



Rooster Crows

2020

A Message From The Editor of the Rooster Crows

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Dear Rooster Crows Readers,

This back issue contains the events of the NY Cursillo, from January to December of 2019. Given that the next issue (events for 2020) will be published on the heels of this edition, I did not ask the Spiritual Advisor or the Lay Director to include their messages on this edition of the Rooster Crows. Their messages will follow on the next issue. The world was turned upside down this last year. Therefore, my apologies for the tardiness in publishing, but I try working hard to bring to you a quality publication.

De Colores,

The Editor



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Women's Weekend #218

March 7-10, 2019. Mount St. Francis, Peekskill, NY

As a mother comforts her child, I will comfort you. IS 66:13

RECTORA Judy Defino
CHIEF AUXILIARY Karen Tunney
SPIRITUAL ADVISORS Fr. Ron Lemmert
 Fr. Richard Albertine
 Dcn. Mark O'Sullivan

TEAM: Gabby Baker, Kelly Hogan, Cookie Timberger, Janna Gaudiuso (Music), Irene Maresca, Mary Jo Gallo, Sue O' Sullivan, Erin Kozakiewics, Gabby Baker, Irene Snow, Lourdes Blanco, Marianne Stabile.



Chief Cook and assistants from the Covent of Mount St. Francis



New	Cursillistas
Donna DeFeo	Fishkill, NY
Maureen Mohammed	Yorktown Heights, NY
Christina Vasallo	Staten Island, NY
Kelly Freer	Kingston, NY
Bridget Romani	Hyde Park, NY
Gloria VanVliet	Port Ewen, NY
Anna DiDonato	Staten Island, NY
Nanci Kalbfell	Patterson, NY
Tina Zerello	Buchanan, NY

TABLE NAMES
Fairy Godmother N Her Wish Granting Team
Miracles in Progress
GPS
S 3 - 6 Seeking Souls



Men's Weekend #216

April 4-7, 2019. Mt. Alvernia Retreat Canter
Wappinger Falls, NY



Rector: Doug FitzMorris
Spiritual Advisors: Fr. Bob Porpora, Dcn, Ken Briskey, and Dcn. Jack Carr
Chief Auxiliary: Craig Dieter
Team: Ed Shimansky, John Perry, David Manheim, John Meenagh, Ken Leigh, Juan Roman, Zbynek Gold, John Buonviaggio, Larry Malone, John DeJulio, Terry Fisher, and Jim Doyle

Chief Cooks: Bob and Yolanda Leavy
Kitchen Team: Dave Tolentino, Marianne Stabile, Ginger Fisher, and Marion FitzMorris



NEW CURSILLISTAS

Theodore Joseph	Bronx, NY
Kevin Murray	Carmel, NY
Tom Brinkmann	Ulster, NY
Roy Monaro	Cranite Springs, NY
Jack DiDonato	Staten Island, NY
Robert Pietro	Staten Island, NY
Joseph Magliocco	Staten Island, NY
Phil Ricciardi	Hawthorne, NY

TABLES

- 7 Deadly Sins & 9 Great Graces
- The Fearless Foursome
- Christ's Apprentices
- Cursillo Crusaders 4 Christ
- Four With Wounds
- Kooky Kitchen Crew

October 24-27, 2019
Mount Alvernia

Men's #217



Wappinger Falls, NY

RECTOR Terry Fisher
CHIEF AUXILIARY John Meenagh

Spiritual Advisors Fr. Bill Cosgrove
 Fr. Tom Devery
 Dcn. Bob Horton
 Dcn. Rich Marino

Team Jim Quicksell, Bruce Zarzeski,
 Greg Anderson, Tom Koman,
 Sal Lavanco, Dave Tolentino,
 Tom Castaldo, Bill Fitch, John
 Maglioco, Joe Lysonski, Mike
 Bilello (Music)



Chief Cook: Nancy Manzany

Kitchen Team: Maureen Daucher, Ginger
 Fisher, Mike Ugenti, John Garant



NEW

CURSILLISTAS

Steve Fiala	Staten Island, NY
Drew Parry	Pine Bush, NY
George Calderin, Jr.	New York, NY
Fr. John Higgins	Bronx, NY
Richard Romani	Hyde Park, NY
Craig Russo	Wappinger Falls, NY

TABLES

The Light Bearers

4 Faithful Fishermen

4 Friends in Christ

Christ's Novatos

That's Amore



Women's Weekend #219

Nov 7-11, 2019. Mt. Alvernia, Wappingers Falls, NY.

RECTORA Martha Santos
CHIEF AUXILIARY Deb Swanerbury
Spiritual Advisors Fr. Ron Lemmert
 Dcn. Peter Dalmer
 Sr. Lorraine Quinn
 Sr. Marie Pappas



TEAM: Jeanette Fitch, Joanne Durante, Mary Knolker, Grace Ross, Elise Stalmack, Sue Tornatore, Doris Harrington, Louise DeCaro, Bonnie Meenagh, Maria Ugenti, Regina Torello, Debbie Garry (Music)

Head Cook: Rick Dzurilla and Julie Dzurilla
Kitchen Team: Joanne Quicksell, Jim Santos, Steve Garry



NEW	CURSILLISTAS
Christine LaBollita	Staten Island, NY
Maureen O'Shea	Bronx, NY
Cathy Fullan	Yorktown, Heights, NY
JoAnn Ferraiolo	Staten Island, NY
Judyrose Vitale	Staten Island, NY
Linda Vinti	Washingtonville, NY
Connie Barone	Staten Island, NY
Jennifer Vidal	Yorktown Heights, NY
Ardele Pescitelli	Staten Island, NY
Carrie Mormino	Staten Island, NY
Heidi Fraser	Yorktown Heights, NY

TABLES
JESUS' JOYFUL SERVANTS
CURSILLO CRUSADERS
JOYFUL JOURNEY DURING CHRIST'S REIGN
JOYFUL JUBILOUS SISTERS
SISTERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
JUMPING FOR JOY (AND MARTHA)

CHURCH
OF
SAINT ANSELM & SAINT ROCH



BRONX ULTREYA

On February 23, 2019 the new Ultreya for Hispanics who are predominantly English speakers was inaugurated in the Bronx. The Ultreya was attended by some 25 people. After a heartwarming welcome by the Pastor of Saint Anselm and St. Roch Church, the Ultreya took place followed by a wonderful lunch prepared by the local community. In attendance were some of the members of the English NY Cursillo: Joe Bisesto, Ed Shimansky, and Joe and Lou Lysonski. We all wish the Bronx Ultreya success and perseverance.



Saint Anselm & Saint Roch

English Open Ultreya

Opening Hymn _____ City of God
 Opening Prayer _____ Father Patric D'Arcy
 Welcome Greeting _____ Father Patric D'Arcy
 Presentation of Ultreyas _____ All Cursillo Groups
 Talk _____ Randy Arzu
 Song _____ Lord When You Came to the Seashore
 Ultreya Experience _____ Ines Fuentes
 Testimony _____ Randy Arzu
 Ultreya Experience _____ Marci Reyes
 Joke _____
 Conclusion _____ JoAnn Melendez
 Announcements _____
 Closing Prayer _____
 Closing Song _____ Be Not Afraid

THE PRODIGAL SON

School of Leaders

Fr. Bill Cosgrave, St. Augustine, New City, March 9, 2019



LENTEN



ULTREYA

On March 30, 2019, The New York Cursillo English celebrated its Archdiocesan-Wide Lenten Ultreya, at the Mount St. Francis Convent in Peekskill, NY. This was an Open Ultreya where Cursillistas and non-Cursillistas shared God's love in friendship and prayer as a preparation for Lent. The Ultreya program started at 4:00pm, and included a Lenten meditation to remind us of God's constant invitation for a deeper relationship with him. In addition, there were inspirational Witness Talks, a moment to honor and remember those Cursillistas who entered their 5th Day, followed by Christian Fellowship.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NY
6th Annual Day of Reflection
Signs of Holiness in Today's World
April 14, 2019

Reflections on Pope Francis' GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE.

This day of reflection was sponsored by Lay Ecclesial Movements and New Communities. The program included two keynote speakers, and group discussions in English and in Spanish. The Keynote speakers were Dr. Kevin Ahern and Dr. Amy Uelmen. Dr. Uelmen is a Lecturer in Religion & Professional Life, is a Special Advisor to the Dean at Georgetown Law School, and a Senior Research Fellow. Dr. Kevin Ahern is a theological ethicist and public theologian at Manhattan College. Several Cursillistas attended the program.





29th National Cursillo Encounter

July 18-21, 2019



University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

The 29th National Encounter celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the First Cursillo in Christianity in Cala Figuera. There were over 900 attendees to the National Encounter. The Encounter continued to delve further into the legacy of our Founder and The Foundational Charism of Cursillo. Mr. Miguel Sureda and Mr. Ramon Rossello, two close friends of Eduardo Bonin came from Mallorca and presented rollos on Pre and Post Cursillo. Additional rollos included the following: The life of Eduardo Bonin, the Eucharist as a Central Theme of Cursillo, Living Witnesses of the Foundational Cursillo, Precursillo, Step by Step Rector's Guide, and the Role of the Spiritual Advisor. As in all other National Encounters, daily Eucharist, fellowship, discussions, friendship, food and fiesta contributed to the Encounter's spiritual and social enrichment.



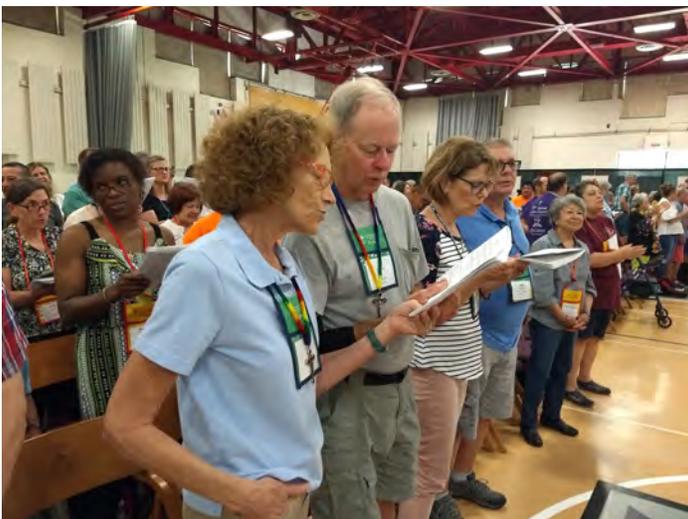
Good representation from the NY Cursillo Movement



Group discussion



From Mallorca, Spain: Miguel Sureda and Ramon Rosello, close friends of Eduardo Bonin, and Special Guests of the National Encounter.



Summer



Picnic

Paterson Park
August 21, 2019





Cursillo Retreat

Celebrating Life

On Saturday, September 21, 2019, from 9:30am to 3:00pm, the Annual Fall Retreat for the NY Cursillo English took place at Mount Saint Frances in Peekskill. After an early breakfast of bagels and coffee and registration, the retreat opened with a series of topics on life and the Catholic Church. Among the topics Father Eric Lenhart (OFM, CAP) spoke on Bioethics and the Franciscan Spirituality. Cursillista Tina MC Dermott spoke on Birthright and Life issues. After each presentation there was ample time for table discussions, and for the exchange of ideas and prayer. At lunch Cursillistas were regaled with a nice lunch organized by Jerry and MaryAnne Stebile.





Harvest Social

On November 2nd, 2019, Cursillistas celebrated their Annual Harvest Social at St. Augustine Church in New City, NY. Cursillistas shared a good time, great conversation and food, as well as some dancing and fun. In addition to good friendship and good conversation, the winners of the 20/20 raffle, and the 20-week- raffle were announced. Some Cursillistas went home very happy as they carried with them gifts won in a raffle. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the NY Cursillo Movement. Thanks to all who attended this event, and to all those who organized it.







Communion Breakfast



Over 120 Cursillistas attended the 25th Annual Archdiocesan-wide Communion Breakfast on December 7, 2019, hosted by the Cursillistas of Staten Island (the Pearl of the Atlantic). After the Mass, breakfast was served. Many Cursillistas went home extremely happy with the gifts they won in the raffle that serves as a fund raiser for the NY Cursillo (English). Many thanks to Tom and Lisa Castaldo, and all those who organized the event, worked so hard in setting up the night before, and cleaned up afterwards. Your efforts always make this event very special year after year.









IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED MSGR . GEORGE P. THOMPSON

Nov. 1, 2019



School of Leaders Update

Doug FitzMorris became the new Chairperson of the Cursillo School of Leaders in July 2019, initiating a new round of exciting activities for the School. As an opening, the reading and discussion of the book "The Thinking of Eduardo Bonnin," founder of our movement, is meant to connect us to the Charisma of the Cursillo.

John Meenah finished his service as the Chairperson of the School of Leaders in the month of June 2019, after providing leadership for the School from 2016 to 2019. Under his leadership..... Thank you John Meenah for your outstanding and caring service!

The School of Leaders takes place every second Saturday of the month in the lower room at St. Augustine's Church, 140 Maple Ave, New City, N.Y., at 10:00 am. **All are welcome!**

Region 1 Fall Encounter

Starting on Friday Nov 15th 7at :30pm until Saturday Nov 16th 3:30pm, Region 1 had its Fall Encounter dedicated to formation, prayer, and fellowship, and that also included a Regional Secretariat Meeting and a Ultreya The Encounter took place at St. Anne's Church, 515 S. Main Street, in Waterbury CT. The Saturday program included Morning Prayer, two Rollos adapted from Eduardo Bonnin's good friend Miguel....who presented at the National Encounter, and that invited us to take a deep dive into Pre-Cursillo and Post Cursillo, following with as discussion. The praying of the Rosary closed the Encounter.

DEACON PETER DALMER RECOMMENDATIONS

As Cursillistas we are all called to continually increase our faith through Study. One way is through reading books about our faith. Since our ordination in 2008 my classmate and I spend week long retreats at St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer Massachusetts. You may be familiar with their Trappist Jelly and Jam. They now also make beer that is sold in Massachusetts. Sadly, the beer is NOT available to retreatants.

The monks follow the rule of St. Benedict about "Reading will always accompany the meals of the brothers". Their newsletter lists the 8 books read this year in the refectory during meals. I have read only two of them, but I provide them for your consideration.

Bearing False Witness: Debunking Centuries of Anti-Catholic History by Rodney Stark

Is This All There Is?: On Resurrection and Eternal Life by Gerhard Lohfink

The Our Father A New Reading by Gerhard Lohfink

Barking to the Choir by Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ

Contemplating Christ by Vincent Pizziito

Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust by Immaculée Illhigiza

From the Kippah to the Cross: A Jew's Conversion to Catholicism by Jean-Marie Élie Setbon

Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis by Bishop Robert Barron

As previously, I also recommend Newyorkcatholicradio.org and *Relevant Radio* for your review.

God Bless You and DeColores!

Deacon Peter

Deacon Peter Dalmer

Spiritual Advisor

Archdiocese of New York Cursillo(English)

