

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Court Ave Maria #832

59 Church Street, Kings Park, NY 11754



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.

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Our Chaplain's Corner

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

As you will see when you read on, this has been a very busy month for all of us. We decided to be kind to Fr Seán, for all the hard work that he has done for us and give him the month of December off from writing his normal Chaplain's Corner.

But... there will be **No Amnesty** come January

HAPPENINGS FROM OUR COURT

Congratulations Court Ave Maria #832. This past month of November has definitely been one of our most fun filled and busiest months yet.

- We started out with our sold-out Military Bridge fundraiser. Once again, we out did ourselves. The food was plenty, the raffles were amazing, the generous donations of our local merchants and members was over the top... Lisa and her committee did a great job of allowing us to have so much fun and be so profitable without looking like it took any effort. Please remember to frequent our local merchant and thank them for their generosity.

- Three days later, we came out in full force again when Fr. Sean lead us in an Election Eve prayer vigil. It was beautiful. Thank you Fr. Seán.

- Five days later... Our 95TH Anniversary Luncheon came to full fruition. Debbie Stellakis, NYS Treasurer honored us with her presence and our opening prayer. A beautiful prayer card donated to each of us by Anne McElhone, Tracey McElhone-Lee and the entire McElhone family to commemorate our 95th Anniversary. Thank you so very much for your generosity in so many ways. Again, our Lisa put together an outstanding celebration for all to enjoy. With the mix of the most wonderful company to socialize with, exceptional food and service from Nocello's, dancing to the fantastic mix of music by John Ferreyra (Lisa's Hubby) how could anyone not have had a great time.



- Although many of us were still recuperating from the party, we showed up in force once again and made a proud showing of our true CDA SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM AND RESPECT FOR OUR VETERANS and marched in the Kings Park Veteran's Day Parade.

- After two full weeks off (of course Thanksgiving was in that time slot also) our November meeting was a bit of a whirlwind. Our CDA family grew by 3 more members taking the pledge and joining our family. Court Ave Maria's newest members are: Joanne O'Dowd, Alison Roth, and her mom, Elaine Roth. Keep a look out for them, and introduce yourself. I promise you'll be glad you did.

- Fr. Seán spoke to us in depth about symbolism, self-esteem and Advent. He then proceeded to present 25 Anniversary Pins to our members who have reached the milestone years of 10, 15, 25, 30, and 75. Unfortunately eight of these ladies weren't able to attend that evening to receive theirs. We will be delivering the pins to them hopefully before Christmas.

- Our giving tables were overflowing with the donations that our members and parishioners donated towards our "Veteran's Undergarment Drive" and our Northport Veterans "Toys For Tots" campaign.

- Jasmine showed us the Rosary Decades she made and distributed to the Veterans with 2 beautiful cards. One for Memorial Day and one for Veterans Day.

Thank you to all the Catholic Daughters of Court Ave Maria for your unending generosity not only in material things but also for all your unending prayers which you offer up so freely. God Bless You All. Amen

HOSPITALITY

CDA hosted the Family Mass Hospitality on Sunday, December 2nd in Travis Hall and the Parish Concert Hospitality, the following Sunday December 9th. A very special thank you to Dottie Pilock, our hospitality "hostess with the mostest", chairlady. With the help of her committee and your generosity, she was able to present and offer to our Parish and fellow Parishioners another wonderful presentation from Our Court Ave Maria.

I know it always looks so easy whenever we have hospitality at any of our meetings or functions, but just take a minute and realize all the work and effort our chairladies go through to make everything just perfect for us. So, please call Dottie at 631 543-1295 and let her know what you are willing to bring for our sharing table and for which month's meeting.

***OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON January 28th 2019**

Over this Christmas vacation, Your board will be working very diligently putting together a very informative meeting for you. We will be learning from

members of our own court who are highly experienced in the fields of medical, physical, emotional, spiritual, and Medicare help for you. I have been doing a lot of praying about this meeting and I'm sure God isn't going to let me down. If anyone is interested in speaking or partaking in some way with this project, please feel free to contact me, Denise, with your thoughts. We are open minded and want to give our members the most comprehensive information we can provide.

Remember... our doors open at 6:30pm...(not before). We need time to set up. We would like to have a small preview before our meeting actually starts at 7:30pm.

Please remember that the following donations are accepted and appreciated at every monthly meeting.

*Education labels *Box Tops for Education labels
*Children's white socks for **St Joseph's Indian School**
*Coloring Books & crayons for **Little Flower**
*Snacks, books, games, undergarments for the **Military at Phoenix House.**

Women Helping Women: Full Size only:

Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Body Scrubbies, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes (individually wrapped) Women's Feminine products, Hair Brushes, Razors, Shaving Cream, Make up Remover Sheets, Nail Care Kits.

*****Remember, this is not mandatory...
it is just a suggestion.**




Prayers



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: *Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Our Good Bishops and Priests, especially Our Parish Priests, Clergy and Staff.*

- For continued healing for our members:
Toni Valentine, Ivy Murphy, Gloria Legrotttaglie, Janet McCabe, Joann Bergin, Pam DeFord, and Valerie Terraciano

-  For the Soul of our dear member, Liz Harris, mother of Pam DeFord, who was called home to the Lord on Nov. 7th, 2018. Please keep Pam and her family in your prayers
- Member, Pat Magnan, who broke her left shoulder and is now at home. May she have a complete and speedy recovery.
- Member, Laura Gallagher, who is now in rehab after a period of severe weakness. May she have a complete and speedy recovery
- Member, Maureen Egan, who is in constant pain from her sciatica. May God take away her pain.
- Member, Bella Pavese, may her procedure have been successful, and may she have complete healing.
- Member Annmarie Galante, hip replacement surgery, may she have a complete and non complicated recovery
- Member Lorraine Weiner, knee surgery, may she have a complete and speedy recovery
- Mary Lou Pane's husband, Jim. May his recent procedure heal quickly and allow him to proceed with his treatments.
- Colleen Grady Scarlett's husband, Roy, as he recuperates from a severe concussion. May God take away his pain.
- Maureen Egan's son Jeff, pray for a miracle that he regains his hearing in his left ear, and the doctors find a cure.
- Carolyn Flynn's father, Charles whose early dementia is advancing
- Joan Smith's niece Maureen Sullivan facing a very delicate back surgery. May she be back to complete health and full recovery soon

"Dear Lord, wrap Your arms around our members who are hurting today, and let them feel how much You love them."

If you know of anyone in need of our support and prayers, please contact any of our board members or Pat Ziegler; pziegler@optonline.net for email prayer requests



Dues

Reminder: 2019 DUES ARE NOW DUE.
They are still **\$30.00** and can be paid in cash or by check, made payable to: **Court Ave Maria #832**. Please see our Financial Secretary **Marge Duryea** for payment.
Or you can mail your check to:
Marge Duryea
48 Terry Lane
Commack, NY 11725



Happy December Birthday

12/1 Veronica Vivolo	12/17 Cindy Guzzo
12/2 Eileen Allnach	12/18 Mary Ramos
12/2 Bridie Lane	12/23 Ivy Murphy
12/5 Margaret Moran	12/24 Kathleen Shea
12/6 Mary Herbert	12/25 BABY JESUS
12/8 Mary Jane Dipaoli	12/26 Coleen Shivers
12/9 Diane Tabone	12/27 Virginia Carroll
12/11 Fr. Seán Gann	12/28 Diane Yacenda
12/11 Barbara Stirnweis	12/29 Alice Doyle
12/12 Maureen Egan	12/29 Della Weissenberger
12/13 Dorothy Artus	12/31 Carol Schubert

***In case the first issue of our 2019 newsletter does not arrive in a timely fashion... here is the first week of January 2019 Birthdays...**

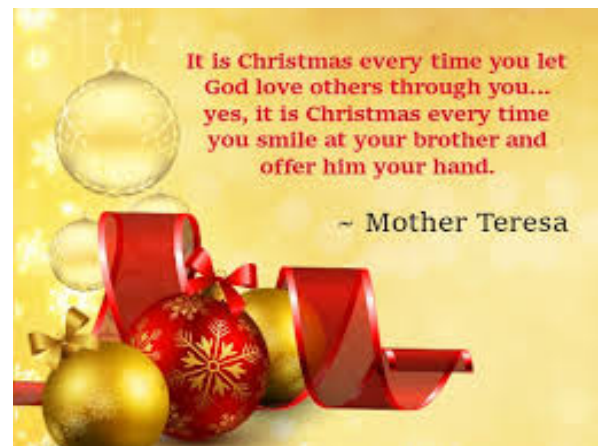
1/2 Laura DeLaRosa 1/2 Rose Sciacchitano



If you haven't given me your birthdate, I won't be able to post it for all to see.

Many members have asked if they could have a phone number or an address of another member. I cannot and will not give that information out with your permission. If you do not have an objection to having your phone # or address given out, please contact me to let me know. We will discuss this at our January meeting, but I would appreciate your feedback ASAP.

Member's personal information must not ever be used for solicitation purposes!



National:

WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS REJECT EUTHANASIA RESOLUTION.

According to an article by Michael Cook in MercatorNet, the Dutch & Canadian Medical Associations prepared a pro-euthanasia resolution for this year's World Medical Association (WMA) meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland, but withdrew it for **LACK OF SUPPORT**. Amen.



State:

GRATITUDE:

Wikipedia states that Christian gratitude is regarded as a virtue that shapes not only emotions and thoughts but also actions and deeds. As we give thanks to God for His wonderful gifts, we need to remember those people who have assisted us and pass these acts on to others. Helping and giving thanks are ways of sharing our gratitude for God's love. You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God, is not only supplying the needs of the holy ones but is also overflowing in many acts of thanksgiving to God. —2 Corinthians 9:11-12.

LISA M. STIRPE, - STATE CHAIRMAN FOR THE 1903 SOCIETY

Legislation:

Update on Sexual Exploitation: Help the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) Take action against sexual exploitation in its many forms by going to their website:

ENDSEXUALEXPLOITATION.ORG. View their 2018 Dirty Dozen List and find out who is on the Major Contributors to Sexual Exploitation List. You will be amazed at who is on this list. They also have a list of the Victories from the Annual Dirty Dozen List. For more information you can go to

DIRTYDOZENLIST.COM

Or call:

National Center On Sexual Exploitation,
Washington, DC.

(202) 393-7245. Join the Campaign...

Inspirational Thoughts



**“He was created of a mother
whom He created.
He was carried by hands that
He formed.
He cried in the manger
in wordless infancy.
He, the Word,
without whom all human
eloquence is mute.”**

St. Augustine

WITH OUR APPRECIATION:

Thank you to the following Local Merchants who donated so generously to make our Military Bridge fund raiser such a huge success. We hope you will show your appreciation by frequenting them often:

Bagel King	Kings Park Meat Market
Café Red	Main St. Pizza Café
Carvel	Mathnasium
Ciro's	New Nail Station
Clayton Funeral Home	Noel S. Ruiz Theatre
Commack Car Wash	Old Dock Inn
Dixies Smokehouse	Phoenix Beauty Nail
Edelweiss Deli	Prime Wine & Liquor
Gold Medal Gymnastics	Relish
John Engeman Theater	Short Stop Pizza
Kings Park Nails	Subway
Kings Park Hardware	Vasari Salon

Thank you to the McElhone Family for the beautiful Prayer Cards they donated to us for our 95th Anniversary Party.

Thank you to Josephine & Irv from Nocello's for the wonderful and generous banquet they set out for us at our 95th Anniversary Luncheon.

Thank you to all our Parishioners and Members who donated so many items for our Toys for Tots and Undergarments for our Veterans. You truly helped us in making this a very special Christmas for many Veterans and their families.

And Most of All.... Let us all take a moment to thank the Most Important one of all....

Thank You God

"Thank you, God, for all your blessings you've given to me and my family; for the strength you give me each day and for all the people around me who make life more meaningful". Amen.

If anyone has good news that they wish to share with the rest of us, Please, contact Me or any member of our Board and we will attempt to get it into our Newsletter!

MILITARY LETTERS:

Here are copies of the 2 letters that Jasmine gave to the Veterans at the VA Hospital along with a Rosary Decade.

Memorial Day Letter:

To Our Proud Veterans,

This young child saluted this white crowned soldier. In a suit of armor, his uniform was adorned with a medal by his heart.

"I'm glad you have come home safe and sound." The child continued, "I want to be a hero like you. I feel like an orphan sometimes who wishes to do service for this great country. I am a United States citizen who has adopted all this country stands for. I prayed you would come home safe and sound, and to all the soldiers now away, I hope they come home soon, too. I want to salute you again. I've been practicing my salute and my praises for your service. Remember always, God waits for a veteran's prayer..."

Jasmine Choi -

Best Wishes from the CDA

Veterans Day Letter:

To Our proud veterans,

A veteran soldier is like the shepherd of his sheep; sheep that graze upon green pastures in the name of peace and tranquil grounds. Guided by a veteran's staff, to keep the citizens safe, he roams and protects the native land. The veteran shepherd is faithful, brave, and noble over his massive flock. As he forges forward, longing for home, to take in the blood and body of

Christ – such a precious moment. He ponders under dark, stormy skies, recalling the aroma of burnt herbs and incense that make his home a Holy place. While the valiant shepherd has a deadline, to guide and protect the flock to their safer pastures, the shepherd of many will weather the storm. And forever forward he leads the flock. Remember always, wherever you may roam, God waits for a veteran's prayer....

Jasmine Choi. - CDA



A Little Christmas Humor

An old man in Dublin phones his son Seán in London a week before Christmas and says: "Your mother and I are divorcing. After 40 years, we can't stand each other anymore." Seán is devastated and phones his sister Mary in New York to tell her the bad news. Mary is devastated and phones the father immediately and shouts at him: "No way, You're not getting divorced. Stay there, Seán and I are coming straight home to help you sort this out." The old man hangs up, smiles and turns to his wife who he's loved all his life. "It worked like a dream. They're both coming home for Christmas and they're paying their own fares."

Upcoming events:

All is Calm, All is Bright

Dec 9th Parish Concert. 2:30pm Hospitality immediately following, sponsored by us.

Dec 11th Fr. Seán's Birthday

Dec 11th St. Catherine's Nursing Home Tea

Dec 12th St. Johnland's Nursing Home Tea

Dec 25th Merry Christmas

Jan 28th Rosary, in upstairs chapel 7:00 pm.

Jan 28th CDA Meeting in Travis Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm Our meeting starts at 7:30 pm SHARP

Merry Christmas & Happy Healthy New Year to

My CDA Family

Love ya,

❤️ *Denise* ❤️



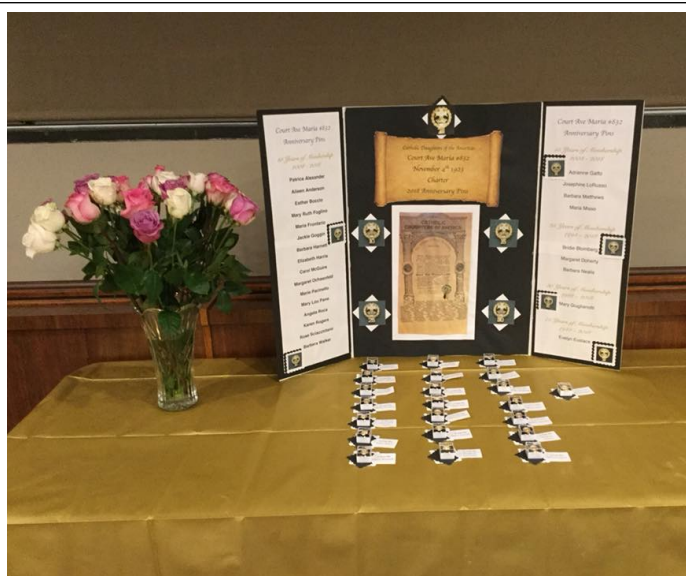
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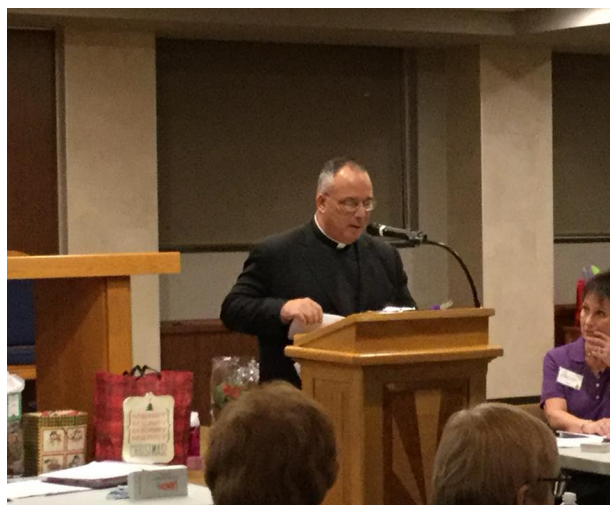
95th Anniversary Luncheon



**Veteran's Day Parade
11/12/18**



Anniversary Pins 11/26/18



**Fr. Seán's Advent Talk
11/26/18**



**Toys for Tots
11/26/18**

Join our Court Ave Maria #832 Facebook Page so you can see and add more pictures of what our Court has been doing.
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