

Rooster Crows Spring 2012

NY Cursillo English



A Message from the Lay Director

Where do we go from here?

As the Lay Director for the past 4 years, I look back at the Community of Cursillo and pray for our future. Each of us takes on a style of our own as we journey on our 4th day. Some take it slow, for some it maybe off the beaten path, but it seems that we come back to the tripod we are living. Balance is the hardest thing as we approach each day. It is what Cursillo means to us that gets us through it.

A day in the life of a Christian is the hardest step to take sometimes. Do we feel that we are doing enough or too much? Trusting in God and letting Him inside of us to change our hearts sometimes gives us the fulfillment to go on.

So where do we go? The answer is back to school for us with the Cursillo de Cursillos known as the CDC. I am pleased to hear that applications are being filled for the fall weekend. My hope is that those who cannot attend in the fall will be going next year and continue on for all. Education, by using the Cursillo information found on the National Web Site www.cursillo.org in the School of Leaders Section is a start. The subjects are short and loaded with current and up-to-date information for our use. Each Ultreya and School of Leaders should be using this valuable tool for education. After all, GO ON Ultreya!!

Now for me: It has been a wonderful Journey being the Lay Director for New York. Not all was smooth sailing but the bumps and rocks made me trust in God and the people he had placed in my path. I have said this before to all of you. I said on my Weekend that I could never do any of this and my answer was clear. Man Planned that day but God looked and laughed at me and I think He still does from time to time at us all.

To my wife and Best Friend Patty, I thank you for standing by my side through all this. To my family, you know I love you all.

*DeColores,
Jim Odell*



Cursillo de Cursillos

October 18–21, 2012
Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center

Application

Please copy and submit a separate form for each attendee.

Note: if you desire to room with a particular person, please submit the registration forms together indicating your wish.

Name**Address****Email****Telephone****Cursillo weekend (year) and Diocese****Church Ministry** Eucharist Lector Music**Cursillo Ministry:****Special Accommodations:****Emergency Contact and Number:**

Please return no later than October 1, 2012

Cost of weekend is \$200.

Make checks payable to **NY Cursillo—English** and mail to:

Terry Fisher

72 Brothers Road

Wappinger Falls, NY 12590

New York Cursillo English Announces

Cursillo de Cursillos English

Thursday October 18 - Sunday October 21, 2012

Open to ALL Cursillistas, Men and Women

Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center
158 DeLavergne Ave.
Wappinger Falls, NY 12590

Arrival time is 6:00PM Thursday
Departure time about 6:00PM Sunday

Cost of the weekend is \$200.00
(Includes meals and lodging)

For Information and Reservations
Please contact:

Terry or Ginger Fisher
845-297-4711
Fishermach@aol.com
ginger314@live.com

Cut-off date is October 1, 2012

Women's Weekend #202
 North
 Mount Alvernia
 March 22 - 25, 2012
 Rectora: Joan Paddock



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The New Cursillistas

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| Maryann | Baietti | Pine Bush, NY |
| Wendy | Brett | Mt. Marion, NY |
| Altagracia | Coleman | Hyde Park, NY |
| Olivia | D'Cruz | Hyde Park, NY |
| Becky | Lancaster | Poughkeepsie, NY |
| Nell | Mallen | Wappingers Falls, NY |
| Aileen | Manheim | Pine Bush, NY |
| Jessica | Nicosia | Montgomery, NY |
| Mary | O'Connell | Pearl River, NY |
| Christine | Roose | Pleasant Valley, NY |
| Susanne | Schudel | Burlingham, NY |
| Stacey | Stefanski | Hyde Park, NY |
| Teresa | Yanosh | Pine Island, NY |

Women's Weekend #203
 Central-South
 Mount Saint Francis
 March 22 - 25, 2012
 Rectora: Patricia Bisesto



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The New Cursillistas

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| Venida | Berardocco | Staten Island, NY |
| Irene | Cunningham | North Salem, NY |
| Connie | Dias | Peekskill, NY |
| Karen | Finelli | Staten Island, NY |
| Kathleen | Greeley | Staten Island, NY |
| Nancy | Heller | Yorktown Hts., NY |
| Mary | Knolker | Carmel, NY |
| Tricia | LaPerch | Yorktown Hts., NY |
| Lisa | Leonard | Carmel, NY |
| Jacque | Lombardi | Valhalla, NY |
| Jane | Maser | Carmel, NY |
| Susan | Monteleone | Staten Island, NY |
| Cecilia | Ortiz | Crompond, NY |
| JoAnne | Prato | Staten Island, NY |
| Gina | Viebruck | Carmel, NY |

Men's Weekend #203
Mount Alvernia
March 8 - 13, 2012
Rector: Paul Rouis



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The New Cursillistas

Alexander
Bob
Stefan
Juan
Dave
Gary
Willie

Badillo
Baker
Baumann
Colon
Nicosia
Pallens
Sistrunk

Wappingers Falls, NY
Saugerties, NY
Pine Bush, NY
Bloomingburg, NY
Montgomery, NY
New City, NY
Harriman, NY

Men's Weekend #204
 Central-South
 Mount Saint Francis
 March 8-11, 2012
 Rector: John Gallagher



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The New Cursillistas

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| Walter | Aucaylle | West New York, NJ |
| Peter | Berghane | North Salem, NY |
| Paul | Betjeman | Yorktown Hts., NY |
| Jeff | Cadge | Ossining, NY |
| Deacon Cliff | Calanni | Ossining, NY |
| Howard | Capek | Staten Island, NY |
| Joseph | DeMatteo | Ossining, NY |
| Sandy | Krigel | Cornwall, NY |
| Rafael | Leon | Ossining, NY |
| John | Mark | Ossining, NY |
| Deacon Thomas | Tortorella | Bronx, NY |

Franciscan Sisters' Pasta Gala

Sunday April 15, 2012

Mount Saint Francis Convent

Peekskill, New York

The Franciscan Sisters of Peekskill held a Pasta Gala on Sunday, April 15th to support their work. The Sisters served a superb pasta dinner, which featured rigatoni with meatballs and spaghetti sauce. To complete the meal, the diners were treated to an array of delicious desserts.

Everyone had a festive time at this event, especially enjoying the beautiful view of the Hudson River while dining. The Sisters thanked all the Cursillistas who attended the Gala and extended an invitation to come to their next dinner event.



Cursillistas enjoying the fellowship and pasta dinner



Sisters serving their guests at the Pasta Gala



John and Liz DeJulio were in attendance



Many other Cursillistas supported the Sisters' Gala



Sister Pietra in her new role as "money-changer"

Photos courtesy of Vito Porpora



Spectacular view from Mount Saint Francis

New York Archdiocese Cursillo (English) Spring Ultreya and Memorial Service

Saturday May 5th, 2012

Mount Saint Francis

Peekskill, New York

About 60 Cursillistas attended the May 5, 2012 Spring Ultreya. In conjunction with the Ultreya, a Memorial Service was held for those who went on to their Fifth Day during this past year. Special thanks are extended to Sue Gallagher and Tom Streppone who prepared the Service; and to Tom Regan who gave the witness talk.

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| Catherine Burke | Percellus Jones, Jr. | Mary Paulmann |
| Viktor Baumann | Patricia Koman | Lynn Rangitsch |
| Anthony Biancardi | Bernadette Barrett Luber | Thomas Richard |
| William Clifford | Joseph Marro | Joan Stone |
| Carol Healy | Eileen McClain | Marcella Travis |
| Marly Francis Jones | Ricardo Martinez | |

A Reflection on her Cursillo Weekend #203 by Karen Finelli

As I entered my Cursillo weekend, I was filled with apprehension. I found myself surrounded by people who were genuine and lovely but certainly no one who could relate to my life - my corporate job, my teenagers, my aging parents, etc. etc. These were surely folks with enough time on their hands to "do this stuff" on a regular basis. But I had encountered many people from the Cursillo community in the past - all of who seemed "normal". So I left my judgment at the door and proceeded onward.

I found myself pre-occupied with trying to figure out when my spiritual ah-ha moment would arrive. I had visions of a deep awakening that would alter my life and change the path of my future. I clearly had no clue what I was about to experience. And then my personal journey began with a simple "Walk with Mary".

I was shattered by the most glorious celebration of the Stations of the Cross that I had ever experienced. I was, for the first time in my Christian life, totally aware of the pain and suffering of our Blessed Mother as she walked the path to Her Son's Crucifixion along with Him. Although tormented by Her pain, I was filled with the joys of Her Sacrifice knowing that Christ had died to save my soul and the souls of all I love.

I stayed in that state of mixed emotion for the entire weekend. I was constantly reminded of the pains and sacrifices of our Lord as I listened to many remarkable women give witness to their own suffering. But every testimony ended in a similar way - with the sharing of joys that manifested from these hardships. I marveled at the incredible bonds of kinship that formed with 30+ sisters that I had never met before. I am still amazed at their generosity of time, of spirit, and of self-revelation. Their total willingness to be vulnerable brought such peace to me as I realized that they, like me, were searching for a path, for a quiet, loving tender ah-ha moment that would slowly creep into our hearts and our souls during this weekend. We were all moved together in this spirit of oneness with our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is our bond of kinship. Now that I have been awakened to His Glory in my life, I am eager to share this incredible gift with others that was shared with me during that glorious spring weekend.

To my weekend sisters, I am grateful for your open hearts and to the incredible community of Cursillistas who welcomed me to my 4th day. I am moved by your spirit of unencumbered love and friendship.

DeColores!, Karen Finelli

Report from the Central School of Leaders

Things are going well in The Central School of Leaders

The Joint Spring Ultreya was held on May 5th and was a great success.

- We thank John De Julio for his organization,
Liz Dieter our MC,
Sue Gallagher and Tom Streppone for the beautiful Memorial Service
and all the Ultreyas for their help.
- Cursillistas from all three centers were in attendance
A good time was had by all.
- A \$ 276.00 donation was given to the Franciscan Sisters.

Fall Weekend dates are:

- Men's Weekend: Oct. 25 - 28, 2012
Mount St. Francis
Rector: Gino Lucadamo
- Women's Weekend: Nov.1 - 4, 2012
Mount St. Francis
Rectora: Lisa Castaldo

Spring Weekend dates are:

- Men's Weekend: April 4 - 7, 2013
Mount St. Francis
- Women's Weekend: April 18 - 21, 2013
Mount St. Francis

The Central School of Leaders next meeting is:
Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 7:15 PM

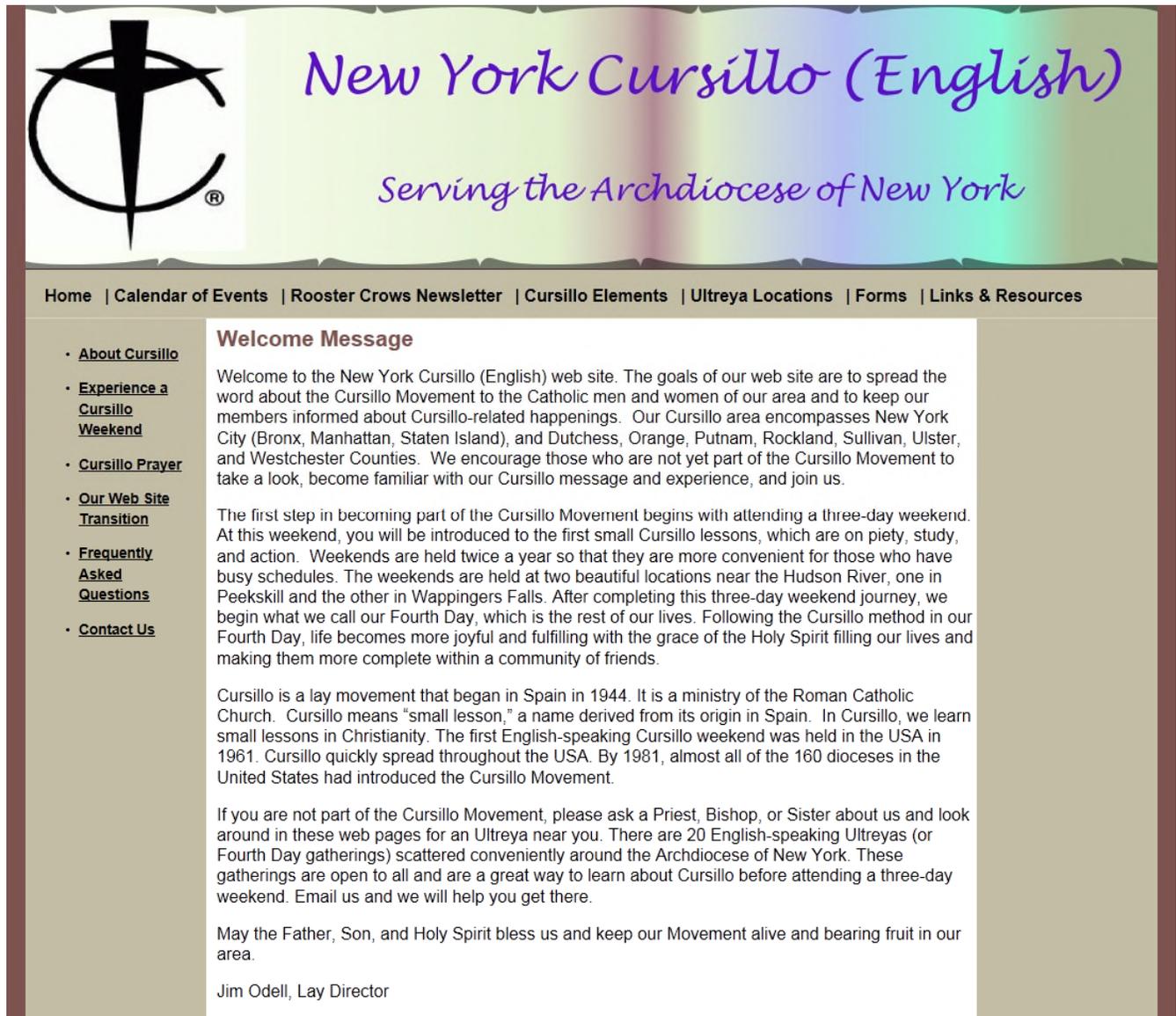
Carmel & Mahopac Ultreya May 18, 2012 Our Lady of the Lake / Mount Carmel Lake Carmel, New York



Seventeen Cursillistas attended the Carmel/Mahopac Ultreya on May 18th, which was held at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Lake Carmel. After the invocation of the Cursillo Prayer, the group processed to Our Lady's Shrine near the church entrance and presented Mary with a bouquet of roses. Prayers and hymns were then offered in her honor and also asking her intercession to her Son, Jesus, for our special requests.

The group returned to the church hall for group sharing, followed by fellowship with coffee and snacks.

Opening page screenshot of the upcoming website for New York Cursillo (English)



The screenshot shows the opening page of the New York Cursillo (English) website. At the top left is a logo featuring a stylized cross with a circle around it. To the right of the logo, the title "New York Cursillo (English)" is written in a purple, cursive font, with the subtitle "Serving the Archdiocese of New York" below it in a smaller, purple, cursive font. Below the title and subtitle is a navigation bar with links: Home | Calendar of Events | Rooster Crows Newsletter | Cursillo Elements | Ultreya Locations | Forms | Links & Resources. On the left side of the page is a vertical menu with links: About Cursillo, Experience a Cursillo Weekend, Cursillo Prayer, Our Web Site Transition, Frequently Asked Questions, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled "Welcome Message" and contains three paragraphs of text. The first paragraph welcomes visitors and describes the goals of the website. The second paragraph describes the three-day weekend and the Fourth Day. The third paragraph provides a brief history of the Cursillo Movement. The fourth paragraph offers information for those not part of the movement. The fifth paragraph is a prayer. The sixth paragraph is the name of the Lay Director.

Welcome Message

Welcome to the New York Cursillo (English) web site. The goals of our web site are to spread the word about the Cursillo Movement to the Catholic men and women of our area and to keep our members informed about Cursillo-related happenings. Our Cursillo area encompasses New York City (Bronx, Manhattan, Staten Island), and Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester Counties. We encourage those who are not yet part of the Cursillo Movement to take a look, become familiar with our Cursillo message and experience, and join us.

The first step in becoming part of the Cursillo Movement begins with attending a three-day weekend. At this weekend, you will be introduced to the first small Cursillo lessons, which are on piety, study, and action. Weekends are held twice a year so that they are more convenient for those who have busy schedules. The weekends are held at two beautiful locations near the Hudson River, one in Peekskill and the other in Wappingers Falls. After completing this three-day weekend journey, we begin what we call our Fourth Day, which is the rest of our lives. Following the Cursillo method in our Fourth Day, life becomes more joyful and fulfilling with the grace of the Holy Spirit filling our lives and making them more complete within a community of friends.

Cursillo is a lay movement that began in Spain in 1944. It is a ministry of the Roman Catholic Church. Cursillo means "small lesson," a name derived from its origin in Spain. In Cursillo, we learn small lessons in Christianity. The first English-speaking Cursillo weekend was held in the USA in 1961. Cursillo quickly spread throughout the USA. By 1981, almost all of the 160 dioceses in the United States had introduced the Cursillo Movement.

If you are not part of the Cursillo Movement, please ask a Priest, Bishop, or Sister about us and look around in these web pages for an Ultreya near you. There are 20 English-speaking Ultreyas (or Fourth Day gatherings) scattered conveniently around the Archdiocese of New York. These gatherings are open to all and are a great way to learn about Cursillo before attending a three-day weekend. Email us and we will help you get there.

May the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless us and keep our Movement alive and bearing fruit in our area.

Jim Odell, Lay Director

The New York Archdiocese Cursillo (English) Website was developed by Joe Lysonski. Joe is currently the Pre-Cursillo Chairperson on the Secretariat.

The Secretariat is deeply grateful for Joe's dedication to this effort during the past year and wishes to commend him on his achievements in bringing this new website to fruition.

New York Archdiocese Cursillo (English) New Website Announcement

In the very near future, New York Cursillo (English) will have an updated website, which will be available at:

<http://www.cursillo.org/newyork> and <http://www.natl-cursillo.org/newyork>.

We are transitioning from our old website at NYCursillo.org, which we will keep active until the existence of our new site becomes well known. The new website will contain all the information that is currently offered at our old website, but with a brand new look and a more user friendly format. Visitors will be able to access the desired content quickly and efficiently. The National Cursillo has kindly allowed us to host our new website on their internet server without any cost. We will be one of the 106 Cursillo websites from around the country that are hosted on or linked to the National server. In this respect, we are adopting National's operating guideline for Cursillo web sites.

The site will continue to offer the calendar of Cursillo events, the current issue of the Rooster Crows newsletter, the locations of the various Ultreyas, Cursillo weekend application and sponsor forms, the Cursillo brochure, and other information. Among the added items to the new website will be a description of the elements of the Cursillo Movement, Frequently Asked Questions, and other information about the Cursillo Movement. A screenshot of the new web page layout is shown to the left. It is organized with tabs and headings so that visitors can click on the various items to access the desired information. As technology has vastly improved since our website was originally created, developing our new website is a step forward in helping our Cursillo community stay connected and informed. It is still a work in progress, though, and as with any new technology, please be patient if any glitches may occur as improvements are made. The plan is for the website to evolve as content is added. We expect the new website to be available by early June or sooner.

As we make this transition to our new website, we would like to give a sincere "thank you" to Ed Maselli and Al Lett. Ed created our original website more than a decade ago in 1999 and, since then, he and Al have diligently kept it in operation. Ed has also generously donated the web server fees necessary to keep the website up and running. During these years, Al has spent many hours keeping it up-to-date with the latest Cursillo-related happenings in our area.

We also give a special "thank you" to Frank Squitteri who has shared with us his spiritual development program essays, which now number more than 100. Although his concepts do not represent official Cursillo teaching - since Cursillo does not offer a specific spirituality - many Cursillistas include his essays amongst their Cursillo resources regarding piety, study, action, and other aspects of the Movement. Frank's first essay was posted in 2001 and his most recent in April 2012. This treasure of essays will be available at a new website that Frank is developing; we'll provide a link to it once it is ready. They will also continue to be available at our old website during the transition period. By the way, as part of Frank's evangelical action effort, he has created a web log (blog) intended to reach beyond Cursillo membership. For those who may be interested, they can find the blog at:

<http://www.spiritualityoutsidethebox.com>.

Thank you Frank for your many contributions to the Cursillo Movement.

NEW YORK CURSILLO (ENGLISH) CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

- July 8 Picnic & Ultreya at Bowdoin Park, Wappingers Falls; 12:00 PM
Contact Jeanette Fitch 845-463-4336
- July 19-22 National Cursillo Encounter, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio
Contact: Jim Odell 845-942-1303
- August Annual Family Mass and Picnic at Hanofee Park, Liberty
12:00-6:00PM, Mass at 1:00 PM
Contact: Joan Paddock 845-292-5548
- October 6 Harvest Social at St. Mary's of Marlboro; 7:00 PM
Reservations contact: Cathy Elwell 845-462-6619
- October 10-14 Regional Encounter; St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT
Contact: Jim Santos 845-692-2338
- October 18-21 Cursillo de Cursillos; Mt. Alvernia, Wappingers Falls
- October 25-28 Men's Cursillo #205, Gino Lucadamo, Rector
Mt. St. Francis, Peekskill
- November 1-4 Women's Cursillo #204, Lisa Castaldo, Rectora
Mt. St. Francis, Peekskill
- November 1-4 Women's Cursillo #205, TBD, Rectora
Mt. Alvernia, Wappingers Falls
- December Staten Island Communion Breakfast
- December 8 Advent Joint Ultreya, Mt. Alvernia, Wappingers Falls

MANANITAS: GATHER 7AM; CLOSINGS 4 PM

- Palanca: North: Yolanda Leavy
310 S Centerville Road
Middletown, NY 10940
e-mail: nypalancanorth@hvc.rr.com
- Central: Manny Sequeira
58 Maple Hill Drive
Mahopac, NY 10541
e-mail: Doubledomer1@verizon.net
- Kitchen Palanca: North: JoAnn Vignini
845-561-7674
- Central: Joan Lett
845-628-8259
e-mail: ajlett@verizon.net

Utreayas

ULSTER COUNTY

Saugerties
St. John the Evangelist
Second Thursday, 7:30
Judy DeFino (845) 246-4113
Brian Kimlin (845) 245-6688

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Liberty
St. Peter's Rectory
Fourth Saturday, 6:30
Maria Torres (845) 701-9598
Joan Paddock (845) 292-5548

Bloomington
Our Lady of the Assumption
Third Thursday, 7:00
Kathy Harris (845) 367-1964

ORANGE COUNTY

Bullville/Goshen/Middletown
St. Paul's Church
Third Saturday, 7:30
Martha Santos (845) 692-2338
Deb Swanerbury (845) 856-8320

Pine Bush
Infant Saviour
Second Thursday, 7:30
Rosemary De Caro (845) 744-3323

Walden
Most Precious Blood
First Thursday, 7:00
Kathy Livingston (845) 778-0320

Minisink
Holy Cross, South Centerville
First Saturday, 7:00
Peg & Ed Lazarri (845) 355-2203
Gladys Ann Adams (845) 699-7100

Newburgh
Sacred Heart Bingo Hall
Fourth Thursday, 7:00
Virginia Florio (914) 805-5649
John Hanley (845) 562-6503

BRONX COUNTY

The Bronx
St. Francis Xavier
Fourth Tuesday, 7:30
Ed Shimanski (718) 931-8373

NEW YORK COUNTY

Upper Manhattan
St. Charles Borromeo, 211 W. 141st Street
Second Thursday, 7:00
Norma Marshburn (212) 410-1974

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DUTCHESS COUNTY

Poughkeepsie
Mt. Alvernia, Wappingers
Fourth Monday, 7:30
Terry Tornatore (845) 297-0347

Hopewell Junction
Saint Kateri
Second Thursday, 7:00
Ginger Fisher (845) 297-4711

Northern Dutchess
Joan Greene (845) 229-2539
Second Saturday 7:00
(Jan, Mar, May, Aug, Oct.) Regina Coeli, Hyde Park
Pot Luck following 5:00 Mass
(Feb, Apr, June, Sep, Nov.) St. Stanislaus
Pleasant Valley
Pot Luck following 5:30 Mass

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Northeast Westchester
St. Patrick's Cenacle, Bedford
Fourth Wednesday, 7:30
Diane and Bob Goldbach (914) 720-5221
Gino and Cyndi Lucadamo (914) 763-0480

White Plains
St. Bernard's, White Plains
Third Saturday, 7:30
Call for location Don Jones (914) 948-1090

Valhalla
Holy Name, Valhalla
(location rotates with White Plains)
Third Saturday, 7:30
Joe Bisesto (914) 948-4489

Peekskill/Putnam Valley
Susie Caras and John Keck Home
Third Wednesday, 7:30
Alice Parisi (845) 440-7485
Susie Caras (914) 737-6889

PUTNAM COUNTY

Mahopac/Carmel
Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Carmel
Third Friday, 7:30
Diane Trabulsky (845) 661-1276

RICHMOND COUNTY

Staten Island
Holy Child School of Religion
Third Thursday, 7:30
Ginny Buonviaggio (718) 356-3966

Archdiocese of New York Cursillo (English) Secretariat

| <u>POSITION</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>ADDRESS</u> | Term Start |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---|------------|
| Spiritual Director | Fr. Hugh Grace | St. Boniface Church Wesley Hills, NY 10952 | |
| Lay Director | Jim Odell | Stony Point, NY 10980 | 2009-Aug |
| Secretary | Jim Rangitsch | Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 | 2009-Aug |
| Treasurer | Al Lett | Mahopac, NY 10541 | 2011-Aug |
| Communications | Margaret Frisch | Mahopac, NY 10541 | 2010-Aug |
| Pre-Cursillo Chairperson | Joe Lysonski | Harrison, NY 10528 | 2009-Aug |
| Post-Cursillo Chairperson | Gino Lucadamo | Waccabuc, NY 10597 | 2010-Aug |
| Cursillo Chairperson | John DeJulio | Carmel, NY 10512 | 2011-Aug |
| Northern Lay Coordinator | Terry Fisher | Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 | 2010-Aug |
| Central Lay Coordinator | Vito Porpora | Lincolndale, NY 10540 | 2011-Aug |
| Southern Lay Coordinator | Tom Castaldo | Staten Island, NY 10312 | 2010-Aug |
| Lay Ecclesial Movement | Don Jones | White Plains, NY 10606 | 2006-July |