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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 with a Happy, Healthy and Blessed 2019.

Our Chaplain's Corner A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you
for the year ahead.

Father Seán



MY 2019 NEW YEAR PRAYER FOR YOU!

Dear Lord,

Thank you for making all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the difficult, which serves as a reminder of how much we need you and rely on your presence being with us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for your help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you will make us strong and courageous and allow your gifts to flow freely through us, so that you would be pleased by our lives.

We pray for your protection over our family and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us safe.

Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your spirit. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence.

We confess our need for you. We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, and in our lives, for this coming year.

We pray for your blessings and that others would take notice of your goodness and couldn't help but to say, "These are the ones that the Lord has blessed."

Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our needs.

May the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives through your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Shine your light in us, through us, and over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes.

To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

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

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

Hospitality and our doors open at 6:30 pm...(not before). We need time to set up. Come and mingle, introduce yourself to someone you don't already know. **Please Remember to wear your Name Badge.** Let's start 2019 off with a big welcoming **SMILE**.*



FYI → *A **smile** is formed primarily by flexing the muscles at the sides of the mouth. It is believed it takes about 42 muscles to smile. Some smiles include a contraction of the muscles at the corner of the eyes, an action known as a "Duchenne smile". Smiles performed without the eye contraction may be perceived as insincere.

*Remember that the Rosary will be said at 6:45pm in the chapel on the second floor prior to our meeting. All are welcome.

*We will be voting for 9 delegates to go to Convention in May. Please let me know if you are interested in going.

*We will also review and vote on our Standing Rules and Budget for 2019. Please read them over carefully and bring your questions with you to our meeting. You can also call any of the board members for clarification if needed.

*Your board has worked 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 their fields of medical, physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial matters (*Medicare help for you*) As I mentioned in the December Newsletter, I have been doing a lot of praying about this meeting. If anyone is interested in speaking or partaking in some way with this project, please feel free to contact me with your thoughts. We are open minded and want to give our members the most comprehensive information we can provide.

* Please remember to wear your Name Badge.
(Since I mentioned this twice, I really need you to wear it)

*We will be selling **SUFFOLK COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE TICKETS FOR \$1.00 EACH.**

1st prize = \$200, 2nd prize = \$100, 3rd prize = \$75.
Winners to be drawn at Scholarship Luncheon

*We will also be selling **NYS CDA GIVEAWAY RAFFLES TICKETS FOR \$1.00 EACH.**

1st prize = \$500, 2nd prize = \$300, 3rd prize = \$200.
The purpose of this raffle is to help supplement NY's CDA Charity Fund. Seminarians, Three \$1,000.00 Scholarships, Education Contest Prizes.
Winners to be drawn May 18th 2019
NYS Biennial Convention Appreciation Banquet

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

St Joseph's Indian School *Education labels *Box Tops for Education labels *Children's white socks.

Little Flower *Coloring Books & crayons

Military at the Phoenix House *Snacks, *books, *games, *undergarments for men.

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

Fantastic News: St Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is well stocked, and **nothing** is needed at this time.




Remember, these donations ARE NOT MANDATORY
They are just suggestions.



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: Joann Bergin, Pam DeFord, Maureen Egan, Annmarie Galante, Laura Gallagher, Gloria Legrottaglie, Pat Magnan, Janet McCabe, Ivy Murphy, Marie Pacinello, Bella Pavese, Valerie Terraciano, Toni Valentine and Lorraine Weiner.
-  For the soul of Aunt Betty Regina, beloved Aunt of Cindy Gonatas, was called home to the Lord.
-  For the soul of Muriel McElhone, Beloved sister in-law of Anne and aunt of Tracey, was called home to the Lord on January 2nd.
-  For the soul of Jack, brother of Marie Pacinello, who was called home to the Lord.
- Member Joan Bestercy, Please pray that she stays comfortable and calm at this final stage of her earthly life. Grant her family strenght to aid and support her.
- Mary Kollath's husband, Stewart. May his surgery allow him a complete and speedy recovery from his fall.
- Mary Lou Pane's husband, Jim, is coming along slowly. Please keep Jim and Mary Lou in your prayers, as they go through this very challenging time.
- Patricia Boylan's husband, Dave, is coming along slowly; and is still in need of all of our prayers. Please keep Patricia strong and in control during this very difficult time in their lives.
- Mary Jane Di Paoli's daughter in law, Marie who was diagnosed with a brain tumor. May God give her family strength and courage to face the treatment that lies ahead for her.
- Joan Smith's niece, Maureen Sullivan, may she have a speedy and complete recovery
- Carolyn Flynn's friend Kathleen, and her newborn baby are in need of God's healing hands to rest upon Kathleen, and to grant her doctors the wisdom to diagnose and treat her ailing body.
- Member Carole Norton and her husband Joe, may they both continue to feel the Love and Peace of God's hands upon them.

"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



January

1/2 Laura DeLaRosa	1/14 Hilary Reilly
1/2 Rose Sciacchitano	1/15 Kitty Borgess
1/10 JoAnn Bergin	1/17 Ester Boccio
1/10 Carol Cravotta	1/18 Marguerite Forde
1/10. Theresa Heubner	1/21. Linda Carey
1/11 Eileen Nessler	1/28 Patricia Ziegler

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

2/1 Bridie Blomberg	2/1 Sheila Geraci
2/2 Cathi Davignon	

National:

National Projects and Charities: Each court is asked to donate a minimum of \$20.00 to each project**. We will vote at our meeting how much our court wants to donate. A quick review of the names are listed below:

**Five National Projects:

1. **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Helping build hope & lives one family at a time,
2. **HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES** :(formerly known as Fr. Peyton's) Promotes and supports the spiritual well-being of the family
3. **LABOURE** : Building the Church, one vocation at a time..
4. **NATIONAL CENTER SEXUAL EXPLOITATION** :(formerly Morality in Media) Exposing the connections between all forms of sexual exploitation.
5. **SOAR** : Serving elderly sisters, brothers and Priests.

*The amount of the donation and which National Charities that we donate to, are at the discretion of our court.

*Ten National Charities:

1. **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA**
2. **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**
3. **COVENANT HOUSE**
4. **DISASTER RELIEF**
5. **MISERICORDIA**
6. **MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY** (formally known as Mother Teresa)
7. **PONTIFICAL NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE**
8. **SMILE TRAIN**
9. **TUTWILER CLINIC** and the newly added
10. **BASILICA OF NATIONAL SHRINE OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** (which is located in Washington, DC).

State:

College Scholarships

KAREN SHEBOY, NYS CHAIRMAN OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The New York State 2019 Scholarship Application is now available, and we hope to encourage all graduating high school seniors who are children or dependents of NYS CDA members to apply. Once again, NYS is offering 3 scholarships of \$1,000 each to the scholarship winners. Selection is based on academic performance, financial need, essay and completion of application attachments. Each applicant must have a sponsoring member, and the Regent of your court must verify that the member is in good standing. It is my hope to have an increase in applications this year and I look forward to fielding any questions regarding the process. Please feel free to contact your Scholarship Chairman:

Maryann Helldorfer, 631 979-0397.

Applications are available in the Parish Center.

Legislation:

Pray Without Ceasing!

EILEEN PETERSON, STATE CHAIRMAN OF LEGISLATION

Living in New York State has great challenges for Roman Catholics who love and practice their faith. NYS Senate is thrilled with the first woman Senate majority leader, Andrea Stuart Cousins. The greatest gift that Our Heavenly Creator has given to us as women is the ability to join with God in creating new LIFE in our wombs. Yet, Senator Andrea Stuart Cousins actively promotes expanding abortion for all 9 months, removing criminalization for coerced and forced abortion, allowing non-doctors to perform dangerous late term abortions and for no medical assistance for a baby that survives an abortion (infanticide).

Since Governor Andrew Cuomo, the NYS Senate and Assembly all support the Abortion Expansion Act (they call it Reproduction Health Act – RHA), this will be the first order of business in January 2019.

We must not give into discouragement! We know that God is still in control and that **goodness will triumph over evil!** Fast, pray the Rosary, offer sacrifices for our state to protect the most precious gift of LIFE ... **We believe that God hears every prayer and that nothing is impossible with God!**



Inspirational Thoughts

*If we could look into each other's hearts
and understand the unique challenges*

each of us faces,

I think we would treat each other

much more gently, with more

Love, Patience, Tolerance and Care.

MARVIN J. ASHTON

WITH OUR APPRECIATION:

Prayers of Thanksgiving for our dear Margie Connick, for standing watch and never leaving the side of our beloved Past Regent, Marguerite Forde, while she was rushed to the hospital in Tel Aviv and treated for A-fib.

A very special thanks to all who supported and provided hospitality for our parish Christmas Concert and Tree Lighting. It was truly appreciated by all.

**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!*

A Little New Years Day Humor

Dear Lord,

So far this year I've done well. I haven't gossiped,
I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy,
grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent.

I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes

Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on,

I'm probably going to need a lot more help! Amen



Upcoming events:

Jan 6th Epiphany of the Lord

Jan 9th Afternoon Movie, doors open at 12:30pm
Centennial Room: **I CAN ONLY IMAGINE:** The
inspiring and unknown true story behind
Mercy Me's beloved, chart topping son that
brings ultimate hope to so many is a gripping
reminder of the power of true forgiveness. {110
minutes}

Jan 13th Baptism of the Lord

Jan 22nd Day of Prayer for the Legal protection of
unborn children

Jan 28th Rosary, in upstairs chapel 6:45 pm.

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

Feb 6th Afternoon Movie, doors open at 12:30pm
Centennial Rm: **FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS:**
The story of Florence Foster Jenkins, a New
York Heiress who dreamed of becoming an
opera singer, despite, having a terrible singing
voice. {110 minutes} [Comedy]

Love ya,

♥ *Denise* ♥