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Welcome Court St. Gerard Majella #2749



Court Rev. Patrick McArdle, #448 is pleased to welcome our third daughter Court.

On Sunday, November 11, 2018, at 2:00pm at Queen of Archangel Catholic Church in Clarence, PA the Mass and Institution of Court St. Gerard Majella #2749 was well attended.

The new Court Officers are Regent: Maria D. Franek; Vice Regent: Linda J. Soltis; Recording Secretary: Sophie M. Cingle; Financial Secretary: Leona M. Koleno; Treasurer: Connie Gavlock and Chaplin: Rev. Michael Wolfe.

The membership is comprised of parishioners from Queen of Archangel Catholic Church, the St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church and four members from Court Rev. Patrick McArdle #448 who were childhood members of both churches.

We are excited to be Mother Court to these wonderful Catholic Women as they embark on their journey in Unity and Charity with the Catholic Daughter's of the Americas. We will help guide them as they establish their roots in this fine institution that bring Catholic women across the world into serving others through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

May God Bless them as they build their Court into one as strong and giving as ours.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Membership Dues:

All members are required to pay annual dues of \$20.00. The dues are for the period of 1/1/2018 to 1/1/2019. Only those who are lifetime members (50 years or more) do not have to pay dues. If you have not paid your dues for the previous year, they are overdue. Dues for 1/1/2019 to 1/1/2020 will soon be due.



“Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her”

Keep in your prayers the soul of Vilma Anspauch who passed away on October 30, 2018. She joined Catholic Daughters in June 1951 and was a Lifetime member.

Parish Choral Concert Reception

On Sunday, December 2, 2018 members of our Court provided a cookie and punch reception to the participants of the choral concert and their families.

Thank you to all members who provided cookies or help for this event.

CDA Annual Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 9, 2018 for our Courts Annual Christmas party to be held at the Bellefonte Moose Home at 1:30pm



The cost for the stuffed chicken breast lunch will be \$15 per person.

Please contact Phyllis Galio 817-355-1005 or Nancy Kowalczyk 814-355-7779 to reserve your seat for this fun afternoon with your sisters in Unity and Charity. Come and join us.

Holiday Yard Sale / Bake Sale and Basket Raffle

We held our biggest annual fundraiser on the weekend of November 17-18, 2018. Items for the Holiday & Bake Sale were brought to St. John’s School auditorium to be set up on Friday evening. The event was open to the parish and the public on Saturday from 8am to 7:30pm and on Sunday from 7:30am to Noon.

A huge thank you to all who helped in any way!! This Fall event is one of the biggest money makers we have to raise funds for our budget and charity work that we provide



Catholic Daughters Day

Every year we celebrate Catholic Daughters Day on the third Sunday in October. This year it was held on October 21st at the 8 am Mass.

We gathered at the Moose Home to enjoy a buffet breakfast and socializing with each other in a setting other than our monthly meetings.



Catholic Daughters & Knights of Columbus Joint Committee

Together the women and men of these two groups are bringing our parish community together with family oriented activities.

As a group they organize and hold events for our parish to enjoy such as the: Food and fellowship Dinner in February; the Fish Fry's during Lent; Halloween Bingo for the children of the parish; and the Kid’s Night In/Parents Night Out evening.

If you would be interested in participating in this joint committee, please contact Paula Roland at 814-661-2587 for date and time of the next scheduled meeting.





Spiritual Enhancement Committee:

A DAY OF REFLECTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS was held on November 3, 2018, organized by the spiritual Enhancement Committee. Everyone who attended left that day with a deeper and closer relationship to the Sacred Heart.

It was a beautiful spiritual day filled to the brim with the Consecration to the Sacred Heart, the Chaplet to the Sacred Heart and the Litany to the Sacred Heart.

We thank Father George who is always so willing to participate and partake in our ceremonies. He exposed the Blessed Sacrament and joined us in meditation and then closed adoration with Benediction so that we could join one another in a delicious luncheon and fellowship.

The afternoon was filled with many beautiful, inspirational group participation activities including a lighting votive ceremony and a ceremony on the spiritual meaning of THE PEARL. It was a day that we who attended will always remember.

Submitted by Barb Surovec

Sunshine Committee

Each Sunshine Committee member has two assigned person to visit and/or correspond to on the shut-in status.

We are going to distribute the evergreen Holiday bouquet at the meeting this Thursday, 12/6/2018 along with hand-made cards from the children at the after-school program at St. John's school.

A visit will deliver the bouquet by a member of the committee in order to stay in contact and/or include a phone call to set up an agreeable day and time.

I have been paying attention to Christine's notifications of needs for our prayers, and have followed up with a mailed note to their home. Please keep any member of this committee informed of any needs.

Submitted by Susan Love

Membership Committee:

Janet Oesterling organized all of the details with the State Officers and the Officers of Court St. Gerard Majella #2749 for their Installation Mass.

It is important that you continue to invite women that you think may enjoy joining our Court. We welcome all new members.

Submitted by Karen Pipta

Youth and Education

The Youth and Education Committee continues to collect un-used Christmas cards through the month of December. Jennifer Gill's second grade CCD class uses them for a project for the folks in the surrounding nursing homes.

The committee is also collecting trial size item for the shelter through the month of January.

Pam Callahan's ninth grad CCD class is organizing the collection and are continuing to say a decade of the rosary each month led by a member of the Catholic Daughters.

We are gathering ideas of a gift to present to Principal Tice on the Sunday beginning Catholic Schools Week in January.

Submitted by Rita Russell

Quality of Life Committee:

The Quality of Life Committee is always on top of all issues and needs of the court, the parish, and the community. The main interest of the committee is the Gabriel Project which collects diapers on a regular basis. This is going so well because of the great participation of the parishioners of the Parish.

The committee has a regular collection of money in a cute money jar at each regular court meeting. This is a good time to share with those who need more than we ourselves. Thank you to all who keep us aware of issues and concerns.

Submitted by Helen Lowry

Telephone Committee:

Members of the Telephone Committee made phone calls to those that do not have email regarding the installation of the new Court in Clarence on November 11; our Holiday Yard / Bake Sale and the Food Basket Raffle the weekend of November 17-18, 2018.

They will also make phone calls regarding the Annual Christmas Party in December.



Submitted by Alice Saxion

Continue to watch for more information on the ARISE program, initiated throughout our Diocese by Bishop Bartchek. This will be a wonderful opportunity to enhance our own spirituality and knowledge. Sign on for one of these classes. There will be many from which to choose. I can't wait. I thirst for knowledge.



The Catholic Daughters of the Altoona/Johnstown Diocese hosted their annual Patriotic Rosary on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. Bishop Mark Bartchak presided and elected officials from Centre & Blair counties were in attendance.

Our National Court is asking that for the remainder of the year our courts pray for priests at our meetings. Here is the prayer which we will say at the end of each court meeting.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priest.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Re-Creation Christmas Concert

RE-CREATION will be performing their Christmas show ‘A Classic Christmas’ in the church on Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 pm.

Re-Creation was founded in 1976 and since then has performed thousands of concerts all across the United States; bringing a blend of both sacred and secular Christmas music. Come join in their magical journey as we celebrate our Savior’s birth.

A free-will offering will be accepted.



ST. JOHN’S CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Catholic Daughters have produced along with photographer Jeff Shultz beautiful Christmas Cards featuring St. John’s decked out for the Christmas season.

There are 5 different designs of our beautiful Nativity displayed in the sanctuary.

The cards are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00.

These would make wonderful gifts or keepsakes.

Please contact Christine Surovec, cas8@psu.edu or the Rectory if you wish to purchase or order.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

This is the time of the year in which we remember our family and friends with prayer, visitations, food, fellowship and above all...with our LOVE. Remember those less fortunate at this time of the year. Give of yourselves in whatever way you can. Pray for all those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit. So many of our Catholic Daughters and their family and friends need our prayers and LOVE at this time of the year. Let’s truly remember the **REASON FOR THE SEASON** this year.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONVENTION

Please mark your calendar for the 2019 Pennsylvania State Convention to be held Friday, April 5 through Monday, April 8, 2019 at the Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort and Conference Center in Blairsville, PA. More info in months ahead.

Mission Statement

“Catholic Daughters of the Americas strive to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all”