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CDA Happenings

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Greetings from Your Spiritual Advisor

Easter 2023

Rejoice!

He came to call sinners, not the righteous! Rejoice!

Lent was amazing! I must rejoice and give thanks to Our Lord!

I tried something different, and I have a different result. By following a program by Ascension Press, Fr. Mark Toup's "Lenten Companion," together with a small faith-sharing group of men, we rediscovered how vast and deep is God's love and mercy for us.

Each day there would be guided questions about a single aspect of the Sunday Gospel, and we were asked to briefly journal our thoughts. Then on Saturday morning we would gather to share our experiences, gathering new insights. Reflecting on familiar stories, "The Samaritan Woman at the Well," "The Man Born Blind," and, of course, "The Raising of Lazarus," we were shown new perspectives of mercy, healing with sight restored and what it is to be brought back to life. By the end of Lent, we were all amazed how much more directly interested God is of each of us! It's not about what I try to do for Him, it's truly about what God is doing for us!

Rejoice!, for God loves us, and His love is unconditional for sinners and the righteous.

Happy Easter, My Beloved Sisters in Christ!
Deacon Timothy

National News

(catholicdaughters.org)



The National Spring Quarterly is out, and it is full of great reading. Go the CDA website and find the link for the Quarterly on the home page.

I urge every member to read the article by Margaret Sitte, National Legislative Chair that appears on page 17 of the Quarterly. The articles pertain to the Equality Act and the Equal Rights Amendment. As Catholic women, we are all urged to contact our national Congressmen and Senators and tell them that we oppose the passage of these bills. Margaret Sitte directs all members to The National Right to Life Committee's special report on the Equal Rights Amendment at federallegislation@nrlc.org

State News

(cdanys.org)

Nine members of our court will be traveling to Saratoga Springs the first week of May to attend the NYS Convention. They will be attending workshops, business meetings and social events. There will be a great deal of sharing of ideas and meeting members from all over the State. Be sure to hear their reports at the May meeting.

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COURT FUNCTIONS

Wednesday, April 19

6:00 P.M.

Charity Walk to raise money for
Beacon of Light Maternity Home
(see page 5)

7:00 P.M.

Monthly Court Meeting
Knights of Columbus
(please bring your Bountiful Baskets donation,
a baked good for Bountiful Baskets,
peanut butter/jelly for Food For Kids)

Wednesday, May 3- Sunday May 7

New York State Convention

Please pray for the success of the convention

Wednesday, May 10

Annual Pot Luck Supper – 6:00 P.M.

Monthly Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

Father Tetreau Hall

Wednesday, June 7

7:00 P.M.

Education Awards, Scholarship Presentations
and Ice Cream Social
Father Tetreau Hall
(all are welcome to attend)

Wednesday, June 14

7:00 P.M.

Monthly Court Meeting

Wednesday, July 12

7:00 P.M.

Monthly Court Meeting
Red/White/Blue Bag Grab

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
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.

Condolences

Condolences are extended to:

Marie Temple and her family on the death of her brother
William Partridge.

Rory Kahn and her family upon the death of her sister
Bunny Hubert Woloszack who recently passed away.

*May the Lord open to them the gates of Paradise where
there is no death, where eternal joy endures.*

Happy News

Congratulations to **Angela Milazzo** whose son Frank and
his family just welcomed their first child, daughter
Angelina. *Welcome and God Bless them all!*

Congratulations to **Maureen Burns** whose grandson Ryan
Creeden recently married. *May their love continue to grow
with each passing year.*

Next Meeting:

Greeter:	Alma Gonzalez
50/50:	Rory Kahn
Refreshments:	Roseann Horgan Eva McGuinness Sue Ferrigno
Milk:	Angela Milazzo
Clean Up:	Linda Jurain

*Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help out
at the next few meetings.*

Food For Kids

The Food for Kids Program is presently sending home food for the weekend for almost 200 students in the Washingtonville School District. There is a constant and ongoing need for microwaveable Chef Boyardee pasta cups and microwaveable mac-and-cheese cups. You can bring a donation to the monthly court meetings or leave them in the schoolhouse collection box in the church vestibule.

Our court supports all of the efforts of the Food for Kids Program. Every time school is closed for a long holiday break, the program sends participating students home with an extra-large bag of food. Thanks to our court members who brought cereal to the March meeting, all of the participating students in the Middle School and High School will be bringing home a box of cereal for Spring Recess.

For the April meeting, if you are able, please bring a jar of peanut butter and/or jelly to add to the extra-large bags. Please know how much your donation means!



Litany of Thanks

It's important to say thank-you, and sometimes we get so busy we forget to stop and publicly thank those that have gone above and beyond.

We need to thank **Betty Ann Bancroft** for creating and executing the very successful Irish Soda Bread Bake Sale for St. Patrick's Day. The thrust behind this idea was to raise money to donate to the food pantry for gift cards for teenagers for the Christmas Gift Shop. (If you have ever tried to purchase a gift for a teenager, you know it's hard to find the right gift for them that won't break the bank!) Thank you also to everyone who donated a baked item. **We raised \$433** without even advertising the event. Next year St. Patrick's Day is on a Sunday, so we have the potential to do even better!

Special thanks to **Cheryl Curran** for organizing our annual Women's Lenten Retreat. Over 80 women gathered to hear Sister Virginia Wilkinson O.P. speak on the nameless women of the Bible and sharing with us a contemporary look at the Stations of the Cross. The participants left the retreat enthused and spiritually fulfilled. Thank you also to Cheryl's crew who helped set up the room and lunch and stayed to clean up as well.

Birthdays

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)
Winnie Infante (4/26)

May

Louise Grix (5/5)
Carolina Aiosa (5/8)
Roseann Horgan (5/9)
Susan Wilson (5/11)
Kaite Wilson (5/14)
Angela Beuchert (5/18)
Carol Anderson (5/19)
Margaret Allen (5/21)
Julie Morel (5/24)
Lauren Santos (5/24)
Bernadette Silvestri (5/26)



Court Finances

(As of March 31, 2023)

Checking Balance: \$3,486.27

Convention Fund: \$5,553.76

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.

Annual Court Supper

Wednesday, May 10

6:00 P.M.

Our Annual Supper is coming up soon! We passed around a sign-up sheet at the March meeting and will send it around again in April. We ask that you let us know what you are bringing so that we can be sure that we have everything we need. If you are planning to come to the dinner but can't make it to the April meeting to sign up, please email Diane and tell her what you are bringing.

Here's my favorite Pot Luck Dinner recipe:

Elephant Stew

1 elephant brown gravy
salt & pepper 2 rabbits (optional)

Cut elephant into bite-size pieces and season with salt and pepper. Cover with brown gravy. Cook over low heat about 4 weeks. This will serve 4,200 people. If more are expected, the 2 rabbits may be added, but do this only if necessary, as most people do not like to find hare in their stew.

If you have access to the Internet, I hope you would consider joining Facebook, if only to enjoy the great reading that **Rory Kahn** shares with us almost daily. Every day she shares news from the Archdiocese, readings from Catholic Exchange and other sites and daily bible readings. In addition, New York State and National Catholic Daughters Facebook pages are also full of readings and prayers services. In addition, Rory manages our website, and it is constantly updated with many great resources. Thank you, Rory, for keeping us plugged in!

What's Happening

So many events upcoming from other courts and organizations:

United Hospice is having its annual Walk to Remember on Saturday, May 6th at 8 A.M. at Rockland Lake State Park. Or you can “walk where you are” April 29th to May 5th. For more information, contact: development@unitedhospiceinc.org

Court Genevieve Walsh #918 in Goshen is hosting its Annual Tea on Sunday, April 23rd from 1:30 to 4:30 at McCaffrey Hall, 77 Murray Avenue, Goshen. Reservations required. 845-294-3202 or pat_grff@yahoo.com

Court St. Anne #909 in Warwick is hosting several events to support St. Therese Classical Academy:

Pocketbook Bingo – Saturday April 15th, doors open at 6 p.m. \$40
tickets: www.stcademy.org/bingo

Open House – meet teachers and students Sunday April 23 1:00-3:00

Gutbucket Café (a play) – a night of comedy, mayhem, singing, swinging & 40's fun. \$30. Includes dinner show, dancing, raffles, bake sale. 40's attire welcome. Tickets: [www.https://stcademy.org/dinner-theater](https://stcademy.org/dinner-theater) or 845-610-5288

Court Nilan #985 in Highland is hosting several events to which all of you are invited:

Sunday April 30 Cinco de Mayo in April, 2:00 – 4:30

Sunday June 4th May Day in June, 2:00 – 4:30

(save the dates: more information to follow)

Court Madonna #114 in Port Jervis has invited us to their Cherry Blossom Tea Party from Noon to 3 P.M. on Saturday, May 13th. Price is \$15 per person, young ladies under 12 \$8. Advance reservations needed. Sign-up sheet at April meeting.

Charitable Giving Opportunity

Please join us at 6:00 P.M. prior to our April meeting for a walk around the Knights of Columbus to raise money for **Beacon of Light Maternity Home**. As supporters of the Right to Life movement, it is incumbent upon us to support the women who choose to keep their babies. Come join us in a convivial social hour as we make laps around the building to the best of our abilities. We are also collecting donations from people who would like to pay to NOT WALK! Donations should be made payable to the court.



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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.”



How easy it is to feel over-extended in life. We can so easily feel like tree branches out of control, running all over the place. Jesus reminds us that a productive life is a well-pruned life.

God is the source of our energy. Yet when we take on too many power agendas, we diffuse God’s transforming powers. How often we have branched out in areas that are just draining our energy, rather than bearing fruit.

When we have gone astray, we need to cut back and sometimes cut the entire branch. A well-pruned life is an abundant life.

Spring is here. Once again it’s time to weed and to prune.