



# THE KINDRED SPIRIT

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

### COURT ALLEGHENY #664

“Unity and Charity”

**FEBRUARY 2020**

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**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.*

**We need you!**

What will it take for YOU to recommit to CDA and contribute your time to its important work of supporting our Church and our community? The first step is to attend our monthly meetings. The schedule for our meetings is given below.



**LOOKING AHEAD**

**NEW MEETING LOCATION:**

We will now be meeting in the conference room at burkeMICHAEL+. They are located at 833 Beech Avenue (Pittsburgh 15233).

Directions: Go west on North Avenue from Brighton Road, turn left on Galveston Avenue, turn left on Beech Avenue. Just before the next street (Rope Way), turn right into the driveway.

It is the building with the awning over the door.

**All luncheons will now be POTLUCK! If you would like to bring something, please contact the hostess for food ideas. The time for all luncheons/meetings will be NOON – 2 p.m.**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2020**, hostess is Melody Geer (412-231-1054)

**MARCH 14, 2020**

**APRIL 18, 2020**

**MAY 16, 2020 (election of officers)**

**JUNE 20, 2020 (installation of officers)**



**At every meeting, we collect *non-perishable food or paper products* for the food bank, *travel size toiletries* for the Catholic War Veterans, and cash donations for our annual Pro-Life donation and for support of priests in seminary. *If you cannot attend a meeting, but would like to donate to these causes, please send a check to our mailing address. Make the check out to “CDA” with a note in the memo line specifying “Pro-Life” or “Priest”.***

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-IN MEMBERS**

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| Alice Abbott       | Lorraine Borgese   |
| Mary Donahue       | Dorothy Hayson     |
| Barbara Kunsak     | Rose Marie Laverty |
| Alice Morgan       | Lucy Paulin        |
| Peg Paulson        | Mary Jane Pearson  |
| Mary Ann Stowitzky |                    |

**Annual Dues!**

Please pay your annual CDA membership dues of \$20. Make checks payable to “CDA: with “2020 dues” on the memo line. If you cannot come to the meeting, please mail the check to Johanna Leonard, 1171 Admiral St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Annual strip ticket fundraiser**

We will be having our annual strip ticket fundraiser. We will start selling tickets in February with the drawings starting in April.

**State Website:** [www.cdapa.com](http://www.cdapa.com)

**National Website:** [www.catholicdaughters.org](http://www.catholicdaughters.org)



Food insecurity is a serious issue throughout the U.S. Here in the Christ Our Savior Parish area, more than 25% of households are food insecure. A household is considered food insecure when members are uncertain of whether or not they have enough food to meet basic needs at some time during the year. Food insecurity often times forces these households to choose between paying for food and other expenses such as rent, medicine, and heat. Many of the food insecure are elderly, disabled, or single mothers with children. There are a number of programs available to the food insecure that require applications and evidence of income. For example, Senior Boxes (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) are available for individuals aged 60 and over with incomes of less than 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline; these boxes are distributed monthly through neighborhood sites. Another example is the Produce to People, Northside, program. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. – Noon, fresh produce is distributed to individual and families at Martin Luther King Jr Elementary School.

In addition to the government sponsored programs mentioned above, there are also local agencies and charities that run food banks or provide meals:

- Christ Our Savior parish has a food bank at the St. Cyril garage that distributes food on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each

month at 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. The parish’s conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul supports the parish food bank with donations of food and money.

- Northside Food Pantry (1601 Brighton Road) serves residents of the 15212, 15214, and 15233 zip codes. Residents may shop at the pantry one time per month; the pantry is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30 a.m. - Noon and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month during cold weather. Produce from the food bank may be obtained at any time (no limit on number of visits per month).
- For immediate food needs, Light of Life Rescue Mission provides breakfast and dinner every day of the week. There is a separate dining room for women and children. In addition to serving meals daily, Light of Life also delivers Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas dinners to area senior care facilities.
- The parish’s conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul also provides emergency grocery gift cards on a case-by-case basis for individuals who cannot get to one of the food banks.

To further our service to our local community, our Court is investigating ways for us to contribute to fulfilling our obligation to feed the hungry.

[Matthew 25: 34-46, Luke 3:11, James 2:14-18, 1 John 3:17-18]

**We pray to the Lord for:**

- Softened hearts to show our love for our fellow man.
- An end to Abortion.
- The February intention of our Holy Father – Universal prayer intention – Listen to the Migrants’ Cries: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.
- An increase of Vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- In Thanksgiving for all God’s goodness to us.
- For an increase of active members in CDA, especially our Court.
- For all those who are caught in the web of human trafficking.
- For our governing officials and their families.

**SAVE THE DATE**

◆ **NATIONAL CONVENTION** – Dallas, TX, **July 15 - 19, 2020** Downtown Sheraton Dallas Hotel – (214) 922-8000 or 888-627-8191 Room reservations are now being accepted!! If you are interested in going, please contact Johanna Leonard ASAP!

◆ **PENNSYLVANIA WORKSHOP** – State College, PA, **November 6-7, 2020** Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, State College, PA.

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***“Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.”*** [Matthew 7:1-2]