delegates without being voted in by the court. Normally we ask for nominations at a court meeting and then we vote. Because our meetings are not well attended right now, and to give every member an opportunity to be involved, this will be the process:

If you would like to be a delegate, please advise Diane by December 20. After that date, a ballot will be emailed to those members who receive their newsletter by email and snail-mailed to those who receive their newsletter by mail. There will be a return-by date, after which the ballots will be counted. The top 5 vote-getters will be delegates, and the others will be alternates.

With COVID-19 restrictions in place, there is a strong likelihood that the convention will not take place because there will not be a quorum. If the convention is cancelled, anyone who is on the roster to be a delegate will be able to vote on any matters requiring a mail-in vote. **This is why it is very important that we return a full complement of delegates. Should the convention go forward, you would not be obligated to attend (but we would hope that you would!)**



To coincide with our Court's 25th Anniversary, this beautiful 20-page yearbook is now on sale for \$20. It was created from old minutes books and scrapbooks and is chock-full of old photos. It's like visiting with old friends. The books will be available at the next court meeting, or you can contact Diane to get your copy.



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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.”

