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This 'n That...

Shirley Hall, State Regent

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

CONGRATULATIONS to all of US, the Catholic Daughters of Pennsylvania, celebrating our 110th Anniversary! What an exciting time to be at our Court Columbia #2, Meadville, sharing memories. Our new *History of the Pennsylvania State Court 1903–2021*, was unveiled. How appropriate to now look back on all that was shared on that weekend of October 23 as we "walked thru the decades" entertainment. Thank you to all who came and helped in any way!!



REMINDERS: STATE & NATIONAL DUES—Invoices have been mailed to REGENTS. Payments to be made to: Jeanette Kitch, PA CDA State Secretary, 15197 Ridge Rd., Meadville, PA 16835.

QUARTERLY NATIONAL PROJECTS/CHARITIES are also to be sent to Jeanette. A new form has been included with your dues notice and is to be used with your next mailing.

FINANCIAL REVIEWS, as of this writing, are past due. If you have not contacted your DD, please do so immediately!

WINTER NATIONAL QUARTERLY will contain valuable information about Circle of Love Contests, Election of Court Officers and information on the National Convention. Please read thoroughly and share with your court.

STATE LOTTERY CALENDARS will be mailed to the regents in early December. Please read the enclosed instructions and make your returns as suggested to Lisa McCann.

NATIONAL CONVENTION is in Puerto Rico and the State Board has chosen a t-shirt to be printed for our state representatives. More information will follow.

PA STATE CONVENTION will be held in Altoona, at the Blair Co. Convention Center, April 21–24, 2023. Please mark your calendars for an informational and fun weekend with your CDA sisters.

As we look forward to spending time with our loved ones during the holidays, I wish you Peace, Joy and Love and may the gift of God's love bring you His joy this Christmas season and throughout the New Year! ♦

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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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Pennsylvania Members Celebrating 110 Years of Unity and Charity!



On Saturday, October 23, 2021, Catholic Daughters from across the state came together in Meadville, PA at the home of Court Columbia #2 to celebrate this momentous occasion.

A public Mass was celebrated by Fr. Joe Petrone, Chaplain for the court at Epiphany of the Lord Parish.

A banquet, prepared by the ladies of the parish, was held in the Parish Center and followed by "...a walk through the decades," hosted by Pat Gildea with members of the following courts participating: Court Columbia #2, Court St. Martin #418, Court St. Rita #523, Court Westinghouse #759, Court New Kensington #860, Court Patricia #998, Court Washington #1651, Court Our Lady of the Alleghenies #1755, Court St. Ephrem #2230, Court Queen of Peace #1023 and Court Prince Gallitzin #2625. Many others, of the approximately 20 courts represented, shared memories of their experiences of Catholic Daughters throughout the ages and were quite happy to be present for this occasion.

The long-awaited new *History of the Pennsylvania State Court 1903-2021, Second Edition*, was presented to Shirley Hall, State Regent by Peggy Guckin and was distributed to patrons by Pattie Fromknecht.

May God continue to bless our Pennsylvania State Court for many years to come.



Celebrating 110 Years!—Pennsylvania State Court



*Seated: Laraine McGinnis, Past State Regent 2007-2011
Shirley Hall, State Regent 2019-Present
Standing: Past State Regents: Peg Witas 2017-2019
and Peggy Guckin 2013-2017*



*Many staying at the hotel, chilling out after a great celebration!
Pam Callahan, Lisa McCann, Margaret Giordano, Shirley Hall,
Laraine McGinnis and Robin Krofcheck*



*Pattie Fromknecht, Peg Witas, Jeanette Kitch, Lisa McCann,
Margaret Gowaty, Christina Seese, Donna Egan and Peggy Guckin*



*Shirley Hall, State Regent, portraying Elsie Seymour, gave us a
surprise visit to address the membership. Elsie was State Regent
from 1968 to 1972 and hailed from Court St. Rita #523.*

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#1 Unity With 70,000 Women Across the Globe!

Thoughts From the State Board



Shirley Hall, PA State Regent

National has created a list of "10 Reasons to Become a Catholic Daughter." Your State Board would like to share their thoughts on some of the REASONS in upcoming *Angelus* newsletters and hope that you may use this in seeking new members.

Unity With 70,000 Women Across the Globe

Does this sound exciting to you—to think that you have a commonality with this many ladies in our spirituality and our works of charity? A friendship is developed when meeting someone for the first time but meeting them a second and third time under the auspices of CDA may bring about a need for one to search deeper for the joy of CDA companionship.

Benefits of Being a Catholic Daughter

Margaret T. Giordano, 1st Vice State Regent

Since I became a Catholic Daughter in my local court, I have loved being part of our wonderful organization. I found the opportunities for spirituality and service to be satisfying.

When, however, I began to attend Pennsylvania and National functions, I was so captivated by the unity I experienced with women far and wide. At all CDA functions I attend—with my court, a sister court or with a group of courts at diocesan, state and national events—I become more exhilarated about our CDA mission. It is so fulfilling to be with women who pray together and serve in Unity and Charity. I am hooked! How about you?



New Recruitment Ideas



Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent

Does your court need recruitment ideas? Does your court utilize the many items available from the National Office store? Recruitment tools include flyers, brochures titled, "Invitation to Join," "Unity & Charity" and "Spiritual Enhancement." You can get pin-back buttons that say, "Ask Me About CDA," banners, flags, posters, CDA apparel or jewelry. Having these items will help you attract ladies who would be interested in joining your court. Consider the simple postcard that is titled, "The Top 10 Reasons Why You Should Be a Catholic Daughter." Items like this and the pamphlets should be left in your church vestibule. Members can be given an envelope containing the brochures to keep handy in their purses to pass along when they meet a likely candidate for court membership. Most importantly, remember to have your local contact information put on the flyers and postcards.

Consider the #1 listed item on "The Top 10 Reasons" postcard—"Unity with over 70,000 women across the globe." We need to sell ourselves as the very special treasurers we are. Be proud to be a member of one of the oldest and largest volunteer organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. There are many different groups we may belong to—the card group, the bingo group, the PTA—but none can outdo your CDA sisterhood! What we accomplish in unity with over 70,000 women across the globe is extraordinary! Don't hide that very real fact. Shout it out proudly!



Why I Joined CDA



Jeanette Kitch, State Secretary

I joined CDA with my Mom after getting out of the Navy. Grandma said it would be fun and I would meet a lot of wonderful ladies. Guess what? 22 years later, I'm still having a lot of fun and meeting a lot of ladies. I have met women from all over the world. All of them have been nice, some are bossy, some are quiet, some are very excited. It takes all kinds to make the world go around. God made each of us different and unique and I think that is the best quality for a Catholic Daughter.

Grandma always said, "you do know, the word 'NO' is in your vocabulary." I said "yes," and with CDA, it is hard to say "no." I enjoy going to meetings, whether they are my own court or diocese meeting or another court. You learn new ways to raise money, how to get new members. Some things work for some courts but not all, so its nice to see and learn what works for others. I have worked my way from a member to court officer, to diocesan chairman, to state officer. I have enjoyed every office I have held and I hope all prospective members know that even though the word "no" is in their vocabulary, there is also "yes" to meeting and having fun with God, Jesus and Mother Mary at their sides. All three are present everyday with CDA ladies—no matter where in the world they are.

"Unity With Over 70,000 Women Across the Globe"

Pam Callahan, State Treasurer

There are hundreds and thousands of Catholic Daughter courts around the world. Even though we may feel that we are just little fish, in a little pond, when we all join together in Unity and Charity, and each person and court does their part, the impact is overwhelming. It becomes a very significant part of our organization, and we are able to do great things for people who need it most "across the globe."

I am very grateful to be a part of this organization and unite with all the Catholic women around the world! After attending the PA State Court's 110th Anniversary, I learned even more about our history—we have contributed so much over the years from our little PA CDA pond. Continue to flourish, my dear friends, and spread the word and work of the Catholic Daughters everywhere.



News from National

Essie Walker

National Second Vice Regent and National Representative



Greetings to All,

Can you believe that we are almost in the holiday season with Thanksgiving being the first holiday?

It is a very special time to celebrate with family and friends. But let's not forget the real reason for the celebration. Thanksgiving reminds us to give thanks for what we have and to count our many blessings. Regardless as to how you and your family celebrate this year, make every effort to check in with family and friends to share with each other exactly what you are grateful for. Please remember

our sick and shut-in members as we approach the holiday season.

It is also time for families and friends to come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to give thanks for all blessings received during the year. During these special times, share the gift of love, peace and happiness. There is no greater gift than to spend time with family and friends around the Christmas tree and talk about the journey of Mary and Joseph.

Mother Teresa's quote about Christmas—"It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you." Yes, it is Christmas—smile at your brother and offer him your hand. May His coming this Christmas bring to each of us that peace and joy that He desires to give.

Congratulations to Regent Kathleen Peeler and members of Court Our Lady of Victory #588 on your 100th Anniversary celebration. We thank you for your continued support of your community and CDA.

If you have not done so, please check out the CDA website. Tom Panas is keeping us current on happenings from National and our state and local courts. If your court has not shared your activities in the *SHARE* Magazine, now is the perfect time to do so. Let others know the great things members are doing in your court.

The September 2021, *National Quarterly* is posted online at catholicdaughters.org for your viewing. This quarterly is filled with information, forms, rules, deadline entry dates, and so much more for the 2022 contests and scholarships.

Please save the date for our upcoming National Convention. Looking forward to seeing you July 20-24, 2022 at the Sheraton Puerto Hotel and Casino, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Peace and joy be with you and your families as you celebrate the upcoming holidays.

♦ Happy Thanksgiving ♦ Merry Christmas ♦ Happy New Year! ♦

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Court Chatter

ALLENTOWN DIOCESE

Diocesan Meeting, Frackville

The Allentown Diocesan Meeting was hosted October 9, 2021 by Court St. James #1029 in Frackville. Attending the meeting were Courts Easton #358 and St. James #1029 and guest Courts St. Martin #418 from the Scranton Diocese and Court Queen of Peace #1023 from the Harrisburg Diocese.



Back Row, Left to Right:
Kathryn Kopey and Virginia
Asaif #1029, Eileen Yanno
#358, Linda Malinoski #418,
Deborah Starace, Sally Lerch
and Pat Bleam #358,
Georgann Connell and Kathryn Gaughan
#1029, Judy Poltanis #418
Front Row, Left to Right:
Mary Selway #1023, Janice Boychak,
Margaret Gaughan
and Barbara Meusel #1029,
Margaret T. Giordano
#1023, Area Supervisor



ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN DIOCESE

Court Joan of Arc #716, Cresson

Celebrates Catholic Daughters Day



Front row, left to right: Catherine Iapalucci, Constance Stransky,
Father Brian Warchola, and Dot DeAngelo, Regent
Back row Mary Jo Fitzsimmons, Vice Regent, Mary Mastrini,
Sandy Inzana, Doreen Braniff, Millie Bodenschatz

Court St. Rita #523, Tyrone

Circle of Love Family Halloween Party

Kids are playing pumpkin patch smash in the top photo and in the second photo, a family recites a prayer before the games begin.



HARRISBURG DIOCESE

Court Queen of Peace #1023, Lancaster, Celebrated Catholic Daughters Day

Court Queen of Peace #1023 celebrated CDA Day at their court meeting on October 17, 2021. The table holds cards picturing women saints that members brought up to the table during the prayer service, "In the Company of Holy Women" (from the September 2020 *National Quarterly Newsletter*).



Left to Right: Margaret T. Giordano, CarolAnne Ferreira, Robin Burgoon, Susan Sharer, Recording Secretary; Nicole Kreider, Vice Regent; Lee Ann Hrycaj, Regent; Paulette Manzella, Financial Secretary; Andrea Accardi; Sr. Mary Paul Giordano, DM, Spiritual Advisor; and Danielle Christian, New Member

Members of Court Queen of Peace #1023 collected items to donate **Bingo prizes for the residents at the Lancaster Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.** The court has not been able to provide face-to-face Bingo since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently, the residents play Bingo via televisions in their rooms.



2021 National CDA Education Contest Awards were also presented from Court Queen of Peace #1023 to two National winners: Lizbeth S. won 3rd place in Music, Division III and Matthew H. won 1st Place in Computer Art, Division III.

Court Our Lady of Victory #588, Mt. Carmel Celebrated International Catholic Daughters Sunday

Court Our Lady of Victory #588 celebrated international Catholic Daughter Sunday on October 17th with Mass at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church followed by a brunch in the parish hall.



Front row, left to right: Margie Cowles; Shelly Koutch; Mary Catherine Wydra, Treasurer; Mary J. Snyder, Vice Regent; Kathleen Peeler, Regent; Terry Gross, Banner Bearer; Barbara Persing, Recording Secretary; Nora Avellino, Financial Secretary; Lois Sejuir; Rosemarie Koronkiewicz and Zita Harner

Middle row: Mary Rose McCarthy; Christine McLaughlin; Rita Nolter; Janice Koutch and Helen Pasierb

Back Row: Susan Demsko; Megan VanDoren; Barbara Puketza; Cindy Saukaitis; Donna Sassani; Betty Kreski; Father Frank Karwacki, Chaplain

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE

Philadelphia Combined Courts

Celebrating 45th Annual Catholic Daughters Day and 110th Anniversary of PA State Court

Mass was celebrated by Rev. Edward T. Kearns, Pastor and Chaplain, Court St. Dominic #2222, preceded by the Rosary lead by Betty Maier, #2628; Lydia Phillip, #650 Rosary Cross; Suzanne Garnet, #650; Lynn Kelly, #2222, and Carol Parsons, #2230. Congratulations to our four new members who were received: Lydia Wilson and Victoria Nunnally, Court Ave Maria #650; Betty Weber and Nancy Borie, Court St. Dominic #2222. Crowning the Blessed Mother was Sarah Mastrull, #1097. Lunch followed at Bensalem Country Club. After a delicious lunch, we all enjoyed anniversary cake and ice cream.



Rosary carriers



Sarah Mastrull, crowning the Blessed Mother



*Margaret Giordano, Peggy Guckin
and Colette McCaffrey*



*On left: Colette McCaffrey, Margaret Giordano, Joanne Walker and Peggy Guckin
On right: Tina Dambach, Dolly Maronski, Rosemarie Medash and Sara Janulewicz*



*New members welcomed: Lydia Wilson and Victoria Nunnally,
Court Ave Maria #650; Betty Weber and Nancy Borie,
Court St. Dominic #2222*



*Congratulations, PA Catholic Daughters
for 110 Years!
That's Awesome!*



"Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day."

~ Helen Steiner Rice ~

PHILADELPHIA ARCHDIOCESE cont'd.

Court Rose Cecilia #1641, Philadelphia, Scholarship Award

Peggy Guckin presented Matt H., with a \$500 scholarship to help with his tuition. To qualify, all recipients complete an application and write an essay explaining how they *Made A Difference* in the world as Jesus taught us. Matt is in Grade 7, and has been a student at Holy Innocents since Pre-K. Matt and his family belong to Holy Innocents Parish.



Left to right: Father Thomas M. Higgins, Pastor; Tina Dambach, Regent, Court St. Francis de Sales #2671; Peggy Guckin, Vice Regent, Court Rose Cecilia #1641; Matt H., recipient and Sr. Regina Mullen, Principal, Holy Innocents School



Peggy Guckin, presented Fr. Thomas M. Higgins, Pastor and Chaplain, with our book, *History of the Pennsylvania Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Second Edition*.

Court St. Ephrem #2230 Fundraiser, Bensalem

Court St. Ephrem members were able to have their first fundraiser since COVID-19. They also sold passes for Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends Day," October 20th.



Peggy Guckin, Pat Lafferty, Carol Parsons, Recording Secretary, Dolly Maronski and Rose Marie Medash, Treasurer

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Catholic Daughters of the Pittsburgh Diocese Seminarian Benefit

Despite having to cancel the annual Seminarian Benefit Luncheon again this year due to rising COVID cases, the eight courts of the Pittsburgh Diocese were able to raise \$3,000 for the seminarians studying at St. Paul Seminary. The money came from selling Pot of Gold tickets and monetary donations from the courts and individual members. The courts also prepared 25 Welcome Bags with personal care items and assorted snack items. The courts are: Butler #443 (which donated snack items), Bellevue #655, Allegheny #664, Westinghouse #759, Washington #1651, Dolores #1675, St. Rene #1868 and Greene County #1923. On September 30, the officers of the Diocesan Committee and several court members delivered the check and bags to St. Paul Seminary.



Left to right: Chris Baker, Seminarian; Thong Van Le, Seminarian; Peg Witas, Diocesan Co-Chair, Court St. Rene #1868; Bridget Wallace, Diocesan Secretary, Court Butler #443; Lisa McCann, Diocesan Treasurer, Court Westinghouse #759; Barb Byerly, Vice Regent, Court Butler #443; Father Tom Sparacino, Rector; Laraine McGinnis, Diocesan Chair, Court Washington #1651; Stella Smith, member, Court Butler #443; Robin Krockcheck, Regent, Court Washington #1651; Evelyn Bergbigler, member, Court Butler #443; Chris McMullen, Seminarian. Also present but not included in the photo were Father Steven Neff, Spiritual Director and Sister Cindy Ann Kibler, Apostolic Works Coordinator.

PITTSBURGH DIOCESE cont'd.

Court Washington #1651, Washington

Memorial Mass and Picnic

Donations to Genesis Center

On August 24, Court Washington #1651 held their annual Memorial Mass and Picnic. Members were asked to bring items for the local Genesis Center. Members donated more than \$500.00 worth of supplies, including: diapers, wipes, blankets, sleepers, bottles, strollers, swings and portable cribs. The photo includes members with donations, St. James Parish clergy and donated items.



Court Westinghouse #759, Turtle Creek

Red Door Mission Sandwiches

Court Westinghouse #759 once again enjoyed their annual service project of making 150 bagged lunches for the Red Door Mission located in the city of Pittsburgh. Court members solicit donations from local businesses and members generously provide the balance of the necessary items to supply the mission with 300 sandwiches and many additional items in each bag.



Pictured making the meat sandwiches are members: Lisa McCann, 2nd Vice State Regent; Ann Malarkey, Lisa's 99 years young father-in-law, Jack McCann, who pitched in, and Jean Rankin. These valued senior members are hesitant to attend large group meetings but were still able to be involved and were a big help.



Pictured with a portion of the final project are: Christina Seese, Recording Secretary; Lisa Hadu; Nikki Bruni; Georgine Bogovich, Court Treasurer; Joyce Blotzer; Denise Simpson; Lisa McCann; Terry Gojkovich, Financial Secretary; Paula Voloch and Margie Gowaty, Regent.



*The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree:
the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.*

~ Burton Hills ~

SCRANTON DIOCESE

Court St. Martin #418, Honesdale

Hoagie Sale with a Bag of Chips



Left to right: Alice O'Neill, Chairman; Cathy Nonnenmacher, member and Linda Malinoski, Regent



Remember Our Youth

Karen Mastriania, Youth State Chairman



As the seasons change from fall to winter, let us remember to watch out for and help the youth in our communities. When we drive through our neighborhoods and see the leaves that people raked out to the curb, just think about the small children that could be hiding in them, before you drive through the leaves. It is always better to err on the side of safety and slow down and drive around them. As the snow starts to fall, remember the children playing and sledding, so again, slow down and be cautious. One more item on this topic—as you drive and see a school bus, always be prepared to stop. Too many children get hit by vehicles, driven by people being in a hurry. If we would all think that these are our own children or grandchildren, they would be a lot safer as they get on and off the bus!!

When the weather starts to turn cold, don't forget that some youth might need help staying warm and having a hot meal to eat. If each court in PA needs a winter project regarding our youth, consider locating an agency that helps families, either with a room, shelter or group home for children. A court may choose to donate hats, gloves or scarves. Some folks may need food, especially if they are grandparents who find their grandchildren on their door step. If any courts would like to help or to share ideas on this, please reach out to me.

We can also remember to add our youth to our daily prayers to keep them safe, warm and healthy. Our youth are our future, so it is up to us to help them grow in mind and faith. May the Blessed Mother keep watch over each child throughout the year. ♦

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Pro-Life Christmas Cards Available!

Citizens Concerned for Human Life, Blair County, PA has Christmas cards available for purchase. Two beautiful designs are offered, one depicts the Nativity scene and the other portrays the Infant Jesus. The cost is \$7 for a package of 11 cards. Your purchase helps support the pro-life work of CCHL in Blair County. For more information, call Marge Bradley at 814-505-5025.

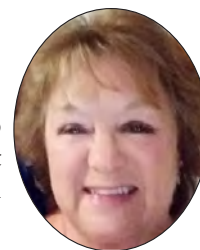


Love WAS BORN AT CHRISTMAS

Our Little Way

Dolores Croyle

Spiritual Enhancement Chair



Faith in action is service. We try to be holy because we believe. In most modern rooms you see an electrical light that can be turned on by a switch. But if there is no connection with the main powerhouse, then there can be no light. Faith and prayer are our connection with God, and the power of the connection is service. —St. Mother Teresa

St. Therese is known for her "little way," which is simply the idea of seeking holiness in the ordinary and in our everyday lives. Her "little way" teaches us to do ordinary things with extraordinary love, like smiling at a stranger, or writing a note of encouragement to someone we know who needs it, or calling someone we haven't spoken to in a while, and so on. Doing these small things with great love are examples of St. Therese's spirituality.

Can we combine the thoughts of St. Mother Teresa with the "little way" of St. Therese? What ordinary things do you do? We can smile at a stranger, but we could also say, "Have a good day." This is a little more personal. You could have little notes—"Have a good day," "God loves you, Smile"—that we could give to a person. The smile lasts for a short time, but a note takes longer to write and can be kept by the recipient. Family members and friends need to know they are thought of and appreciated. Notes in lunchboxes, on a dinner plate, or on a pillow can brighten someone's day. In this day of texting and email, messages can be sent to many electronically. However, a paper note takes longer and is more permanent.

Let us think about the telephone. It is not just for games and videos. It is a powerful tool to personally reach out to family and friends. Who do you need to call today? Do not put it off until tomorrow.

The holidays are coming quickly and we are already being told there will be shortages, higher prices and fewer workers in the stores. This is a recipe for disappointment, frustration, stress and many other mental and physical problems. Plan now on not being able to purchase what you want. Then if you succeed, you will be happy. Another idea is to consider "special gifts." Donations to food banks, gifts for children in other countries, water supplies where needed can be given in the name of your loved one. There would be no stress in finding these gifts.

Never forget to pray. You can pray for strangers, family, friends, world peace and any other cause you feel is necessary.

New Year's Resolutions—make a promise to yourself to add St. Therese's "little way" to every day of your life.

Today, let's pray for all the relationships in our lives. Let's pray that we can be more loving and open within our relationships with family, friends and God. Let's pray that we can have the strength to practice small things with great love for them all. ♦

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August Lottery Winners

Cynthia Keefe
 Patricia Gildea
 Fr. Charles Speicher
 Ann & Gordon Dougherty
 Ruthann/Emmett Dziedzicki
 Kathy Mulholland
 Rev. Michael Polinek
 Gloria Nelson
 Mary Moretz
 Lorraine Heck
 Martha Iskra
 Rev. George Jakopac
 Tracy Mongelluzzo
 Ntl. Regent Sherry Nilles
 Jennifer Deemer*
 Joan Hesler
 Dee Pontzer
 Lisa McCann
 Carol Ternoway
 Millie Calhoun
 Mary Snyder
 Jon Vossburg
 Cindy Fedorka
 Amy Swast
 Dee Pontzer
 Martha Sykes
 Michael Ternoway
 Patty Glessner
 Helen Ruggles
 Susan Farrah
 Dennis Patti

*\$100 winner

August Selling Court

Our Lady of Victory #722
 Our Lady of Alleghenies #1755
 Westinghouse #759
 St. Dominic #2222
 St. Rita #523
 Mystical Rose #2628
 Immaculate Conception #2454
 St. Marys #95
 St. Frances De Sales #2617
 Holy Trinity #1336
 St. Mark #1097
 Rev. Patrick McArdle #448
 PSR Margaret Novak
 SO Margaret Giordano
 St. Marys #890
 Ave Maria #399
 St. Marys #95
 SO Lisa McCann
 SO Lisa McCann
 St. Theresa #562
 Our Lady of Victory #588
 SO Lisa McCann
 Lambing #314
 Patricia #998
 St. Marys #95
 St. Veronica #111
 SO Lisa McCann
 PSR Margaret Novak
 Our Lady of Alleghenies #1755
 Lambing #314
 Easton #358

Sept. Lottery Winners

Helen Fox
 Patty Borkowski
 Sandra Owens/Francis Grimm
 Brian Egan
 Ct. St. Rene #1868
 Evelyn Borrelli
 Cecilia Hazenstab
 Dennis Patti*
 James Nemec
 David Borelli
 Lucas Weston
 Mary Anne Marcantney
 Mary Beth Grether
 Carol Ternoway
 Ct. St. James Greater #2180
 Sue Urban
 Carol Lutz
 Ct. St. Rita #353
 Pattie Fromknecht
 Cecilia Hazenstab
 Denise Morris
 Ann Johnston
 Sylvia Fox
 Brianna Stitt
 Josie McClelland
 Darlene Centofanti
 Christina Bonner
 Kelly Mataljan
 Lisa McCann
 Linda Soltis

*\$100 winner

Sept. Selling Court

Sylvia Fox
 St. Francis De Sales #2617
 Lambing #314
 Westinghouse #759
 Ct. St. Rene #1868
 Easton #358
 Our Lady of Alleghenies #1755
 Easton #358
 Patricia #998
 SO Lisa McCann
 Westinghouse #759
 Ave Maria #650
 SO Lisa McCann
 SO Lisa McCann
 St. James Greater #2180
 Ryan #911
 St. Catherine #1992
 St. Rita #353
 Prince Gallitzin #2625
 Our Lady of Alleghenies #1755
 Washington #1651
 Washington #1651
 Sylvia Fox
 Bellevue #655
 Allegheny #664
 Uniontown #505
 Annunciata #260
 PSR Margaret Novak
 SO Lisa McCann
 St. Gerard Majella #2751

Oct. Lottery Winners

Rosemary Barber
 Margaret Kratowicz
 Aldia Pavlik
 Lori Odenthal
 Karen Pessoland
 Nicholas Campagna
 Cecilia Hazenstab
 Michelle Fleming
 Marie Phanord
 Fr. D. Timothy Grimme
 Betty Geis
 Helen Quinn
 Darlene Centofanti
 Janet Woodruff
 Monroe Kepler
 Christine Moncrief
 Lori Shannon*
 Anne Albertson
 Alan Mongelluzzo
 Kathy Macelroy
 Lucas Weston
 State Officers
 Richard Rogal
 Dawn Walters
 Kathy Kratt
 Sylvia Fox
 John McCann
 Bill Boskirk
 Patty Glessner
 Margie Meyer
 Jayne Wisniewski

*\$100 winner

Oct. Selling Court

Ave Maria #650
 Holy Trinity #1336
 Allegheny #664
 Immaculate Conception #2454
 PSR Margaret Novak
 Holy Trinity #1336
 Our Lady of Alleghenies #1755
 SO Margaret Giordano
 Ave Maria #650
 Prince Gallitzin #2526
 Monessen #776
 St. Rita #523
 Uniontown #505
 Conception #35
 Brownsville #1141
 Rose Cecilia #1641
 Our Lady of Victory #588
 PND, PSR Peggy Guckin
 PSR Margaret Novak
 St. Ephrem #2230
 Westinghouse #759
 State Officers
 Our Lady of Victory #722
 Allegheny #664
 Westinghouse #759
 Sylvia Fox
 SO Lisa McCann
 St. Marys #890
 PSR Margaret Novak
 Westinghouse #759
 Lambing #314

National Charity "Fun" D Winners

Week of 10/11 - 10/17/2021:

10/17—\$1000.00 Winner! From Annapolis, MD

Week of 9/20 - 9/24/2021:

9/22—Eugenia L., Easton, PA

9/24—Lori C., Franklin, PA

Week of 8/23 - 8/28/2021:

8/26—Karen S., Indiana, PA

Mary's Unique Part in God's Plan

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in glory. Archbishop Fulton Sheen once stated, "For when the curtain goes down on the last day, and we respond to the curtain call of judgment, we will not be asked what part we played, but how well we played the part that was assigned to us." (*Moods and Truths*, 75).

Let us then show by words and deeds that we understand the meaning and purpose of our life journey. May we, as God's children and the children of our blessed mother Mary, in "Unity and Charity," continue to be deeply thankful that our good and gracious God has chosen us to know and to follow His Son Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word, who became one of us to bring God's peace to all people of good will. As we journey together into His Kingdom, let us find humble and inspiring ways to show the face of God's love and light to those we meet so that Jesus can be born in us and in our world. ♦

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

History of the Pennsylvania State Court

Peggy Guckin, Past State Regent



I approached Shirley Hall regarding updating the Pennsylvania State History Book back in the Spring of 2020. Shirley was excited that I was interested in this project since she wanted to see the book updated too.

With her blessing, I contacted Mary May who wrote the first edition in 2005 to see if she could email me

the information in the book.

At the November 2020 State Workshop, I introduced the project to the membership. Those courts present received a copy of the first book. I told the members to update their court history based on the format in the current book. I also explained we would be taking patrons and follow-up information would be in the state newsletter.

It was not long before that I realized what was involved in completing this project. After months of searching, emailing, face timing and zooming and coming down to the wire of our final deadline, the books were ready to print and bind, all in time to be presented to Shirley Hall and the members present at our 110th Anniversary of PA State Courts in October 2021 in Meadville.

I thank Shirley for her confidence in this project. I thank all who have been a patron, submitted information and all who have helped in anyway.

A special thank you, Pattie Fromknecht (and Joe), for your time and talent in helping with this endeavor.

To purchase a copy of this *History Book* (cost \$10), go to our website, cdapa.com to find an order form.

Wishing you and all your family a great Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. ♦

—Email Peggy Guckin: mmg721@aol.com

Pennsylvania State Court's History Book

Pattie Fromknecht, Co-Author, Editor/Publisher



On our state's website, cdapa.com, you will find a link to photos, compliments of Judy P., with Court St. Martin #418, of the 110th State Anniversary Celebration and the unveiling and distribution of the *History of the Pennsylvania State Court 1903–2021, Second Edition*.

Gold and Silver patrons of the state's history book received a free book at the end of the event. If you were not present at the end of the anniversary celebration to get your copy, please contact your area supervisor to make arrangements. Area supervisors are state officers, assigned by the state regent, to one or more diocese in our state.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the state's history book, have a question or comment, or would like to report an error with correction, follow the link on the state's website.

In closing, I would like to thank both Shirley and Peggy for this awesome opportunity to work with and for them and the state court! Those who helped it come together, are those behind the scenes, helping to collect and/or verify information/photos, proofread and physically produce the state's history book, namely Margaret T. Giordano, Lisa McCann, Jeanette Kitch, Laraine McGinnis, Dolly Maronski, GiGi and Brian Petticrew, Mary Dively, Darlene Harella, Anne Musser, Laurie Staub, Karen Castagnola, Judy Wood, my husband Joe, and last but surely not least, the authors of the first edition, who gave us the groundwork to build upon. This has been an honor and privilege I will never forget. Much love. ♦

Pennsylvania State Website

Pattie Fromknecht, State Web Designer

Communication has come a long way over the years. Hieroglyphics to smoke signals...to telegraph, teletype, Morse code...to pen and paper to typewriters ...to telephone or cable lines to cell towers. The list is daunting.

Currently, we have products such as Skype, Zoom, MS Teams, Facetime, ..., which puts us in the "Jetson" sitcom, where you don't use symbols or signals or even type, you see one another, real time, and carry on regular conversations, as if the person is literally sitting across the table from you. These products have really helped to keep us together, during our most recent difficult times.

Personally, I believe each product has a time and place. The biggest factor is...the act itself, communication. Without it, we are left in the dark as to who, what, where, when, why, ... an event or act is to take place. Emergencies aside, it is good to remember one very important virtue. Patience. As instant as it "can be" in today's modern era, we need to remember, not only are our own lives hectic and filled with ups, downs and in-betweens, so too are the lives of others. I'm not sure what the future holds, technology-wise, but I'm excited to find out...what's next! ♦

—Email Pattie Fromknecht: web@cdapa.com



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: _____

Congratulations

Paulette Manzella

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Congratulations on Your 40th Anniversary

Officers & Members of Court St. Ephrem #2230

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, IP National Director

Happy 95th Anniversary

Court Queen of Peace #1023

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy CDA Day

All Catholic Daughters

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Congratulations on Your /Happy 100th Anniversary

Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448

Court St. Victoria #646

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Court Our Lady of Victory #588

Requested by: Laraine McGinnis

Peggy Guckin, IP National Director

Congratulations on 110 Years of Unity and Charity

Pennsylvania State Court

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Court Washington #1651

Blessings on Your Retirement

Rev. Albin McGinnis

Requested by: Court Greene County #1923

Happy Birthday

Alessandra Hoskins

CarolAnne Ferreira

Mary Selway

LaRue Lautsch

Janet Kreiner

Tammy Rivera

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

State Spiritual Intention Report

This report shows the many people whom we have included in our Spiritual Intentions in September, October and November 2021. Donations are forwarded to the National office to benefit the North American Pontifical College in Rome and are much appreciated by the seminarians 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!**

Happy Birthday cont'd.

Alessandra Hoskins, Granddaughter

Tina Morgan, Niece

James A. Giordano, Brother

Mary Selway, Sister

Susanne Gillespie

Cathy Ganse, Longtime Friend

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas

All

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, IP National Director

Improved Health, Complete & Speedy Recovery

Frank Himmelsbach

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Tammy Rivera

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Barbara Jackson

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, IP National Director

Special Intention

Miles, Friend of Carly Long

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Thank you

Officers & Members of Court St. Mark #1097

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, IP National Director

Roberta Stefanow

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

Thinking of & Praying for You

Special Intention

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Doug & Marge Bradley

Requested by: Peggy Guckin, IP National Director

Welcome! and Welcome Back!

New Member Danielle Christian

Andrea Accardi

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023



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Rest in Peace

Julia Gardner Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448

Requested by: Pam Callahan

David Novak

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Laraine McGinnis, PSR

CDA PA State Officers

Peggy Guckin, IP National Director

Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee

Irene Knodle, Member

Requested by: Court Washington #1651

With Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers

**Margaret Novak, Past State Regent,
on the death of her husband, Dave Novak**

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

CDA PA State Officers

In Memory/Memorial Mass

Margie Lopez, Dear Friend

Shirley Stein, Mother of Sara Stein

Requested by: Janet Mandarino, Court Monessen #776

Henry A. Horn, Grandfather

James A Giordano, Father

E. Margaret Horn, Grandmother

Margaret H. Giordano, Mother

Robert F. Leath, Jr.

Requested by: Margaret T. Giordano

Dave Campbell

Charles (Barry) Ludwig

David Novak

Requested by: Court Our Lady of Victory #722

Rita Smith Wade-El, Past Regent

Helen Bitts, Past Recording Secretary

All Our Deceased Members

Requested by: Court Queen of Peace #1023

How Do You Know That I Love You?

Danielle Gibbons, Family State Chairman

This has been a very difficult 19 months.

We have to take time to reflect on the changes we have all experienced, both as individuals and as a family. Some have had to work from home, some lost their jobs, some had to take on more responsibilities with children being at home. Our children have had to attend school virtually and then return on a hybrid program. They have been affected by quarantines and contact tracing that has left them once again at home to do school work virtually. Time with friends and family has been limited—outside activities put on hold. In essence, our lives have been changed significantly and are no longer what we used to know.



Spending time stuck in the same house with the same people can take a toll, no matter how much you love each other. Isolation from friends and regular activities has contributed to this as well. Tempers will flare and patience will run short. Little things annoy us and we can say things out of frustration without even thinking about how it will affect the other person. So how do we deal with all of these new emotions?

Looking at the word of God, reflect on the following passage:

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive, as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on Love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. —Colossians 3:13-15.

We all have to take time and reflect. Reflect on God's love for us and in turn love for each other. It is ok to be frustrated. It is ok to be angry. But we still have to recognize the greatest gift we have been given, and that is the Love that God has shown each one of us. We have to be able to say we are sorry. We have to be able to see we have hurt someone through the words we use. Forgiving others allows peace to grow within us and enables us to recognize everything for which we need to be thankful. Thankful for all God's gifts that he has bestowed on us—the greatest of which is family and love of family.

So take time for this family activity—Ask each other the following questions: "How do you know that I love you?" and, "how do you know that I appreciate you?"

The answers will provide greater insight into what you are doing correctly and what you can continue to do. It can also provide an opportunity for growth and to identify something different that a family member may need from you.

We all have different needs and loving each other means doing those little things for each other so they know they are loved and know they are appreciated. Spending a little time in prayer together every night can open your heart and mind to the love God has for us and provide the peace in our lives to get through these trying times.

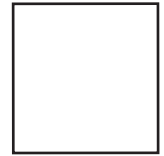
May God bless each and every one of you. ♦

—Email Danielle Gibbons: detenp@yahoo.com

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Peggy Guckin, PSR, National Director
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Blessed Virgin Mary's Unique Part in God's Plan of Salvation

Father Jozef Kovacik, CDA State Chaplain

Dear Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Friends,



As we slowly but surely get ready to celebrate another Christmas, we are once again given Advent time to be prepared for the celebration of Jesus' birth. We are invited to be properly prepared not only on the outside, but especially on the inside so our minds, hearts and souls can be strengthened and renewed by this most joyous of celebrations. In order to do that, the Church offers us the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model and inspiration, not only because Mary obviously has a unique and unforgettable role in the conception, birth, life and death of our Savior, but also because she is the best example of how we are to respond when God offers us an opportunity to play a part in His plan.

God prepared Mary from the moment of her conception for the part of being the mother of His only begotten Son. Mary, as a faithful daughter of God's chosen people, listened to the promises God had made, and through the prophets God continued to teach them to look forward to salvation. She, just like the rest of her nation, prayed and waited for the coming of the Messiah. I also think that as a young woman, Mary most likely made plans for her life. But when God came knocking and offered her His plan, she said "yes."

So we ask, how can we make our upcoming Advent and Christmas Seasons spiritually fruitful? The answer is quite simple. We are invited to reflect and meditate on Mary's "yes." YES that was born of her deep faith and her complete and unconditional love for God. When our lives are founded on these, we too can answer God in the humble and trusting way Mary did, when she said to the Archangel Gabriel: "*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.*" (Luke 1:38).

It may not be an angel coming to us with God's offer, but quoting the prophet Isaiah, St. Matthew reminds us: "*Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,*" which means "God is with us." We need to remember that Emmanuel is not just a name. God is with us and the part he offers us is to conduct ourselves in such ways that His word, the Word of God that we hear will be given flesh again and again.

This is how we can truly love and honor Mary, by imitating her life choices. The Church wants us to never forget that Mary is truly a great gift and a source of courage and inspiration. She calls us to bring Jesus Christ into a waiting world that needs Him so much, especially his peace and love.

To help us make these next few days and weeks fruitful, I would propose we ask these questions:

When we look at the burning candles on our Advent wreaths, will we quiet down, slow down so we can stop, look and receive what God is telling us? When we give presents by which we try to say how much we cherish and love each other, will we also give not just to our loved ones but to all who need love, compassion, forgiveness, healing and courage—the best present, the present that keeps on giving—Jesus?

We know that nothing compares to His presence in our individual lives and in our sometimes dark world. Jesus already came once when, in time, he was born in Bethlehem. Now we wait for his second coming, again



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