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“Unity and Charity”

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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.

Special Announcement

Because of the threat of Covid-19, all meetings have been cancelled until further notice. When restrictions have eased, we will announce when meetings will resume.

Normally, we collect donations at each meeting for our annual Pro-Life and Seminary Priests donations. If you would like to continue donating to these causes, please send a check to Johanna Leonard (1171 Admiral St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212) with a note on the memo line specifying “Pro-Life” or “Priests.”

At this time, we are all considered “shut-ins!” Therefore, we will be including a list of all members and addresses with this month’s newsletter that we mail to our members. Let your sisters in Christ know that you are thinking of them!

CDA PA is asking all members to pray the Rosary at 3:30 p.m. daily.

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. Only ½ of our membership have paid their dues! Send your checks in TODAY! Make the check payable to “CDA: with “2020 dues” on the memo line. Please mail the check to Johanna Leonard, 1171 Admiral St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

Annual strip ticket fundraiser

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!

This is our only annual fundraiser.

We need YOU to purchase and sell packets. If this fundraiser is not successful, we cannot support the important work done by CDA.

If you would like a ticket packet, please contact Johanna Leonard at 412-508-6055.

As part of CDA, our Court participates in the CDA PA fundraisers.

CDA PA raffle tickets and calendars may be obtained from Johanna Leonard.

CDA PA 10-week Raffle Tickets – plays on the 3-digit MID-DAY PA Daily Lottery starting April 15. Each ticket is \$5.



2020-2021 CDA PA Lucky Lottery Calendars are now available!

Cost is \$25. The lottery payout is based on the first evening draw of the 3-digit PA State lottery starting in June.



In February and March's newsletters, we discussed food insecurity and how it affects more than 25% of the households in the Christ Our Savior Parish area. We also briefly introduced the resources available to help those who are food insecure. Some of those options are:

- **For immediate food needs or other assistance, contact the Church Office at 412-761-1552. Speak to either Mary Swindal (ext. 214) or Fr. Tony Gargotta (Ext. 201).**
- 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.
- Northside Food Pantry (1601 Brighton Rd) is open Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Fridays 9:30-Noon. Call 412-323-1163 for more information.
- 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.

- Senior Boxes (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) are available for individuals aged 60 and over with incomes of less than 130% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (for a family of 1, \$16,588 annually or \$1383 monthly); these boxes are distributed monthly through neighborhood sites or delivered directly to the seniors.
 - We have contacted Mary Swindal (the parish's Pastoral Associate who is working with our seniors) about identify qualifying seniors in our parish.
 - **If you are interested in receiving an application, please contact Melody Geer at 412-231-1054.**

We pray to the Lord for:

- Health and safety for our medical workers, grocery staffs, janitors, farmers, first-responders, delivery drivers, food bank volunteers, and all those who are working so diligently during this time of upheaval.
- Softened hearts to show our love for our fellow man.
- An end to Abortion.
- The April intention of our Holy Father – Freedom from Addiction – We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.
- 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.

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National Website: www.catholicdaughters.org

The Beatitudes

Matthew 5: 3-10

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

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