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Welcome & Installtion to our new Chaplin



Our court finally had the opportunity to have the installation of our new Chaplain, Fr. Brian Saylor, at our September monthly meeting. The District Deputy for Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, Pat Lutz, was on hand to officially make Fr. Brian our Chaplain.

Due to open officer positions since our last election, three of our Officers, Vice Regent, Barb Surovec, Financial Secretary, Lorraine Fello, and Treasurer,



Karen Pipta were also installed at that meeting and as his first duty as our Chaplain, Fr. Brian, bestowed each of these officers with the requirements of their office.

101st Anniversary CDA Mass Celebration

On Sunday, October 17, 2021 the 8am Mass was celebrated for Court's 101st Anniversary. Officers robed and many members were in attendance and participated in the Mass. Once again, our Anniversary Banquet was cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns and we hope that in 2022 we will be able to go back to our annual mass and banquet in April.

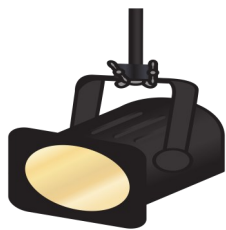


CDA meetings: 1st Thursday every month: 6:30p.m. social / 7:00p.m. meeting
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 134 E. Bishop Street, Bellefonte, PA
CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS—www.catholicdaughters.org



Catholic Daughter In The Spotlight:

by Barbara Materna



Anna Mae Spitzer was born in Berwick, Pennsylvania and graduated from high school there in 1960. She went on to nursing school at Hazelton General Hospital and graduated in 1963.

She and her husband met in high school, were married and went on to have three daughters who have blessed them with six grandchildren. Two of the grandchildren live across the street from them, two in Mountain Top and two across the country in Boise, Idaho.

She worked as a nurse in Bloomsburg for ten years before deciding to retire. The most exciting part was working with her "best" girlfriend. She and her husband made the decision to downsize and move to Bellefonte to be near family more specifically at least two of their grandchildren.

In November of 2013, she decided to become a Catholic Daughter and joined our court. Her reason came from a desire to become more rooted and involved in the church and community. Her favorite thing about being a Catholic Daughter is socializing with Catholic friends, having the opportunity to meet new people and to learn more about the church and the services that it provides the com-

Annual Bake Sale and Holiday Yard Sale



This year we will be having our annual bake sale and holiday yard sale the weekend of November 20-21, 2021 in the St. John School auditorium.

All holiday themed yard sale items can be delivered to the auditorium on Friday, November 19th from 6pm to 8pm.



Please come on Friday to help set up for this fundraising event and have some social interaction with your fellow CDA members at the same time. And if you can spare a few hours on Saturday and Sunday to help it will be very much appreciated by the event chairs.

"May the Souls of the faithfully departed rest in Peace"



Please remember Molly Danko who passed away on August 5, 2021.

And Julia Gardner who passed away on September 2, 2021.

Molly joined Catholic Daughters in November 1982. And Julia joined in April 2019.

In memory of Molly and Julia a \$50 memorial gift was given to St. John's Catholic School in each of their names.

Special Project Update / Fr. Andi's Truck

From Barb Surovec

Dear Court Members:

As you all know, our court has been working on an International Project for a priest, Father Andi, in Indonesia who has reached out to us for help in perhaps raising funds to help him purchase a new truck to be able to continue to do GOD's work for the mentally ill people of a small village, Flores.

We have been helping to raise funds since MAY of this year. Many have help including private donors, organizations, many CDA courts, Knights of Columbus and others.

NOW, let me share this good news with you.

WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL OF \$13,500 AND EVEN EXCEEDED IT WITH A BIT MORE.....

ALL PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD WHO HAS LED THE WAY AND SHOWED US WHERE TO GO AND TO WHOM TO REACH OUT FOR HELP. RIGHT NOW, I BOW MY HEAD AND PRAISE GOD.

We hope to receive a photograph of Fr. Andi with his new truck, which will provide him with transportation to help those in need.

CDA National News:

It has been announced that the CDA National Convention will be held in Puerto Rico in July 2022. More information to come.





Youth & Education:

Principal Tice sent a big thank you to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448, for their donation of Catholic Children's Bibles that were given to our 2nd Grade students. These Bibles stay at school and will



travel with them through their school years, and will be able to take them home with them when they leave Saint John's. It is our prayer that they form special connections to the Good Book and become closer to God.

Fall Basket Raffle

Once again we are going to raffle off identical food baskets and are requesting money donations so that we can purchase the items needed for each basket.



Please give any donation to Pam Callahan or send it to her at 109 Jenjo Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823 and we will have the baskets ready for the Holiday Yard/Bake Sale on the weekend of November 20-21, 2021.

Thank you to each and everyone of you that help to make our court so successful with your time, talent and treasure. We are truly blessed to have you as members.

Happy Thanksgiving and Blessing to you and your family !

Vacation Bible School 2021 / Anchored...Deepening Faith in God

The Catholic Daughters sponsored a week long Vacation Bible School from August 2-6, 2021 at the St. John Catholic School auditorium. After much planning and organizing we were ready to show the kids a wonderful and exciting way to keep God in their lives every day.

The theme for this years event was Anchored...Deepening Faith in God and the auditorium was became an underwater wonderland. With fish, sea urchins, coral and there was even a boat outlined on the floor for them to board and listen to Deacon Tom read and explain bible passages. The kids loved it!

There were 41 children that attended learning about their Faith in God, doing crafts to take home, playing games, had their picture taken as a souvenir and just having fun with the crew leaders and other children.

The week ended with a program for the parents in the church as the kids performed songs with motions that they learned during the week and were just so adorable while entertaining their families.

Thank you to the many sponsors who donated money, gift cards and food items and to all of the volunteers that made this years Vacation Bible School a terrific experience for the children.





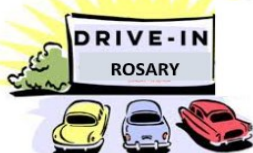
Spiritual Enhancement *A Unique Way to Gather to Pray*



Joining thousands during the month of October who said the Rosary in honor of our Lady of Fatima...means we need Mary to intercede before her son for our country to be restored.

“AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA”

On Saturday, October 16, 2021 we drove our cars to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church parking lot from 3pm to 3:45pm just like we were going to any other Mass, but we stayed in our cars or sat in lawn chairs and had a “Drive-In Rosary” rally.



We prayed the Rosary to our Lady with the Joyful Mysteries praying for peace. We closed with a prayer.

The Pennsylvania State CDA Court *110th Anniversary*

On Sunday, October 23, 2021 the State Court of Pennsylvania held and 110th Anniversary Mass and banquet at Court Columbia #2 (the oldest active CDA court in the world) at Epiphany of the Lord Parish in Meadville, PA.

Three of our court members, Janet Oesterling, Pam Callahan and Karen Pipta attended this wonderfully planned event.

Dinner followed the Mass at the parish center with a look back over the years by decade touching upon the first state meeting and how things have changed from the name “**Daughters of Isabella**” to “**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**” in 1921. Through skits performed by many of the courts who were there to help celebrate.



Even our State Regent, Shirley Hall, got into character in a skit performed by Court St. Rita #523. And Pat Gildea who was the “Conductor” on our journey.

Classroom / CDA 101

by Barbara Materna

“Family”

A spoke from the Circle of Love

There are many different types of families within our Parish, neighborhood, the state, country, and world.

A family consists of two or more people. A family provides its members with emotional and spiritual support through shared values, beliefs, traditions, unconditional love and much more.

As a court, we should continue to strengthen family relations by interacting with one another in service and work of the community. Families who pray together, work together, and play together will fully encompass the Circle of Love program.

Check out these Family verses from the Bible: Exodus 20:12 and Colossians 3:13.

Prayer for families

*We bless your name, O Lord,
for sending your own incarnate Son,
to become part of a family,
so that, as he lived its life,
he would experience its worries and its joys.*

*We ask you, Lord,
to protect and watch over this family,
so that in the strength of your grace
its members may enjoy prosperity,
possess the priceless gift of your peace,
and, as the Church alive in the home,
bear witness in this world to your glory.*

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer is from the “Catholic Household BLESSINGS and PRAYERS”- Revised



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”