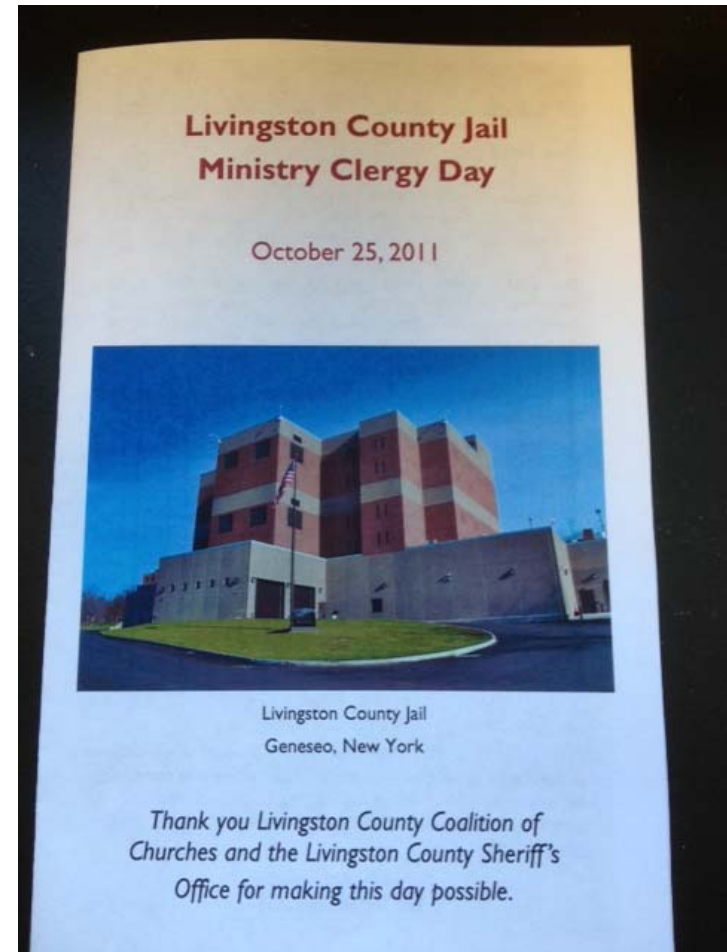


LIVINGSTON COUNTY JAIL Ministry Clergy Day

- What a wonderful day spent at St. Mary's Church, Geneseo! Our Diocese has twelve county jails and this is the first I have heard of such a day presented. I was awed by the attention given our chaplains and volunteer ministers that reach out to those incarcerated in the Livingston County Jail. I believe they make every effort to help inmates move towards a better future – for themselves and the community. **Deborah Housel, Diocese of Rochester Chaplain Liaison.**



Welcome by Rev. Paul Metzger, Chaplain

Dear Friends in Jail Ministry,
We appreciate your concern for those in jail. We are workers together with God who help others draw nearer to God. We are all changed by the power of His grace and love.

Please let us know if you desire to help our inmates. Some ministries to consider: prayer, church services, visitation, devotional literature, post-release follow-up and transportation for inmates service programs.

We are here to serve. Thank you for joining us in reaching out to our incarcerated brothers and sisters.
**Reverend Paul Metzger, Jail Chaplain,
(243-3361)**



Chaplain Rev Paul Metzger

INTRODUCTION NOTES

- We have just about every agency you can think of here today and we also have many tables with community resources to network with such as Clean and Free Ministry, Catholic Charities and Penny Gardner from Diocesan Hispanic Migrant Ministry.
- We have several justices – and justice candidates.
- We have Eric from the DA's office
- We have all parties and types of people today
- Judge Wiggins is our main speaker from our county
- And it is the first time in our Jail Ministry that we have had a seated judge with us to speak and it is a special honor
- We have over 90 people here today
- We have Sheriff York and Major Rose
- 13 of our 14 jail ministry committee members are here. We have 14 jail ministry committee members and Major Rose has invited all of them right into his office for our Jail Ministry Meetings.
- Also our key workers are here back at that table to serve you. Paula McClure, LC Jail Education & Transition and Lori McEvoy, L C Council of Churches program coordinator helped plan this day for us.

Welcome by Major James Rose

- On behalf of the entire Livingston County Jail staff, please accept my sincere thanks for your attendance and interest in our Clergy Day activities. We always encourage both ordained and lay representatives of faith communities to visit inmates at our facility.

*James H. Rose, Major, Jail
Superintendent*



Major James Rose Jail Superintendent

INTRODUCTION NOTES

- A lot has changed since last year, we are a full service facility and this only happens because of many people in this room.
- It works this way because of Sheriff York
- An honest man, caring man, a lawman known nationally for his knowledge



Welcome by Sheriff John M York

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all members of the spiritual community to the Livingston County Jail. We have implemented many steps to enhance the stay of all inmates. Our educational, health, mental health and spiritual programs continue to expand, all in the effort to reduce recidivism rate. I sincerely hope your visit with us today is enlightening, educational and enjoyable.
John M. York, Sheriff



Comments by Sheriff York

- I am a little late, my daughter-in-law's father had a stroke this morning – please keep Mike Halbert in your prayers. *(let all who read this continue to pray for Mike).*
- Let me begin by offering you a heartfelt thank you for your commitment and compassion, for your joint effort and support to providing so many services to the men and women at the Livingston County Jail.
- Your support not only helps us, it helps the community, the inmates and their families. It helps them change a life style that has often become a way of life. It offers a chance and opportunity to get on a path of success. It offers opportunities to families to change, to change for the better.
- The safeguard of the community is important and it is important to help those inmates who want to change and to better theirs' and the community's lives.
- On Monday Oct 3rd, of this year we have returned female inmates to the Livingston County Jail that have been, for 21 years housed out of our county. When they were brought back to the Livingston County Jail I heard many say "thank you, thank you, thank you for treating us like people, for treating us like you would want yourself and your family members to be treated. This included little things like decent meals, pillows for the beds and opportunities for them to change and make a difference in their future.
- We continue to be one of the few credited jails in New York State and only fully credited Sheriff's Office in the State.
- We provide the best in staff, education, health care, Christian, mental health counseling and the chance and opportunity to change lives and make a difference in our entire community.
- It is not without the efforts of all, including the people in this room that make a huge difference in the lives of the people in our facility. We often say we can house inmates but can we change their lives and the lives of the people in our community, I think with the people that sit in this room, this speaks for itself.
- It is easy for me to stand here as your elected sheriff and take credit for the many successes that have taken place in our agency. I assure you that I am one small part of 182 people that oversee that agency that makes such a huge difference in the lives of the people in our community.
- I am so proud to be the sheriff of this agency and proud of the staff that provide the services to this community. On behalf of me and the entire staff of the Livingston County Jail, we take great pride in saying thank you and each of your organizations, that help change the lives of each person incarcerated in the Livingston County Jail.
- If you would like a tour of the facility, you are certainly welcome. Major Rose can make those arrangements at anytime and if you would like to talk about the agency I would be happy to assist you.

Judge Robert Wiggins, Keynote

The Criminal Justice System and Process

- Judge Wiggins discussed and educated the group on “The Process and Procedures,” from arrest to trial. He was very helpful for those who are in contact with the community at Livingston County Jail.
- Judge began with telling the people he was honored to be here with them. He then told a wonderful true story that just recently happened about a farmer in the Mid West.
- A farmer that had a terrific hay year. A huge crop of hay. He read about an Indian Reservation to the North West that was having terrible problems because of weather there. They were having a drought and there was no hay crop there. Due to the drought the cattle and horses were dying. They were stuck. That farmer spent all of August trucking hay at his own expense, to that reservation to help those people. To help them keep their horses and cattle going. And he didn’t get a thing for it.
- I am in the presence of people who do that kind of thing. You help others and you don’t get big salaries and big retirements such as I – and I am honored to be here and thank you for giving me this opportunity.





SPEEDERS and the Law



SHOPLIFTERS and the Law



FELONS and the Law



Judge Wiggins discusses the Law

Livingston County Panel

Moderator Major Rose

- Each panel member told what their work was and how they intersect with each department by using a team approach.
- Their common goal is to assist the inmates in their path forward.
- This panel offered us a reflection on how complex the inmate's life can be without these services.

Judge Robert Wiggins, County Courts
Melody Carlin, Social Services Support Inv.
Tracy Thompson, DDS Principal Social Welfare
Andrew Timm, DSS Housing Programs Coordinator
Lynne Mignemi, Probation Department
Maggi Masci, Mental Health
Jodi Calkins, Council on Alcohol & Substance Abuse
Lynn Kennison, Education & Transition
Reverend Paul Metzger, Chaplain



Melody Carlin



Lynne Mignemi



Melody Carlin and Andrew Timm



Maggi Masci



Jodi Calkins CASA



Lynn Kennison

Questions and Answers

Immigration Issues

- There is a statewide program that is going into effect, as we speak.
- Each county will have one or two attorneys that will be given advanced training to learn about immigration law.
- There are collateral consequences in a criminal court as to how it will affect immigration status.
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement is in flux with the laws.
- In the very near future we may be holding ICE detainees here at Livingston County Jail.
- Many counties are contracting with Immigration to hold detainees
- Major Rose said “Remember, they are not technically inmates, they are detainees and there are different rules that apply to those folks. And to be honest with you, those rules are very fluid and they change quickly and so we are looking into being one of their contracts. These folks would be here for 2-3 days, not as prisoners or inmates - but as detainees. A whole different set of rules apply and you have to be very cognizant of that.”

Questions and Answers

A question for Major Rose

- “An amazing amount of intervention services are at the Livingston County Jail. What demand does that put upon man hours for your correction officers, as far as supervision for these services?”

Response by Major Rose

- “To be quite honest with you, sir, it is part of our work!”
- We maintain liaison with many agencies, many times the only demand is a phone call, that’s what we do.
- And I have said it time and time again, that building is very easy be made as a warehouse, and we could do it very well but that’s not why they call it CORRECTIONS, to warehouse human beings.
- In the penitentiary system they have many wonderful programs and a bigger budget. They have a wider spectrum because they deal with totally sentenced inmates.
- We have pre-sentenced, and sentenced inmates.
- To provide services, usually just a phone call, that’s part of our work and part of our job description – to make these things happen.

Response by Lynn Kennison

- “As a service provider, I have heard accounts from providers in other jails who have to wait unreasonable amounts of time before they see or hear from their students.
- These inmates have concerns and it is often complicated. It is our responsibility to build a team to get some answers for them.”

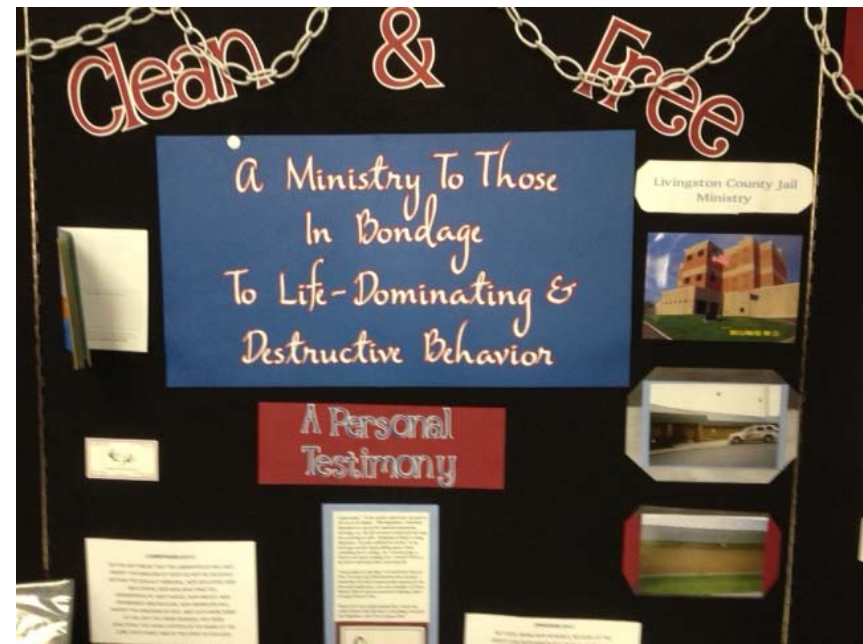
Response by Major Rose

- “All of us work together because we all have distinctive responsibilities. The biggest responsibility is to the folks we serve. Some of them unfortunately live in the facility.

Response by Maggi Masci, Forensic Mental Health Therapist

- “People that are incarcerated - that are there, some to a great degree to their own devices have so many impinging things that have influenced their lives prior to their entering those doors.
- So the goal is not to just look at them as people that have potentially committed crimes but also people who could possibly resolve those issues and improve their future when they return to their families and the outside community.
- They make it a priority by providing space, materials, support, and what is needed to help make a better future.”

There were many community resources available! Shown below are the Catholic Charities and Clean & Free Ministry Tables!



Many denominations and counties
were in attendance!





Some of Our Catholic Attendees
Brigit Hurley, Bruce Godsave, Mike Sauter
Deb Housel, Penny Gardner and Katie Dukarm

Everyone in attendance offers Paula McClure, LC Jail Education & Transition and Lori McEvoy, L C Council of Churches program coordinator, a thank you for helping plan this day for us.



CLOSING REMARKS

By Major Rose

- That building over there cost \$28 million. It costs 2 ½ million to staff it. And that is about 40% of the Sheriff's Department's budget, so it's got to be used wisely and prudently. And you have every right to expect that it is used wisely and prudently and I think we try to do the best we can with what we have.
- One thing the Sheriff mentioned is that we encourage you to stop by so we can take you through the place and show you where your money goes.
- Generally if you pick up a newspaper and see anything about a jail – it is usually bad – but there is lots and lots of good things going on in that building that nobody gets to see or hear about and that is unfortunate. So please, stop by, we would love to have you!





THANK YOU