



UNITY  
AND  
CHARITY

# NOVA EVA NEWSLETTER

(St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church)  
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS  
COURT REV. PATRICK McARDLE #448

134 East Bishop Street • Bellefonte, PA 16823  
814.355.3134

Editor: Karen Pipta, 104 Gwenedd Ct., Pleasant Gap, PA 16823 (717) 379-6788 email: kpipta@gmail.com  
Christine A. Surovec, 127 Middle Street, Pleasant Gap, PA 16823 (814) 359-2654 email: christinesurovec68@gmail.com  
Barbara Materna, 948 Two Mile Road, Howard, PA 16841 (814) 359-0354 email: minnscpo@verizon.net

## Chaplain:

Rev. Brian Saylor  
134 E. Bishop Street  
Bellefonte, PA 16823  
(814) 355-3134  
bsaylor@dioceseaj.org

## Regent:

Lucia Stover  
104 Tamara Circle  
Pleasant Gap, PA 16823  
(814) 359-3417  
paramountjc33@outlook.com

## Vice-Regent:

Angela Basalla  
150 Sunset Acres  
Bellefonte, PA 16823  
(814) 574-0248  
grapeape285@gmail.com

## Secretary:

Christine Surovec  
127 Middle Street  
Pleasant Gap, PA 16823  
(814) 359-2654  
christinesurovec68@gmail.com

## Financial Secretary:

Linda Womeldorf  
200 Wyndtree Court, Apt 204  
Bellefonte, PA 16823  
(814) 359-9915  
lindakay4825@gmail.com

## Treasurer:

Karen Pipta  
104 Gwenedd Court  
Pleasant Gap, PA 16823  
(717) 379-6788  
kpipta@gmail.com

## State Regent:

Shirley Hall  
901 West 15th Street  
Tyrone, PA 16686  
(814) 684-2043  
shirleyhall901@gmail.com

## Vacation Bible School Was A Huge Success

With Shirley and Tom Boldin as the chairs of this years Vacation Bible School we had 41 children attend the "Making Waves" event. It really does take a village to have the children enjoy a week of learning about Jesus and enjoying fun crafts and games. Each day there were different leaders conducting the days activities.



There were four Islands (Angel, Trinity, Love and Foot-print) where the children made ornaments with their handprint, picture frames for their photo and colored water and fish related pages. They played some fun games with the parachute and a pool with buckets of water and tennis balls. They learned two songs during the week that they were going to perform for their families.

Deacon Tom and Seminarian John taught the children about Jesus using colorful picture boards that helped explain the daily lessons.

On Friday the church was decorated with banners the children had made and some of the fun items that each island used as the theme "Making Waves" were also used. Families gathered at 7pm to hear their kids sing and explain what they liked best about



the week at VBS and were given a certificate and a world beach ball to take home.

Thank you to all the Catholic Daughters who received the proper clearances and donated their time with these wonderful kids.

We are already looking ahead to VBS 2023 for more fun ideas .



CDA meetings: 1st Thursday of every month: Meeting begins at 6:45p.m.  
St. John the Evangelist Catholic School 134 E. Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA  
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS—[www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)



## Catholic Daughter In The Spotlight:

by Barbara Materna



Linda Plozner was born in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. She attended St. John Catholic School through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Her family is on their 4<sup>th</sup> generation of family members who have attended St. John School. She even met her husband John in school at St. John.

They have been married for 48 years and have one daughter Elizabeth and one grandson Gavin. Linda worked for 34 years at Penn State as a Program Analyst for the Alumni & Development Relations Office retiring in 2014.

Her hobbies are reading, crafts, crocheting and she's learning how to quilt, with the help from our St. John's in Stitches ladies. She also enjoys watching and supporting her grandson and nephews playing baseball and basketball.

Linda joined Catholic Daughters in 2013 because she was already familiar with all the good things that the court did. She grew up around it and was aware of the CDA teas for the nuns, bazaars, and funeral Masses to name just a few things that the court was involved in back then.

She loves being a Catholic Daughter. Her favorite thing about it is participating in all the good things that our court does like the Baby Shower bingo as well as attending socials and committee meetings. She said, "It makes me a better person." She is pleased to see our involvement in the church and community and thinks it is wonderful how many families we reach out to in all that we do.

### **Membership Dues:**

All members are required to pay annual dues of \$20.00. The dues for the period of 1/1/2023 to 1/1/2024 are now being collected.

Only those who are lifetime members (50 years or more) or who permanently reside in a nursing home do not have to pay dues.



## **Holiday Yard & Bake Sale**

**Saturday November 19, 2022**

**10am to 7pm**

**Sunday November 20, 2022**

**7am to 12 noon**

**St. John Catholic School Auditorium**

**116 Bishop Street, Bellefonte**



**Food Basket Raffle**

ANNUAL  
FUNDRAISER FOR  
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS  
CT. REV. PATRICK  
McARDLE #448



**Advent Sale**

Calling on all members to help with the Annual Holiday Yard & Bake Sale if you are able. Come for an hour or stay for the whole day and socialize with other volunteers and customers that stop by to buy.

On Friday, November 18, 2022 we will be at St. John's School Auditorium accepting baked goods and gently used holiday decorations and setting up tables for the event from 6pm to 8pm.

And if you can spare a few hours on Saturday and Sunday to help it will be very much appreciated by the event chairs.

**amazon smile**  
**You shop. Amazon gives.**

When you are doing your Christmas Shopping this year and shop at Amazon, please consider supporting our Court through Amazon Smile.

Amazon will make a donation to our Catholic Daughters Court whenever you make a purchase any time of the year.

The following link will take you directly to the set up for your Amazon Smile account.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7174453>.





## *Catholic Daughters of the Americas 59th Biennial National Convention*

Pam Callahan represented Court #448 as a member and the State of Pennsylvania as an officer at the 2022 Catholic Daughters of the Americas 59th Biennial National Convention that was held at the Sheraton Hotel and Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico from July 20-24, 2022. Here she shares some of her pictures and adventures.



Ladies, ladies, ladies, I cannot tell you what a great experience it was going to my first National Convention in beautiful Puerto Rico, known as the Isle of Enchantment. But I will try...

The experience was wonderful in all aspects. It was spiritual, we had Mass every day; it was informative, so much information; it was entertaining, it was fun; and yes, even relaxing. I was able to meet so many new people from different states and make new friends.



I really appreciated the opportunity to learn from everyone present and tried to be attentive and listen to everything that was being shared. While there, I was able to attend the Leadership Workshop led by our National Supervisor, Essie Walker.



My husband, George, was able to go with me we went on a few excursions together before the Convention started. While I was in meetings, he went on some excursions with the other men.



On the last day, I walked to downtown San Juan with Susan Sharer and Jeanette Kitch and we visited the Cathedral and another little church as well as several gift shops. The artwork and mosaics were phenomenal. It was also the 500-year anniversary for Puerto Rico and they had a big festival that weekend with huge sail boats like those that Christopher Columbus would have sailed.

My first time to Puerto Rico was amazing and I am blessed to have been able to go on this trip. George and I want to go back in a few years and explore more of the island. I look forward to going to the next National Convention already! May God bless you all!



Thank you Pam for attending the CDA National Convention and sharing your trip with the court. Maybe more members will attend the next convention in 2024!



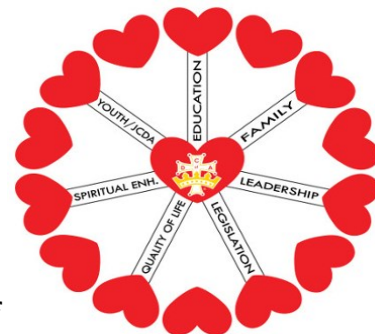


## Classroom / CDA 101

by Barbara Materna

### "Legislation"

A spoke from the Circle of Love



"Legislation" is a spoke from the Circle of Love

As we continue our journey as Catholic Daughters and surround ourselves in "Unity and Charity," we need to be aware of the "Legislation" spoke of the Circle of Love.

As we all begin planning for fall activities and the upcoming holidays, we should also be preparing for Election Day 2022 (Tuesday, November 8th) which is fast approaching.

According to the CDA National website it is noted that "Our obligation is to become better informed on public issues, addressing the morals and human dimension, while supporting church teaching on human life, human rights, justice, and peace."

We are also reminded that "The Catholic Daughters of the Americas DO NOT ENDORSE CANDIDATES NOR ANY POLITICAL PARTY!"

Ideally, we should become familiar with "Operation Morning Star" which is a program of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas to Our Lady under her title Morning Star, which encourages Catholic women to speak out in the legislative arena.

To learn more about Operation Morning Star go to [catholicdaughters.org](http://catholicdaughters.org), click on the Circle of Love link, then "Legislation" and then finally "Operation Morning Star."

The National website also covers the Catholic Daughters' Guidelines on Election Politics which is a great educational tool to help us prepare for voting. It includes reminders that it is a serious sin to deliberately endorse or promote any of the following actions: Abortion, Euthanasia, Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Human Cloning, and Homosexual "Marriage."

To take it even further in our preparations we can take out our Catholic Catechism books to learn more about the principles of our religion which instructs us on topics such as abortion (2270) and euthanasia (2276/2277).

### Summer Picnic

#### Request from Recording Secretary to Committees



If you are Chair of a committee and will be giving a report at the monthly meeting, please have a written copy to give to the Recording Secretary when you are done. This will help keep the meeting minutes more accurate and concise.

*Thank you for making this job so much easier.*

On Sunday, July 24, 2022 we gathered at Walker Township Park to have our summer picnic. It was a beautiful but windy day to share a meal, talk and visit with each other for an afternoon.



### Mission Statement

"Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive 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"