

## DEAR FRIENDS,

Msgr. David Joyce

It's Easter - Jesus is risen! During this wonderful season, our Church stresses the reality of the Resurrection - it really happened. Not just an historical moment, the Resurrection is a love story between God and each of us. He is risen, so he could walk with us every moment of every day of our lives. During this time, we witness the abundance of God's grace shared so generously through the sacraments - baptisms during the Easter Vigil and during the Easter season as well, confirmations, first communions, spring weddings and six ordinations to the priesthood in our Diocese this year. Our Church is truly a sacramental Church - we're privileged to meet God - Father, Son and Spirit - in these sacraments of the Church, and in turn, to share His life with all those we encounter.

It's in this context that we rejoice in the Women's Cursillo (May 25 - 28) and pray that for our candidates and team, this Cursillo will be truly a sacramental moment, moment to meet Christ in a new and unexpected way, a moment to strengthen and deepen the faith that brings them to the weekend.

The sacraments are signs of new life - and so is the Cursillo. May our palanca and prayers this Memorial Day weekend help to bring about a transformation in the lives of all the members of our Cursillo community - new and old - and through us all a transformation in the world in which we live - a true "Christianizing" of our own environments.

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## THE BULLETIN BOARD

Arden Lowe

A monument to the modern American lifestyle, my bulletin board, hangs by my front door, laden with coupons, appointment cards and notices of earth-shattering importance, an array of print media that would impress Andy Warhol. Not long ago, however, the bulletin board had reached its limit, and I could not slip another notice of earth-shattering importance between its crossed ribbons. It was time to clear it out.

I removed paperwork like an archaeologist going through an ancient site, peeling back the layers of time, examining each item, determining what needed to be saved, and what could be discarded. Having placed most of the contents in the circular file, I was feeling pretty pleased with myself. That's when I saw it. At some time in my life, I had placed a small card with the Divine Mercy image on it on the top of my bulletin board. During the ensuing years, as the ribbons were moved, as more and more important things had been added to the bulletin board, the card had slipped and was buried, forgotten and unnoticed. Oops. Sorry, Jesus.

I reflected on what had just happened and realized that this is a habit of mine, my M.O., as detectives would call it. The daily routine of paying bills, doing housework, dealing with ill and aging parents, and ensuring that my son has completed his homework tends to fill my

day. So many times, I come home from work, mentally and physically exhausted, and flop down on the couch in front of the TV, mindlessly playing on my laptop. No prayers, no meditation, no reading of scripture. No activities that would ensure that I keep focus on



CLIP OUT & SAVE!

May	June	July	CALENDAR
18	15	20	DIOCESAN Ultreya - 7:30 p.m. (3rd Fri.) Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Holyoke, MA
10	14	12	Local Ultreya - 7 p.m. St. Stanislaus, Chicopee, MA (2nd Thurs.)
26*	1	6	Monthly Vigil for Cursillo St. John's, Agawam, MA (sign up see below)
Fri, May 25-28			<b>NEW LOCATION</b> Women's Cursillo Weekend - <b>St. John's AGAWAM</b> CLOSING 7PM Monday 28th
Visit our website for applications, latest updates and to register your email address for notices and reminders <b>www.cursillomass.org</b>			

what is truly important in my life. Slowly, my soul - MY bulletin board - fills up. Jesus slips from his place unnoticed and gets buried. Oops. Sorry Jesus.

Fortunately, Jesus allows us to clean up our spiritual bulletin boards as often as we need to. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an opportunity to throw out the trash, and find Jesus again. He waits, without losing patience. He knows how human we are. He just gets so happy when we find Him again.

At this time, my Divine Mercy image has been returned to its place at the top of my bulletin board. Will Jesus slide down again? Probably. Will my soul get cluttered again? Oh yes. But I know I have the chance to throw out the trash. I also know that whenever I do, I will find Jesus waiting for me.

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## APOSTOLIC ACTION IN CURSILLO

Over the past half century, the Springfield Diocese has benefited tremendously from the work of Cursillistas performing various apostolic actions. As an outgrowth of their Cursillo experience, and guided by the Holy Spirit, these Cursillistas have been and continue to be active in their parishes, in soup kitchens, in tutoring, in prison ministries, etc. Recently, some have chosen the School of Leaders as their apostolic action while others have chosen to become deacons or pursue further avenues of religious ministry. The Cursillo community, as a whole, would like to know more about the many ways Cursillistas are following their "call to holiness." The Cursillo Newsletter would be a perfect forum to share those particular apostolic actions. We invite you, then, as Cursillistas to submit to the newsletter an article and a contact name and/or email address that describes what action you are part of in order "to evangelize your environment." Others, it is hoped, might want to join that particular action or support it in some other way.

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**Welcome to our Parish....** We are looking for people to host a Cursillo Mass at their parish. You will need to arrange it with your pastor, set a date and time, fellowship and refreshments afterwards have been offered but not necessary, get your group or a few other Cursillistas to help. If you are interested contact Mike Riley at janemriley@comcast.net or 636-7605 for more details.

Women's Weekend  
May 25-28th  
New Location  
St. John's  
Main St, Agawam



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## WOMEN'S TEAM

Friday, May 25 - Monday, May 28

### St. John's, Agawam

Rectora	Jan DiPietro	Study (Formation)	Cindi Rush
Assistant Rectora	Rose Stella	Action (Evangelization)	Bella Andrukonis
Spiritual Advisors	Sr. Marlene Mucha	Leaders	Kris Kirwan
	Fr. Jack Brennan	Study of the Environment	Sue Cary
	Deacon Wendell Pennell	Christianity in Action	Cathy Robare
Ideal	Marcia Scagliarini	Ninth Member	Diane Farrell
Layperson in the Church	Anne Marie Salvon	Head Cha	Kathy Held
Piety (Holiness)	Sherry Armstrong	Cha	Lori Fallon
		Cha	Tracy Martin

### MEET YOUR RECTORA - Jan DiPietro

Hello! My name is Jan DiPietro and I have the honor of being the Rectora for the upcoming Womens' Weekend this May. I have been married to a wonderful guy, named Phil DiPietro for 38 years. We have one daughter, Lori, who was our "miracle child." She is married to Joe Fallon and they have blessed us with three beautiful grandkids: Mary, who is 9, Joejoe 7 & Tommy 2. As you can imagine they are the "light of our lives." Phil & I have been living in Suffield, CT for the past 6 1/2 years. Prior to that, we lived in Springfield for many years. I made my Cursillo in June of 1980 at St. Brigid's in Amherst. It was a turning point in my life. As I returned home from the weekend I began to "bloom where I was planted" raising my daughter, working in religious education in my parish, being a supportive wife and helping my neighbors in their time of need. Through the years I met wonderful people from the cursillo community, including those who lived in my parish and neighborhood, and that I met at ultreyas. I have been grouping consistently for the past 31+ years and I can't imagine what my life would have been like without Cursillo! I am so grateful to God for the gift of my faith, the method Cursillo has provided me to sustain my faith, the love, sharing and support I have received from Cursillistas for all these years. And now I have the privilege to be a part of a marvelous team of ladies who have inspired & touched me with their wonderful faith journeys. Please pray for us as we prepare for our roles on the weekend, bringing Christ to the candidates! Thank you in advance for your prayers, sacrifices & kind deeds for the success of the Women's Cursillo weekend!

*De Colores*

**PALANCA . . .** for the Women's weekend comes out on Saturday, May 26. It can be delivered to St. John's, Main St, Agawam at the rear of the kitchen located on the left side of the social center before noon if you want your candidate to get your palanca early. IF that is not possible, of course you can deliver it any time during the weekend.



*"Pray without ceasing"*

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:17

## CANDIDATES

For updates/changes go to [www.cursillowmass.org](http://www.cursillowmass.org)

CANDIDATE	CITY	SPONSOR
Susan Armenrano	Ludlow	Jan DiPietro
Kathleen Bates	East Longmeadow	Judy Bates
Marie Burbine-Twohig	Amherst	Leslie Brown
Mary Carey	Easthampton	Virginia Thomas
Ellen Donahue	Chicopee	Jean Raczkowski
Kim Dunn	Springfield	Rose Stella/Sue LaMondia
Janet Dwyer-Hoppock	Holyoke	Arlene Drapeau
Cathy Gorham	Springfield	Carol Tourangeau
Kathy Grudgen	East Longmeadow	Kathy Held
Janet Hope	Ludlow	Joyce Ottomaniello
Colleen Kelly	East Longmeadow	Shauna and Greg Dobek
Jean Heinhold	Springfield	Elizabeth O'Neill
Pat Mack	Westfield	Ann Marie Salvon
Susan Manzi	Longmeadow	Marlene Buendo
Susan McCarthy	Springfield	Joyce Rosati
Lorrie McMahon	East Longmeadow	Bella Andrukonis
Maura Morrissey	Chicopee	Diane Hibbard
Sr. Regina Mulenga	Holyoke	Roma Wilk/Darlene Baptiste
Judy Muszynski	Agawam	Bob and Pat Triggs
Helen Pennell	Chicopee	Wendell Pennell
Alaena Podmore	East Longmeadow	Judy Bates
Mary Saltus Carbonneau	South Hadley	Sherry Armstrong
Elsa Salvador	Ludlow	Joline Lambert
Myya Seago	Springfield	Bob Farrell
Linda Tammi	Wilbraham	MargaretT and Bo Kelliher
Katey Van Dolson	Brimfield	Joyce and Al Rosati
Olga Von Flatern	Wilbraham	Ann Snyder

### Palanca Opportunity

#### ONGOING VIGIL FOR CURSILLO

Held the 1st Friday of EVERY MONTH

Each person is asked to take one hour on the 1st Friday at St. John the Evangelist church, Main St., Agawam. **\*On the month with a Cursillo Weekend, it is held the Saturday of that weekend, so call today for the upcoming Women's Weekend -Vigil will be held Saturday, May 26.** We have a request from the faithful volunteers that have been keeping this going for some new volunteers. This would be a wonderful Action for your group and for yourself, or palanca for a loved one. Call Barb Weissbrod at 532-5474

## NOTE FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

Mike Riley

Greetings Fellow Cursillistas,

As disappointed as all of us were that we were unable to hold a Men's weekend in April, I hope our spirits are filled with excitement in anticipation of the upcoming Women's weekend that will be held from May 25-28 at St John's the Evangelist, Main St., Agawam. You'll see the names of the candidates and sponsors included in this newsletter. My hope is that each one of you will do Palanca for this wonderful team and candidates. As we know, Palanca is not fancy cards, posters, and other things that are received during the weekend; it is the prayers and sacrifices we make to insure that the Holy Spirit touches each of the participants during this very special weekend.

Palanca notes as well as meals, should be dropped off at St. John's at the rear of the kitchen located on the left side of the social center. The closing will be held in the gym of the social center with the breakthrough at 7:00pm sharp followed by the closing. You may gather outside the main front door of the social center until one of the Cha Chas opens the door. Please be quiet when you enter as the Rollo room is very, very close to the gym where the candidates will be.

On further note, we invite all of you to come to Ultreya on the third Friday of each month. Even though you may not have been in a while, you are always welcome. Your presence is very much needed by those of us who do attend regularly, so please consider making the third Friday a regular part of your schedule.

Finally, we have reserved St. John's for the Men's Cursillo over the Columbus Day weekend in October. However, please note that this may be subject to change depending on the team's schedule and the number of candidates. In any event, if you have a candidate in mind, please don't wait until the last minute, and get them an application today!

*DeColores and God bless you all*

### ~ MEMORIALS ~

Joe Murray 4/2012  
Weekend - May 1973  
Team - October 1992

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a spiritual reflection,  
your 4th day, a moment  
closest to Christ,  
poems, etc.

with our community.

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put your thoughts on  
paper and for others

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