



# Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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*The purpose of the organization is to participate in the religious, charitable and educational Apostolates of the Church. CDA engages in creative and spiritual programs which provide its members with the opportunity to develop their special God-given talents in a meaningful way to positively influence the welfare of the Church and all peoples throughout the world.*



**A**dvent - Spiritually, we long for the coming of Christ into our hearts as the Holy Spirit draws us into ever deepening relationship with Him; we also long for Christ in his Second Coming, when He will return physically to earth—as He promised—to restore all things to Himself. Therefore the Advent season has these characteristics: it is a season of hopeful longing, joyful expectation, and prayerful preparation that looks to the past, the present, and the future. Advent connects us spiritually with God's plan of redemption through Jesus Christ.

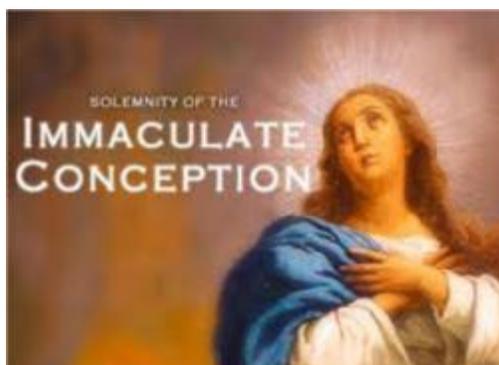
## Support Your Court

Membership Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is December 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please remember to bring your favorite appetizer to share as we celebrate this holy season. Last chance to help our "Adopt a Family" program. Send in your checks to the Financial Secretary ASAP or you can donate at the meeting. A strong membership needs growth. Bring a friend to a meeting. Contact Membership Chair, Mary Minisini 849-2531 for more information. Bring your old magazines, old eyeglasses, cellphones, stamps, rosaries, pull tabs, ink cartridges to each meeting. Keep your latest newsletter handy for all contact information. Our newsletters are now on the website [www.stmarksrcc-shoreham.org](http://www.stmarksrcc-shoreham.org).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec 2 Vivian Baldi ~ Dec 17 Pope Francis I

Dec 20 - Aurora Quintos, Mary Ellen De Louise and Fr Jeff.



December 8<sup>th</sup> A Holy Day of Obligation. The message of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary can be summed up in these words: everything is a free gift from God, everything is grace, everything is a gift out of his love for us. The Angel Gabriel calls Mary "full of grace" (Lk 1:28): in her there is no room for sin, because God chose her from eternity to be the mother of Jesus and preserved her from original sin. And Mary corresponds to the grace and

abandons herself, saying to the Angel: "Let it be done to me according to your word" (v. 38). She does not say: "I shall do it according to your word": no! But: "Let it be done to me...". And the Word was made flesh in her womb. We too are asked to listen to God who speaks to us, and to accept his will; according to the logic of the Gospel nothing is more productive and fruitful than listening to and accepting the Word of the Lord, which comes from the Gospel, from the Bible. The Lord is always speaking to us!

# JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



The official logo, designed by Father Marko I. Rupnik, shows Jesus, personification of Mercy, carrying on his shoulders a "lost man", emphasizing how deep the Savior touches humanity; His eyes are merged with those of the carried man. The background is filled by three concentric ovals, with lighter colors outwards, meaning that Jesus is carrying the man out of the darkness of sin. On one side the image is also joined by the official motto: *Misericordes Sicut Pater (Merciful Like the Father)*, derivative from [Luke](#) 6:36, which stands as an invitation to follow the example of the Father by loving and forgiving without limits.

Merciful like the Father, therefore, is the "motto" of this Holy Year when the Holy Door will open on December 8th 2015 and close on November 20, 2016. In mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. He gives his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. He comes to our aid whenever we call upon him. What a beautiful thing that the Church begins her daily prayer with the words, "O God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help me" (Ps 70:2)! The assistance we ask for is already the first step of God's mercy toward us. He comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others.

## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday January 3rd, 2016 7-9pm @ St Patrick's, 280 E. Main St, Smithtown (Info 896-8331). The Catholics for Freedom of Religion, CFFR, are sponsoring a community event. Congressman Lee Zeldin will be available to explain and answer any questions on how the issues of religious freedom and conscience rights are affecting every aspect of our lives. This is information from our congressional representative, not a political endorsement.

THURSDAY JANUARY 7TH AT 12:00 P.M. AT SPIRO'S RESTAURANT. Our January Luncheon meeting will be held on the 1st Thursday. Last year we enjoyed the atmosphere and change of menu. We can have our meeting as we celebrate Little Christmas. Reserve now. Make your \$35.00 check out to CDA Court St Mark and send it to the Financial Secretary (see contact info on page 1)

Note: No meeting in February

March Meeting to be held on the 17th which is the third Thursday. We can celebrate the Easter Season, St. Patrick's Day and discuss our April fundraiser, upcoming elections for Board Members and delegates to the July National Convention to be held in Pennsylvania.

SATURDAY APRIL 30TH, 2016 NOON TO 4 PM. Our Annual Chinese Auction Luncheon will be the last Saturday in April, the 30th. In January you will receive tickets and raffles to sell and letters of introduction to get gifts from the different vendors. We cannot start too early since many other functions are also seeking donations and it's first come, first served! So you can't be too early. Please sign up to help on this committee to make it another successful event.



Walk for Life this Jan 22nd in  
Washington, D.C.

## Chaplain's Message



To all Catholic Daughters: Thank you for the nice check we got for the bake sale. Thank you for your support throughout the year. Christmas is a special time of year, a time when we get together with family (if we have family) or simply reflect on the true meaning of the Christmas season. Every one of us has been blessed with the gift of faith in Jesus, a gift that would mean nothing without Jesus coming into the world in Bethlehem. All of us have Christmas memories which stay with us. I have memories that go back to early childhood. They are nice to think about during the holidays. During the holiday season we'll get together for a nice luncheon to celebrate our Catholic Daughter court and the fact that we have helped others throughout the year. May God Bless You and your family in the Christmas season (which lasts till January 10)

**Father Jeff**

## Regent's Message

**A**s we hurry about in this harried season let us remember those less fortunate, those that are homebound, undergoing treatments, our servicemen and women far from home and our dear members we have lost during the year (Nancy Reilly, Pearl Acunzo, Marie Tortora and Theresa Hess). We have a lot to celebrate this month. Don't forget our Adopt a Family donations and that the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of observance. The Pope has declared a Year of Mercy and we celebrate his birthday this month. Happy Birthday to all our members in December especially our Chaplain and our Pope! I hope to see you at our December meeting where we will begin with our Advent Ceremony before partaking in our holiday refreshments as we discuss upcoming events. We welcome and will swear in another new member, Margaret Tartarian. Membership is our life-blood so please spread the word and invite everyone to join us. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Please remember to reference your newsletter for contact information. May God bless you with good health, happiness and prosperity. Remember "With God, all things are possible.

God Bless and a Merry Christmas to all.

*Mary Ellen F. De Louise*, Regent



## Mission Statement

Catholic Daughters of 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.