



Hail, Mary!

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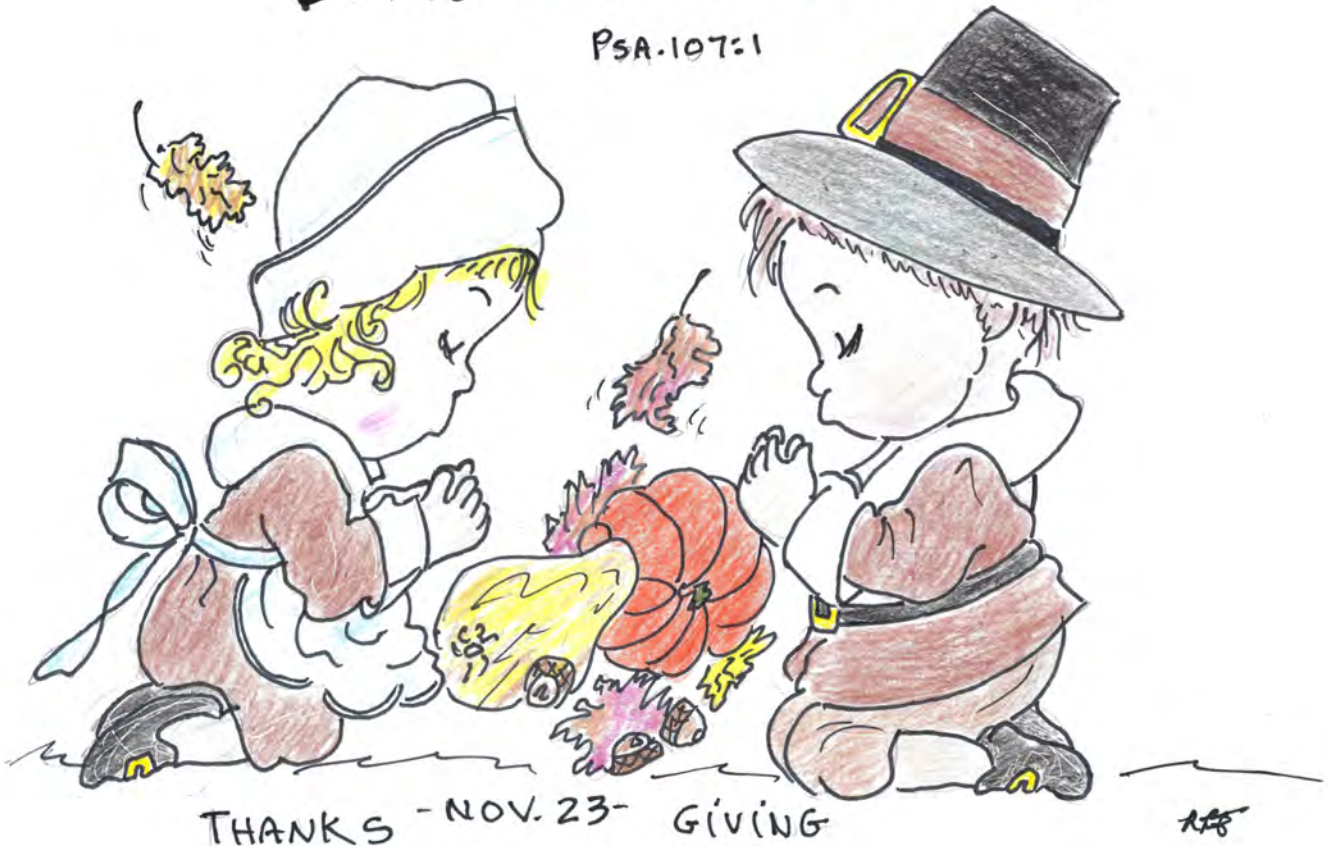
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"Oh GIVE THANKS UNTO THE
LORD FOR HE IS GOOD!"

PSA-107:1



THANKS - NOV. 23 - GIVING

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Artwork Compliments of Veteran and Artist Mr. Bob Fink ... Thank you Mr. Fink!

Our Purpose and Mission

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.

Court Happenings

Birthday Bash Celebrations!

Come, celebrate member birthdays on the first Saturday of each month!
Information will come to you via email and/or phone call or you can contact our regent!



September 2023



October 2023



November 2023



Eucharistic Miracles

Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006) was a teenager who prepared a website about international Eucharistic miracles. A portion of his exhibit, thanks to the kindness of the Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be on display in the cathedral during the summer months. Current posterboards describe miracles that took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina and on the island of La Reunion (a French colony).

**Taken from the November 5, 2023 Sunday Bulletin
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
<https://www.altoonacathedral.org/bulletin/>**

2023 — 2024 Marian Mass Days!

The Masses are being offered for *All God's People*.

See the full list on our court's website

<https://cda2625.com>

- ♥ **Tuesday, November 21, 2023** — Court-Sponsored Marian Mass — 8:00 AM at Holy Rosary for the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
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- ♥ **Sunday, March 31, 2024** — Happy Easter! — There is no Court-Sponsored Marian Mass this month.
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Court Happenings Continued



September 9, 2023

Altoona-Johnstown

Diocesan Committee Meeting

Newsletter Articles Wanted!

Please, submit articles to Pattie,
by Thursday, February 15, 2024.

Contact information is on the first page.

Join the Fun ... Share the Good News!

Chaplain, priests, deacons, and religious; national, state,
and local officers, chairmen, and district deputies;
CDA members, local parishes and community not-for-profits; ...

We want to hear from you!

Submissions can include an article, a Circle of Love report;
national, state, or local court news; parish or local news,
special events; pictures; prayers; recipes; helpful hints;
word games; puzzles; points to ponder; and so on.

Generally speaking ...

If you find it interesting, others might too!

Fundraising ...

November 13, 2023 through December 13, 2023 the court is selling Rutters coupon books! The cost per book is \$10.00. See any member to purchase one or several!

The court raised \$616.00 from our 2023 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event on October 18, 2023! Thank you, Boscov's, for providing this great fundraiser and for all those who helped to support us and other not-for-profit organizations.

"Letters of friendship require no study, the communications are easy."

—George Washington January 5, 1785

❧ *A Show and Tell Replay!* ❧

September 11, 2023

Court members brought in a Blessed Virgin Mary item and spoke of the item's significance in their life.



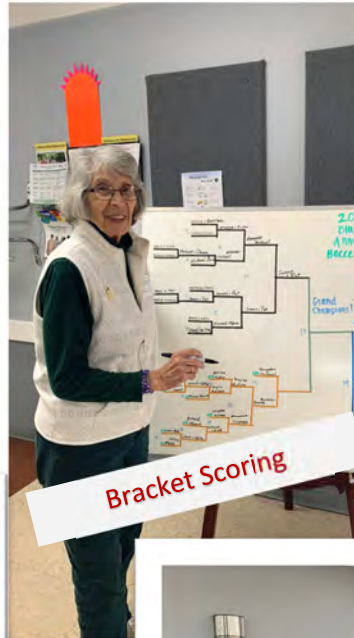
Court Happenings Continued

Make a Difference Day Second Annual Bocce Tournament The Arc of Blair County

November 4, 2023



Before—More in the fridge!



Bracket Scoring



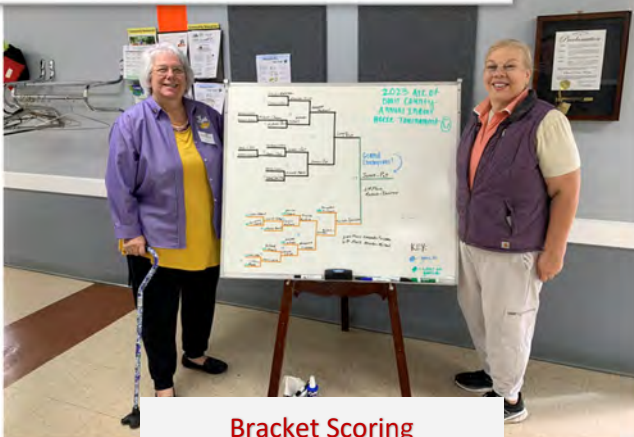
Certificates Awarded!



Winner's Circle!
First, Second, and Third Place!



After—Not much left!



Bracket Scoring



Cards for Veterans Day!

Court Happenings Continued

CDA Sunday—October 15, 2023

Court members were invited to share in a Mass at Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus at 10:30 AM, followed by dinner at Hoss's.

Day of Giving—November 11, 2023



Midtown Oaks



Hillview

*Whoever has a bountiful
eye will be blessed, ...*



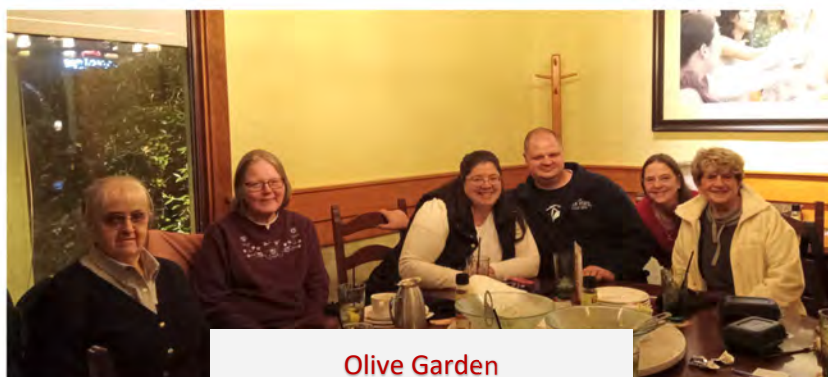
Maybrook

*... for he shares his
bread with the poor.*

Proverbs 22:9 (NABRE)



Humane Society



Olive Garden

Court Happenings Continued

Jared Boxes for Tyrone Hospital

<https://thejaredbox.org/>

At our court meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023



Join us for—A Day of Fun— Saturday, December 9, 2023

Contact Jennifer for additional information.

11:00 AM Wrapping Gifts ... 1:00 PM Potluck Lunch ... 2:00 PM Wrapping Gifts ...

3:00 PM Executive Director Jess from Gloria Gate Foundation will pick up the gifts. We will take pictures with her ...

3:30 PM Clean up the room and pull trash ... 4:00 PM Mass at St Rose of Lima Church.

The Compassion of Jesus

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples,

“The *harvest* truly is *plentiful*,
but the *laborers* are *few*.

Therefore *pray* the
Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers into *His* harvest.”

—Matthew 9:37-38 (NKJV)



A Treasured Tradition ...

National Director Mary Impellizeri
shared a treasured family tradition for
publication in our newsletter!

She writes ...

"My mother buys every married
couple their own nativity set.
This is the second set that I treasure!"

Thank you Mary :) What an awesome
family tradition this is!

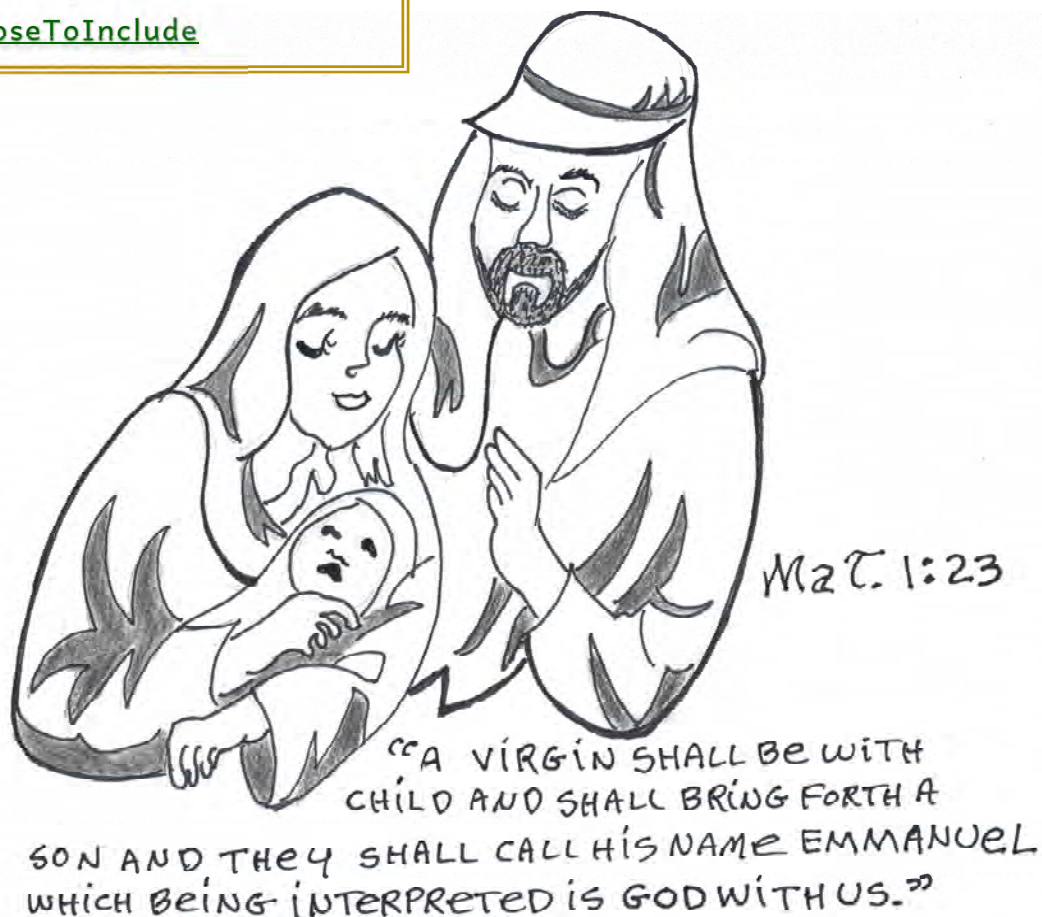
Inclusion Revolution!

I pledge to look for the lonely, the isolated,
the left out, the challenged and the bullied.
I pledge to overcome the fear of difference
and replace it with the power of inclusion.

[I#chooseToInclude](#)

*"Let us therefore
animate (to give life)
and encourage each
other ..."*

—George Washington July 2, 1776



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**"Find your delight in the Lord
who will give you your heart's desire."**

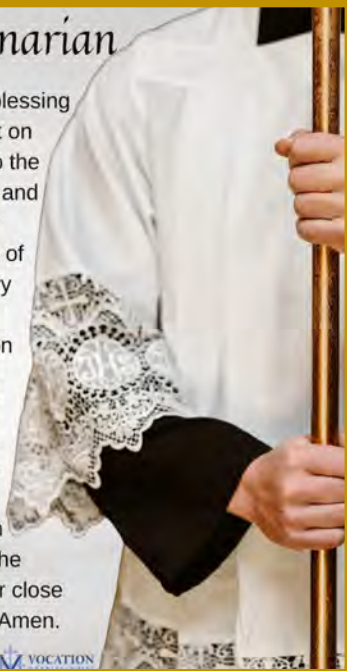
—Psalm 37:4 (NABRE)

Prayer for a Seminarian

Loving God, I ask for a special blessing and outpouring of the Holy Spirit on _____ who you have called to the seminary. Let his vocation grow and develop through a deep spirit of prayer and by following the path of Jesus Christ your Son. May Mary protect him from all harm and through her powerful intercession obtain for him all the graces he needs to grow into the image of Jesus, the high priest. Give him the grace to embrace the Cross through all difficulties, knowing that faith is made strong through trials. Make the yoke easy and the burden light by keeping him ever close to the loving Heart of your Son. Amen.

-Prayer by Reverend Victor Perez

VOCATION



The Other Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to
stop beating myself up for not
doing things perfectly, the
courage to forgive myself
because I'm working on doing
better, and the wisdom to
know that you already love me
just the way I am.

Quality of Life

For those in need ... We are now collecting **warm socks and footwear (shoes/boots/slippers)** for adults and children, all sizes welcome. This collection will run through February; in March we will once again begin collecting summer footwear (flip-flops, sandals, shoes, sneakers.) Contact Pattie regarding drop offs or pick ups.

There is an ongoing need in our community for **food, shelter, clothing**, Please, make donations to our local parishes, food banks, Catholic Charities, Saint Vincent DePaul Societies, the Humane Society, and the alike. The need never seems to diminish for non-perishable food items, home and personal cleaning supplies, and pet supplies. Please, do what you can and if you're not able to shop for and deliver items to the aforementioned, you can always send a monetary contribution. **Some** of the location addresses are below; feel free to take items and/or make a monetary contribution to any organization of your choosing!

- ♥ **Altoona Food Bank** 2100 6th Ave, Altoona, PA 16602
- ♥ **Altoona Humane Society** 1837 E Pleasant Valley Blvd, Altoona, PA 16602
- ♥ **Blair Senior Services Food Vouchers** 1320 Twelfth Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16601
- ♥ **Catholic Charities** 1300 12th Ave, Altoona, PA 16601
- ♥ **Family Services Incorporated** 2022 Broad Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601
- ♥ **Food for Families Food Bank** 2201 Union Ave, Altoona, PA 16601
- ♥ **Local Parishes** addresses can be found in your court yearbook under the "Churches" tab.
- ♥ **Nehemiah Project - The Father's House** 1520 Eleventh Street, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601
- ♥ **R.K. Agarwal M.D. & Family Teen Center & Shelter** 1701 6th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602
- ♥ **Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry** 1523 Adams Ave, Altoona, PA 16602 OR through your home parish.
- ♥ **Salvation Army and the Altoona Service Center Food Bank** 1813 Sixth Avenue, Altoona, Pennsylvania, 16602

State News!

Taken from: CDA PA State Newsletter—Winter 2023—<https://cdapa.com/index.html#newsletters>

Friendship Cake

1 cup greetings
1 large handshake
1 teaspoon sympathy
1/2 cup smiles
2/3 cup love
2 cups hospitality

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

—John 15:12-13 (NABRE)

Method: Cream greetings and smiles thoroughly. Add handshake separately, Slowly stir in love. Sift sympathy and hospitality; fold in carefully. Bake in a warm heart. Serve often.

Parliamentary Procedure Pointers—Patricia Gildea, State Parliamentarian

Duties of the presiding officer / chair / regent!

Thinking of taking an office for the new term ... read Pat’s summary of duties for the person who presides at a meeting!

Some are: ...inspires confidence ...knows the Orders *Bylaws*, *Standing Rules*, *Tools of the Trade* (aka *Procedure Manual*), and *Robert’s Rule of Order* ...comes to meetings with her bag of tools ...prepares customized agenda; copy to secretary, advisor, vice regent, parliamentarian ...gets items of unfinished business from secretary ...highlights parts of CDA mailings and correspondence to be read ... Read Pat’s full article in the newsletter linked above.

Jesus is the Light of the World—Rev. Norbert Suresh, State Chaplain

Jesus invites every one of us to dispel the darkness from our lives. In 2 Corinthians 4:1-12, Paul talks about dispelling the darkness on three levels: first, God dispels the darkness from the world in Genesis; ... Read Father’s full article in the newsletter linked above.

National News!

Operation Morning Star, June 2023 Volume 12. no 4 —Submitted by Legislation Chair Karen

Summarized from the June 2023 *National Quarterly*

Pope Francis tells young Hungarians (Apostolic Journey to Hungary) “Jesus doesn’t want us to be lazy ‘couch potatoes’; he doesn’t want us to be quiet and timid; instead, he wants us to be alive, active, ready to take charge. Jesus would agree with a proverb of yours ... ‘Those who dare, win the prize.’”

Don't Forget about the "Grand Old Lady!" — Purchase tickets by January 5, 2024—\$50.00 each.

About six weeks remain “for you to try for your trip to NYC and a stay at CDA Headquarters. Four nights and three days stay, five Broadway show tickets, plus generous food and travel vouchers. Don't delay!” Additional information and stipulations can be found here: <https://catholicdaughters.org/girls-trip-to-grand-old-lady> A copy of the “Entry Form” is at the end of this newsletter.

Robe Survey—Your Opinion Matters—Due by January 31, 2024

Your input is requested regarding the important matter of how robes will be worn in the future. National Robes Chairman Past National Regent Helene Shepard and her diligent committee have prepared a survey to help with decision-making. To know more visit <https://catholicdaughters.org/robe-survey>

60th National Convention will be held August 14–18, 2024, Riverside, Hilton, New Orleans, Louisiana!

Here and There ... Around the Diocese ...

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will be participating in the 17th Annual Altoona Spirit of Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2023 in downtown Altoona. Volunteers have been busy constructing this year's float entitled *Christmas at the Cathedral*! Thank you Donna for sharing the date of the Christmas Parade with us!

Holy Rosary and Saint Mark *The Miracle of Jesus ...* Families that visit *The Miracle of Jesus* will be transported back in time to the town of Bethlehem to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The program will be held in Holy Rosary's Social Hall and last about one hour. It will take place the 1st Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023, following the 11:00 am Mass. Please pre-register in order for us to have enough supplies by calling Barb at Holy Rosary rectory, 814-944-6676.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel—St. Bernardine Monastery Presents—Advent: The Two Comings of Christ Each Advent, we celebrate a new beginning. Although we enter into these four weeks as a time of preparation for Christmas and recalling the birth of the Lord, the Scriptures of the season begin by calling to mind the end of time and the return of Christ. This is also part of Advent—to help us prepare for the return of Christ in glory. It's not a matter of either/or but both/and.

Join us for our Advent Reflections as we explore the Sunday Scriptures. Beginning on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 and on each of the Wednesdays of Advent we will reflect on the Scriptures for the coming weekend. By anticipating the Scriptures and themes for each, you will have a greater appreciation for them and, hopefully, have a more fruitful and spiritual Advent.

The first 30 registrants will be assigned to the *Daytime Advent Reflections* which will begin at 10:00 AM and include a reflection on the *Scriptures*, the celebration of Holy Mass, and lunch with the friars. This workshop will be \$20 per class or \$60 for the four-week series. If there is enough demand, we will host an *Evening Advent Reflections* which will begin at 6:30 PM and include a reflection on the *Scriptures* and a prayer service. The evening series will be \$10 per class or \$30 for the four-week series. All classes will be held at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. To register for the workshop, please send your payment to: Franciscan Friars, TOR, P.O. Box 139, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. For questions, please call (814) 695-3802. All are welcome to attend.

Franciscan Living Nativity December 17, 2023 at 4:00 PM; Friar's Nook open from 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg.

Saint John the Evangelist Choir Cantata - Ceremony of Candles: Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 3:00 PM in the church, 344 Baynton Avenue, Altoona.

Nativity Festival Last year, St. Mary and St. Michael parishes in Hollidaysburg hosted their first ever *Nativity Festival* as a gift to the parish communities including all in the surrounding community area. This festival encourages attendees to reflect on the humble birth and life of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and is a self-guided, free public event, over three days: Friday, December 15, 2023 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM; Saturday, December 16, 2023 from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 PM; and, Sunday, December 17, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. It features magnificently crafted nativity sets loaned by parishes, parishioners and friends. This amazing event for the whole family includes a free Christmas Concert by the Altoona Community Band and this year there will be a LIVE nativity scene as well! A video of last year's video can be found at <https://stmichael-hldg-pa.org/nativity-festival>

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus is hosting an Advent Family and Friends Bingo and Pizza Party on December 9, 2023 following the 5:00 PM Mass at Father Kelley Hall.

2024 Court Meetings!

Second Monday of the month, except January, July, and December. Social begins at 6:30 PM and the business meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

January—No Meeting

February 12 (Leap year)

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

July—No Meeting

August 12

September 9

October 14

November 11

December TBD—Meeting / Christmas Party

Meeting Location

Saint Rose of Lima Social Hall

5514 Sixth Avenue

Altoona, PA 16602

Enter through the double doors

between the school and Maria

Parish Center, off of 56th Street.

*When they saw the star,
they rejoiced with
exceedingly great joy.*

—Matthew 2:10 (NKJV)



Prayer for Generosity

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that I am doing your will.



Authorship of the prayer above is often attributed to Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

To learn more, visit:

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/teach-me-to-be-generous/>

and https://www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/20120217_1.htm

Another Treasured Tradition ...

Joe and I were blessed from the day we met! Thanksgiving was as much fun as Christmas! We had two full Thanksgiving meals in perhaps a three-hour time frame, with family celebrations on both his side and mine. I don't really know how we did it, but we did, lol. Christmas ... oh the traditions and the memories! Christmas Eve began with celebrating with Joe's mom's side of the family—she was the second oldest of nine. After a few hours and a lot of food, fun, and fellowship, we headed to my father's side of the family for more of the same! My father was the oldest of five. We went to midnight Mass with Joe's parents and siblings, followed by yet another celebration at Joe's parents home, complete with a 3:00 AM breakfast. Christmas morning, about 7:00 AM we woke ... ahem, did we even sleep? lol ... and had a whirl-wind Christmas celebration at our home. At 9:00 AM, we were -at- my parents home, celebrating with my parents and sister, enjoying another Christmas breakfast until it was time to leave for Joe's father's side of the family, about 3:00 PM, complete with another bountiful buffet—with lots more family, friends, fun, and fellowship ... with more of the same, at about 6:00 PM, when we joined the celebration at my mother's side of the family; she was the third oldest of seven. Once our second child was born, we started to celebrate Christmas—not on Christmas morning—which had become a bit ... much, but on Christmas Eve morning ... so our children would have some time at home before all the -six- other festivities began. Shortly after our third child was born, we had added four hours of travel-time, one way, to the mix, since we moved to South Central Pennsylvania. Then, over the Christmas holiday, we spent the week in our hometown. One year, before we left, because it was our youngest's *first* real –*Santa is Coming to Town*– Christmas ... we set out all the Christmas presents, so it would be as if Santa had come while we were away. With all of the hustle and bustle, we neglected to recall that little ... ahem BIG ... fact! We came home a day early so we could attend a wedding reception for one of Joe's colleagues' child who had married the month earlier in Japan. When we arrived home and walked into Santa's wonderland, our mouths fell agape! We called in our last-minute regrets, with our explanation, and then had a wonderful Christmas celebration with our children, in our own home! Oh how I/we cherish these memories ... the food, the fun, the festivities, and the fellowship ... with family and friends. God was/is ... very good to our family. We wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!



Upcoming Event Dates ... In Unity and Charity!

Expect changes in future newsletters as additions/deletions will be made as they become known!

- ♥ Tuesday, November 21, 2023—Court-Sponsored Marian Mass—At Holy Rosary at 8:00 AM for the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ♥ Thursday, November 23, 2023—Happy Thanksgiving!
- ♥ Saturday, December 2, 2023—Birthday Bash.
- ♥ Saturday, December 9, 2023—Day of Fun!
- ♥ Sunday, December 10, 2023—Court-Sponsored Marian Mass—At Our Lady of Fatima 11:30 AM for the Feast of Our Lady of Loretto.
- ♥ Wednesday, December 13, 2023—court meeting and Christmas party—Contact Annette for the time, location, and cost.
- ♥ Monday, January 8, 2024—Court-Sponsored Marian Mass—At the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:00 Noon for the Feast of Our Lady of Prompt Succor.
- ♥ Friday, January 19, 2024—March for Life.
- ♥ Friday, February 2, 2024—Court-Sponsored Marian Mass—At Saint Mark at 8:00 AM for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.
- ♥ There is no Court-Sponsored Marian Mass the month of Easter.
- ♥ Monday, March 11, 2024—Nominations and elections from the floor for the 2024 Nominating Committee.
- ♥ Sunday, March 31, 2024—Happy Easter!
- ♥ March/April, 2024—Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Meeting (AJDC) date to be announced. Host court is Lock Haven, Court Ave Maria #399.
- ♥ Thursday, April 4, 2024—Court-Sponsored Marian Mass—At Saint John the Evangelist at 8:30 AM for the Feast of Our Lady of Grace.
- ♥ April 2024—Financial Review.
- ♥ Monday, April 8, 2024—Nominating Committee presents slate of officers.
- ♥ Monday, May 13, 2024—Court-Sponsored Marian Mass—At Our Lady of Lourdes at 8:00 AM for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.
- ♥ Monday, May 13, 2024—Election of court officers.
- ♥ Sunday, June 2, 2024—Priest Appreciation Sunday.
- ♥ Monday, June 10, 2024—Installation of court officers.
- ♥ Thursday, June 27, 2024—Court-Sponsored Marian Mass—At Sacred Heart at 7:45 AM for the Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.
- ♥ Tuesday, July 16, 2024—Court-Sponsored Marian Mass—At Holy Rosary at 8:00 AM for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
- ♥ Wednesday, August 14—Sunday, August 18, 2024—60th National Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- ♥ Thursday, August 15, 2024—Court-Sponsored Marian Mass—At Saint Rose of Lima at 7:00 PM for the Feast of the Assumption.
- ♥ Thursday, August 22, 2024—Our court's 15th anniversary!
- ♥ September 2024—Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Meeting (AJDC) Date and host court to be announced.
- ♥ Sunday, September 8, 2024—Birth of Mary.
- ♥ Sunday, September 15, 2024—Court-Sponsored Marian Mass—At Our Lady of Fatima at 11:30 AM for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.
- ♥ September/October—Potential State Workshop.
- ♥ October 2024—Financial Review.
- ♥ Tuesday, October 8, 2024—Court-Sponsored Marian Mass—At Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 7:00 PM for the Feast of Our Lady of Good Remedy.
- ♥ Sunday, October 20, 2024—CDA Sunday.
- ♥ Thursday, November 21, 2024—Court-Sponsored Marian Mass—At Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus at 7:45 AM for the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ♥ Sunday, December 8, 2024—Court-Sponsored Marian Mass—At Saint Mary at 8:00 AM for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.



A GIRL'S TRIP TO THE GRAND OLD LADY NEW YORK CITY ENTRY FORM

Name

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Phone #

Please send \$50 donation*
per entry made payable to:
Catholic Daughters of the Americas
and mail to:
Connie Dronette
610 Pitre Street
Sulphur, LA 70663

Please provide all information requested.
Please NO CASH; Checks/Money orders only.
Thank you and Good Luck!

*No donation is required for entry into the drawings, but any gift
you make to support our ministries will be greatly accepted
and will help to make the drawings a success!



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