

Hail, Mary...

~ Catholic Daughters of the Americas ~ Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 ~ Christmas 2018/19 ~

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Purpose and Mission Statement



The purpose of the organization is to participate in the religious, charitable, and educational Apostolates of the Church. 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.

A Message from our Regent, Judy!

And so it is the Christmas Season and we look forward to and celebrate the birth of the Christ Child!

Wow! It makes many of us Catholic women think of how it was for Mary on the night of her baby's birth. Today we look for pain relief and comforts when we give birth! Mary had none of these modern comforts but gave birth in a lowly stable, with only the comfort of the animals and Joseph. It makes us think of how different the world is today 2018 years later.

Some things remain the same. Mary was willing to do Gods will and so are we as Catholic Daughters. Mary was willing to endure many heartaches and criticisms during her pregnancy and while raising her son. She knew how to follow her heart and Gods guidance at the lowest and hurtful times of her life. Catholic Daughters today follow our hearts and look for guidance from both Mary and God. We also try to reach out to help children, adults and families that may need our help. Our efforts don't always work, or sometimes the work just seems too much, but as Mary did; we keep on going!

It will soon be 10 years since our Court Prince Gallitzin #2625 began to operate under the guidance of Mary and other Catholic Daughters who also sought her advice.

We have learned a lot about working together in Unity and Charity and I hope we ALL look forward to another 10 years! Let this thought be our Christmas gift to each other!

Happy New Year!



A Prayer to Share

—Submitted by: Mary Grace

Dear God, I come to you as humbly as I know how. I confess my sins, those known and unknown. Lord you know I am not perfect and I fall short everyday of my life, but I want to take time out to say thank you for your mercy. Thank you for my health, my family, my friends, the roof over my head, food on my table and everything I have. Amen

Nine Children and their families are wished a Merry Christmas!

On Saturday, December 8th members of the court came together with gift wrap, scissors, and tape—in hand, wrapping 20+ gifts *each* — for nine children — *plus* gifts for their parents/guardians. On Saturday, December 15th the Social Hall was decorated to the hilt with Christmas trees, festive wall and hanging decorations — pizza, snacks, and beverages completed the festive day — that and the shrill of joy from the children as they unwrapped and enjoyed their bounty!



Front row: Jen project chair, Regina, Donna, Mary Grace, Annette, and Carol. Second row: Karen C., Theresa F., Sally, Karen W., Darlene, Nancy, Judy, Mary K., and Pattie.

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Embrace what is next!

Court Advent Party Allegro Restaurant! Tuesday, December 11, 2018



Front row: Mary K., Fr. Grimme, Judy, Regina, and Connie. Second row: Darlene, Sally, Nancy, Karen C., Annette, project chair, Donna, April, Jen, Mary S., and Diana.

In honor of the March for Life walk on January 18, 2019, our Legislation Chair, Karen C. reminds us ...

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said “We must remember that life begins at home and we must also remember that the future of humanity passes through the family.” Pope Paul VI Institute



The Pope's Prayer Intentions for 2019

Entrusted to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer)

<http://popesprayerusa.net/>

January — Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

February — Universal: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

March — Evangelization: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

April — Universal: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

May — Evangelization: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

June — Evangelization: That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

July — Universal: That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

August — Evangelization: That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly “schools of true human growth”.

September — Universal: That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

October — Evangelization: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary “spring” in the church.

November — Universal: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

December — Universal: That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

With each new day, we have an opportunity to do something for God.

Gary Zimak *Stop Worrying & Start Living*



Pattie, project chair and Jo, activities aide.



**Maybrook Hills Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center
(formerly Valley View Nursing Home)**

Residents, two nursing stations, and the activities center were brightened this Christmas with 100 nativity luminaries, compliments of our court! Luminary front view on the cover!



January through March Upcoming Events!

Court Meetings and Special Days/Functions

- No regular court meetings in January and February!
- Epiphany — Sunday, January 6.
- Spaghetti dinner fundraiser planning meeting — Saturday, January 12 at 1:00 PM at Pattie's home — all are welcome! Contact Pattie if you're able to join us!
- Baptism of the Lord — Sunday, January 13.
- March for Life 2019 — Friday, January 18 — <https://marchforlife.org/>
- Saint John Vianney Relic — Thursday, January 31 — Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
- St. Valentine's Day — Thursday, February 14.
- Ash Wednesday — Wednesday, March 6.
- Court Meeting — Monday, March 11 — Social at 6:30 PM — Meeting begins at 7:00 PM.
- St. Patrick's Day — Sunday, March 17.
- St. Joseph's Day — Tuesday, March 19.

Masses

- *Our Lady of Prompt Succor* — Tuesday, January 8 — at Saint Therese of the Child Jesus 7:45AM followed by breakfast at Tom and Joe's - Contact Pattie if you're able to join us!
- *Our Lady of Lourdes* — Monday, February 11 — at Saint John the Evangelist 8:00/8:30 AM (see bulletin as daily Mass times may be changing) followed by breakfast at Eat 'n Park - Contact Pattie if you're able to join us!
- *The Annunciation* — Monday, March 25 — at Sacred Heart 7:45 AM followed by breakfast at Cracker Barrel - Contact Pattie if you're able to join us!

Birthdays — Happy Birthday, Ladies!

- Mary Grace, Mary K., Darlene, Pattie, Diana, and Donna.

Fundraising

- **Cash (Gift) Cards** — Please have your paid order form order to us (Regina, Donna, Mary K., Connie, Mary S., Judy, or Pattie) *on or before* the order date shown. We will call you when it is ready.
 - Order: Wednesday, January 9 — Ready: Wednesday, January 16.
 - Order: Tuesday, February 12 — Ready: Wednesday, February 20.
 - Order: Tuesday, March 11 — Ready: Tuesday, March 19.
- **The Deli at Mansion Park Sub Sale**
 - All subs (turkey, roast beef, traditional, ham, American, Italian, or turkey/ham) are \$8.00 each.
 - See order form insert for description of sub sandwiches.
 - You can take orders and collect payment now through Monday, January 28.
 - Submit your order form(s) and payment to Pattie *on or before* Tuesday, January 29.
 - Pickup will be on Tuesday, February 12 between 11:00 AM and 11:30 AM at Pattie's home.
 - Contact Pattie if you need to schedule a different pick up time — we aim to please!
- **Spaghetti Dinner — Sunday, March 31!**
 - Everyone is needed to help make this court fundraising event a success!
 - Set up will be on Saturday, March 30 — time to be announced.
 - Planning meeting — Saturday, January 12 at 1:00 PM at Pattie's home — all are welcome!
 - Contact Pattie if you're able to join us!

Future Events

- April 5-8 — State Convention — Blairsville, Pennsylvania.
- April 13 — Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Committee meeting.
- April 14 — Palm Sunday.
- April 21 — Easter.
- April 24 — Confirmation — Altoona Parishes.
- August 18 — Court Anniversary Party (August 22 — Actual Anniversary).
- July 2020 — National Convention — Dallas, Texas.