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Our Chaplain's Corner

CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

With May being such a busy month in the life of our Parish, we once again decided to be kind and understanding to Fr. Seán, and give him the month of Our Blessed Mother Mary off from writing his normal Chaplain's Corner. He will, however, be Celebrating Mass with us at Our May Crowning, and at the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination, and then again, joining in with all the festivities with us at Our Annual Parish Picnic. So, we need him to rest up and be ready to go.....

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
 MONDAY, May 20TH, 2019**

I hope you all had a very Blessed Easter and were able to take advantage of some of the spiritual services that were offered through our parish during Holy Week. I want to sincerely thank our Pastor, Fr. Sean, Fr. Francis, Fr. Thomas and all the Clergy and staff that make it all possible for us.

On the back page of this newsletter is a Prayer of Blessing for all Mothers & Grandmothers that I came upon, written by Rebecca Barlow Jordon. I wish to share this with each and every one of you.



Prayers



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pope Francis, Our Good Bishops and Priests, especially Fr. Seán, Fr. Francis, Fr. Thomas, all our Clergy and Staff, Our Military, the many people suffering with the pains of loneliness, isolation and being ignored. The innocent born and unborn children who will suffer under the newest bill passed by the Assembly of NYS.



For continued healing of our CDA Members:

Joann Bergin, Pam DeFord, Margaret Ann DeMarzo, Mary Jane Dipaoli, Ann Dwyer, Maureen Egan, Annmarie Galante, Laura Gallagher, Pat Magnan, Margaret Moran, Ivy Murphy, Marie Pacinello, Bella Pavese, Valerie Terraciano, Toni Valentine, & Diane Yacenda.



For continued healing of our CDA Member's

Husbands: Tony Geraci, Tom McCabe, Jim Pane, Jim Perillo.

- Member Stephanie Colella, may she find strength and healing.
- Special intentions for a CDA member who is dealing with many different issues and difficult choices in life.
- Member Michele Stein's son, James, is in need of our prayers to help guide him through this difficult time. Her other son, Michael fell and suffered a laceration on his head while away at college in Alabama.
- For Marge McKeon's husband Phil, who has begun radiation treatment.
- Anne Shanahan, friend to many, wishing her a complete and speedy recovery from her hip surgery.
- Special intentions for our 5 CDA members traveling to Albany, for our 2019 NYS Convention. Louise, Cindy, Mary, Marguerite & Carol. May they all have a safe journey there, a wonderful time and a productive experience. May God watch over them and allow them all to return home safe and sound.
- Special intentions of Fr. Seán's dear friend, Fr. Joe.
- For all our CDA friends and family members suffering and struggling with difficulties and are in need of our prayers.

"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

♥ Prayers of Thanksgiving & Good News ♥

- Maryann Helldorfer's Grandson Daniel has finished his Chemo and is waiting for a good report that the cancer is gone. He was even strong enough to travel to Long Island to spend Easter with his Grandmother. All his symptoms of Chrome's disease are gone. Daniel asked Maryann to thank you all for all your prayers and wanted us all to know that prayers really work.

♥ Prayers of Appreciation ♥

- Thank you, Thomas O'Reilly for your informative presentation of the Ten Commandments as our Guest Speaker at our April Meeting.
- Thank you to Dorothy Konopka, Carol Schubert, & Barbara Walker for your assistance with our court's April audit. Our books are in excellent condition thanks to our Financial Secretary, Marge Duryea, Treasurer, Mary McGee and Recording Secretary, Cindy Gonatas. If you are ever interested in seeing how our books are kept and audited, please sign up to

help us at our October Audit. It is open to any member who wishes to sign up.

- Thank you to our member, Tien Kusdriyati, (Hospitality committee) for her very generous donation of a can of pennies. We will put these pennies to good use and help fund one of our many Charities. It's amazing how even pennies add up...
- Thank you once again to Jasmine Choi. Jasmine is still making and selling her beautiful Rosary Beads, and Chaplets and donating her profits to us. With this money, we will continue to support Smile Train, in order to help children with Cleft Lip or Cleft Palates have the surgery to correct the abnormality and enable them to lead healthy normal lives.
- Thank you to our **Junior Catholic Daughters** and the **Knights of Columbus** for all their work in making Breakfast with the Easter Bunny such a success. The JCDA provided a fun filled experience for the Parish children. While the Knights of Columbus cooked pancakes for everyone, the girls sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt, and then arranged games for the children to play and win prizes while their parents socialized and ate. A good time was had by all.
- Thank you to two of our Past Regents, Marguerite Forde and Pat Ziegler for arranging and providing our Court and entire Parish family with a free monthly movie. If you haven't already taken advantage of this opportunity it would surely be worth the time. We only have 2 movies left on our schedule.

* **May 1**, {Wonder} NY Times Best Seller

* **June 5**, {Nine Lives} A comedy.

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

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| Adventure Lane | Kings Park Hardware |
| Bagel King | Kings Park Nails |
| Bullseye. Beverage | Kings Park Prime Meat |
| Butera's of Smithtown | Main St. Pizza Café |
| Café Red | Mama's Family Rest |
| Carvel | Nail Station & Spa |
| Ciro's Restaurant | Pace's Steak House |
| Clayton Funeral Home | Phoenix Beauty Nail |
| Cutting Edge Barber | Relish |
| Edelweiss Deli | Salon Note |
| Entemann's Bakery Outlet | Smithtown Center for |
| Fives Funeral Home | the Performing Arts |
| Hauppauge Diner | Smithtown Krav Maga |
| I-Hop Commack | Smithtown Landing |
| John Engeman Theater | St. James Florist |
| Kelli's Wing House | Subway |
| Kings Park Florist | Uncle Giuseppe's |



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| 5/1 Una McLaughlin | 5/16 Tina Kistner |
| 5/4 Diana Sommo | 5/16 Carole Norton |
| 5/7 Rosemary Nuccio | 5/19 Elaine Roth |
| 5/9 Margaret LoBue | 5/20 AnnMarie Jenkins |
| 5/10 Doreen Oliveri | 5/23 Stacy Doski |
| 5/11 Peggy Moss | 5/26 Jackie Goggin |
| * * * 5/11 Fr. Francis Vattakudiyil * * * | |
| 5/15 Carolyn Flynn | 5/27 Generosa Termini |

Suffolk County Scholarship Luncheon,

Sat., September 7, 2019 12:00 noon – 4:00pm
 St. Patrick R.C. Church, Canning Hall, 280 E. Main St., Smithtown. **\$20.00 per person.** This fundraiser is to raise money for scholarships. The luncheon will be catered by Lakoma Deli. Menu choices are Pot Roast, Roasted Half Chicken with stuffing, or Fried Flounder Filet. Entrees include mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll and butter, desserts and beverages. The day will be filled with great food, fun, raffle baskets, and more! Sign-up sheet for reservations and meal selections will be at our May and June meetings. Please join us for a great time, and for a good cause.

Cost: \$20.00 per person. Your Check should be made payable to: **Court Ave Maria #832**
 Reservation Deadline June 18th

SCSC Raffles are on sale for only \$1.00 each 6 for \$5.00 at our meetings. Winner will be drawn at our Scholarship Luncheon September 7th 2019 (**see above**)

CDA Memorial Mass & Luncheon,

Saturday, October 26, 2019 Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's at 11:30am. All Catholic Daughters of the Rockville Centre Diocese who passed away in the

12 months prior to the Mass will be honored. All CDA Members are invited to attend. For those wishing to join us, Lunch will be served immediately after the Mass at The Indian Hills Country Club in Northport. The cost of the luncheon is \$42.00. Reservations are now available. Your Check should be made payable to: Court Ave Maria #832. For further information, please see Marguerite Forde or Pat Ziegler at our next meeting or contact Marguerite at 631 265-6088. St. Patrick R.C. Church, 280 E. Main St., Smithtown.

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH:

The Catholic Daughters sponsor the First Saturday's Novena to the Immaculate heart of Mary on the first Saturday of each month immediately after the 8:45 AM Mass.

MUSIC AT ST. JOSEPH'S :

NOONTIME ORGAN RECITALS
 Wednesdays at 12:15 – 12:45 PM
 May 1st, & June 5th

Sunday, May 5, 2019 May Crowing @ 2pm in St. Joseph's Church. **Please arrive by 1:30.** Ladies, here is your chance to get spiritually involved. Be a part of the Living Rosary. Help us Honor our Blessed Mother. Bring a flower and help create a crown for our Blessed Mother. There will also be a Prayer Petition Bowl for you to put your written petitions in. **Please remember to wear your CDA Sash** The entire Parish is invited, so as Catholic Daughters, we will all be sitting in the **front of the Church on the Blessed Mother's side.** If you have any questions, Please contact: Hilary Reilly (631) 863-0693 or Judy Mullarkey (631) 368-3780

LOCAL COURT HAPPENINGS:

For Your Information

- **Pondering with Pat.** Pat Leonard, professor of Theology at St. John's University, will be offering an opportunity to enrich your spiritual life at **Christ the King** church on the second Thursday of each month after the 9AM Mass
- **Dynamic Catholic** is offering the program "Find Your Greatness" In East Islip May 11th from 9am to 1:30 pm. Tickets \$25.00 each
- **Fatima Day:** Monday May 13, 2019 Shrine of Our Lady of the Island 258 Eastport Manor Rd, Manorville, NY. (631) 325-0661

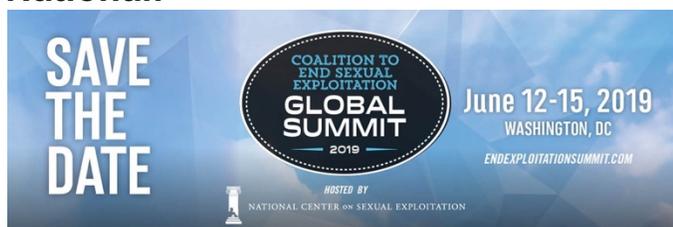
OurLadyoftheIsland.com

10:00 am Procession & Prayer at Rosary Walk
 11:30 am Mass
 1:30 pm Presentation
 3:00 pm Holy Hour

- **Scripture by the Sound;** Join us at Sunken Meadow Park Boardwalk (main entrance) at **10:30 am.**
Listen to scripture
Hear a brief reflection
Meditate with the Word, faith sharing
Walk alone or with friends
May 14, 2019: Sr. Eileen Corcoran, OP, Sisters of St Dominic, Amityville
May 21, 2019: Suzanne Richards, Christ the King Parish
**If there is inclement weather, session will be cancelled.*
- ***St Anthony's Church,** in East Northport will be presenting **MATTHEW KELLY VIDEO PRESENTATIONS:** in the Lower Church Alcove.
PART 1 – THREE SESSIONS; Choice of Morning or Evening.
Session 1: Thursday May 16, 2019. 10AM or 7:30 PM
Session 2: Thursday May 23, 2019. 10AM or 7:30 PM
Session 3: Thursday June 6, 2019. 10AM or 7:30 PM
- **Court St. Gerard, #1920 is hosting their annual Fashion Show on Friday, June 14th at 7:00 PM** at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Centereach. Food, Fun, Fashions, Raffles, Gift Baskets! Fashions by White House Black Market and catering by Café Amici (dinner, coffee, dessert). Cost is **\$34 per person. Red, White and Blue attire is suggested for Flag Day.** For tickets, contact Marguerite Forde 631 265-6088.
- **Our Lady of Victory, Court #375 100th Anniversary Party.** On Saturday, **June 15, 2019** 11AM Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Huntington, NY Reception immediately following Mass. You will be their honored Guest! Contact Denise 631 499-0144 if you wish to go.

If anyone has good news that they wish to share with the rest of us or wants to write an article to be published in our Newsletter, please contact Me or any member of our Board. We will make every effort to share it with our members!

National:



The Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Global Summit meets in June

For many years, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas have supported the work of the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE). In the last

two-year fiscal cycle, Catholic Daughters donated more than \$50,000 to foster the organization.

Formerly called Morality in Media (White Ribbon Campaign), NCOSE is partnering with organizations worldwide to host another Global Summit on ways to stop pornography, prostitution, human trafficking and exploitation.

The content of the meeting is described as “heavy” for those unfamiliar with the details of the topic, but the information presented will help connect the many groups working on this issue. To register or find more information on the issue, go to:

www.endsexualexploitation.org/cesesummit2019

State:

At our April 25th meeting, we voted to donate \$100.00 to the Bakers Victory Services. Our 5 delegates going to Convention May 14 – 19 will bring this donation to show our support for New York State’s 56th Biennial State Convention Outreach Project.



BAKER VICTORY SERVICES

Our Outreach Project for the New York 56th Biennial State Convention is Baker Victory Services: Youth Residential Services.

The evolution of Father Baker’s extensive social-service programs, Baker Victory Services (BVS), continues to care for individuals and families as it did many years ago. Acknowledged as a leader in the field of behavioral health care for children and adults, BVS offers a wide range of programs providing specialized therapy and care for those facing challenges.

CDA Legislation:

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

TO: State and Territorial Court Regents and Legislative Chairs

FROM: Margaret Sitte, National Legislative Chair, Catholic Daughters

DATE: March 12, 2019

Action Requested: Please urge all members to see and promote the movie *Unplanned*, which opens in theaters nationwide March 29. This film tells the true story of Abby Johnson, a Planned Parenthood “Employee of the Year” who saw something that made her an ardent pro-life activist. This powerful film has the potential to turn many hearts. In order to win pro-life legislative victories in the state legislatures and Congress, people must see

the humanity of the unborn. Please spread the word to your circle of friends and relatives.

To view a trailer and learn more about the film, follow this link: <https://www.unplannedfilm.com/videos-photos>

The film is rated "R", not because of violence or nudity, but because abortion is an "R" rated activity in real life. Please do not let the rating deter you from seeing the film. For more information on the rating, go to <https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2019/02/22/unplanned-gets-unexpected-r-rating/>

Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said, "If you see one movie this year, see the movie UNPLANNED. I warn you, UNPLANNED is graphic and painful and, at the same time, inspiring. The movie depicts the true story of the prayers and compassion of pro-life sidewalk counselors being the human instruments that God used in bringing a former Planned Parenthood clinic director, former employee of the Year, Abby Johnson, out of the abortion clinic into the offices of 40 Days for Life. Today, Abby Johnson is devoting her talent and energy to helping others make that journey from the horror of assisting with the killing of the innocent to the joy and peace of God's mercy and grace."

Approved: Olga Samaniego, National Regent

Reminder: Make contact as an individual citizen using your name and address, not as a member of Catholic Daughters.

Inspirational Thought



St Catherine of Siena

*"Be Who God Made You To Be,
And You Will
Set The Word On Fire"*

Upcoming events:

May 1 First Wednesday, Movie of the Month will begin at 1:00 pm in the Centennial room with the showing of: Wonder: based on the New York Times bestseller, WONDER tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters 5th grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.

May 5 May Crowning 2:00pm in Church please wear your sash

May 11 Fr. Francis' Birthday 🎂

May 15–19 NYS Convention

May 19 **Fr. Seán J. Gann's**
Twenty Fifth Anniversary of
his Ordination to the priesthood.

&
Deacon John E. Trodden's Twenty Fifth
Anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate
Sunday, May 19, 2019

At 12:00 Noon

For our Mass of Thanksgiving

A Musical Prelude to the Mass will begin at 11:50am

All are invited to the Parish Reception immediately following the Mass on the Church grounds

May 20th Rosary in upstairs chapel 6:45 pm. CDA Meeting Travis Hall Doors open at 6:30pm. Meeting starts 7:30pm prompt. Education & Scholarship Awards

May 26th Parish Picnic

May 27th Memorial Day Parade 9:00 am

June 5: First Wednesday, Movie of the Month will begin at 1:00 pm in the Centennial room with the showing of: **Nine Lives:** A stuffy businessman finds himself trapped inside the body of his family's cat. [90 minutes] [Comedy]

June 9th Priest Appreciation Day

June 11th St. Catherine's Nursing Home Tea

TBA. St. Johnland's Nursing Home Tea

June 17th Installation of JCDA Officers & Reception of all New CDA & JCDA Members in Church. Regular meeting and hospitality to follow in Travis Hall.



A Prayer of Blessing for Mothers & Grandmothers

By *Rebecca Barlow Jordan*

If you are a mom or grandma, you are deserving of blessing and honor for who you are and for all you do. No matter what your age - single or married - here is a prayer of blessing for you for every good work, every good word, and for every act of love you have ever offered on behalf of the ones you love.

Dear Lord,

Bless every mother and every grandmother with the finest of your spiritual blessings today. Confirm in her heart and spirit the work of her hands and the love that she has so freely given to those children under Your care. Validate her worth daily so she has no reason to doubt whether she is loved, valued, and cherished in the eyes of her Heavenly Father.

Create in her a deep sense of your protection and trust, so that worry, and fear will disappear as she places her loved ones into Your care. Let her know that every prayer she has prayed and every encouraging word she has spoken on behalf of her children/ grandchildren has been transformed into sweet, fragrant offerings before Your throne.

Whisper deep within her spirit the sweet words she longs to hear from You—that nothing can ever separate her from Your love. Help her to nestle daily into the promises of Your Word, standing with faith on the things You declare are true. Let her know that You reward faithfulness, but that true success doesn't lie in her accomplishments or accolades. Let her rest in the knowledge that she has done all she can—and that she and those she loves—truly belong to you. Bless her with a servant spirit so she can teach her own the joy of hearing one day, "Well done!"

Remove any guilt, false or real, and replace them with Your **amazing grace** and forgiveness. Help her see her children or grandchildren through Your eyes, knowing that in Your hands is the safest place they can ever be. Calm every doubt and strengthen her confidence in the Only One who can bring good out of any situation.

Teach her that she cannot meet every need of her child's life, but that You can. Give her wisdom and guidance to train those precious children in Your path, and then to leave the results to You, Lord. Help her to love without limitations, to pray without ceasing, and to live without regrets. Bless her with such a sweet dependency on You that she will acknowledge her inadequacies yet recognize and accept Your reward of praise—and Your sense of pleasure in having her as Your own beloved child.

Where prayers may still seem unanswered, and dreams are not yet realized, open her eyes to see beyond this world to a Hope that never disappoints, and to a Father who will never leave or abandon her. Give her courage to persevere even in the most difficult moments of her life. Bless her with honesty, integrity, and a playfulness that shows her children she is human, yet unswerving in her desire know You.

Let her joy be contagious; let her passion be pure; and let her life overflow with all the blessings she deserves—on special days, and on every day of her life.

In Jesus's name,
Amen

Happy Mother's Day

Love ya,

♥ *Denise* ♥