

# CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS Court Ave María #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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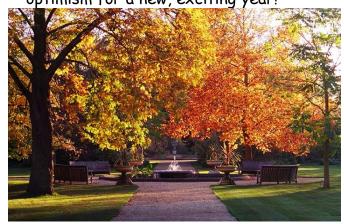
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### Welcome Back

Covid-19 has proven to be one of the most trying times in our history, but by the Grace of God, we are able to resume our meetings. We are looking ahead with optimism for a new, exciting year!



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### \*\*\* Happening Now In Our Court \*\*\*

Our first meeting will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM in Travis Hall. Doors will open at 7:00PM to allow time for sign in, following Covid-19 guidelines. Please note that there will be NO hospitality and masks must be worn. Please remember to wear your nametag and to print your name in the attendance book. Also, please bring exact change for the Dark Horse raffle.

# We will be having our first Chairladies Meeting on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> under the tent at 10:00 am.

\*We are in need of two or more ladies to Chair the Education Committee. \*Anyone interested in chairing or co-chairing a committee, please contact Louise Daconta **ASAP** 631-261-1516.

### Things to remember to bring to the meeting:

\*Grocery Gift cards in \$5 increments for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

(NO food donations being accepted at this time)

\* Our Veterans can use seasonal clothing, socks, underwear, appropriate reading material, puzzles, games, individually wrapped snacks.

\*The Women's Shelter is in need of hats, gloves and socks (in a ziplock bag) for the winter months ahead.

### New News:

We will be introducing a different fundraising idea for our Fall Fundraiser, which will be explained in detail at the meeting. In short, it is a month-long Game of Chance. The tickets will sell for \$10 each, which will give all participants multiple chances to win cash prizes throughout the month of December. We would like to encourage everyone to sell these chances to all friends and family. The more we sell, the more we can help our many worthy charities, so please reach to as many as possible so that we can make this fundraiser a huge success!

Our Court will be instituting a new way of spreading good tidings to our homebound members by dropping off a "Blessings Basket" filled with magazines, puzzle books, wrapped goodies, prayer cards, etc. We will have the names of those in need of some cheering in a basket and anyone interested in creating a Blessing Basket will come up, pull a name and make a basket. We suggest that a few ladies get together and make it a small group project for each basket. "You've been blessed!" With love from your CDA sisters will be on top of each basket. We would like to start this in October.



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Our Bishops and Priests, especially Our Parish Priests, Clergy and Staff.

- For our members:, Joan Dwyer, Laura Gallagher, Kathy Harbourne, Maryann Helldorfer, Marie Pacinello, Marie Petrozzo, Carol Schubert, Toni Valentine, Lorraine Weiner
- Deacon John Trodden as he recovers from lung transplant surgery.
- Joanne Leonardi's family member undergoing triple bypass surgery and friend who lost her son, Zeno, to suicide.
- Maryann Helldorfer's grandson, Daniel, battling cancer.
- Barbara Harnett's husband, Dennis, recuperating from complex back surgery.
- Noel Carey, husband of late member, Ann, recovering from colon cancer.
- Maryjane DiPaoli's daughter in law, battling cancer of the brain.
- Father Thomas' brother, Nicholas, as he recovers from a serious auto accident.
- Colleen Grady Scarlett's husband Roy, as he recovers from intensive back surgery.
- The soul of Christopher Mullaney, brother of member Colleen Mullaney Shivers.
- Mary McKnight who suffered a stroke and is a family member of member Lois DeSousa.
- For Mary Giuglianottis' friends battling cancer and MS.
- For all those 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 <a href="mailto:pziegler@optonline.net">pziegler@optonline.net</a> for email prayer requests\*



# Happy September Birthdays

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2	Annette Nicosia
7	Helen Bradish
8	Maura Ruggiero
9	Joan Dwyer
13	Rose Keating
13	Bella Pavese
15	JoAnn Ianne
16	Joyce Holochuk
22	Patrice Alexander
24	Annette Amante
27	Marilyn Parlato
29	Adrienne Gatto

### **National:**

Congratulations to our new National Board!

National Regent Sherry Nilles

National Regent-Elect Emily Guilherme
First Vice National Regent Susan Moné
Second Vice National Regent Essie Walker
National Secretary-Treasurer Connie
Dronette

#### **National Directors**

Nancy Bambanek
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Ivone Da Silveira
Dawn Fortenberry
Irene Gramza
Barbara Jensen
Carolyn Malik
Darlene Moritz

# **State:**

# RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER: Convention 2021

By: CONNIE BREINDEL, SECOND VICE STATE REGENT

I am really looking forward to the **NYS Biennial Convention** that will be here before we know it. Attending a convention allows us to celebrate together this great organization, that it is truly is a gift to be part of. The cancellation of the National Convention that was to be in Dallas in July now has us waiting longer to get together. Members across the state stepping up and leading prayers on Facebook only adds to my anticipation.

The State Board has the responsibility to organize a convention that will be one of the best. With **The Desmond** in Albany, where we held our last three conventions, unable to accommodate us. we reached out to hotels across the state to find a new location. Some hotels were rejected because they didn't have the event space we need or their proposal was too high. We visited hotels in Utica, Syracuse, and Saratoga Springs—we even did a virtual tour of a hotel in Corning! We tried to think about everything when it came to selecting the hotel: package costs, hotel rooms, location of the hotel, and how much walking will need to be done. I am certain that everyone will be pleased with our choice: The Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs.

Now that we have the place and date set, know that your State Board will be hard at work on all the other details that will make the 2021 NY State Convention a success. See you there!

# Local:

Our Court's Standing Rules have been reviewed and revised by the Executive Board on August 22, 2020. A copy of the revised Standing Rules are included with this Newsletter for your review. We will be voting on them at our September Meeting and every member should be aware of what they are voting for. If you have any questions, please contact any of our Board Members.

# **Upcoming events:**

September 7<sup>th</sup> Labor Day

September 8<sup>th</sup> Birth of our Blessed Mother

**September 12<sup>th</sup> Committee Chairlady meeting Saturday at 10:00am.** 

\* See the front page of newsletter

<u>Happening Now in Our Court</u> for details.

September 28th Our Meeting

October 10<sup>th</sup> "America Needs Fatima" Rosary Rally in front of St. Joseph's Church

October 12th Columbus Day

October 18, 2020 CDA Sunday and Memorial Mass for our deceased members.

October 21, 2020 Our annual Baby Shower to benefit the Life Center of Long Island

November 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Day

November 2, All Souls Day & Election Eve Prayer Vigil

November 26th Thanksgiving

# **An Inspirational Thought**











"A Woman Who Walks With God, Will Always Reach Her Destination"

Author Unknown

