



November 2020 Newsletter

Check out our website at <https://www.buffalocursillo.com/> You will find dates and information on Ultreya, Weekends, Reunion mass schedule, Newsletters, Applications, and much more.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Virtual Ultreya for those who cannot get out and those who have moved out of town.
Thursday October 13 & 27 Email Lynn for the meeting ID;
Lomantolynn@gmail.com

Reunion Mass Friday November 13, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
4375 Harris Hill Rd. Williamsville, New York 14221
Hosted by Come to the Well,
Presider: Father Ronald Sajdak,
Witness by Chuck Stephan
Doctrinal by Deacon Tom Friedman

Spring weekends Men's #227 April 22 – 25, 2021
Women's #228 May 20 – 23, 2021
Support Mass; to be determined
Welcome to 4th day June 5, 2021

Lay Director's Report:

Reunion Mass Friday November 13

See above. This is a special reunion mass dedicated to all the Buffalo Cursillistas who have entered their 5th day. As of now the state mandate for house of worship is 50% capacity. So, we are good to go. If that should change, and we are forced to cancel I will send out a notice ASAP. I hope to see all of you there to honor our departed brothers and sisters.

Website - Catholic Links

A new page has been added to the website giving links to common Catholic pages such as the Buffalo Diocese, Vatican,

Catholic Answers, and more. It is listed under "RESOURCES". Check it out;
[Resources/Catholic Links](#)

Prayers for Our Country

On 11/7/20 the media announced that Biden and Harris won the election. While the faces will change in our government the moral issues remain the same; Right to life, Sanctity of marriage and family, Religious liberty, care for the poor, elderly, immigrants and so on.

Our mission as Cursillistas remains the same; "to bring souls to Christ". We do this through friendship and love. Please continue to pray for the people of our

country and our government officials. They as we are in the mists of the spiritual war that rages between the devil and God. Ask Our Heavenly Father to enlighten them to discern right from wrong and guide them to do Your Holy will.

May God Bless America, forgive us our sins and grant us peace.

Holy souls in Purgatory Novena

November is the month we especially remember all who have entered their 5th day. We pray in support of their salvation. That they are in the presences of God in heaven. If they are on their way but have not yet arrived our prayers help them to get there. Our prayers bring them comfort and hasten their journey to God.

Please consider praying for a few minutes for 9 consecutive days EWTN's novena for the holy souls in purgatory. It can be found at BuffaloCursillo.com under the top Tab "**Prayers & Novenas**". Or click on [Holy Souls Novena](#)

Please also attend this Friday's Reunion mass that will be offered for all Buffalo Cursillistas who have entered their 5th day.

Buffalo's Virtual Ultreya

Most Ultreya's have gone back to meeting in person again in venues where social distancing can be practiced.

Bethany Ultreya is still having Video conferencing. We invite all Cursillistas from the Buffalo Diocese to join in, especially those who have moved out of town or are currently not active in another Ultreya.

The next virtual Ultreya is on Thursday November 19, at 7:00 pm. Email Lynn for the meeting ID; lomantolynn@gmail.com

Cursillo National

NACG holds a virtual Ultreya every Wednesday evening at 9:00 pm. All Cursillistas are invited to attend.

[Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)

Meeting ID 87948813169

Jerry Casillo

Lay Director Buffalo Diocese

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Spiritual Director's Reflection:

My brothers and sisters in Chris, As I started last month, I want to keep exploring the meditations we deliver during the weekend. I believe that they are deep, and it is good for us to re-engage in them to apply them to our particular moment in our lives. Also, I think that we can bring the Cursillo community as a whole to our meditation and not just our individuality.

The second meditation we find in the weekend is the one of the prodigal son. This is one of those passages that we have heard hundreds if not thousands of times, and sometimes it may feel as if we have exhausted the topic. However, when reading scripture under the Holy Spirit's guidance, we will always hear the Lord speaking to our hearts.

We could ask ourselves if we know who the Father is. Did we know the Father growing up? Did we go astray? Are we always trying to find our way back to the Father?

As humans, we are self-centered. We tend to seek what we believe is best, what feels good, what makes me "happy." These are the things that drove the son away. How often do I fall into the same actions? Do I have to hit rock bottom to make the decision to return to the Father?

Am I afraid to return? Is it hard for me to recognize when I am wrong? When I need to change? Am I able to see the Father's mercy?

Let us meditate on these things, let God's grace fill us, sanctify us, and lead us back to Him.

And always remember....
...Christ is counting on you!

And now let us pray for the beatification of our founder:

O God, dispenser of all graces and charisms. You granted your servant EDUARDO BONNIN AGUILO the grace of dedicating his whole life, with humility and generosity, to the work of the CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY MOVEMENT, as he traveled the five continents proclaiming that God in Christ loves us.

Grant us through his intercession the favor that we now implore Thee. (name the favor being requested) Also grant us the grace, of his beatification for your greater glory and the good of your Church, that shines throughout the lives of its saints.

We beg this of You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
Our Father...

Deacon Alex Manunta
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Pre Cursillo Report:

Marge, Lynn, Audrey and myself met and have developed a plan on how we can review with all of the community what authentic friendship looks like. We are also looking at ways to help the sponsor to deepen their friendship with their candidate. At this point in time we hope

to be able to attend the various Ultreyas after the first of the year (2021).

We will be looking at ways to engage and encourage the candidates to get involved prior to living their weekend. It will be easier to do if YOU are already involved. As we think of ways to do this, YOU, might want to ask yourself - am I involved in the movement? Do I make use of Ultreya, Reunion Mass or am I in a Permanent group? Maybe it is difficult to attend some of these events because of location or ability to drive, etc. No matter where we are in life, we can "do Palanca" for the future candidates, Teams and/or weekends in other parts of the country.

Why do I want to sponsor this candidate? What do you hope the candidate will gain from attending the weekend?

To take a quote from "Syms" - an educated consumer is our best customer! When our candidate has had a chance to meet the community prior to the weekend we hope they will be involved afterwards (if it is God's will).

And while I will sound like a broken record, we can take applications NOW in anticipation of the Spring or Fall dates. It is never too early.

God bless
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Cursillo Section

Well, the Cursillo Section really hasn't got much going on. Once we have an idea that we will be having our scheduled Spring Weekends, we will have a get-together.

As the pandemic continues, we are missing seeing our smiles and being able to hug each other, but we do need to focus on the positive blessings that we do have. We have the power to pray and do palanca for one another.

We all want this time to be over, but we need to have trust that God will bring us through this stronger than ever. So with that being said, the Section is sending out wishes to all of our brothers and sisters to have a Blessed Thanksgiving, focus on what we have.

God Bless and DeColores

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Post Cursillo:

Upcoming Events page

Click on [Upcoming events](#)

Ultreya Information

Click on [Ultreya](#)

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School of Leaders:

Due to the pandemic, no new school of leader's programs have been scheduled at this time.

It has been my honor to serve as facilitator of the school of leaders for nearly 4 years. My term, however, ends in March of 2021. We are now looking for a

replacement. If you or anyone you know would be interested in the position, don't hesitate to make yourself known.

Bill Gross

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Secretary:

May the gift of God's 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.

Karen Trimper
Carol Cronin
Deacon Mike Quinn
Paul DeWalt
Kevin Urbanski
Diane Reese
Fr. Joe Badding
Joe Macchia
Paul Kieffer
Dennis Hodur
Chelsea Ellis
Marie Lelek
Frank & Martha Barry
Owen & Aidan
Laura, Betty and Angelo Ciavarella
Chuck Stephan
Marie and Jim Sorrentino
Deacon Norm Foster
Marie Gannon
Loretta Sterling
Betty & Leo Reiter
Dan Siembida
Mike Ryan
Timothy McCann
Mike McCarthy

Alice's daughter-in-law, Laura
JoanRoberts
Mary Flanagan
Joe Insana
Bob Yegar
Bill Heidle
Corinne Giermek
Larry Lomanto
Dcn Joe Barr
Jim Youngers
Cathy Agugliaro
Shaun Vona
Tim Heidle
Owen Mangan
Sister Antonita
Kathy O'Keefe
Denise Bressette
Lynn Johnson
Diane Coughlin
Deacon Dan McGuire
Gary Banas
John Agugliaro
Marcia Moretti
Mary Jo Kapsiak
Mical's Aunt Maryann
Cheryl Besant
Quinn children
newborn Marylynn Joanne
Mary Mercurio
Paul & Terry Barone
Father Sam Venne
Elaine Stack
Bobby Lovenetti
Frank Gallagher
Vinnie Barone
Linda Orszulak
Eva Tamoga
Ellie Wieleba
Lou Pauley
Lorrie Dickerson
Doug Shrout
Dan Graesser

[Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts](#)

Contact Mike Szematowicz;
Call/Text: 812 0633
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View details at: [Cursillo Wearables and Name Badges](#)

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