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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.



On Thursday, January 7th at Noon, our luncheon meeting will be at Spiro's in Rocky Point (744-4100). \$35 pp for lunch can be paid at the door. Friends and family are welcome as we celebrate Little Christmas and discuss upcoming events.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1/20 - Fr Ted 1/21 - Dolores Roza 1/26 - Grace Dunne
2/16 - Mary Hollwedel 2/20 - Josephine Alio 2/21 Josephine Laursen
and 2/27 - Marian Bunce

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.

EWTN Friar, **Father Miguel**, exhorts us to ask for Our Blessed Mother's intercession and call upon Our Lord during this Year of Mercy so that we may learn from our faults, ask for what we need rather than for what we want, and receive the courage to boldly bring the Light of Christ to everyone we meet!

SAVE THE DATE

Please Note: No meeting in February, please take the time to make baskets and sell luncheon tickets and raffles.

Our next meeting is March 17th, which is the 3rd Thursday, not the 2nd Thursday, for our meeting date. We can celebrate the Easter Season, St. Patrick's Day, discuss our April fundraiser, upcoming elections for Board Members and delegates to the July National Convention to be held in Pennsylvania. Mark your calendars for this important meeting because we need your presence!

OUR ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 30th from Noon until 4pm

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.

If you need tickets, raffles or letters of introduction to get gifts from the different vendors, you can contact Sue Schena at the rectory, 744-2800. We cannot start too early since many other functions are also seeking donations and it's first come, first served! So you are not too early to ask your hairdresser, butcher, bakery, mechanic, restaurants, stores, banks, pizza, banks and more for certificates or baskets. Remind them that we advertise their generosity, we are nonprofit and their generosity is tax deductible. Please sign up to help on this committee to keep the tradition of having another successful event. Remember to bring tickets to all your



other community functions and events and invite friends and family to the luncheon, sell them raffles. Networking is an important component to our success so don't be afraid to talk it up and remember every effort, no matter how small, makes a difference. If friends cannot attend, I'm

sure they will purchase raffles for a chance to win one of our many great prizes. This is a charity event so we are all helping each other to make a difference in the lives of so many on a local, state, and nationwide basis. Together we can continue to make a difference! May God bless us with great success in this endeavor to continue our charitable work. Remember every member is responsible to donate a basket to raffle, get gift certificates, sell luncheon tickets and raffles to insure our success. We invite our sister courts, community friends and family to join us on this enjoyable afternoon.



Walk for Life with the CDA on Jan 22nd in Washington D.C.

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April 30th Noon to 4pm

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Annual Fundraiser

**Invite Your Friends and Family
For a fun filled afternoon at**

**St Mark's Parish Hall
105 Randall Rd., Shoreham**

Featuring:

Waiter Served 4 Course Hot Lunch

\$30 per person ~ Choice of 2 Entrees

Chinese Auction

Sweepstakes Raffle and 50/50

Don't Miss Out - Call Now - Reserve Early

Fundraiser Chair, Susan Schena - 744-2800

Mary Ellen De Louise, Regent - 905-8787

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Please help us support your community

Chaplain's Message



As we enter a new year, we give thanks for everything we have received in 2015 and look forward to the future. I believe that the new year always gives us second chances to do things we have wanted to do but didn't get an opportunity to do in the old year. We pray for all of our friends who are ill. We ask God to bless us in 2016. The month of January was named after the Roman god Janus who had two faces; one facing the old and the other facing the new. That's what we do in January, reflect on what has gone past and look forward to the future. Pope Francis has said a society who wants to survive must care especially for two groups of people, the old and the young. Otherwise, he says, we lose our past and our future. Makes sense to me.

Thanks for everything you have done to help St. Mark's in 2015!

May God Bless You in 2016!

Father Jeff

Regent's Message

Welcome 2016! Once again we must begin thinking of what kind of basket we will each make for the April fundraiser and what certificates, donations, etc we can gather to make it a wonderful afternoon. Even our snowbirds are generous at this time and hopefully many will have returned by April 30th to join us. We will have 2 days before to set up. Easter is early and Spring should be in full bloom. We have been successful because everyone helps to make it a huge success. Tickets are \$30 with a choice of Chicken Marsala or Stuffed Flounder. Please note food choice on ticket stubs. Remember there is no meeting in February and our next meeting is March 17th, the 3rd Thursday in March so be careful of conflicting appointments. Be sure to mark your calendars now to avoid conflicts! We thank our new member Margaret Tartarian for inviting her friend, Patricia Mahan, to join us at lunch and become a member! This helps us continue to grow and prosper, so please welcome her. Continue to extend those invitations to everyone you meet. Our deepest condolences to Marion Hemington who lost her brother on Christmas. Please keep Marion and her family in your prayers and also Aurora Quintos who is not well, and all our homebound members and those undergoing treatments especially Doris Hugelmeyer, Mary Mosca and Bernice Donaldson and for Sophie DiSanto who is in the hospital but not responding well. Good luck to the Giambalvo sisters who will be moving to Atria in Lake Ronkonkoma this month and hopefully will come to our April fundraiser and other functions. Let me wish everyone a Happy New Year. I will also be heading for warmer weather but technology has a way of keeping us close. Please remember to reference your newsletter for contact and fundraiser information. Our Executive Board is just a phone call away so let us know of any changes in your status. Sue Schena will have extra tickets and letters at the Rectory if you need them (and I hope you will). May God bless you with good health, happiness and prosperity. Remember "With God, all things are possible."

God Bless and a Happy New Year 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.