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This 'n That...

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Here am I, Lord, I come to do Your will. — Psalm 40

HAPPY NEW YEAR! WOW! SPRING NEWSLETTER...

I am ready for spring and the outdoors.

*"If I have achieved anything in my life,
it is because I have not been afraid to talk about God."*
—Dorothy Day, Wisdom of Women Saints, WORD AMONG US

In looking back at the newsletter of Spring 2021, I see ladies with masks and Zoom meetings. The flu is still with us and may always be, but our fear has been changed to a challenge of trust in God.

Zoom meetings are no longer a thing of the past but a necessary way of getting things accomplished between in-person board meetings. It is also a cost-effective way of having meetings.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming our **National Representative, Susan Mone'**, National Regent-Elect to our Zoom board meetings. Susan will be joining us in April for several days at our State Convention. Welcome, Susan!

It is now time for us to begin looking at what the year has in store for us and to **REMIND YOU OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE...**

- PA CDA State Convention – April 20-24, 2023. **Please check the information inside this Angelus.**
 - **CIRCLE OF LOVE REPORTING FORMS** are due the State Chairman no later than March 1, 2023.
 - **National and State Dues** for fall 2022 are past due and must be paid to attend Convention.
 - **Be sure to ask National** for a **roster** before they prepare your **spring dues invoices**. All additions/ deletions should be made by March 1, 2023 to insure they have been recorded.
 - **Fall Financial Reviews** are past due.
 - **Spring Financial Reviews, 10/1/2022 - 3/31/23** are to be done during the month of April.
- By the time you receive this newsletter, our Lenten journey will have begun. During this time, may your faith be deepened and many blessings be yours.
Happy Spring/ Happy Easter!!

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CDA 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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Fall: September-November
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Summer: June-August

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55th BIENNIAL PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONVENTION "CDA UNITY THROUGH CHARITY AND LOVE"

Shirley Hall, State Regent

It is almost time...Hope to see you there...

- ♦ **CALL TO CONVENTION—REGENTS, DDs, CHAIRMEN**—it's in the mail. Please share with your delegates.
- ♦ **ENCLOSURES**—Please read the deadlines for registration, meals, etc.
- ♦ **CONVENTION REGISTRATION (see "call")**—Friday, April 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Courtyard Marriott, lobby...
- ♦ **HOTEL REGISTRATION**—Deadline, April 5, 2023; **814-312-1800** — **Catholic Daughters**
- ♦ **OPENING MASS—5:00 p.m.**, April 21, 2023, St. John the Evangelist Church, 344 Baynton Ave., Altoona, 4:30 p.m., we will gather for procession.
All officers to robe.
- ♦ **TOMBOLA** (basket raffle)—clear-wrapped basket/ gift from court/ individuals in the \$50 range
- ♦ **PRESENTATION / DISPLAY**—a modern day Blessed Carlo Acutis—a teen who combined devotion to the Eucharist with a passion for computer technology.
- ♦ **DO YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE** in Convention liturgies, be a member of a Convention committee, be a timekeeper, etc.? Please contact me, (Shirley) or your AREA SUPERVISOR.

*The above is just a "brief" of what is happening.
Please see "call" for additional information.*

DEADLINES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Prior to **February 15, 2023**..... Elect delegates and alternates
Postmarked by **February 15, 2023**...Deadline for Delegate and Alternate Forms
Postmarked by **February 15, 2023**Resolutions to State Chairmen
Deadline **March 15, 2023**.....Reports to State Regent for printing
Deadline **March 15, 2023**....National & State donations for PA donation report
Two months prior to Convention.....Official Call to Convention with Agenda



WHY SHOULD I ATTEND A CONVENTION?

(Thoughts from State Officers)

Shirley Hall, State Regent

A Biennial State Convention is needed to gather together as sisters in Christ, to renew friendships, exchange ideas on improving our local courts and meet new people.

The beautiful ceremonies that are sometimes only experienced at conventions will renew you spiritually and be a source of inspiration for what you can do with your own court.

Encourage your delegates to attend all meetings and functions as they have been elected by the court to represent you and, in coming home, share what they have learned and seen.

We take time out of "business sessions" to enjoy an evening of "fun and fellowship" planned by some local courts. A tour of the area may be available and will be announced shortly.

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Come to Our CDA PA Convention!



Margaret T. Giordano, First Vice State Regent

When I recall CDA Conventions, many good memories come to mind. I never want to miss one. First of all, I feel the UNITY that is part of our motto when with others that share our CDA mission and spirituality. Special Masses each Convention day, our Blessed Mother ceremony, and prayer services help us celebrate in a special way and keep us focused. Secondly, we discover all the CHARITY our PA courts have given. We learn from wonderful speakers, reports, and awards presentations. Even our tombola fundraiser is comprised of charitable donations from our courts. We take care of business at our Convention meetings, and we are a family of LOVE. Good

food and activities always make Convention time special. We enjoy banquets and Fun Night! After Monday's Travelers' Mass, we partake of wholesome eats to satisfy us on our way home. I hope to see you in April. Come enjoy CDA UNITY through CHARITY and LOVE.

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It Won't Be the Same Without You!

Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent

As you contemplate if you will attend the CDA State Convention in April, let me persuade you with a few thoughts of what you would miss if you do not attend.

- Female Fellowship with CDA sisters from across Pennsylvania. You can renew old friendships and make new ones.
 - The satisfaction of knowing your active participation enables the perpetuation of our great organization both in our state and across our nation.
 - Learn what is working for other courts and share what is happening in your court.
 - Come closer to becoming the holy woman our Lord intends you to be by your presence and partaking in the numerous faith building opportunities at the Convention.
 - Take a chance on winning the raffle or a nice gift at the Tombola. You can be the lucky one!
 - Enjoy the wonderful banquets and entertainment planned.
 - A road trip and a sleep-over with your friends! ...and the State Convention will not be the same without you!
- Please plan on attending.

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My Top Five Favorite Things at Convention

Jeanette Kitch, State Secretary



1. You get to meet new people from all over the state.
2. You get to learn new things.
3. You get new ideas from other courts that might help your court.
4. You see that you are not alone in your fight to do good with Mother Mary.
5. You have FUN, EAT, RELAX, and make long-lasting friendships.

But seriously ladies, State Conventions are fun and you learn a lot. Your questions will be answered and your voice will be heard. I like all the different ages, the energy, the caring and the believing in the power of prayer. These ladies are a great bunch. Everyone no matter how big, small, young or old. You will feel like you make a difference. I have only been in 23 years, but could have been in 40 years if I would have joined when my Grandma wanted me to. I now see I missed out on a lot of fun, friends and a stronger faith. I thank you for reading and listening to me. I hope to see you soon.

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Try to Go if You Can—You Will Not Regret It

Pam Callahan, State Treasurer

Spring is almost here! I look forward to spring as much as I look forward to Advent and Christmas. This is mostly due to Easter, and what it means, as well other things that come to life in the spring. I love planting my garden, I love getting back outside.

With spring also comes the State Biennial Convention which I look forward to every time we have one. I love spending time with my Catholic Daughter sisters. This is a time of celebration, reflection, spirituality, and yes, business, too. But I feel so blessed to meet so many women who bring so many different talents to our organization. Convention is fun, a chance to relax a little, and bond with friends we do not get to see often enough. It gives us an opportunity to hear from CDA courts all over the state to see and share in what they do—how just our little court, can come together with many courts to make a great difference in the world. I enjoy the speakers and hearing everyone else's perspectives on the topics at hand.

Please try to go if you can, you will not regret it. I joined CDA and didn't really understand what I was missing until I went to my first State Convention. I don't think I have missed one since. If you can't come for the whole weekend, then perhaps just a day or maybe two. Whatever fits you and your circumstances. I hope to see you there!

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News from National

Susan Moné, National Regent Elect

Greetings PA CDA sisters,

It seems like we just put away Christmas decorations and here we are with Ash Wednesday just around the corner. After celebrating the joy of the birth of our Savior, we make a quick transition to the end of His public life. We have an opportunity to travel the road to Calvary with Jesus. I encourage all of you to prepare for the journey and make it a time of spiritual growth to bring you closer to the Lord.

As a child, Lent was a time that we gave up something and six weeks seemed so long to do without. Although we may still give up something, how about instead we focus on what we can do. First and foremost, take extra time to spend time with Jesus in prayer.

Find some good Lenten reading and spend time in a peaceful and quiet location reading and meditating.

Say a rosary each day and offer each rosary for someone in need in your life or maybe someone that you need to forgive or ask forgiveness from past transgressions.

Spend some time working in a crisis center or a food kitchen serving those in need; each day put a nonperishable item in a bag to donate on Good Friday to St. Vincent DePaul, visit a nursing home or home of a friend who is home-bound.

If you are able, attend Mass daily during Lent, but especially during Holy Week; take time to make a good confession and participate in the events of the Triduum to be ready to celebrate the Resurrection on Easter. It may mean some sacrificing, but the glory of Christ's Resurrection will be worth it. Jesus died for our sins; show Him we are thankful to Him.

I wrote this letter just a couple days after I returned from Washington, D.C. for the first Post-Roe March for Life. The overturning of *Roe v. Wade* was something we have all worked hard and prayed for 50 years. We praised God in Thanksgiving to answered prayers when the Supreme Court made their decision last June. While we celebrate, we must remember that it isn't the end but merely a change in direction. Continue more than ever the prayers, rosaries, Masses, and pro-life participation to legally protect the most innocent and vulnerable in our society. Work and pray until abortion is no more. Everybody deserves to have a Birthday!

God bless all of you and thank you for all you do for CDA. I am excited as I look forward to your PA State Convention. See you in Altoona!

—Email Susan Moné:
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The Master's Love, Nathan Halabu

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To All Treasurers, Regents, District Deputies National Office requires:

◆ All checks written to the National Office MUST be made payable to, "Catholic Daughters of the Americas." No other names will be accepted by National's bank. (ie: National Office, Catholic Daughters Headquarters, CDA, Cath. Dgters. of Amer.)

◆ Be sure that your state and court number appear on the face of the check (ie: PA 234).

*Write only the number of the invoice or charity / project name in the memo. Do not list all items you are ordering or equations, such as membership for 62 members x \$9.00.

◆ Remember to use your state and court number in the subject of any emails sent to the National office. This helps the staff identify you quickly, address your needs, locate the email, and keeps the email from going into spam.

◆ Be sure to alert National of all address changes as soon as a member notifies the court.

—Reprinted from *National Quarterly*, December 2022

Bite-Size Pieces

Sue Kelly, Leadership State Chairman



Happy New Year! Now is the time we often think about what our courts hope to accomplish in this new year. It may be something new and different or it may be something we didn't get done last year or have been wanting to do for a while. There are so many CDA leadership possibilities that it is hard to choose one.

Sometimes what we want to accomplish just seems like such a big project that it is overwhelming, especially with all the other routine things we do, like charity projects and fundraising.

So, here is a suggestion. Take it on in bite-size pieces. An example might be starting a Junior Court. If your court is interested, maybe this year get a couple of people to research what needs to be done and to develop a timeline and an implementation plan. (Maybe an officer will take the lead.)

As they report on their progress, they may garner interest from other members and the project may pick up some momentum. Then, you can determine if your court can or should proceed. Or, maybe it is organizing a Circle of Love activity, like an art contest.

By starting small and having your workgroup share information, you may be able to have significant progress on a project that your court has decided is important.

St. Francis of Assisi's words come to mind, "First do what is necessary, then do what is possible, and before long you will find yourself doing the impossible."

Have a wonderful year with many successes that raise your court's spirits and feelings of accomplishment. Others will notice and, hopefully, another effect will be to bring in new members.

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Apostleship of the Sea

(<https://www.aos-usa.org/>)

Lynn Kelly, National Projects State Chairman

Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America (AOS-USA) is a ministry which supports those people who work on the sea such as Catholic maritime ministers, priests and laborers. The group was started in 1920 in Scotland.



Apostleship of the Sea provides spiritual and welfare support, continuing education, and defends the dignity and human rights of everyone in the maritime community. AOS also provides pastoral care and training to those priests and lay persons who wish to support the maritime workers.

The Cruise Ship Priest Program certifies that each priest has the approval to provide sacramental and pastoral care for the passengers, staff and crew onboard on each ship. The priests also provide confidential counseling and spiritual guidance. Because the seamen are away from home for long periods of time, they have little support helping them to maintain ties to their faith and families.

The AOS also have port chaplains who reach out to mariners, fishermen, dock workers, workboat operators, families, and all who work or travel on the waterways of the world. The chaplains offer the Eucharist and spiritual support to those in their care. The chaplains also help to ensure a safe work environment, just contracts, communications to loved ones at home and recreational possibilities.

Local courts will sometime collect goods and monies to assist the seamen each year. The seamen are grateful for the support and appreciate the prayers and goods donated. Please consider them for your support this year.

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MORE NATIONAL NEWS

PA "Fun D" Winners

Peggy Guckin, Immediate Past National Director
Past State Regent, Publicity Chairman

12/8/2022—\$30, Linda F., Cambria, PA

12/16/2022—\$30, Julia B., Fayetteville, PA

12/30/2022—\$30, Sandra C., Connellsville, PA

1/1/2023—\$100, Karen S., Indiana PA

Prior to the March for Life, in Washington, D.C., on Friday, January 20, the CDA National board and CDA sisters attended the Mass for Life at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Check out the website Catholicdaughters.org to see all the highlights and the video, *Crystal Montoya Video of March*, to see our CDA sisters from across the country in action.

EWTN: Our CDA representatives are interviewed every year at the National Mall by Teresa Tomeo, and this year was no different; see the interview with National Regent Emily Guilherme and National Regent-Elect Susan Moné. —Email Peggy Guckin: mmg721@aol.com



Court Chatter

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE

*Court Easton #358, Easton
Celebrating Christmas Season*

Court Easton #358 celebrated the Christmas season at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem. Our Regent, Chris Curto, gave the membership pledge to our 9th new member, since September, at our January meeting.



GREENSBURG DIOCESE

*Court New Kensington #860, New Kensington
Installation of New Officers*

Installation of officers took place in September with Lisa McCann officiating.



Left to right: Cindy Ansani, Vice-Regent; Theresa Shields, Regent; Lisa McCann, State Second Vice Regent; Catherine Collett, Recording Secretary; Eleanor Chodelka, Financial Secretary; Shirley Makuta, Treasurer

*Court Monessen #776, Monessen
100th Anniversary Celebration*

CDA Officers and ceremonial participants join together after Mass with the Knights of Columbus Color Corps, Monessen Council #954 to celebrate the Court's 100th Anniversary.



Left to right: Kathy Byron, Sara Stein, Betty Geis, Treasurer; Kathy Imbrescia, Financial Secretary; Pat Godla, Recording Secretary; Jackie Elias, Vice Regent; and Debbie Genemore, Regent; Janet Mandarino and Sandy Craig
K of C Color Corps, left to right: John Dudas, Dan Harkins, Tom Gigliotti and Rick Alcorn

HARRISBURG DIOCESE

*Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster
Baby Shower!*

Court Queen of Peace #1023 could hold an actual baby shower for a local pro-life agency, "A Woman's Concern." This was the first real baby shower since COVID-19!



Left to right: Andrea Accardi; Margaret T. Giordano; Mary Clare Selway; Susan Sharer, Secretary; CarolAnne Ferreira, Vice Regent; Janet Kreiner, Baby Shower Chairman; Lee Ann Hrycaj, Regent; Peggy McGinley; Paulette Manzella, Financial Secretary

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Court Ave Maria #650, Germantown

Eloise Brown—100-Year Milestone Birthday

Eloise Brown, court member, turned 100-years-old on November 22, 2022. The entire Saint Vincent DePaul Parish joined in celebrating her milestone birthday. At Mass, Father Sy, Pastor, spoke of Ms. Eloise's goodness and invited the parish to stay after Mass to enjoy birthday cake provided by the church. After Mass, a luncheon was held by the court for Ms. Eloise and her family. Ms. Eloise remains active in the court and still travels about with her family.



Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem

Mugs—Caring for Friends

Court members donated and made up 115 mugs for Caring for Friends who distributed them to the homebound. The mugs contained toiletries and snacks.



Delivering the mugs to the center were: Kathy MacElroy, Dolly Maronski, Joanne Hayes and Carol Parsons



Betty McGonagle once again did a fantastic job donating her time and home for the assembling of Christmas Mugs. Thank you to all the members who donated mugs and/or fillers. Photo: Carol Parsons and Betty McGonagle with some of the mugs

Court St. Ephrem #2230, Bensalem

Court St. Francis de Sales #2617, Philadelphia

Court Mystical Rose #2528, Philadelphia

Ditty Bags, Seamen Center, Navy Yard

Members from Court St. Ephrem #2230, St. Francis de Sales #2617 and Mystical Rose #2528 packed ditty bags at the Seamen Center at the Navy Yard. Over 3,000 bags were packed and delivered to men and women as the ships come into our ports in Philadelphia and New Jersey.



Left to right: Tina Dambach, Dolly Maronski, Alice Murray, Violet Cali, Patty Aversa (not CDA member), Joanne Hayes, Jennifer Wrazen and Mary Ann Morley

Court Chatter

*Peggy Guckin, Immediate Past National Director
Past State Regent, Publicity Chairman*

Dear Members,

To everyone who has sent in items for Court Chatter—THANK YOU!

I would like to see more courts submit photos of your court's activities. We would like to hear from more courts with a photo and caption listing the names of those pictured at your special activity. Photos should be sent as an email attachment "JPEG" (commonly used for pic-



tures taken with digital cameras) or send pictures directly from your I-phone. It is preferred that photos are not "embedded" in documents with text. Be sure to in-



clude a caption with your photo as follows: "in the photo, from left to right"...identifying those in the photo with their titles. Include court name, number, city. Give a brief statement about the photo. Whoever submits the chatter should include their name, title and phone number.

Send your pictures to me. In the subject line, put CDA, court name, number and name of activity.

Hope to see you at the Convention!

—Email Peggy Guckin: mmg721@aol.com

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

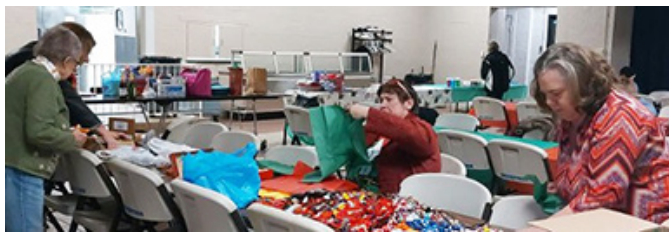
Court Bellevue #655, Pittsburgh

Christ Our Savior Parish Outreach Ministry

Court Bellevue #655 is proud to have partnered with Christ Our Savior Parish Outreach Ministry.

The ministry was created at Thanksgiving 2020. The ministry delivers meals six times each year to parishioners of Christ Our Savior Parish and Most Holy Name seniors who are 70 and older. The group cooks the meals, packages and delivers them personally. Since its beginning, the ministry has delivered over 2,000 meals.

Court Bellevue has provided treat cups and bags for several of these dinners including Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is truly a wonderful ministry and we at Court Bellevue are so happy to be able to help in a small way. The photos show court members filling the Santa cups at our December meeting/party. We filled 100 cups to go with the Christmas meal.



Left to right, Treasurer Mary Jo Pallott, member Marilou Belch, District Deputy Margie Gowaty, member Kathy La Marca



Left to right: Kathy La Marca, member; Margie Gowaty, District Deputy; Karen Brown, Vice Regent, and chairperson for this project



We got a couple of the husbands involved; left to right, John Pallott, Ken Brown and court member Marilou Belch

Catholic Daughters of the Americas National Scholarship

Peggy Guckin, Publicity Chairman

How many courts encourage schools/students to take advantage of scholarships offered by National?

This is another way of advertising Catholic Daughters and your court. The students do not have to have a mother or grandmother who is a CDA member. Besides personal contact, you could contact the school or have a notice in the church bulletin.

All entries must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2023. An application/coversheet is required for 8th graders entering 9th grade in a Catholic high school.

The National Court will award two \$1,000 scholarships to 8th grade students entering 9th grade in the Fall of 2023 to a Catholic high school. Notification of scholarship awards will be posted on the CDA website at www.catholicdaughters.org by mid-August.

Requirements

1. You must be Catholic. You can be female or male. You do not have to have a relative who is a CDA member.

2. You must be attending a Catholic (not home setting) high school in the fall.

3. An essay of approximately 300 words typed and doubled-spaced, entitled **"BE ON YOUR GUARD, STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH, BE COURAGEOUS, BE STRONG"**—1 Cor. 16:13. Must be submitted with application/cover sheet.

Additional requirements: list of church activities; list of community activities; list of school activities; letter of character reference from priest, deacon or religious (non-relative); letter of character reference from school or religious teacher (non-relative); letter of character reference from an adult (non-relative).

National Catholic Daughters also offers:

Father Leonard Bachmann Graduate Scholarships

Policies-Procedures-Rules-2022-2023

Three \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded to persons who have completed UNDERGRADUATE studies and

who desire assistance for tuition in order to continue studies on the graduate level. The recipients must be enrolled in a graduate program at a college or university.

Applications, rules and regulations can be found on the website:

catholicdaughters.org or in the September 2022 *National Quarterly*.

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News from Connecticut's Territorial Courts

Arline Rich, Past National Director

Court St. Cecelia #735, Stratford—Annual Christmas Luncheon

Court St. Cecelia #735, Stratford, held their Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 3rd at the Blue Goose Restaurant. Members enjoyed celebrating the joy of Christmas with a delicious meal, a raffle of many donated items from local businesses to support our charities, and bringing an abundance of unwrapped toys to be donated to the Stratford Sterling House.



Court St. Augustine #1104, Hartford—The Grinch Stole Christmas Tea

Court St. Augustine #1104, Hartford reported that the Grinch came and stole (because of illness—es) their annual Christmas Tea. This did not prevent the Daughters from making their monetary donation to Catholic Charities to purchase toys for children in Hartford.

Court All Saints #1435, Somers—Helping the Homeless

Court All Saints #1435 effort to help homeless people in Hartford was focused in Chrysalis in Homestead Avenue. On our monthly meeting our members cooperated with suggested needs. Some of our ladies knitted hats and mittens for men and women. My husband and I filled our SUV with very large bags. Included were seven blankets, three coats, seven packets of woolen socks, different sizes, each packet with six pairs. There were purchased hats, mittens and a few women's sweaters. We had personal-use products: soap, towels (24), tooth brushes and pastes.

The next day we went to Leeds, Massachusetts to take care of 17 homeless women veterans. Their support group had developed a home for them. My neighbors were aware of our CDA efforts and contributed as well. These women received sheets, blankets, towels, shampoo, cans of store-bought cookies, and woolen mittens and hats.

I believe this knitting effort, instigated by Gail Krasinski, will keep the effort going to help the homeless.

Our vice regent is very helpful and generous with big bags full of gifts, clothing, and decorations. We also saw some purchased Christmas items for our homeless.

The gathering with this effort was so wonderful because we all worked together, shared a luncheon, and shared a meeting with lively ideas. I know we all felt good because of our helping those who do not live comfortably.



Court St. Matthew #2640, Norwalk—Celebrating 12 Years!

Members of Court St. Matthew #2640, Norwalk, gathered on December 11th to celebrate their 12th Anniversary. The theme of the meeting was "bring a friend" (and a grab bag gift). After a brief meeting, two new members were sworn in as Catholic Daughters and information packets were given to two others.

A game of *Left, Right* was then played where a funny Christmas story was read and packages were passed around left or right (or maybe not!). At the end of the story, the package you were holding was yours and wrapping paper was torn off to see what treasure you won.

Having worked up an appetite, a table of appetizers and desserts were available for consumption.

Needless to say, it was a very rewarding day.

—Email Arline Rich: arline19@att.net



"When I was crossing into Gaza, I was asked at the checkpoint whether I was carrying any weapons. I replied: Oh yes, my prayer books." ~ St. Mother Teresa ~



REST IN PEACE

Fr. Anthony Gargotta

Immediate Past State Chaplain 2017-2019

Age 60, of Beechview, Rev. Anthony Gargotta passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 11, 2022, after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. "Fr. Tony" was called by God, in life, to serve as a priest who served and taught through his actions of impenetrable faith and unwavering love for God and everyone with whom he interacted. Unequivocally, his positive impact was and is immeasurable. He was even grateful during his illness as he felt blessed being able to serve willingly and actively in the parish. He was called home to heaven by God where he is joined with his father Joseph and brother Anthony.

Father Tony served as State Chaplain under Peg Rafferty Witas, Past State Regent. He loved the CDA. Father said, "I didn't realize you were so much fun." One of his favorite prayers was Anima Christi. The state choir at the convention sang it in Philly. He was shocked to hear them sing it as it was something he had our local Monroeville church choir director put to music. The prayer is also on his memorial death card.

Father Tony joined us at several State Conventions and at our 56th National Convention in Pittsburgh. We all saw a different side of him enjoying himself at our fun nights; he loved to dance. He is now partying and dancing in heaven.



Looking Forward to 55th Biennial Convention!

Dolly Maronski, District Deputy

Preparations are now underway for the 55th Biennial State Convention, and we should all be excited and making our own preparations to attend. I'm sure that the Convention Committees will once

again provide us with a wonderful shared experience.

My experience at the 54th State Convention, the first that I attended, is a sweet memory. Not having any expectations as to convention happenings, I was really impressed with the pageantry, formality and organization of the meetings and activities. Sharing meals and attending Mass together gave us additional invaluable time to meet with other members across the state to share ideas for fundraisers and other court activities; just getting to know each other better was wonderful.

I am looking forward to April 21st-24th, traveling to the Blair County Convention Center, seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

—Email Dolly Maronski: doloresmaronski@comcast.net

Parliamentary Procedures' Pointers

Patricia Gildea, State Parliamentarian

"TO AMEND" – VITAL PP TOOL

AMENDMENT—the THIRD step in the ladder of the seven ranked.

SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS (The one probably used the most in meetings)—To amend a proposed main motion, you have three possibilities:

ADD consecutive words

STRIKE consecutive words

STRIKE and ADD consecutive words

MOTION: "I move to amend by...(One of the above options)..." Amendment must be discussed, and voted upon. If amendment carries, it alters the main motion; if it is lost, the main motion remains as is, unless another amendment follows. The entire AMENDED MOTION requires further discussion; amendment again, if necessary, then the vote is taken.

NOTE: It is not possible to add or strike out words in other sections of the main motion. Words must be consecutive, or another amendment(s) would be needed.

Use it often. Amending can help to clarify the exact intent of the court for minutes and history.

—Email Pat Gildea: pagildea1@gmail.com



It's a Scam!



Members, be aware of a supposed email from a national or state officer, in particular. No officer would ask for gift cards for any reason.

Other popular scams state that you won a prize or claim a family member is in trouble. Door-to-door scams claim they are with the power or water companies.

Some questions to ask?

How much do I have to pay to get my prize? Ask the family member basic questions about themselves to which only they would know the answer.

Ask to see company ID card?

Do not believe these scammers. If you send money via gift card or electronically, you will never see it again! When in doubt, call 911.

Prevent Scams!!!

Screen calls; let numbers you don't recognize go to voicemail. Scammers rarely leave a message. Look to see what vehicle they are driving. Call your power or water company to see if calls are legitimate. Never open emails if you do not recognize the sender. Never click on links within emails.

Red Flags

There is a time limit on your response. They ask for user-name/password.

State Court Fundraising

Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent



Congratulations to all recent winners of the State Court Lucky Daily Number Calendar and Winter 10 Week ticket. Winners can be found published within this issue of *The Angelus*. Since early December, all courts should have received their allotment of 2023–2024 Lucky Daily Number Calendars to sell or purchase, good for the period of June 1, 2023 until May 31, 2024. If you have not received them, please let me know immediately. The completed stubs and one court check is due by May 12, 2023. Please remember your check is not deposited into the State account until June 2023.

Finally, as with your local court, the State fundraising just never seems to end. You can look forward to receiving the Spring 2023 10-Week Tickets by the end of February with the first drawing of those tickets being the first week of May 2023. For questions on any State Court fundraising, please feel free to contact me. God Bless!

Save the Date

Court Westinghouse #759 so much enjoyed hosting members from across the state who joined us for our 100th year anniversary retreat weekend in June 2022 that we intend to make the retreat an annual event.

Saturday, June 24, 2023 will be the retreat day with the opportunity to stay at Saint Emma Monastery, a Roman Catholic retreat house and monastery for the Sisters of Saint Benedict of Westmoreland County, located in Greensburg, Pennsylvania from Friday, June 23 through Sunday, June 25.

The retreat is open to anyone wanting to participate. If you are interested, contact **Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent, via email at: cdapalisa@gmail.com** to be kept advised as our plans for the weekend continue to progress.

—Email Lisa McCann: cdapalisa@gmail.com

Jesus' Healing and Nourishing Presence...

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May we all in gratitude and with humility and faithfulness, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of our Lord and our Mother, in "Unity and Charity," continue to be nourished by the Bread of Life, Jesus our Savior, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Let us continue to grow and to live in harmony as a family of people who truly love and respect each other, who are eager to grow together and be united to Jesus so we can become as individuals and faith communities all that God intends us to be.

—Email Rev. Jozef Kovacik: jozefkov28@gmail.com



Try not to judge people. If you judge others, then you are not loving them. ~ St. Mother Teresa ~

Education Update

Margaret Gowaty, Education Chairman

I hope everyone has submitted their Circle of Love reports and that you remembered that education is more than the Education Contest.

Speaking of the Education Contest, the winners will be announced at the State Convention in April. I wish the best to everyone. I hope that no one becomes disqualified because of not following rules. Sadly, every year some entries are eliminated because they were folded or rolled or did not follow size specifications.

Now is a good time to think ahead as to what your court can do as Education projects. Are there any community classes being offered? Can your court hold a bible study?

I'm sure you can come up with something if you start thinking ahead.

—Email Margaret Marie Gowaty: margiekid1@aol.com



Where Do We Find People to Help?

Dolores Croyle, Spiritual Enhancement Chairman



Did Jesus go to the Synagogue or Temple and wait for people to come to Him to be saved? No, He went to the people—in the streets, on a mountain, in their homes. Did He only preach? No, He met their every need—miracles of healing, a loving touch, words of wisdom, and when needed, harsh actions (driving the money changers out of the Temple). Even after his Ascension, He met Saul (soon to become St. Paul) along the road to Damascus. This led to the greatest conversion of the time.

We cannot sit in our churches or at our CDA meetings and wait for people to come to us. We need to find ways to meet their needs first, then share our beliefs.

As I was reading a book, *The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen*, the introduction calls him one of the greatest communicators that ever lived. He began with radio programs to inspire people to turn to Christ. Realizing the impact television would have, he continued his ministry there, reaching millions of people across the United States. He went to the people as Jesus did, talking during evening prime time. He made people feel good about being Catholic. If only that could happen today.

How can we inspire others? I don't have the answers—I wish I did. I do believe that our example and care of others is an import beginning. Find ways in your own community to help others (in addition to the ways you currently do) to make them aware of our beliefs.

In the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words only when necessary."

—Email Dolores Croyle: scocro@comcast.net

Nov. Lottery Winners

Kathy Haught
 Kim Bedow
 Robert Sultzbach
 Kenny Hull
 Kim Taylor
 Sarah Uncapher
 Susan Robson
 Christina Meyer
 Letty Calvetti
 Karen Mcdade
 Caron Leath
 Jason Walker
 Diana Leonard
 Bertha Allen
 Ruth Ann Hornyak
 Ct. Annunciata #260
 Ct. St. James The Greater #2180
 Joanne King
 Lois Dirda
 Susan Burkholder
 James Nemec
 Kathy Dice
 Pat Godla
 Tammy Rivera*
 Anna Marie Glowaski
 Jennifer Deemer
 Thomas Redding
 Joseph Kowalski
 Gloria Hayes
 Paula Lambert

*\$100 winner

Nov. Selling Court

Washington #1651
 Conception #35
 SO Margaret Giordano
 Easton #358
 Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755
 St. Theresa #562
 Roses of Mary #2766
 Westinghouse #759
 PNO, PND, PSR
 Immaculate Conception #2454
 SO Margaret Giordano
 St. Dominic #2222
 St. Catherine of Siena #1992
 Ave Maria #650
 Westinghouse #759
 Annunciata #260
 St. James The Greater #2180
 Bellevue #655
 Brownsville #1141
 St. Rita #523
 Patricia #998
 Washington #1651
 Monessen #776
 Queen of Peace #1023
 Dolores #1675
 St. Marys #890
 St. Dominic #2222
 St. Veronica #111
 Monessen #776
 St. Rita #523

Dec. Lottery Winners

Mike Scott
 Ct. St. Veronica #111
 Barb Markulik
 Lisa Intrieri-Fellner
 Josephine Schall
 Diane Bulebosk
 Not Sold
 Karen Morse
 Peter Avellino
 Clara Markulik
 Ron Deeter
 David Bivens
 Lois Banaszak
 Sharon Gonda
 Rose Granite
 Carolyn Slifko
 Joanne Krynicki
 Mike Mastriana, Sr.
 Kim Bedow
 Caroline Ternoway
 Barb Markulik
 Ginny Serafini
 Diane Mahoney
 Cynthia Carlson
 Ct. Monessen #776*
 Lori Serafin
 Mary Anne Mariana
 Ct. Callistus #66
 Ruth Todd
 Carol Elsdon
 Judy Christensen

*\$100 winner

Dec. Selling Court

Westinghouse #759
 St. Veronica #111
 Greene County #1923
 St. Rene #1868
 St. Gerard Majella #2751
 St. Florian #2240
 Assigned to St. Rita #353
 St. Rita #523
 Our Lady of Victory #588
 Greene County #1923
 PSR Margaret Novak
 St. Bernard #339
 Lambing #314
 Lambing #314
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 St. Marys #890
 St. Florian #2240
 Queen of Peace #1023
 Conception #35
 SO Lisa McCann
 Greene County #1923
 St. Veronica #111
 Sylvia Fox
 St. Gerard Majella #2751
 Monessen #776
 Blessed Madonna #2521
 SO Lisa McCann
 Callistus #66
 Monessen #776
 Sylvia Fox
 Conception #35

Jan. Lottery Winners

Brenda Lee Miranda*
 Lydia Phillip
 Carole Golden
 Sharon Barclayk
 Margaret Gowaty
 Bob Lundberg
 Annamaria Trombetto
 Tim & Bonnie Pearson
 Mary Becker
 Laura Rumbol
 Letty Calvetti
 Rose Marie Webster
 Ginny McDowell
 Nancy Gibbons
 Diane Lapinsla
 Pat Gawryla
 Patricia Bryleski
 Patricia Coonan
 Valerie Kelly
 Mary Rehman
 Sylvia Fox
 Mary Kay Dubetz
 Ted Fleming
 Judy Wood
 Dorothy Andrilla
 Becky Rozick
 Stefani Buck
 Rev. D. Timothy Grimme
 Judy Christensen
 Genevieve Masszal
 Suzanne O'Neil

*\$100 winner

Jan. Selling Court

St. Francis De Sales #2617
 Ave Maria #650
 St. Rita #523
 Lambing #314
 Westinghouse #759
 St. Marys #890
 Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755
 St. Mary #95
 Mystical Rose #2628
 Sylvia Fox
 St. Bernard #339
 Rose Cecilia #1641
 Annunciata #260
 St. Rita #523
 Blessed Madonna #2521
 Blessed Madonna #2521
 Of Our Lady #647
 Mystical Rose #2628
 St. Leo #356
 Washington #1651
 Sylvia Fox
 St. Gianna Molla #2764
 SO Margaret Giordano
 Prince Gallitzin #2625
 Rose Cecilia #1641
 St. Rita #523
 St. Bernard #339
 Prince Gallitzin #2625
 Conception #35
 Brownsville #1141
 St. Thomas #1483

**10-Week Thursday Raffle Ticket Winners
November 3, 2022 - January 5, 2023**

<u>Winners/Selling Court</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>\$ Won</u>
Linda Soltis	11/3/22	100
St. Gerard Majella #2751	11/3/22	25
Andrea Mastro	11/10/22	100
Blessed Madonna	11/10/22	25
Kathryn Gaughan	11/17/22	100
St. James #1029	11/17/22	25
PA State Officers	11/24/22	100
PA State Officers	11/24/22	25
Kim Curtis	12/1/22	100
St. Rita #353	12/1/22	25
Kathe Sobczak	12/8/22	100
Holy Trinity #1336	12/8/22	25
Darlene Carey	12/15/22	500
St. Mark #1097	12/15/22	25
Judy Wood	12/22/22	100
Prince Gallitzin #2625	12/22/22	25
Linda Sznaider	12/29/22	100
St. Mark #1097	12/29/22	25
Lisa Bair	1/5/23	100
St. Ephrem #2230	1/5/23	25

"CDA Unity Through Charity and Love"

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Convention is coming!

The Convention is coming!

Colette McCaffrey, Past State Secretary

I am so happy to be able to write these words. The PA CDA Convention is a wonderful opportunity for all Catholic Daughters to behold the CDA process of Unity and Charity.



It is an occasion to look forward to, to be happy about and to be excited about. At the Convention, you will see first-hand the business practices that CDA upholds and respects. You will see the due process of the election of officers that will represent you and your court members for the next two years. As a delegate, you will have the privilege of having your voice heard and placing a vote for these officers.

You will become energized from your sister CDA members at the Convention through conversation about their courts—their strengths, their struggles and their great accomplishments. You will get ideas on how to better serve your court through our oneness in serving the Lord and those He leads us to help.

You will get an appreciation for the dedication and hard work of the State Officers and Committee Chairpersons. You will pray together, sing together, laugh together, have fun together, break bread together and make new friends from all over the state of Pennsylvania.

Attending the Convention will bring you closer in your commitment to help those less fortunate and it will nurture your love of the Catholic Daughters in what we do.

You will receive many blessings by attending the PA State Convention—some tangible and some you just can't put your finger on, but you will know God had a hand in it.

Won't you join us?

The 55th Biennial Pennsylvania State Convention opens with Mass at 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2023 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Altoona, PA. I hope to see you there. You will be pleased and gratified that you did.

—Email Colette McCaffrey: colettecda@gmail.com



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*Wishing you
a spiritual
and fruitful Lent...*

*And a very
Blessed
Easter!*



Looking for Ladies in White

*Peggy Guckin, Immediate Past National Director
Past State Regent, Publicity Chairman*



Are you going to the Convention? Would you like to participate in a special way? You will need to have a white dress or white skirt and blouse and white shoes (I will supply white gloves). Don't have white? Now's the time to start looking.

We will participate in Opening and Closing Mass and the Opening and Closing of the Convention.

Contact Peggy Guckin, Ceremonial Coordinator

Phone: 215-570-3574

Email: mmg721@aol.com

Participants will act as color and honor guard or escort National Representative, State Officers and Past Officers.

Robe Etiquette

Robes are to be worn with dignity and respect. Robes are to be clean and well pressed.

Robes are to be eleven inches from floor (this is accomplished by hemming robe wearing the white shoes you will be wearing for the ceremonials). Please remember dress must be shorter than robe.

WHITE shoes are to be worn with robes at all times.

Optional—whether or not stocking are to be worn. If stockings are worn, they must be nude or skin color.

One pair of small stud earrings may be worn on the earlobe and be no bigger than the earlobe. No dangling or hanging earrings. Rings and watches are allowed with robes.

Handbags are NOT to be carried when in procession with robe.

Slacks are NOT to be worn with robes at any time.

Robes are not worn to event. They are carried.

—Email Peggy Guckin: mmg721@aol.com



*Above photo from 54th Biennial CDA State Convention in 2021.
Will you be a part of the team this year?*

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Pennsylvania State Court
Spiritual Intention

The Mass is offered at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,
Altoona, PA at 10:30 A.M. on the third Sunday of the month.
Proceeds benefit the Pontifical North American College in
Rome helping the Seminarians who are studying there.

For: _____

From: _____

Intention: _____

In Appreciation

Our Court's Religious Education Directors and Teachers
Our Catholic School Principals and Teachers
Requested by: Court Joan of Arc #716

Blessings as They Teach in the Ways
of Our Catholic Faith (Proverbs 22:6)

Deborah Baker & Teachers
Brandon Peters & Teachers
Melissa Lee & Teachers
Renee Pettenati & Teachers
Jennifer Sklowdowski & Teachers
Stephanie Neff & Teachers
Nancy McCulley & Teachers
Mrs. Kathy Maurer, Principal
& All Saints Catholic School Teachers
Mrs. Robin McMullen, Principal
& Holy Name Catholic School Teachers
Requested by: Court Joan of Arc #716

Blessed Christmas 2022 & Joyous New Year 2023

All My Family and Friends
Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy
Bishop Ronald Gainer & the Harrisburg Diocese
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
My Sister CDA PA State Officers
Father D. Timothy Grimme
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

All Members of Our Court
Our Families and Our Parishes
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Blessed and Joyous New Year!

Susan Mone'
Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions in December 2022 and January and February 2023. Donations are forwarded to the National office to benefit the North American Pontifical College in Rome and are much appreciated by the seminarists there. Please consider using our Intention cards in the future. **Send Spiritual Intentions to Margaret Giordano, First Vice State Regent. Her address is on the front page of this newsletter. Thank you!**

Best Wishes on Your New Parish Assignment

Father Jozef, State Chaplain
Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Happy First Birthday!

Arabella Noel, Great Granddaughter
Karena Valentina, Great Granddaughter
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy Birthday!

Julius Kreider, Grandson
Skyler Giordano, Grandnephew
Michael Hoskins, Grandson
Celeste Eckman
Matthew Christian, Nephew
Tony Giordano, Nephew
Dr. Thomas H. Giordano, Brother
Adrien Hatfield, Granddaughter
Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Karen Mastriana

Janet Bennett

Pat Jacobs

Karen Hurley

Paulette Manzella, Financial Secretary

Brenda Goodling

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Happy Feast Day!

Sr. Mary Paul, Spiritual Advisor
Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Happy Anniversary

Caron and Jeff Gillespie

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Get Well/Complete Recovery

Mom and Dad Sultzbach

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Health

Kaitlyn Fello

Requested by: Christine Surovec,
Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448

Healing From Severe Burns

Mason Morris, Great Grandson of Helen Lowry

Requested by: Christine Surovec,
Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448

Speedy Recovery

Tina Dambach

Marie Callihan

Barbara Jackson

Ellen Gallagher

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Prayers

All Those on Our Prayer List

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Successful Surgery

Newborn Baby Amelia

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Thank You!

Susan Mone'

Requested by: CDA PA State Officers

Rest in Peace

Doug Bradley

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

CDA PA State Officers

Marge Bradley

Ethel Iannuzzi

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

Louise Ott, Court St. Dominic #2222

Father Tony Gargotta, Past State Chaplain

Louie Calvetti

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, Past National Director

CDA PA State Officers

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

CDA PA State Officers and Members

Margaret T. Giordano

Sr. Mary Grace, DM

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Sam Stanley, Father of Karen Mastriania

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023



The Soul's Flight

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Rest in Peace

Sarah Aloia

Helen Bosak

Joann Sayre

Jackie Yuhas

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

Louie Calvetti

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent

In Memory

Teresa Herr

Rita Smith-Wade-El, Past Regent

Agatha Gerz

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Thomas H. Oster

Baby Christine Oster

Requested by: Marge Bradley

With Sympathy

Marge Bradley

The Family of Father Tony Gargotta

Letty Calvetti

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Welcome!

New Member, Brenda Goodling

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Peggy Guckin, PSR, PND
203 Harmony Ct.
Bensalem, PA 19020



Return Service Requested

Jesus' Healing and Nourishing Presence in the Eucharist

Father Jozef Kovacik, CDA State Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Friends,



As you may know the Church is in the midst of the National Eucharistic Revival. It was launched on June 19th, 2022 on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Why? We see that our world is hurting and is in need of God's healing touch. The best source of the healing and strength God offers us, and we all certainly need, is in Jesus' real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy

Eucharist. All of us are in need of healing, yet many of us are separated for various reasons from the very source of our strength and blessings. When we open our eyes, we realize that our world is also hungry for love, respect, acceptance, and has many other needs.

It is Jesus who satisfies all our needs and wants. It is He who invites us to return to or renew our relationship with Him, the source and summit of our faith, in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore our understanding and devotion to this great mystery of God's presence by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is vital to our spiritual lives. At Mass, we encounter Jesus in His words and in the bread and wine that become His Body and Blood. From the entrance hymn to the closing hymn, the Mass is a memorial and sacrifice; one continual offering to our good and gracious God, by making present the redeeming passion and death of his Son Jesus Christ for the salvation of all humankind through his crucifixion.

We celebrate Mass to offer our praise and thanksgiving for our redemption. At Mass, we pray and worship God together in a faith-filled community, we hear God's voice in the Scripture readings, let the message of salvation enter us and we receive Jesus truly present among us in the Holy Eucharist. He told us that when we gather together for prayer to do it in memory of Him.

People are encouraged to ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as a birthday, wedding anniversary) or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Let us never forget the infinite value and graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass. We receive Jesus—the true and everlasting nourishment and then must in turn nourish those who hunger for Him because He brings countless blessings to all who encounter Him. This will never cease to be our mission as we seek to reach our full potential as people of God. We are called to continue serving one another wherever and whenever the Lord calls us to the best of our abilities. The Holy Spirit inspires us to do so much good in Jesus' name so we can be a life-giving presence in the world. This is the joy and the good news of Jesus' Gospel.



Eucharist in Fruit Wreath

Jan Davidsz de Heem 1606-1684

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