

**CDA 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.

**Court St. Louis' Mission Statement** - As recipients of God's many blessings we, as Court St Louis #2579 of the Catholics Daughters of the Americas, endeavor to use these gifts to support our faith through love, by promoting justice, encouraging equality, and supporting human dignity for all (11/08/09).

**Dedication** - Court St Louis is dedicated to Mary, Mother of God.

Business meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month from September through June in the St. Louis Church Parish Center. Meetings start with a social time at 7:00, the business meeting will be called to order at 7:30pm and adjournment will be followed by social time until 9:30pm.

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# Tenth Anniversary Celebration



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS  
COURT ST. LOUIS # 2579



**Court St. Louis # 2579**  
**St. Louis Church**  
**Clarksville, MD 21029**

## Schedule for tonight

5:30 – Mass

6:45 – Happy Hour

7:30 – Dinner

8:30 – Program

## Menu

✚ Wine, beer, appetizers

✚ Symphony Salad

✚ Bread and Butter

✚ Grilled Breast of Chicken Medallions with Lemon Tarragon Cream Sauce

✚ Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes

✚ Vegetable Medley

✚ Coffee, Tea, Lemonade

✚ Cake

## Thank You

We wish to thank the following people who helped us reach this momentous occasion:

✚ Msgr. Luca for recognizing the benefits of starting our Court.

✚ Parish Office staff for helping us with numerous room reservations, questions, and concerns.

✚ CDA State Officers and District Deputies for all of their help and assistance over the last 10 years.

✚ Court St. Louis Officers for their leadership and inspiration.

✚ Thanks to the Anniversary Planning Committee: Mary Lea Bain, Debbie Mangus, Harriett Teixeira, Theresa Enright, Linda McCabe, Carol Dunn, Anna Whiteman and Barbara Beach.

✚ We are appreciative to Tammy Sczepanski and Mary Lea Bain for assembling tonight's PowerPoint presentation. Special thanks to Dede Walsh for her audit visual expertise.

✚ All members for their support, ideas and cooperation.

## Our Officers Through The Years

✚ 2006 – 2008

- Regent – Harriett Teixeira
- Vice Regent – Carol Dunn
- Recording Secretary – Sally Fleshman/Harriet Diaz
- Financial Secretary – Pat Hopkin
- Treasurer – Barbara Beach

✚ 2008 – 2010

- Regent – Harriett Teixeira
- Vice Regent – Carol Dunn
- Recording Secretary – Anna Whiteman
- Financial Secretary – Pat Hopkin
- Treasurer – Barbara Beach

✚ 2010 - 2012

- Regent – Carol Dunn
- Vice Regent – Daria McGehee
- Recording Secretary – Joan Farabaugh
- Financial Secretary – Caryl Gazmen
- Treasurer – Edna Ballard

✚ 2012 - 2014

- Regent – Daria McGehee
- Vice Regent – Joan Farabaugh
- Recording Secretary – Carol Derenge
- Financial Secretary – Mary Lea Bain
- Treasurer – Edna Ballard

✚ 2014 - 2016

- Regent – Mary Lea Bain
- Vice Regent – Debbie Mangus
- Recording Secretary – Sally Regnier
- Financial Secretary – Mary Ellen Cote
- Treasurer – Maria Gisela Hoffman

✚ 2016 - 2018

- Regent – Mary Lea Bain
- Vice Regent – Dede Walsh
- Recording Secretary – Mary Comer
- Financial Secretary – Jo-Ann Bielski
- Treasurer – Joan Kane

Recording Secretary: Sally Fleshman  
Treasurer: Barbara Beach  
Financial Secretary: Pat Hopkin

Our first board meeting was held at Ledo's Restaurant and decisions began. It's difficult to describe the decisions that needed to be made, from the most basic questions of where to meet, when, times, who does what job, and millions of smaller and larger questions. The State was helpful but we soon learned that each court did things their own way. There wasn't always a standard to follow. Our sister court, Court Infant Jesus of Prague was extremely helpful with procedures. They also presented us with our Catholic Daughters Banner.

God has blessed us with members who are active, motivated and certainly enthusiastic about working to accomplish the annual goals we set – and meet, if not surpass.

Harriett Teixeira  
Our First Regent

## **Court St. Louis #2579**

### **Accomplishments**

### **2006-2016**

#### **SPIRITUAL**

- ✚ Sponsor of annual May Procession.
- ✚ Sponsor of annual Communion Breakfast.
- ✚ Sponsor of annual day and weekend retreats.
- ✚ Sponsor of a Divine Mercy healing service.
- ✚ Rosary Guild has made 1,500 rosaries.

#### **YOUTH**

- ✚ Donated books for a children's library in Macedonia.
- ✚ Sponsor Annual Easter Egg hunt.
- ✚ In support of Maryland State Court's Father Henry J. Hughes Scholarship Program members have purchased 1,148 Mass cards totaling \$4,833. Five relatives of our Court members have been awarded 14 Catholic high school scholarships of \$500 each.

#### **SOCIAL AWARENESS**

- ✚ Equipment donated to the new parish kitchen.
- ✚ Annual Lenten Meal served before Stations.
- ✚ Adopt-a-Family program provided holiday food baskets, small gifts and gift cards totaling \$13,300.
- ✚ "No Sew" blankets made for homeless.
- ✚ 100 pillow cases created for sick children.
- ✚ 25 lap blankets stitched for elderly.
- ✚ Chemo hats sewn for cancer patients.
- ✚ "Goodie bags" prepared for the military.
- ✚ Backpacks and sock monkeys sewn and filled with supplies and donated to Grassroots.
- ✚ An evening meal was provided to Grassroots.
- ✚ Yard cleanup and luncheons provided for the sisters at All Saints Priory.
- ✚ Breakfast and snacks served to RCIA candidates and families.
- ✚ A Nigerian orphan was sponsored for 6 years.

#### **EDUCATIONAL/SOCIAL**

- ✚ Book Club
- ✚ Travel Club
- ✚ Mah Jongg
- ✚ Speakers and Presentations
- ✚ State Court Fall Conference at the Shrine of St. Anthony
- ✚ Web page and Facebook

#### **FUNDRAISERS**

- ✚ Two art auctions (in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus)
- ✚ Salute to the Military
- ✚ Luncheon and Historical Presentation of Wedding Gowns
- ✚ Annual Bingos
- ✚ Quarter Mania
- ✚ Themed Teas
- ✚ Dining with the Daughters events
- ✚ Mardi Gras
- ✚ "Girls Night Out" Dinner and Fashion Show
- ✚ Pinot's Palette Paint Parties
- ✚ Published "Sharing Our Best" cookbook

#### **DONATIONS**

**Through our Fundraising efforts, we have raised \$39,733 for local, regional and international charities. Total donations have exceeded \$82,000.**

## Pictures



## How We Began

Harriett Teixeira

My husband, Larry Teixeira, is a deacon in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Maryland. On the first of June, 2003, he was assigned to St. Francis/St. Mary Parish in Brunswick. For those of you who are not familiar with this town's location, it is halfway between Frederick and Harper's Ferry, WV. It is also fifty miles from our home.

Wanting to become active in the parish, I ran into a major problem - fifty miles of driving. There was nothing I could become involved in, it was too far away. So, when I was invited to join the Catholic Daughters, I was excited. They met once a month and it would be a great way for me to meet the women in the parish. I was sworn in as a member at my first meeting. The members welcomed me and made me feel accepted as only an outsider knows when everyone else has known each other for most of their lives.

Even though I enjoyed myself and became involved, it was still an hours' drive to get there. Something had to be done. I spoke to Msgr. Luca about establishing a court at St. Louis. He was open to the idea and requested information. I contacted the regent at Court Mary Francis (St. Francis/St. Mary Parish) and got information to contact the state regent, Debra Williams. She immediately sent the information needed for Msgr. He approved the launching of our new court, and everything started to fall into place.

An upcoming informational meeting was held on Sunday, September 10, 2006, and over thirty women attended. Applications were filled in and submitted with the required fee and we were underway.

Our first job was to select a name for our new court. Thankfully, Court St. Louis won over "Luca's Ladies"... Our first and charter board was nominated and elected and are as follows:

Regent:	Harriett Teixeira
Vice Regent:	Carol Dunn