



YORK ULTREYA

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2012

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NEXT ULTREYA

May 6, 5PM
POTLUCK

St. Christopher Church Hall
York, Maine

Greeters: Joann Skofield, Georgie Wallace

Hospitality: Potluck

Collection: Orazio Galeno

Prayer Partners: Lil Lovett

Speaker: Steve O'Shaughnessy

Summary: Kurt Freitag

Prayer Petitions: Tony Jaliceour

Closing Prayer: Michele Freitag

Music: Kurt Freitag

Blanche Theriault: Please keep her in your prayers.

Rives Grogan: Rives has had several bouts with chest pains and is presently in the hospital. Please keep him and penny in your prayers,

Lisa Picard: Lisa & Mitch need our prayers as she goes through treatments. You can send a get well card to:
PO Box 1398, York Harbor ME 03911

June Waugh and her sister Sandra Bigelow: June is having problems breathing and her sister broke her hip. Please pray for them and you can send a get well card to PO Box 474, York Beach, ME 03910.

POTLUCK SUPPER

Reminder that May 6 is Potluck. If you have signed up for something please bring it and a friend.

DISCERNMENT

Reminder that we will start the discernment process for our Ultreya Officers at the **May meeting**. Please pray to the Holy Spirit that those called will come forward and lead. All officer positions are up and are 1 year positions. Ultreya Chairperson and Area Leader are 2 year terms and John is finishing his first year. **Area Leader will be discerned this year for Orazio with present commitments needs to step aside.**

Prayers, Prayers, & More Prayers!

Please remember that you are assigned a day to pray for York Cursillista's and their families.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Jane Lehan: Please keep her in your prayers that she may get well. You may send her a get well card to 100 Village Green Dr., Kittery, ME 03904.

Janet & Gil McInnis: They both continue to have health problems. Please keep them in your prayers,

BJ Andrews: BJ is suffering from a lung disease. Please keep her in your prayers and you may send her a get well card to 121 Cider Hill Rd., York, ME 03909.

RIDES

We would like to provide rides for Ultreya or even grouping if needed. Please respond to me or give me a call if you would like some help getting around. Call at 363-4014 or rhenness@maine.rr.com

FUTURE HOSPITALITY

June	St. Luke's
July	J.C. Angels
August	St. Michaels
September	Boat People
October	Pot Luck

ULTREYA OFFICER'S MEETING

Officer's Meeting takes place this month in St. Christopher's kitchen, Thursday, May 17th at 7PM.

Cursillo Weekends



Please pray for the Cursillo Movement and our leaders that God may bless them and that the Holy Spirit may inspire and lead them to do His will.

MEN'S WEEKEND April 26th – 29th

CANDIDATES:

Joseph Antell	Holy Spirit Parish/ Kennebunk
James Bellavance	Immaculate Heart of Mary - Auburn
Douglas Jorgensen	St Michael/Augusta
Richard Boisvert	St Therese of Lisieux/Sanford

Men's Weekend Dec. 6th – 9th

Women's Weekend

May 31st – June 3rd **Oct. 25th – 28th**

There is a box set up in the kitchen at St. Christopher's on Sunday, April 22 where palance can be dropped off until noon on Thursday. Please support Cursillo weekend.

If you have candidates please get their applications in as soon as possible. Remember that the applications need to be processed by local Pre-Cursillo person and signed by your pastor in order to be accepted.

MEMORIAL MASSES BY YORK ULTREYA

We are having Memorial Mass said for those souls who have left us too soon - Cursillista's and their immediate families. They will be listed here so that those who are able can attend.

For the family of **Jane Gilman** who passed away recently. Mass is 8am on Monday, April 30th.

For all York Cursillista's, especially those who are ill or in need of prayers. Mass is Sunday, June 10th at 7:30am.

NH TriCity Ultreya's

Here is the schedule as of now for the TriCity Ultreya's on Saturdays at 7 p.m. Email from Kathy Stilwell.

St Mary's, Dover: May 12
Holy Rosary, Rochester: June 9

MAY BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3– Andy Compagna,
7 – Diane Binger,
9 – Mary Freitag,
10 – Karen Galeno, Marilyn Blackwell,
14 – Sarah Finnigan,
17 – Laurel Moulin Merritt,
18 – Diane Brenna,
19 – Michele Gasco, Kay Myshrrall,
21 – Rose Glynn, Judy Woods,
23 – Ellie Flavin,
28 – Janet Hoitt,
29 – Ed Hickey,

Please pray daily for:

All those suffering because of personal problems, abuse, intolerance, persecution **and** for PEACE IN THE WORLD, and that our military personnel may come home soon and safely. Also, pray for our **President** that he may open to the culture of life.

MONTHLY Prayer Calendar - on the day of the month assigned to you, please pray for the National Cursillo Movement, Cursillo in Maine and the York Ultreya.

You are requested to pray on a particular day of the month. I have reassigned some people due to those leaving us. Please note your date might have changed.

1 st	John & Florencia Lorandau
2 nd	Pete & Marlene Woodward
3 rd	Andy Compagna, Marie Casey
4 th	Annette Regan, Claire & Orazio Galeno
5 th	Carol O'Brien, Sandra Graham
6 th	Eileen Hannafin, Denise Lovett
7 th	Elizabeth Knapp, Julie Webber
8 th	Grace Flaherty, Mike & Bonnie Papp

9 th	Jane Lehan, Tim & Mary McEntee
10 th	Jeanie Fountain, Lil Lovett
11 th	Joanne Skofield, Kay Myshrall
12 th	June Waugh, Barbara Desrochers
13 th	Pat & Larry Rose, Rita Turner
14 th	Margaret Hannigan, Janet & Gil McInnis,
15 th	Mary Freitag, Jayne Feeney
16 th	Carol Anderson, Allen Taylor
17 th	Kurt & Michele Frietag, Matt Moulin
18 th	Chuck & BJ Andrews, Mary McDermott
19 th	Nancy Salka, Rita Leroux, Ed Hickey
20 th	Rick & Helen Hennessy, Tony Jaliceour
21 st	Barbara Bisson, George Hingston
22 nd	Richard & Kathy Leroux
23 rd	Dave & Mary Hale, Caroline Lavallee
24 th	Phyllis & Bob Curtis, Bonnie Cruz
25 th	Jennie MacNeil, Kevin Murphy
26 th	Vicki Uzzle, Tony & Diane Brenna
27 th	Rose & Terry Glynn, Ann McDade
28 th	Tony & Kathy Vinet, Jim Prozmann
29 th	Steve O'Shaugnessy, Marilyn Blackwell,
30 th	Art & Linda Moulin, Karen Galeno,
31 st	Mitch Picard, Diane Binger

items on their desk. It doesn't need to be a lot of things, all you need is something to remind people that you are a Christian.

Many times when I talk to customers we discuss personal things such as family and friends. The discussion many times leads to problems in my customers life or their families lives, health problems or a family members surgery. I always offer to pray for them, NO ONE has ever told me not to pray for them. One day I came home from work, after a customer had shared some very personal things. I was think WHY, do people tell me these things? Then I said to Florencia do I have a sign on me? Then I thought THE SIGN OF THE CROSS, is on me.

Remember , if being a Christian was a crime, would you be convicted? Many times I have thought about this statement. I pray to God that if it was, I would be convicted, that is my goal.

I went to Cursillo Workshop the speaker talked of her work environment, which was an inner city school. It was very bad, and hostile, the children were fighting, the teacher didn't care, they were just collecting a pay check. She told how she changed her work environment. She selected one women and started praying for her in the morning before work. Then asked her, if she wanted to group in the mornings before work. They prayed for the school the children and co-workers. The school didn't change right away but the two teachers changed their attitude, which affected the students and other teachers. They started leaving the door ajar and watched as one teacher kept watching as she went past the door, each morning. That teacher was like the newspaper whatever she knew, the world knew. One day she asked what are you doing? When she found out what they were doing and noticed how it affected the school in a positive way. She asked to join the small prayer group in the mornings. This teacher brought in other teachers, the school was a very different place in a very short time. This is a fantastic example of being the vertebra of out environment.

This teacher saw a environment and targeted it. Prayed for direction and for God's help, in the selecting the first group members.

Remember on your weekend, make a friend, be a friend bring that friend to Christ.

Remember on your weekend, changed people change people.

All of us impact our environment, the question is, are we a positive or a negative, influence on the people we see each day.

This teacher took a very bold step for God in her environment. God didn't let her down.

What type of vertebra are you in your environment?

Remember , if being a Christian was a crime, COULD, you be convicted?

Remember on your weekend, changed people change people.

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APRIL ULTREYA

Tony Jolicoeur

LEADERS SCHOOL

Leaders School – LEADER'S SCHOOL SESSION
**Sunday, April 29th ~ 1:30 PM Registration and starts
at 2PM at Camp Mechuana, ME.**

We will be studying: Why Jesus? Chapter 4
By Father David Knight.

http://www.maineCursillo.org/S_of_L_Calendar.htm

Teaching Talk:

Leavening Our Environments

Last month the topic was Precursillo, which spoke of the selection of candidates and finding people to be the vertebra of the movement. The vertebra of the movement will be leavening in their environments.

Tonight I want to go deeper into some of the ways we can leaven our environment. We should be doing this on a daily basis, it can be done in a very subtle ways. Sometimes we need to be very strong and bold, but most times it's not necessary.

I am a contractor and work in people's houses and spend lots of time dealing with lumber yards and supply houses. Many times when I am at the lumber yard I will tell a joke or will be told jokes. When I am told a off color joke I will not be nasty, BUT IT'S CLEAR THAT I DON'T LIKE IT. Many times I have been at the lumber yard and some one new, will start telling a off color joke and someone else, will stop him, and say "John doesn't like that type of joke". If you look in my truck you will see many medals, and different religious items. People who work in a office could have the same personal religious

Cursillo, in December 2011
Table of St. John, the Apostle

Piety: There are a number of influences in my life that encourage me to be ever-closer to Christ. Some are even positive. (yes, that was my attempt at a joke)

My children. A very smart and dear woman once told me that children make you a better person than you were. They hold up a mirror to who you are and throw your own behaviors back at you. If that doesn't drive you to be closer to God or drinking, then you aren't doing parenthood right. Max Lucado says in one of his daily devotionals, that children will interact with God in the same way that they interact with their Earthly father. If you don't find that to be true, in your own experience, then you have probably broken a few cycles yourself and are a better person for it.

The Boatmen and living the 4th day of my Cursillo. I am accountable to the Boatmen every week and they help me to explore new ways to be more Christian. One of the areas in which I am weak, is prayer. Week after week, I hear of their morning offerings or their novenas, or their rosaries. Every week, they remind me to stop being the "striving Christian" and just spend time with God. Praying is slowly giving my version of God/Jesus a personality and a sense of humor. It is very difficult to pray to a Being who is a total stranger to you. So, the Boatmen help me fill in the gaps in who I know Jesus to be. They provide me with the community and support I always wanted but never knew I needed. Being accountable to others who are a part of my life is a powerful tool to be more Christian.

Prayer whenever, wherever. In my ridiculously busy life, prayer is necessarily brief but very frequent. I pray on my way to and from work, and I pray for those who I perceive to need help from God above. When I arrive at work, I boot up my computer and then read a daily devotional from "My Daily Bread" and from Oswald Chambers', "My Utmost for his Highest." I rarely have time to seriously consider what I have read, but I generally remember to go back and look at it again if I think it speaks to me and where I am now. I often share it with the Boatmen. I often lose my connection to God during the day, but I'm getting better at staying connected. I practice consulting God on everything in my day. That is why I chose the reading John 5, 19:30. Total surrender to God's will is my goal. I haven't quite figured out how to do that, but I'm getting closer.

Participating in "To God be the Glory" It's the only time I truly feel God's grace in me. Finally, the single most important influence that makes me more Christian is my wife Brenda. She is my witness, my conscience, and the keeper of my heart. There is nothing more valuable to me than to be able to talk with my wife about my failures and successes on my

faith journey. God truly blessed me when he united me with her.

Study: Study is the easy part for me. I am naturally disposed to seek knowledge, to understand myself and my God. So, I read all I can. I have always read about a wide variety of subjects but presently, God and my spirit are the only things I'm interested in. While I'm always reading something new, there are writings that stick in my mind and have been of particular importance to me. From Thomas Merton's "Seven Storey Mountain" - "All that is necessary to be a Saint is to want to be one." I want to be one. Not for the applause of men, but for the Grace of God.

From Clarence Enzler's "The Way of the Cross" - "My suffering can be the price of another's soul..." How powerful is that! Suffering is never needless, it's never pointless, if you offer it to God to save another. From Oswald Chamber's "My Utmost for His Highest" - July 22 (Read aloud). This passage may mean many different things to different people. For me, it gives me a reason to accept the loss of my family, all of whom died early, in earthly reckoning, but according to God's plan. From Mary of Agreda's "The Mystical City of God". I never had a sense of awe for God and the things he's done. This book of revelations on the creation and life of our Mother Mary, is giving me the proper sense of awe and is teaching me that I have so very much work to do. The almost academic way in which Her creation and life is explained, is what I need at the present time in my journey. God meets us where we are.

Action: Action is also easy for me. I don't have to look far to find people who need God in their lives. My Brother and my Step Mother are among them and I pray they find a community such as this to welcome them. I plant seeds with them and encourage them in their faith beginnings. Also, working for a large corporation with over 5000 Engineers provides me with a target-rich environment of non-believers.

I have several friends who do not believe as I do and some who are lapsed Catholics and avowed atheists. I pray that God uses me to bring them closer to God. So far, my evangelization is a word here or a story there. As we are taught on our Cursillo weekend, I pray before I say anything to them. I have succeeded in planting a few seeds.

Perhaps the most important evangelization I work is that of teaching my Children about God. I let them see me pray, I talk openly about God and I try to answer their questions. This is important to me because I am painfully aware that my earthly Father died without me knowing what he believed or if he believed. It is my sacred duty to break that cycle and Brenda holds me to it, because I have more tools in my toolbox than my father did. God willing, my children will have even more tools to cope with life.

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Reminders'

**Potluck Supper
May 6 at 5PM**

**Men's Weekend
April 26 – April 29
Please support!**



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