



**Buffalo Cursillo**

July 2018 Newsletter

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

### Lay Director's Report:

On June 19 Deacon Greg and I met with the Bishop's Presbyteral council for the diocese of Buffalo.

The purpose was to ask the priests of the diocese to support Cursillo in the parishes and help grow our ministry.

I explained what Cursillo is all about; the weekend, Ultreya, permanent group, reunion masses, School of leaders. Deacon Greg stressed the importance of Cursillo in our church and the unique treasure that Cursillo continues after the weekend is over right through our 5<sup>th</sup> day. We had a lively discussion with many questions and positive comments. Father Mark Noonan gave a heartfelt endorsement as he told of his Cursillo weekend experience.

As a follow-up, every Cursillista should mention Cursillo to your parish priests and ask how we can reach out to people in our own parish who are seeking a closer relationship with Jesus. Call or email me if you would like to discuss further.

Our next **reunion mass** is on **Friday July 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm**  
**St. Michael church 171 north Main St.**  
**Warsaw.**

Your participation is a way to show your continued commitment to the Cursillo movement and a great evangelization tool. Invite all those who you are praying for to make a Cursillo weekend. I know it's a long

distance for many but please make the effort. Consider carpooling. Call around and ask your permanent group and Ultreya members to join you.

I am happy and sad to tell you that my mother Rosebud entered her 5<sup>th</sup> day peacefully last night. She is the sister of Joe Maggio a former Lay Director. Mom was a loving and joyful Catholic Cursillista through and through. Everyone who knew her loved her. May she rest in peace with Our Lord.

Peace,  
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Lay Director Buffalo Diocese  
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### Spiritual Director's Reflection:

#### FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is close to the center of everything Catholic/Christian. It appears in the heart of the Lord's Prayer, which is in the middle of the Sermon of the Mount – which is the centerpiece of how we understand Jesus and His astonishing critical wisdom. "Forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us" (MT 6:12).

Those words seep deeply into our souls even in this relativistic culture when both the word and concept of sin have become quite out of style. As Catholics, we always ask God for forgiveness, believing that we are sinners in desperate need of His grace.

Like the centuries of saints who have gone before us, so many of us pray a prayer so simple, yet profound, that it has become known as the “Jesus Prayer”.  
“Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” God have mercy.  
Forgiveness, mercy and grace – these are what make Christianity Christian!

I became very interested in the human psychological makeup around 1980. I remember being so confused after reading how common it was then for analysts and therapists to totally dismiss the need for and even the possibility of forgiveness. They argued that it simply minimized the pain experienced by past wrongs-if it even could be achieved. Many psychologists ignored the topic completely and some even demonized it.

However, things began to change as more research on the subject emerged in 1998. Since then, solidly designed research on the various aspects of forgiveness has exploded with evidence and new thinking that has permeated science journals, bookstores and yes – even psychotherapists’ offices.

After 20 years of scientifically conducted investigation, it turns out that forgiveness is extremely good for us. There now exists a solid body of scientific data that undeniably demonstrates how a wide variety of health markers, such as blood pressure, heart rate, muscle tension, and skin conductance and others directly linked to heart health, are positively correlated with forgiveness!

While this is all great news, we still have to stay focused on the *reason* why we forgive. Is it because it helps us to lower our blood pressure, move on with our lives, reduce our chances of heart disease and/or to gain a stronger hope for the future? Well, yes. But, as important as those outcomes are, the Catholic/Christian is called to *far more!* We forgive because of how deeply *we have been forgiven by God.*

We have to be careful not to simply reduce forgiveness to therapy and health maintenance. If we do, we ignore God’s invitation to His life of love and the opportunity to reap the fullness of His grace.

Forgiving as God forgives is the paradigm of self-offering love, exemplified by Jesus, who forgives out of His immense love for each one of us and at great personal cost.

Jesus shows us how to forgive...and, at the same time, He shows us how to love!

So, do you want to feel better? Ask Jesus to help you to forgive someone.  
(BTW - The research also suggests that a good place to start is to forgive yourself!)

Peace and all good things!

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### Pre Cursillo Report:

Our weekends for the Fall have been set, along with dates for the Support Mass. Please see the list below for the schedule of events. At all those summer picnics, be sure to plant some seeds among your family and friends about making a Cursillo Weekend and learning about the method - piety, study and action.

#### Men’s Weekend - October 4-7

Support Mass - September 30 @ 3 @ SV

Holy Hour - October 6 @ 7 @ SV

Closing - October 7 @ 3 @ SV

#### Women’s Weekend - November 8-11

Support Mass - November 4 @ 3 @ SV

Holy Hour - November 10 @ 7 @ SV

Closing - November 11 @ 3 @ SV

Please mark your calendar and support the Team and candidates. Applications can be sent to Diane Putt, 11691 Whitetail Drive, Marilla, NY 14102.

Have a safe summer and we hope to see you at the next Reunion Mass. Blessings ~

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## Cursillo Section

My Friends in Christ!!!!

The Cursillo Section Team has once again done a great job in coming together and putting on another set of Cursillo Weekends. The Men's Team Selectors have started working for the fall Weekends. So if you get a call to ask to work a Weekend just say yes and get it over with. You know Jesus is behind you 100%, so why hesitate?

Now for some more information!!! We are planning a Cursillo Dance at St. Vincent's Parish. The last meeting of the Section Team we discussed ways of having some fun. We get together for Reunion Masses, Grouping and Ultreya which are all very important for our journey to grow in our faith. Well how about adding a little fun to get together.

The date is Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00pm and going to 10:00pm in the gym. The music will be by Disc-Jockey Jeff Pacer. "Music by Pacer". We saw him perform at Columns Banquet Hall and he was outstanding!!!!

There will be no charge, just bring your own food, snacks, beverages and your dancing shoes!!!! We also want to invite the people of St. Vincent's Parish to come and join us in having some fun. We are looking to have just an adult night. More information to follow.

My Friends, PEACE to you and your families!!

Bob Piskun  
Section Team Coordinator

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## Post Cursillo:

Looking to form a **permanent group** or add members to your existing group?

Email Jerry at [BuffaloCursillo@gmail.com](mailto:BuffaloCursillo@gmail.com).

## **CURSILLO PICNIC**

It's that time of year again! The annual Cursillo Mass and Picnic! It is a wonderful time to join together with family and friends in the Cursillo community to celebrate our faith, our friendship, this wonderful community, and hopefully the summer sun!

**WHAT:** Annual Family Cursillo mass and picnic

**WHEN:** Sunday August 12th at 1pm (mass at 3pm with a potluck to follow)

**WHERE:** Dcn. Mike and Dawn Quinn's home

532 South Shore Blvd. Lackawanna 14218

**WHAT TO BRING:** Your family!

Swimwear, meat to grill, a dish to share, plates/utensils, drinks, a blanket or chair for mass, and your cursillo songbook if you have one

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Email Jerry at [BuffaloCursillo@gmail.com](mailto:BuffaloCursillo@gmail.com).

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## ULTREYA SCHEDULE FOR JULY

**Rainbow Vineyards** at Our Lady  
Czestochowa Church, 64 Center Ave, North  
Tonawanda 14120 is taking a vacation in  
July – no Ultreya

### **2nd Wednesday July 11, 2018**

**Pueblo de Paz: Warsaw area** after 7:00pm  
Mass St. Mary's Church, 6785 East Arcade  
Rd., East Arcade

### **3rd Tuesday July 17, 2018**

**Come to the Well @ 7:00 pm**  
Call Jack Thoman for location 716-583-  
2320 [psalm139@gmail.com](mailto:psalm139@gmail.com)

### **3rd Wednesday July 18, 2018**

**The Spirit of the City @ 6:00 pm** The St.  
Jude Center in Downtown, 760 Ellicott  
Street, Buffalo

### **3rd Thursday July 19, 2018**

**Bethany @ 7:00pm** St. Martha's Parish,  
10 French Rd, Depew, NY 14043

### **Last Sunday July 29, 2018**

**Pueblo de Paz: Warsaw area @ 7:00pm** St.  
St. Michael's Church Hall at [171 North Main  
Street, Warsaw, NY](#)

### **Last Tuesday July 31, 2018**

**Full of Grace @ 7:30 pm** Annunciation  
Church, Selbert Hall, 7580 Clinton Street,  
Elma

### **School of Leaders:**

Our new format for School of Leaders  
(everyone is a leader) begins this fall.  
Instead of Monday night meetings, we will  
be having three Saturday workshops at three  
different churches.

Please save these dates:

October 20, 2018-- St. Vincent de  
Paul, Elma

March 9, 2019-- Nativity, Clarence  
June 1, 2019-- St. John Paul II,  
Hamburg

The workshops will start at 10:00 and end  
around 2:00, more or less. Lunch will be  
provided. The dates and places will be  
displayed on the Cursillo website.

Come and bring a friend.

Bill Gross

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### **Secretary:**

from 'Jesus Calling' by Sarah Young:

*Let My Love stream through you, washing  
away fear and distrust. A trusting response  
includes Me in your thoughts as you consider  
strategies to deal with a situation. My  
continual Presence is a promise,  
guaranteeing that you never have to face  
anything alone. My children teethe on the  
truth that I am always with them, yet they  
stumble around in a stupor, unaware of My  
loving Presence all around them. How that  
grieves Me!*

*When you walk through a day in trusting  
dependence on Me, My aching heart is  
soothed. Gently bring your attention back to  
Me whenever it wanders away. **I look for  
persistence—rather than perfection—in  
your walk with Me.***

Peace be with you

Marty Ruhland

Secretary

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### **Prayer Request:**

Please keep the following people in your  
prayers and Palanca:

Diane Manuel, weekend #117 entered her 5<sup>th</sup> day on July 2.

Rosebud Casillo weekend #196 entered her 5<sup>th</sup> day on July 4, 2018

Details for a memorial service will be posted on the website as soon as they appear in in the Buffalo News..

All Cursillistas who are ill or suffering.

Toni Sessamen, Father Sam Venne, Dcn Joe Barr, Linda Orszulak, Eva Tamoga, Ellie Wieleba, Carol Mazurkiewicz, Elaine Stack, Bob and Cheryl Besant, Lou and Liz Pauley, Lorrie Dickerson, Doug Shrout, Dan Graesser, Leo Reiter, Mary Flanagan, Joe Insana, Quinn children, Corinne Giermek, Marcia Moretti, baby Finleigh, Joan Conklin's friend Joyce, Vinnie Barone, Mark Schweizer's dad, Marie Sorrentino, Ilona Klein's friend Bella, Pat Abraham, Rakoczynski's friends Cheryl and Bob, Mary Lynn Heidle's daughter in law: Jeannette Shields, Kate Emery's dad, Mary Dewald's nephew's daughter Amelia and friend Kent

Send names of people who should be added to the list or removed from the list to [miride@aol.com](mailto:miride@aol.com)

### [Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts](#)

Contact Mike Szematowicz;

Call/Text: 812 0633

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List shirt size, color preference, weekend #.

Mike will provide price and address where to send the check.