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## CDA Happenings



### *Regent's Message*

#### *The Power of Prayer*

Seems like I've been sending out a lot more prayer requests than usual lately. I'm sure you all cringe every time you open your email and see that subject line! So many of our CDA sisters, just in our Court alone, are in need of prayers for themselves and their families right now. But here's the good news, IT'S WORKING.

Maureen survived her surgery and is getting better every day. Grace has some indication of what's been wrong for months now and is following up. Bob is receiving the physical therapy he needs and making progress slowly but surely. My little Tommy beat not one, but 3 dangerous viruses at once and left the PICU for home after 5 days of what was very close to a life and death situation. I finally fought through the flu and pneumonia and got back on my feet and functioning again. And today I had my throat blessed so I'm fully confident that this lingering cough will finally go away. And so many others are healing.

All of this is because we have been storming Heaven with prayers for everyone. How could God ignore or hide from over 130 determined Catholic Daughters? I'm thinking He would take care of it all just to make us leave Him alone! But seriously, "knock and the door shall be opened." So many of us have been "knocking" with our prayers on a daily basis He couldn't help but hear and respond. Prayer is a powerful and serious means of gaining God's attention and help in helping and healing. Our Court, alone, has proven that over and over for so many of our sisters and their families in the years I've been a member. So don't stop, **never** stop. Keep praying and believing and KNOWING that He will listen and answer and help and heal.

In Unity and Charity,  
Gail



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### *"Unity and Charity"*

#### **National Happenings**

##### *National CDA in D.C.*



Gathered once again in Washington, D.C. for the Right to Life March to advocate for the unborn are the National Board and members of CDA. Taking place on January 24th on the Great Lawn in front of the Capital Building, thousands gathered to show their commitment to the law makers for the repeal of Roe v. Wade. A special appearance was made by President Donald Trump in support of the March and the rights of the unborn.

These ladies were truly showing their colors.

##### *National Convention*

The National CDA Convention will be happening soon so now is the time for Local and State Courts to plan their delegates. Our Court is eligible for 3 Delegates (the Regent and two other members) and 6 Alternates, one of whom would step up if a Delegate could not go, who will be going to Dallas, Texas from July 15th to the 19th. This will be Olga Samaniego, National Regent's, Convention. Sherry Niles, National Regent Elect, will be inducted at the closing Mass and then serve as the National Regent for the next two years.

We will be voting on Delegates and Alternates at the February meeting. If you are interested in running, please have someone nominate you. The Regent is an automatic Delegate, but there are still spots for 2

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## Mark Your Calendar!



### COURT FUNCTIONS

#### Meeting

February 19, 2020

7:00 pm

Tetreau Hall

#### St. Valentine's Day

February 14th



#### JCDA Day

Sunday, February 16th

#### President's Day

February 17th



#### Ash Wednesday

February 26th



#### Daylight Savings Time

Begins March 8



#### Dates to Remember For 2020

- Feb. 19 Regular meeting - 7:00
- March 18 Regular meeting - 7:00
- April 22 Regular meeting - 7:00  
@ K of C Hall
- April 24 Bountiful Baskets  
@ K of C Hall
- May 13 Pot Luck Dinner - 6:30
- June 3 Education Awards/  
Ice Cream Social - 6:30
- June 17 Installation Mass - 6:30  
Meeting to follow

(clip and save)

Delegates and 6 Alternates to be filled. Conventions are a great way to learn about the operating of our organization, have input, and meet other Catholic Daughters from around the world, so consider asking a member to nominate you.



## State Happenings

**NY STATE MASS CARDS** If you are in possession of NY State Mass Cards, please remember that the prayer requests and any donation are still to be submitted to the name on the paper enclosed with the cards: Marianne Eaton 6516 Skinner Road Vernon Center, NY 13477

The State Board has moved its bank accounts in order to be locally accessible to the new Officers and now can only accept checks made payable to: **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**. Notations should still be made in the memo or in an attached note to clarify what the check is intended for. This will require vigilance on your part to make sure that you are not sending payments meant for the National Office to the State or vice versa. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Circle of Love Quality of Life



#### Shoe Box Project—Samaritan's Purse

Under the leadership of Ann Adami, 29 shoeboxes were assembled with items for children age 2 to 14 years of age. Each shoebox was designed for a specific age child, boy or girl, with items such as toys, clothing, sports equipment, hygiene supplies, school supplies. The Court voted to donate money towards the shipping of each box to help defray that cost.

The National Collection Week each year is from November 18-25 so that the boxes will reach the children by Christmas.

### Catholic Charities Family for Christmas

For the second year our Court has sponsored a family through Catholic Charities to make their Christmas a joyful one. Linda Jurain, Chairperson for Quality of Life, and Grace Alcaro are pictured delivering all the donations collected from our members to Sheila Toohey of Catholic Charities. Included in the gift bags are new clothes and toys for the children, a boy 1 1/2, and 2 girls ages 3 & 5. The father and mother received gift cards, cookware, bed linens, dinner and silverware, and a king comforter. Altogether, through the generosity of the Court members, over \$800 worth of gifts were presented to Sheila for this family.



Linda will be contacting Catholic Charities to continue our works of Mercy for a family to which we will do the same for at Easter.

### Quality of Life On Going Schedule of Events

- Deployed Orange County Soldiers cards
- Faith House
- Prayer Shawls
- Food Pantry
- School Back Pack Program

## December Birthdays Members



Gail Erickson, Hanora Belluco,  
Joan Tomaldi

## Welcome



Our newest member, Joan Tomaldi, being pinned by Jane Hosford at the December meeting. Congratulations and welcome Joan.



## Keep in Your Prayers

Please keep in your prayers  
Maureen Bowes, Bob & Grace Alcaro,  
Cheryl Curran; Bob Kaiser; Linda Jurain,  
Second Vice State Regent Connie Breindel,  
State Chairman for the 1903 Society  
Lisa Stirpe, and all who have requested  
our prayers.

## Women's Lenten Retreat

Sponsored by Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary  
#2419



Saturday, March 14, 2020  
10:00—3:30



## The Questions of Lent

Guest Speaker— Sister Eileen Carmody

\$10 registration fee includes  
Lunch, dessert & beverages

All are welcome—Bring a friend

For Reservations call:  
Cheryl Curran @ 845.496.5636  
Diane Meore @ 845.978.5294



## Court Election

Local court elections always coincide with the National Convention. Gail Erickson will be completing her second term as our Regent and will be retiring. To begin the process of nominating a new Board, a Nominating Committee must be elected by the membership. This committee meets to fill all the offices of the board to present to the Court at the May meeting. At the election meeting in May anyone who is not on the slate of officers presented by the Committee may run from the floor for any office.

The Nominating Committee consists of 3 or 5 members duly elected by the membership. No member may serve on more than two consecutive nominating committees. If you are eligible and would like to serve it is necessary for a member to nominate you at the February meeting. If there are more than 3 but less than 5 or more than 5 people nominated then there will be an election held. This is a very important committee on which to serve because it will determine how the Court is run and what decisions are made for the next two years.

## Scholarships

Ct. St. Ann, Mother of Mary #2419 & Frances Wontz

Lynn Eismont & Christine Frisbee, chairmen for Education, have announced the scholarships for 2020. The \$1000 Court scholarship is open to all graduating High School Seniors who are children or grandchildren of a member who has been in good standing for the past two years and attended at least 4 business meetings during the Court year (May1– April 30). The applicant must be accepted to an accredited college or nursing school. If there are no eligible applicants, the scholarship will be opened to active, graduating Seniors of St. Mary's Horizons Youth Group.

The \$500 Frances Wontz Scholarship, presented yearly by George Wontz in memory of his mother, is open to a graduating Senior in parochial or public school who has been accepted to an accredited college or nursing school. The applicant must be a member of St. Mary's Parish.

Applications will be available at: the Parish Office and on the Washingtonville H.S Scholarship website. There will be further information in the St. Mary's Church Bulletin.

Deadline for all applications is May 8, 2020

## Birthdays

<i>January</i>		<i>February</i>	
Marie Mancuso	1/04	Snooky Kelly	2/4
Elaine Marchisi	1/05	Gladys Panet	2/4
Nora McCaffrey	1/06	Mary Peppiatt	2/6
Grace Alcaro	1/11	Pam Ferrara	2/8
Karen Smolar	1/14	Laura Descafano	2/9
Florence Nasso	1/15	Linda Jurain	2/18
Karen Flannery	1/16	Anne Page	2/18
Thelma Fetchik	1/19	Karen Sheboy	2/22
Nanette Murray	1/20	Rosalina Torres	2/23
Teresa Fey	1/22	Marianne Devit	2/26



*Carnation*



*Primrose*

## Court Finances

(as of December)

Checking Balance: \$7159.56  
 Convention Fund: \$2549.32  
 Reserve Fund: \$3507.31

**December 50/50 Winner**  
 Heather Rave



## Ongoing Happenings

- ▶ Collect **box tops** for Education to benefit St. Mary's Little Lambs Preschool and register shopping cards on line.
- ▶ Recycle empty **cans and bottles** and bring to meeting. Funds are used in our convention fund to help offset costs.
- ▶ Bring **Food Pantry donations** to the meeting: This month's collection is canned tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter, jelly, and/or any non-perishable food item on sale.
- ▶ Bring items for the **Food for Kids** backpacks and place them in the bins outside the St. Joseph's Room.
- ▶ Rosary maker meeting—1st Friday of the month at 9am Tetreau Hall.

## It's Time for... Bountiful Baskets



Bountiful Baskets will be held on April 24th this year in the K of C Hall. If you haven't already started, now is the time to begin thinking up a theme for your basket and collecting items. Remember, you can "think outside the basket"—start with a pot or a bowl and fill it with items that create a theme. Flat trays work, beach bags work, you'd be amazed. So let your imagination take over and make it fun. Please keep the average value (not necessarily the cost) to \$25-30. It is vital to the success of this event that every member contribute. It's also important that our members attend BB and bring their family and friends. It's a great night out for a group of friends/family, better than most of today's movies, the food's not bad, and there are prizes, so we all benefit. This is our main fundraiser and it allows us to continue all our great works of charity, so we need it to be a huge success.

On another related note, we will need volunteers, as usual to help visit businesses to collect their donations. Please sign up at the February meeting for baking, assembling baskets, helping with the Businesses, advertising, and working the event. Many hands make light work.

The following are ideas for your baskets:

Italian dinner (products)	Day at the Beach
TV/Movie Night	Birthday Party
Knitting/Crochet Items	Stationery supplies
Baking supplies	Cat bed w/ toys & treat
Game Night	Model plane/car/truck Kits-
Beauty Parlor	Puzzles
Coloring books & pencils	Baby Shower
Dog Treats & toys	Chinese Dinner
Taco Night	Gift Wrapping supplies
Manicure/Pedicure	Wine Basket
Scrapbooking	Cleaning products
Spring Wreath supplies	Slow cooker supplies

## Knights of Columbus Polar Plunge

Men of the K of C Our Lady of Lourdes Council #5890 will be taking the Plunge, literally. On Saturday, February 22nd they will be participating in the 22nd Annual Polar Plunge sponsored by Special Olympics of New York to raise funds to support the many events the Special Olympics hold for the mentally challenged. It is being held on Sharpe Reservation—Camp Mariah but parking will be at Splash Down Beach, Old Rte.9W, Fishkill, NY with shuttle buses provided. The Special Olympics of NY is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year so they are hoping for a great turnout.

If you would like to sponsor the K of C Council members doing the plunge you can go to the following website: [www.events.nyso.org](http://www.events.nyso.org) to download a sponsor form, contact a member of the Council #5890 directly, or give a check to Ann Adami at the February meeting and she will get it to the Knights.

## ***Kids in Church***

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and asked his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. The dad said he'd make a deal with his son: "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut.

The young man thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it. After six weeks his father said, "*Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut.*"

The young man said, "*You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.*"

To this, this father replied: "*Did you also notice that they **walked** everywhere they went?*"



## **VOLUNTEER**



### ***Meeting Volunteers***

There will be a sign-up sheet at this month's meeting for volunteers for the coming months to set-up, clean-up, bake, greet and sell the 50/50s. Please consider helping out at least one or two months for a position and being an active and involved member. Not everyone can be on the Board or a Committee. But if you come to the monthly meetings, you can help with these important projects. Set-up and clean-up means an extra 15 minutes before or after a meeting, but once again the more help, the quicker it goes. If you do sign up and find you can't make that meeting, please call Gail so another member can take your place. Thank you.

### ***February Meeting Volunteers***

Set up: Julie Morel

Greeter: Pat Cooney

50/50:- Attendance: Ann Frohnhoefer

Refreshments: Betty Ann Bancroft

Milk: Ophelia Ramm

Clean-up: ?

### ***Support for Ct. Madonna #114***

Ct. Madonna #114 # will be having their annual Tricky Tray on Sunday February 16th at St. Mary's basement hall, Port Jervis, NY. Doors will open at 12 noon. It is a another fun event in support of a sister court. There will be lots of baskets, a 50/50, and refreshments for sale.

Another event in the planning stage for Ct. Madonna is their Spring Tea scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 18th. So get you best Easter bonnet ready and join them for "High Tea". There will be more information on the tea soon.



## ***History Picture of the Month***

### **This months Question:**

What are the two events being celebrated at which Marie and Maureen look to be enjoying themselves so much?



### ***..from the Kitchen of..***

Gail Erickson

### ***Valentine Heart Parfaits***

Blueberries—1 pint

Strawberries—8 sliced and notched to look like Hearts

2 cups plain or vanilla Greek Yogurt

Strawberry preserves—1 tablespoon

Divide blueberries between 4 7-9 ounce clear cups. Place 5 strawberry slices upright around inside of cup. Mix yogurt and preserves in small bowl and divide between 4 cups and spoon over blueberries. Place one strawberry slice upright on top and serve.





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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”*

