



Buffalo Cursillo

January 2020 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Reunion Mass	January 10, 2020 7:30 pm Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 4375 Harris Hill Rd. Clarence, NY 14221 Hosted by Come to the Well
2 nd Touch	January 31 – February 2, 2019 Stella Niagara Center of Renewal, Lewiston NY. Call Carol Palesh 716-694-0942 Email: mailto:grannypalesh@verizon.net
School of Leaders	February 8 th , 2020 from 10:00am to 2:00pm, St. Jude the Apostle, North Tonawanda
Spring weekends	Men's #227 April 23 – 26, 2020 Women's #228 May 14 – 17, 2020

Lay Director's Report:

I hope you all had a joyful and Holy Christmas and I pray you will have a blessed year in 2020.

I look forward to seeing you at the Reunion Mass next Friday 1/10/20 at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

I encourage everyone to attend the Second Touch weekend starting on 1/31/20.

Now is the time to talk to friends, relatives, and coworkers about the Spring Weekends. Pray to the Holy Spirit about the people you are considering or just ask for guidance on who you should ask. It usually takes several discussions and invitations before a candidate decides to attend. Share your experiences lovingly and honestly. Ultimately it is God who

inspires a person to attend and He uses us, His servants, to do the leg work. If you have any questions, comments or concerns call me, Diane Putt or Marge Fetterman.

Let us all remember with joy in our hearts and fond memories two lovely Cursillistas who entered their 5th day; Mary Lynn Heidle #91 and Toni Sessamen #205.

- Mary Lynn's [Obituary](#)
- Toni's Mass: Tuesday January 7, 9:30 am Immaculate Conception 520 Oakwood Ave. East Aurora 14052.

Divine Mercy Chaplets are greatly appreciated for them. Also include their families in prayer.

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Spiritual Director's Reflection:

Hope you are enjoying the Christmas season!

As we begin this new year, I'd like to offer a few ways to help us kick up our spiritual lives to a new and different level in 2020:

1. **Stop reading the Bible** – Start *studying* it! Join a Bible study to help point out the richness that God gave us! We miss far too much if we just read it.
2. **Get to know some Saints.** Try a book like *Modern Saints* by Ann Ball. We can learn so much about their own journeys to God and what helped them to submit more and more of their lives over to Him. (Try getting to know one saint per month. By the end of the year we would have 12 new BFFs in heaven!)
3. Add a new dimension of **silent prayer** to your daily prayer habits. Let go of words and just “be” with God.
4. **Cling to the Sacraments** by upping your confession routine, add one extra Mass and Eucharist each week if possible. If your schedule doesn't allow for these, I'm confident that even making an attempt to make the sign of the Cross when passing a church will increase our awareness of His presence in the tabernacle and in our lives will please Him.
5. **Plan to go on a retreat this year.**

6. **Spend more time with our Blessed Mother** – she will always bring us closer to Jesus. Adding an extra rosary every week is a good start but there are other ways bring more of Mary into our lives.

I highly recommend:

- *Hail, Holy Queen: The Mother of God in the Word of God* by Dr. Scott Hahn or,
 - *The Reed of God* by Caryll Houselander.
7. And, of course, we can join the diocese in **making our consecration to Mary** by participating in Fr. Michael Gaitley's 33 Days to Morning Glory. (You can find a copy at your parish)

Any one of these will help deepen our spirituality and bring us closer to our God who gives us life!

A Blessed 2020 to all!

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Pre Cursillo Report:

We hope that the Christmas Season is a Merry one and that your New Year is full of God's peace, love and joy.

Marge and I will be reviewing the applications after the first of the year to get a sense of how we are shaping up for the spring weekends.

We are still looking to expand our committee and will be reaching out to individuals to join. Some gifts one might need for this ministry is the ability to connect and care for others. Being computer literate would also be helpful. If you possess these gifts or are looking for another way to serve the Lord in the New Year, please give us a call.

If you have been talking to anyone about attending a weekend, it is not too early to invite them now. Actually, sooner than later is better. You can find the application online or we can mail you an application.

God bless,

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Cursillo Section

Joan and I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Cursillo Section is pretty quiet at this time of the year. We are looking for a co coordinator for the Kitchen and a replacement for Cathy Agugliaro as supply coordinator. We hope you are praying about and sending in applications for the next set of weekends in the spring. God Bless you all.

Remember Make a Friend Be a Friend and Bring that Friend to Christ.
Ultreya

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Post Cursillo:

ULTREYA SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

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SECOND TOUCH 2020

The annual Second Touch weekend (more than a retreat) is for all Cursillistas. Date is January 31 to February 2, 2020 at Stella Niagara Center of Renewal, Lewiston NY.

This weekend is a very special time for all of us, a time for prayer and community building, for sharing, making new friends and reconnecting with old friends. These weekends help us to continue our understanding of Cursillo.

This year we are continuing the "LIVING THE CHARISM SERIES" with "Cursillo a living Christian experience with others. The beginning - Thursday Night."

The weekend starts on Friday night January 31 at 7 PM and finishes on Sunday afternoon February 2nd about 1PM. To come for the whole weekend and stay at the center overnight the cost is \$160. To commute is \$85. To stay all day Saturday \$55. For Dinner and Ultreya on Saturday \$25.

To Sign up or for more information call Carol Palesh 716-694-0942 or Email: mailto:grannypalesh@verizon.net

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School of Leaders:

We still have a lot of ground to cover in our study of the new “Step-by-Step” rector’s guide. Before we can even consider the how, when, and what of implementation, we need to have a thorough knowledge of what has changed and why it has changed. Only by studying the document together can we make informed decisions.

The next workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 8th, 2020 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Location will be St. Jude the Apostle, 800 Niagara Falls Blvd. North Tonawanda in their parish center. Lunch will be served. If there are any dietary restrictions, please let us know in advance.

come and bring a friend.

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Secretary:

May the gift of peace be with you.

Mary Bitka

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Prayer Request:

Please keep the following people in your prayers and Palanca along with all Cursillistas who are ill or suffering:

Notify Casillo of any names to add or remove from the prayer list.

Deacon Norm Foster

Marie Gannon

Loretta Sterling

Betty Reiter

Romaine Lillis

Dan Siembida

Jonathan Scallon

Karen Stack Koneski

Mike Ryan

Timothy McCann

Mike McCarthy

Alice's daughter-in-law, Laura

Bill Gross

JoanRoberts

Mary Flanagan

Joe Insana

Dell Leaderstorf

Bill Heidle

Corinne Giermek

Larry Lomanto

Dcn Joe Barr

Jim Youngers

Sean Vona

Tim Heidle

Nan

Owen Mangan

Sister Antonita

Gary Hall

Dennis Hodur

Michael Volk

Michael Ryan

Kathy O'Keefe

Denise Bressette

Lynn Johnson

Diane Coughlin

Deacon Dan McGuire

Bishop Malone

Gary Banas

Father Jim Walter

John Agugliaro

Marcia Moretti

Amelia and Kent

Cheryl Besant

Quinn children

newborn Marylynn Joanne

Mary Mercurio

Paul & Terry Barone

Father Sam Venne

Elaine Stack

Bobby Lovenetti

Mary Lynn Heidle & doctors

Marie Sorrentino

Frank Gallagher

Pat Abraham

Vinnie Barone

Linda Orszulak

Eva Tamoga
Ellie Wieleba
Lou and Liz Pauley
Lorrie Dickerson
baby Finleigh
Doug Shroul
Dan Graesser
Leo Reiter
Jeannette Shields daughter in law

Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts

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List shirt size, color preference, weekend
#. Mike will provide price and address
where to send the check.