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CD Happenings

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Greetings from Your Spiritual Advisor

Easter 2022

Rejoice! Christ has conquered sin and death!

Happy Easter to all my beloved sisters in Christ Jesus!

It has been a fruitful season of Lent for me, and I pray it has been fruitful for you as well.

This Lenten season has made a difference because I truly challenged myself. Before Lent began, I read an article that declared if you start out with the 'same old, same ole' for what you were going to achieve this Lent, then you can, and should, expect the "same ole" result. Hence, I didn't give up chocolate!

There is a discipline that I could not understand or appreciate, so my objective was to learn and to gain real understanding and be able accept in my heart and mind how this discipline would bring about transformation. It has taken the entire season of Lent, old habits die hard, but Christ has conquered it in me. I'm not going to share the discipline because that's personal, however I write to you to exclaim the Grace received in trusting in the Lord and His Holy Mother. I rejoice, and my faith is renewed. I can now appreciate this discipline because of the Mercy received today and many of my yesterdays. Christ has conquered, that's what He does, if we let Him.

Forty days can seem like a long time, but if we were to count them as blessings how many would you like to receive? My Sisters Lent is never really over, I pray Christ will continue to bless and strengthen you as we continue our journey home. Now, Let the Celebration Begin!

Rejoice! Christ is risen, He has conquered All! Alleluia Alleluia

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,
Deacon Timothy

National News

(catholicdaughters.org)



We've received the second call to convention, filled with so much information about the great tie being planned by the Puerto Rico court. It's not too late to make plans to go. Looking forward to a wonderful report from our delegates at the September meeting!

State News

(cdanys.org)

The NYS Court has announced the locations for this year's Pray and Plays. Pallotti Center is no longer available. Here are the dates and locations:

June 10-12 Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg

August 5-7 Immaculate Conception Seminary,
Huntington

September 23-25 Christ the King Retreat House,
Syracuse

There is more information on the website. Please be mindful of deposit deadlines.

Take advantage of this wonderful fun and spirit-filled weekend.

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COURT FUNCTIONS

Wednesday, April 20

6:00 – 6:30 P.M.

*Knights of Columbus Parking Lot
United Hospice Walk to Remember*

7:00 P.M.

Knights of Columbus

Court Meeting

Presentation of Slate of
New Officers

Friday, April 22

5:00 P.M.

Bountiful Baskets

Wednesday, May 11

Father Tetreau Hall

6:30 P.M.

Annual Pot Luck Supper

7:00 P.M.

Court Meeting
Election of Officers

Tuesday, June 7

7:00 P.M.

Celebration of
Education Contest Winners and
Scholarship Awardees
Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, June 8

St. Mary's Church

6:30 P.M.

Installation Mass

7:00 P.M.

Court Meeting

What Other Courts Are Doing:

Court Our Lady of the Lake #2585 (Patterson, NY) is hosting its 1st Annual Tea Party on Sunday May 1 at 1:00 P.M. RSVP by April 15. 845.702.8190

Court Madonna #114 (Port Jervis) is hosting its annual Tea at Tiffany's on Saturday, June 4 Noon to 3 P.M. RSVP to Laura 973.293.3523 by May 10

Keep in Your Prayers:

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

Bob Alcaro

Bob Kaiser

Lynn Eismont's mother and brother Robert

Nicky Saporito

Our Parish Priests, Deacons and Seminarians

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

Our may meeting will be our Annual Pot Luck Supper. Well, maybe not appropriately named because we remove "chance" from the supper and ask our members to tell us what they are bringing. (It wouldn't be the worst thing if we all showed up with dessert!)

Please have an idea of what you are bringing because the sign-up sheet will be at the April meeting.



Next Meeting:

Greeter:

50/50:

Refreshments: Suzanne Ferrigno

Ginny West

Winnie Infante

Milk:

Clean Up: Linda Jurain

A Message From Your Regent:

A Parable, an Anecdote and a Book Review

One of my favorite parables is the story of a man whose home is being flooded by the rising river. As the water laps at his front door, a man in a row boat comes by. “Get into the boat, and I will save you.” The man in the house waves him off and tells him “God will save me.” The water continues to rise, and the man is forced to the second floor. Another boat comes by, but it too is waved off with the reply “God will save me.” The man is now on the roof of his house as the water continues to rise. A helicopter comes by and lowers a rope, but the man shakes off this rescue. “God will save me.” Eventually the water is so high that the man is swept away in the flood waters and perishes. When he gets to Heaven he says to God, “I prayed to you. You were supposed to save me.” God replied, “What do you want? I sent you two row boats and a helicopter.” Of course, the lesson here is that God hears us, but we need to recognize Him and what He’s telling us and maybe the answer to our prayers has come in an unrecognizable format.

In a recent snow storm, my husband and I were clearing the driveway. As my husband is removing the pile of slop left by the snow plow, a man with a pickup truck and a plow pulled up and offered to clear the driveway at no charge. My husband said thank you, but denied the offer of help. Even more astonishingly, a second vehicle with a young couple pulled up and offered to help. My husband said “no thank you,” and off they went. I yelled down to him, “I’m going inside to warm my hands. If a helicopter comes by, please say yes!” (Yes, we’re still married!)

I related this story to my daughter, and we had a good laugh. She said that she had heard about a book that follows along with this theme, so I ordered it right away. It’s **The Stranger in the Lifeboat** by Mitch Albom. The story is about survivors of a shipwreck in a lifeboat who pluck a stranger from the water. When they ask him why he is there, he responds with “Haven’t you been calling me?” Skeptical, he is asked “Are you here to save us?” He replies “I can only do that when everyone here believes I am who I say I am.” The story follows the people in the boat as well as the person who finds the journal of one of the lifeboat occupants. I won’t give away the ending, but it’s a wonderful little book that I enjoyed immensely. I highly recommend it.

If God appeared to you today, would you believe it was Him?

On March 19th our court hosted a Women’s Lenten Retreat. The guest was Sister Eileen Carmody from the Presentation Sisters. Present were 80 women from our court, our parish, neighboring parishes and many other Catholic Daughters courts. It was a beautiful spirit-filled day. Thank you to Sister Eileen, and thank you to Spiritual Enhancement Chairman Cheryl Curran for pulling this all together!



Birthdays

April

Mary-Beth Doelger (4/4)
Carmen Bruckner (4/9)
Carrie Hurst (4/9)
Mary Ann Kaiser (4/10)
Cheryl Curran (4/14)
Kathy Foley (4/15)
Marion Ciofalo (4/16)
Barbara O'Dwyer (4/17)
Angela Milazzo (4/23)
Winifred Infante (4/26)

May

Mary Daly (5/5)
Louise Grix (5/5)
Caroline Aiosa (5/8)
Roseann Horgan (5/9)
Susan Wilson (5/11)
Katie 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, 2022)

Checking Balance: \$3,215.78
Convention Fund: \$5,278.68
Reserve Fund: \$4,759.46

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.

Please Read:

Last year in the middle of the pandemic our court was approached by United Hospice of Rockland and Orange County to participate in a fund-raising walk. Because of the pandemic, we were to organize a "virtual walk". So, before our April meeting, we gathered in the church parking lot and walked (and talked!) for 30 minutes. Prior to the walk, participants gathered donations from friends and family. Everything was done on their website.

We have been asked to participate again this year. While they have a Saturday set aside for a walk, we have decided that we will do what we did last year, with one change:

There is a **\$35 per walker** administrative fee. In order to get around this, we have created a team on their website. If you would like to walk with us on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00 at the Knights of Columbus, we ask that you skip the registration process and make a contribution to the team that day or on their website. If you can get friends and family to sponsor you, even better! Any checks should be made out to the court: **CDA, Court St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419.**

Anyone - including you - can make a donation directly to the team on their website, United Hospice Walk to Remember.

Our team name is **CDA, Court St. Ann**

Hospice is such a worthy charity. We all know someone who has had family members facing impossible end-of-life decisions and benefitted from the care and compassion of Hospice.

Please join us on April 20.

Bring a supper and come inside. The meeting begins at 7:00. Don't forget your donation to Bountiful Baskets and a baked good for Friday night, too.

At the March meeting the court budget for 2022-23 was approved. Here it is.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Ann #2419
Approved
April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023

Balance on hand as of February 28, 2022			\$3,001.78
Receipts:			
Dues - New & Existing Members (125 x \$20)	2,500.00		
Wontz Family Scholarship (2023)	500.00		
Fundraiser - Blizzard of Fun Raffle	2,500.00		
Fundraiser - Bountiful Baskets	5,000.00		
Total Receipts			\$10,500.00
Disbursements:			
Dues - State CDA @\$2.50/member (October and March)*	625.00		
Dues - National CDA @\$7.50/member (October and March)*	1,875.00		
Defrayal hardship membership dues	100.00		
Insurance*	55.00		
Seminary Fund @ \$3.00/member (assessment)*	375.00		
National Projects*:			
Holy Cross Family	50.00		
SOAR	50.00		
Labouré	50.00		
Habitat for Humanity	50.00		
NCOSE	50.00		
National Charities (10 charities x \$25 each)	250.00		
Gifts:			
Priest Appreciation (mass cards)	50.00		
District Deputy (2 gifts of \$25)	50.00		
Brian Mangard	75.00		
Charitable Giving:			
St. Mary's Church (November)**	1,000.00		
SOAR (journal ad)	500.00		
Archdiocese Past Regents (\$100 donation/\$25 luncheon)	125.00		
Local Giving			
Circle of Love Court Projects (7 projects)	650.00		
Rosary Makers	400.00		
Country Kids 4H Food Pantry (\$250 x 4)	1,000.00		
Food for Kids (\$150 x 4)	600.00		
Knights of Columbus - Lourdes Pilgrimage	0.00		
Knights of Columbus - Polar Plunge	150.00		
Pallottine Sisters (2 tickets Silent Auction + raffle tickets)	100.00		
Other Local Giving (\$50 max per request/event)	500.00		
startup 2022 Bountiful Baskets	100.00		
startup 2022 Blizzard of Fun	75.00		
Anniversary Dinner	100.00		
Ceremonies	25.00		
Convention Expenses (exclusive of delegates/alternates)	150.00		
Education Contest - awards	250.00		
Hospitality	50.00		
Postage	250.00		
CDA Supplies (National and State)	300.00		
Office Supplies	1,200.00		
Office Rental	200.00		
Court Scholarship	1,000.00		
Wontz Scholarship (2022)	500.00		
Support of Other Courts (journal ads, raffle tickets, new courts)	200.00		
Bank expenses	150.00		
Spiritual activities (\$10/member/event)	50.00		
Total Expenses			\$13,280.00
Non-Allocated Balance			\$221.78
* Always hold in reserve a year's worth of National dues and assessments. Currently held in a savings account. Always check: Is there enough in the savings account to cover the court's obligations?			
**If Bountiful Baskets income exceeds expectations, gift may be increased to no more than \$3,000.			



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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.”

