

Buffalo Cursillo

March Newsletter

“Find the Gold. Whatever has happened to you in the past and whatever is happening in your life now, look for the hidden BLESSINGS, the lesson to be learned or the character trait to be forged! Trust that, since God has allowed these experiences, somewhere there is Gold for you.”

IN MY THOUGHTS.....IN MY
WORDS.....IN MY HEART

Three ideas/words I try to live by. In everything I do or say I think of the old saying “What would Jesus do?” What words to use to convey my thoughts to others? And finally, make sure all my thoughts and words come from my heart. (Except when I am driving I ‘m pretty good) lol

I recently read a story of a man who lost everything, his wife died from an accident, his business partner stole his business and his house and cars were foreclosed on. The story is fiction in a series of 5 books called “The Walk Series”, by Richard Paul Evans. (To my friendship group- YES I Read 4 books in a matter of 4 weeks, a miracle in its self). After losing everything, this man set out to “walk” from Spokane, Washington to the farthest point which happens to be Key West. Along his journey he met many people who were in some kind of trouble, either mentally, physically or both. His initial idea was to walk and find out just what is there in life for him. While on this journey he helped many with their problems and some he could not help, not that he didn’t try. Along his journey there

were many that helped him when he needed and some relationships that were repaired. He eventually made it to Key West where he found himself a new love and a new life. What interested me were the people he met along the way and how they affected him. It made me think of all those people that I have met on my journey and how they have affected my life. My wife tells me all the time that people are placed in our paths for a reason and we are also placed in the paths of some. They have each added something even if it was negative. I have tried to use these in my journey to evangelize my square meter. Sometimes I have had success and sometimes not. The key I believe is to have “FAITH” in the tools we were given on our weekends. We will never know unless we live our lives the way Jesus wants us to. To just lay back and say it’s just too difficult is not the answer or to say we are just too tired, let someone else do it, also is not the answer. Did Jesus give up” Did His apostles give up?

Weekends are upon us. Are we being the best disciples that we can be, OR SHOULD WE JUST GIVE UP?

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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ!!!!!!

The Spring Weekends are coming upon us fast. Have you been doing your part as Action to bring someone a little closer to Christ?

At our last Section Meeting we have brought aboard a couple of new volunteers to help on the Weekend. First I would like to welcome Mary Kay Schwab. She is from our satellite Ultreya, Full of Grace in the Elma area. She will be the new Kitchen Coordinator. If you are interested in working the kitchen or bringing in a meal for our Candidates and Team you can contact Mary Kay at 783-2894. WELCOME MARY KAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Next, please welcome Mike Szematowicz to our Team. Mike has been doing our Cursillo Pictures on the Weekends. If you want to look really COOL, you may want to get in touch with Mike. Mike will be handling the sale of Cursillo Shirts and Name Tags. Mike is from The Southdown's

Ultreya and can be reached at 812-0633.
WELCOME MIKE!!

I would like to especially welcome my new Secretary, Julie Cappello to our Team. Julie belongs to St. Vincent's Parish which in turn will help us with any scheduling that needs to be done. She will be taking over for Lisa Gauthier. Lisa how can I ever thank you enough for all that you have helped us with!!!!!!!!!!

We still have a couple of more jobs that we need to have filled. We will be looking for a new Men's Team Selector. Chuck DiMaria will be stepping down after 15 years of service. Thank You so MUCH Chuck and may God bless you and your family!!!!!!

A Palanca Team Selector, Building Coordinator is still in GREAT NEED for our Section Team. Think it over, pray on it and ask God what you can do to bring people closer to Christ.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of another beautiful time of the year for Catholics. May this Advent Season be your best ever?

My Brothers and Sisters, PEACE to you and your families!!!

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Post Cursillo

Lent, a powerful time of prayer & fasting. Very timely, with spring weekends in April & May. A holy season to offer Palanca for Cursillo 216 & 217!

The March 10th Reunion @ 7:30 will be held at St. Martin's on Abbott Rd, South Buffalo. Great opportunity for Palanca & to bring a friend to "Come & See", what

Cursillo is all about!

Blessed Lent!

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March Reunion Mass

The next Reunion Mass is Friday March 10th at St. Martin of Tours [1140 Abbott Rd, Buffalo, NY 14220](#) at 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Southtowns Ultreya with a social to follow.

Ultreya Schedule for March

Bethany (1st & 3rd Thursday)

Thursday March 2 & 16 @ 7:00pm
St. Martha's March Parish

New Bethany Satellite (3rd Tuesday)

Tuesday March 21 @ 7:00 pm
Paul & Diane Gianadda
5060 Elmcroft Ct., Clarence

Full of Grace (Last Tuesday)

Tuesday March 31 @ 7:00 pm
Annunciation Church, Selbert Hall
Clinton Street, Elma

Pueblo de Paz (2nd Wednesday)

Wednesday March 8 after 7:00pm Mass
St. Mary's Church
6785 East Arcade Rd., East Arcade

Pueblo de Paz (Last Sunday)

Sunday March 26 @ 7:00pm
St. Mary's Church
23 Church St., Silver Springs

Rainbow Vineyard (1st & 3rd Thursday)

Thursday March 2 & 16 @ 7:30 pm
Our Lady Czestochowa Church,
64 Center Ave, North Tonawanda

The Spirit of the City (1st & 3rd Thursday)

Thursday March 2 & 16 @ 6:00 pm
The St. Jude Center in Downtown,
760 Ellicott Street, Buffalo. For information
please call Eva Tamoga @ 689-8431

Southtowns (1st & 3rd Thursday)

Thursday March 2 @ 7:30pm
Mike and Dawn Quinn's
532 South Shore Blvd. Lackawanna
824-8347 Witness; Mike Quinn

Thursday March 16 @ 7:30
Bob and Linda Piskun's
38 Bernadette West Seneca 998-2503
Mary Ann DiMaria

Sick List: Please keep the following people in your prayers and palanca: Frank Gullo, Tony Shilen, Mary Lou Mercurio and her nephew Ray.

Notable News

Region III Meeting May 12 & 13 at St. Ann's Retreat Center, Ebensburg, PA

Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts can be ordered by mailing a check with name, weekend # and color preference for

nametags: Contact Dennis Conklin for shirts.

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