



The Fourth Day

Spring 2026

Corpus Christi - The Body of Christ



The Exodus and the Passover in the Jewish tradition are living events that are still celebrated to this day in Jewish homes. During the Passover, the Israelites were instructed to kill an unblemished one-year-old lamb, paint its blood on the doorposts and lintel, cook it, and eat of it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. The blood of the lamb, sacrificed and eaten, would be what caused the angel of death to pass over any houses marked by this sacred blood.

Humanity had turned from God, and so in the fullness of time with the “yes” of the Virgin, He sent His Son, the only begotten, lamb of God without blemish to be sacrificed for us. Arms spread wide on the cross in the marital embrace of love, He gives His life up for us as the priest and victim, the altar and sacrifice. He opens wide for us the gates of heaven and by His stripes we are healed.

Today we still need to be saved, not from a foreign power, or from the kingdom of darkness, because we have been adopted into God’s family by adoption, but from anxiety, fear, loneliness, depression, addiction, lust, control, pride, self-absorption, digital addictions and so much more. Christ still desires to set us free when we sense Him, and even when we do not, for faith will tell us Christ is present when the human sense fail.

Our national pilgrimage up the East Coast - One Nation Under God - and many parishes processed outside for this Corpus Christi. Christ always has an impact in the community. Whether we are drawn to Him or others are repulsed, He desires to lavish us with His love. Let us bring our problems, fears, burdens and concerns to the Lamb of God that He may wash us in His blood and set us free, not from the Egyptians, but from what holds us bound, not to the promised land, but on the road to the new Promised Land, our heavenly paradise.

Father Dan

Renewal Through Cursillo

Springtime is a beautiful time of year. The trees grow new leaves. We have green grass. There’s beautiful flowers. The animals have babies. God has so many ways to show us beauty in this world. It’s a time of renewal and refreshment and in the same way, God sent us Cursillo to give us a time of renewal and refreshment.

When I made my Cursillo 27 years ago, what a difference it made in my life! I learned how to study people, make friends with them and invite them to know God better whether they were interested in Cursillo or not.

Cursillo is definitely a wonderful tool for renewal and a way of getting to know God better and learning how to serve Him better in our lives.

I pray each night for the Cursillo movement and also for the weekends that go on once a year. I loved working the weekends. It’s a wonderful way to refresh what you learned in your weekend. So I pray that this spring God renews and refreshes your life.

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Kay Houston

Weekend #154

Living the Movement: Region 3 Encounter Recap

by Peg Lias,
Region 3 Treasurer

The last weekend in May was Cursillo's Region 3 Encounter. As treasurer of the region, I am now a part of the Region's service team to help prepare the encounter. God blessed us with an amazing weekend.

First off, we had a wonderful group of people gathered from all the regions which included PA, NY, OH, and WV. Most people in attendance were the coordinators of each region but some were leaders looking for more information on the movement and our future plans. Hearing the success and failures makes you aware that we're not alone in this "make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ" journey.

Jerry, from Buffalo, talked about friendship in crises and he quoted a 25-year-old new Cursillista on his thoughts about why Cursillo is so needed for the 21-42 year olds today. He quoted: "What we need is meaning, purpose, authenticity, and real relationship in a world where technology and social media are making people feel more isolated than ever. I think Cursillo really needs to market our sense of genuine community and honest conversations with people who actually care about them. Cursillo provides an encounter with something real and meaningful that cuts through the emptiness and noise of modern culture."

Wow! That was amazing to hear! Barb, from Altoona-Johnstown, talked about the power of prayer. The region 3 coordinator is going to put out a podcast with her stories and a recording of the Rosary we did together. Stay tuned for more!

Mike Albanese, from our region, concluded the talks with the importance for a solid succession plan. Mike shared that leadership forms new apostles and that the Cursillo movement remains alive and successful based on leadership that is always seeing its replacements. Succession plan is not merely an organizational strategy but it's spiritual discernment. PLEASE pray about becoming more involved in the School of Leaders. Come learn about the movement and pray about becoming a member on Secretariat. Then move from prayer to study to action.

Save the Date! Pittsburgh Cursillo Annual Picnic

Sunday September 13, 2026
John A. Antoline Memorial Park
2500 Marshall Rd
Monaca, PA 15061

More details to follow

Upcoming Events

Fraternity of Priests Healing Mass
June 10th at 7 pm - St. Richard Church, Gibsonia

Festival of Praise
June 12th - St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
Food Trucks - FREE food! 5 pm
Praise and Adoration 7 pm

Leaders School
June 17th at 7 pm - Martina Center
Studying Cursillo Leaders Manual chapters 11-15

Festival of Praise
June 26th - Ark and the Dove
5 pm Food Trucks - FREE food! 5pm
Praise and Adoration 7 pm

Diocese of Pittsburgh Priesthood Ordination
June 27th at 10 am at St. Paul Cathedral
Livestream Available: <https://diopitt.org/priestly-ordination-2026>

National Cursillo Encounter
July 23-26
Wheaton University
Wheaton, IL

Men's Weekend March 4-7th, 2027
Women's Weekend March 11-14th, 2027

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The meeting location varies.
2nd Tuesday of the month.

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1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00PM

CITY NORTH

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Meet at Martina Spirituality Center
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Route 19 - Ross Township
3rd Monday 7:00PM

SOUTH CENTRAL

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Meet at St. Michael Church,
Meeting Room
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2nd & 4th Thursday at 7:30PM

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SOUTH HILLS

Kay Houston
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Meet at St. Thomas More
Parish (Rooney Room)
(across from South Hills Village)
2nd Monday at 7:30PM

SOUTHWEST BUTLER

Terry Schur
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Meeting at St. Ferdinand
Parish
(Upper Room of Parish Center)
Cranberry Township
2nd Monday at 7:00PM
One Week later if Holy Day

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(Biedenbach Hall — under
church), Monroeville
3rd Thursday at 1:00PM
Does not meet in July or August

WASHINGTON COUNTY

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Meeting at St. Patrick
Parish Center
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2nd Tuesday at 7:00PM

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Location currently varies.
Third Friday of each month.
Always call for details.