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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

COURT ALLEGHENY #664

“Unity and Charity”

MARCH 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

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.

MARCH 14, 2020, hostess is Josie McClelland (412-322-0981) – we will have our meeting FIRST (before eating) and select the nominating committee

APRIL 18, 2020, hostess is Johanna Leonard (412-508-6055)

MAY 16, 2020 (election of officers)

JUNE 20, 2020 (installation of officers)

MEETING LOCATION:

We now meet 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.

Annual strip ticket fundraiser

We have started selling tickets; get yours at the meeting! The \$10 ticket packets include 5 weeks of numbers (2 numbers for each weekend). The drawings start April 17 and are tied to the PA Friday and Saturday Pick-3 Evening Lottery (7 p.m.). Winners receive \$50!

State Website: www.cdapa.com

National Website: www.catholicdaughters.org



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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Food Insecurity, Part 2

In February's newsletter, we discussed food insecurity and how it affects more than 25% of the households in the Christ Our Savior Parish area. We know that many of the food insecure are elderly, disabled, or single mothers with children.

We also briefly introduced the resources available to help those who are food insecure. Since last month, our Court has investigated a few options available to us to help support our neighbors to ensure that they do not experience chronic hunger.

- Christ Our Savior parish has a food bank at the St. Cyril garage that distributes food on the 1st Monday following the 2nd 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.
 - During Lent, our parish has food collection boxes in each church building. We encourage our members to donate to this collection.
 - We hope to organize an ongoing collection of food donations following Lent.
 - If you, or someone you know, needs additional food, please visit the food bank distribution.
- 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.

- During our last meeting, we discussed assisting with the grocery gift cards by either providing gift cards or cash to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. However, it will take a vote of our membership to make this type of donation.
- We encourage our members to also individually support the Society.
- 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. Contact Melody Geer for more info.
 - We have contacted Pittsburgh Food Bank about this program. Their greatest need is identifying homebound qualifying seniors (60 years of age or older and meet the income guidelines) and delivering the Senior Boxes to them.
 - We have contacted Mary Swindal (the parish's Pastoral Associate who is working with our seniors) about joining together to identify qualifying homebound seniors in our parish and ensuring they receive their Senior Boxes on a monthly basis. Discussions are on-going.

We pray to the Lord for:

- Softened hearts to show our love for our fellow man.
- An end to Abortion.
- The March intention of our Holy Father – Evangelization – We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.
- 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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“Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” [Luke 6:38]