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CD Happenings

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Greetings from Your Regent

My dear Catholic Daughters Sisters,

Lent is upon us. As a child I always felt it was something to **get through**. In more recent years I see it as an opportunity for self-improvement, not just for these 40 days, but for the other 325 days of the year as well. Maybe a spiritual activity I've embraced for Lent will become a new habit or lifestyle I can adopt to my life post-Lent.

It's not too late for us to embrace the Lenten call for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our court and St. Mary's and St. Columba's Parishes are offering several opportunities to improve our prayer life. Recitations of the rosary, 40-hours devotion, Lenten retreat, Stations of the Cross are being provided to us. Please read this newsletter for more information on so many of these – and other – opportunities. In addition, see page 3 for charitable giving opportunities. Also, the Horizons Youth group at St. Mary's is collecting food for the food pantry throughout Lent, and you can bring those donations to the church vestibule.

Don't let this Lent be a missed opportunity to get closer to Jesus.

In Unity and Charity,
Diane



National News

(catholicdaughters.org)

The National Board met this past week at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, Arizona. Agenda items included plans for 2023 and the State and Territorial Officers Conference in July. Officers and National Directors will be very busy the next few months attending state conventions. National Regent Emily Guilherme is traveling from California to attend the NYS Convention.

State News

(cdanys.org)

At the court meeting in February, we elected delegates and alternates to attend the NYS Convention in May. Delegates are Regent Diane Meore, Recording Secretary Angela Beuchert, Helene Shepard, Joan Oram, Linda Jurain and Karen Rave. Delegates are Pat Cooney, Gail Erickson and Margaret Healey. They will be following a very busy agenda with workshops and business meetings as well as having some fun socializing with members of other NYS courts. They will be reporting back to the membership at the May meeting.

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COURT FUNCTIONS

Wednesday, March 8

7:00 P.M.

Monthly Meeting
Father Tetreau Hall

Friday, March 10

12:00 Noon

Mass and Exposition
(see page 6)

Saturday, March 11

9:00 A.M.

Morning Mass and Rosary

Sunday, March 12

St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale
(see page 7)

Saturday, March 25

10:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Women's Lenten Retreat
Father Tetreau Hall

Wednesday, April 19

7:00 P.M.

Monthly Court Meeting
Knights of Columbus Hall

Friday, April 21

7:00 P.M.

Bountiful Baskets
Knights of Columbus Hall

Support the Courts

Unity is part of our motto. We support the events of neighboring courts, and they likewise support our events. Here is some of what is going on (contact Diane for more information):

Sunday, March 5 **Court Nilan** in Highland is hosting a Lenten Continental Brunch and Reflection after 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses

Saturday, March 18 **Court Rita** in Cornwall is hosting the viewing of "Unplanned, a Pro-Life Movie" from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in St. Marianne Cope Parish Outreach Center

Sunday, April 23 **Court Genevieve** in Goshen is having its Spring Tea (1:30 to 4:30) \$15 per person, reservations by April 4 please let Diane know if you want to go

Sunday, April 30 **Court Nilan** is hosting Cinco de Mayo in April (2:00-4:30)

Saturday, May 13 **Court Madonna** in Port Jervis hosting a tea (Save the Date – more information forthcoming)

Sunday, June 4 **Court Nilan** is hosting May Day in June (2:00 – 4:30)

Keep in Your Prayers:

Marianne Devitt, Cindy Heintz, and members of our court who, because of poor health, are no longer able to participate in court functions

Bob Alcaro, Bob Kaiser, Tom Murray and Jim Burns
Nora McCaffrey's daughter AnnMarie

Lynn Eismont's mother

Our Parish Priests, Deacons and Seminarians

All of our healthcare providers, first responders and teachers, and all who have requested our prayers.

Next Meeting:

Greeter: Gail Erickson

50/50: Jennie Mirecki

Refreshments: Janet Allen

Milk:

Clean Up: Linda Jurain

[The coffee and dessert table is a popular place at our meetings. Please consider offering to bring milk or a baked good to a meeting.]

Birthdays

March

Ofelia Ramm (3/2)
Angie Bartlett (3/8)
Ericka Payne (3/13)
Jane Fobert (3/15)
Betty Anne Bancroft (3/16)
Susan Witte (3/29)
Bernadette Mullady (3/31)
Andrea McCullough (3/31)

April

Mary-Beth Hogan (4/4)
Alma Gonzalez (4/7)
Carmen Bruckner (4/9)
Carrie Hurst (4/9)
Mary Ann Kaiser (4/10)
Cheryl Curran (4/14)
Kathryn Foley (4/15)
Marion Ciofalo (4/16)
Barbara O'Dwyer (4/17)
Jennifer Mirecki (4/21)
Angela Milazzo (4/23)



Charitable Giving Opportunities*

The Food For Kids Program (FFK) provides almost 200 Washingtonville School District students in food-insecure households with healthy food for the weekend. FFK is a non-profit organization that started as a court project. We continue to support this organization with quarterly monetary donations.

When school is closed for a week or more because of a holiday, FFK sends these children home with a large bag of groceries to support them during that time. One of the most needed items is a box of cereal. ***Please consider bringing a box of cereal to the March meeting.*** (At a shopping trip to Aldi, I was able to get 4 boxes of cereal for \$9.)

The Blooming Grove Chamber of Commerce is collecting hotel-size bars of soap and bottles of shampoo and lotion for the battered women's shelter in Newburgh, **Fearless Hudson Valley Inc.** Please bring donations to the meeting or bring them to Alma Gonzalez at Mamba's Creations.

*From time to time we will share with you "charitable giving opportunities". These are requests that we receive and pass along, but never feel pressured to give beyond your abilities or desires.

Court Finances

(As of February 26, 2023)

Checking Balance: \$3643.91
Convention Fund: \$5967.62
Reserve Fund: \$3767.42

Ongoing Happenings

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.

Happy News

This Just In From Mary Ann Kaiser:
Baby Karianna Marie Connelly was born February 7th in St Anthony's Hospital in Warwick on her due date!! She weighed 8lb 5oz. The very proud parents are Julianna and Shea Connelly of Highland Falls. Julianna is our granddaughter and the baby is our 5th great-grandchild. What a blessing. God is so good.
Congratulations and God Bless Baby Karianna

SUGGESTIONS FOR BASKET THEMES

1. Here Comes the Bride (for the ladies room at wedding): Decorated white basket with safety pins, tampons, panty liners, clear nail polish, nail file, spray deodorant, Tic Tacs, sewing kit, small lint brush, panty hose, nail clipper, hair spray, hand cream, nail glue, tweezers, band aids, scissors.
2. It's Party Time (pick one theme, i.e. – shower, birthday, surprise) Invitations, napkins, plates, decorations, favors, thank you cards
3. Spa Day I: Polish remover, cotton balls or pads, nail file, cuticle cream, 2-3 polish colors, toe separators, foot cream, hand cream
Spa Day II: Make-up remover, face mask, face wash, face cream, eye cream, soft face cloth and towel
4. Love My Car: Large bucket with sponge, car wash liquid, car wax, leather cleaner/treater, tire brush, Windex, paper towels, chamois
5. Movie Night: Popcorn, Movie-size boxes of candy, 6-pack of soda, napkins, family-oriented video
6. Wrap It Up: Plastic storage container for wraps, assorted or themed wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, tape and gift tags
7. Dessert's Here: Assorted brownie mixes, cookie mixes, and/or coffee cake type mixes, spatula, baking or cupcake pan, nuts, chocolate chips, raisins in a mixing bowl
8. Time to Relax: Aroma therapy candle, bath salts, romance novel, hot/cold eye pad, body cream, tub pillow, large bath sheet
9. Wanna Go on a Picnic?: Picnic style basket with hard plastic cups, plates and utensils, cloth throw and napkins
10. Mangia!: Assorted boxes of pasta and jars of sauces, olive oil, assorted Italian treats (caponade, grilled eggplant, olives, jarred garlic) in a pot for boiling pasta or a colander.
11. A Day at the Beach: Beach towel, sun screen, squirt bottle, sunglasses, flip flops, sun visor or straw hat in tote.
12. Keep in Touch: Blank note cards, post cards, stationary, envelopes, pretty pen, envelope seals, book of stamps
13. Sew Nice: sewing basket with assorted threads, needles, buttons, pins, pin cushion, thimble
14. Let's Toast: Bottle of champagne or wine, 2 champagne flutes or wine glasses, water crackers, assorted cheeses.
15. Cookies, Cookies, Cookies: Cookie recipes or mixes, chocolate chips, raisins, nuts, sprinkles, cookie sheets, cookie cutters.
16. By the Fire: Fleece throw, hot cocoa mugs, cocoa mixes, marshmallows, wafer or tea/shortbread cookies, Mystery novel
17. Meet Me in the Kitchen: Recipe cards, measuring spoons, measuring cups, potholders, wooden spoons, spatula, apron in a mixing bowl
18. In My Garden: Garden bucket, small spade, rake, bulb planter, packets of flower and/or vegetable seeds, kneeling pad, gardening gloves
19. Olé: Taco shells, seasoning mix, taco sauce, can of black olives, jar of salsa, can of refried beans, nacho chips, can of chopped jalpenos, Store gift cert
20. Spring Cleaning: Bucket with Windex, roll of paper towels, Endust, 409, wash rags, ammonia, roll of drawer and closet liner paper, Swiffer duster
21. Laundry Day: Laundry basket with laundry detergent, bleach, Downy or other softener, dryer sheets
22. Gone Fishin': Assorted lures, fishing line, skinning/fileting knife
23. Gone Golfing: Golf balls, tees, club covers, towel, gloves
24. You Oughta be in Pictures: Disposable camera(s), picture album, assorted frames, scrapbooking pages
25. Wakin Up: Pancake mix, syrups, jelly/jam, shaped egg rings
26. AHH – the Aroma!: Assorted regular and flavored coffees, 2-4 mugs, place mats & napkins, flavored chocolate covered spoons
27. Cuppa Tea: Assorted flavored teas, mugs, scented mug mats, tea bag holders, tea biscuits

CHILDREN'S THEMES

1. Rainy Days: Crayons, coloring books, puzzles, card games like old maid or go fish, matchbox cars or “Barbie” type clothes; cartoon show video
2. Outdoor Fun: Water pistols, sidewalk chalk, jump rope, badminton set, nerf football, bubbles,
3. I Can Read: Assorted children's books, even with a theme (Animorphs, Goosebumps, or Richard Scary for younger kids)
4. A Day at the Beach: Beach pail, with shovel, sand “molds”, flippers, snorkel, flip flops, sun screen, sunglasses, hat or visor, small water pistol
5. Dress Up Time I: (girl) boa, play high heels, cheap jewelry beads and clip earrings; cheap lipstick and eye shadow
6. Dress Up Time II: (boy) pirate hat & plastic sword; toy parrot; cowboy hat and rope; sheriff badge



Bountiful Baskets Friday, April 21



Donations Urgently Needed!

**To ensure a successful event, we need the participation
of all of our members.**

**Please consider donating a theme basket
(see page 4 for ideas, or use your own idea!)**

**“Loose items” are also needed.
If you donate it, we will find a basket for it!**

**Use your imagination – not all items need a basket.
A pot, a pail, ...**

Corporate donations are needed.
Do you have an employer who could donate?
Do your adult children have employers who could donate?

*We also need donations of baked goods for the snack table
(no need to bake! Chips Ahoy, Oreos, donut holes are welcome treats)*

One of the critiques I receive about our newsletter is that it doesn't contain enough humor. We have to be careful about what we take from the internet because of copyright laws, and we don't have the money for a comedy writer. Even Pat Cooney got on my case. I told her to send me some funny stuff, and I would try to use what she sends. Here's a sampling, just in time for St. Patrick's Day. I hope it makes you laugh.

The Dying Irish Nun Joke

The wise old Mother Superior from county Tipperary in Ireland was dying. The Irish nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her comfortable. They gave her some warm milk to drink, but she refused it. Then one nun took the glass back to the kitchen.

Remembering a bottle of Irish whiskey they had received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened and poured a generous amount into the warm milk.

When she walked back at Mother Superior's bed, she held the glass to her lips. Mother drank a little, then a little more. Before they knew it, she had drunk the whole glass down to the last drop.

"Mother," the nuns asked with earnest, "please give us some wisdom before you die."

She raised herself up in bed with a pious look on her face and said, "Don't sell that cow."

St. Mary's Church Lenten 40 Hours Devotion

The Catholic Daughters have been asked by St. Mary's to participate in the Lenten 40 Hours Devotion.

- **Friday, March 10** at 12:00 Noon please join the Catholic Daughters at Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Stay a while if you can
- Sign up for an hour or two during Exposition
- **Saturday, March 11** please join the Catholic Daughters at morning Mass at 9:00 A.M. After Mass the Catholic Daughters have been asked to pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus
- Be present for the closing Mass with Bishop Bonnici on **Sunday, March 12** at 12:00 Noon

Our court has also been asked to provide refreshments during the overnight hours of Friday and Saturday.



St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale
Sunday, March 12

Our court is raising funds for a special project for
The Country Kids Food Pantry.

We are in need of donations of
Irish Soda Bread or scones.

Use your own recipe or we can provide one for you.

If you haven't already signed up to bake and would like to help,
please call Betty Ann at 845-496-5050

Donations should be brought to the kitchen
in Father Tetreau Hall on **Saturday, March 11**

Annual dues in the amount of \$25 are now due.
If you haven't paid yet, please mail to Sue Witte
TODAY.
Thank you.



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“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.”

