



Buffalo Cursillo

March 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:

Reunion Mass	Friday, March 13, 2020, 7:30 Annunciation Church 7580 Clinton St., Elma
Magnificat Prayer Breakfast	Saturday, March 21, 2020 Hosted by Gentle Woman, Mother of Mercy Chapter. click here for details: magnificat-buffalo All Cursillistas are invited, including the men.
Spring weekends	Men's #227 April 23 – 26, 2020 Support Mass; Saturday April 18, 4:30 pm Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Women's #228 May 14 – 17, 2020 Support Mass: TBD
Region III meeting	May 8 & 9 Stella Niagara Retreat Center, Lewiston NY. All are invited.

Lay Director's Report:

Step by Step Leaders Manual

We have been studying and discussing the new Step by Step leader's manual for 8 months now; (at the last three School of Leaders and the 2nd Touch weekend). This weekend guide issued by National adds stories and activities that are new to our weekend schedule. It also does not include some of the activities and procedures that we have been including in our weekends. We are tasked with learning the new format, understanding the reasons behind procedures and implementing them in our diocese in accord with the guidelines from National; North America and the Caribbean.

Continuing this process, for the upcoming Spring weekends, we will follow the Thursday night schedule as given in the Step by Step with the new stories and prayers from the Pilgrims Guide. A couple short remnants from Buffalo were left in; Introductions and song practice. The rest of the weekend will not change from how we have been conducting our weekends.

At the conclusion of the men's and women's weekend the Secretariat will meet with the team members and discuss their observations and input. While this is only a minimal change, it gets the ball rolling and will give us a better insight into process. This will provide valuable information and help us in our plans moving forward.

Thank you everyone for your continued support, input and most importantly your prayers.

Bethany Ultreya

With the passing of Mary Lynn Heidle the Bethany Ultreya is reforming. For the next several months the Ultreya will be held in members houses. This month Harvey & Carla Gress will host the Ultreya on Thursday March 12, 7:00 pm at their home at 414 Washington Highway Snyder, NY 14226

All Cursillistas are invited, especially from Amherst, Cheektowaga, Williamsville, Lancaster Snyder, Eggertsville areas. Please consider attending to jump start this once thriving Ultreya. In the months following the Ultreya will be held at other members houses on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Please pray for our all our Ultreyas and their coordinators. I urge all of you to support and addend your Ultreya as often as you can. This is the essence of Cursillo and keeps the fire burning for our movement. See the entire schedule in the Post Cursillo section below.

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Spiritual Director's Reflection:

Entering this holy season of Lent, we spend time reflecting about the ways we can improve our relationships with God and others and become the person that God intended us to be.

For the past 13 Lents, I have had the true honour and privilege to pray/perform an original version of the Stations of the

Cross with the Voices of Mercy at many parishes throughout our diocese.

I'd like to share the brief but powerful lyrics from the 11th Station which were composed by Andrew Berstein of the VOM:

“We are joined to the sufferings of Christ.

We are bound to the sacred mysteries.

Connected to His life and death
By three, strong nails.”

Come and pray the Stations of the Cross with us:

Day/Date	Parish
Friday March 6 th	St Vincent de Paul – Springbrook – 7:00 pm
Wednesday March 11 th	St Philip the Apostle 7:00 pm
Friday March 13 th	St Timothy 7:00 pm
Friday March 20 th	St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrow – 6:30 pm
Wednesday March 25 th	St Andrew 7:00 pm
Wednesday April 1 st	Resurrection 7:00 pm
Friday April 3 rd	St Francis of Assisi Athol Springs – 7:00 pm

A blessed Lent to all - God's love and mine!

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Pre Cursillo Report:

Marge and I have become a committee of 4. We wish to welcome Lynn Lomanto and Audrey DiMaria to PreCursillo. With the addition of a few more people we will be able to spend time reaching out to the candidates in person.

At this writing we are reaching out to the men to see if they can attend. It is not too late to send in applications.

We will be checking with the women in a few weeks.

If you would like help sponsoring a friend, please don't hesitate to contact any one of us. Applications can be found on the website.

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Cursillo Section

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 weekends in the spring. We will be having a Section meeting this month to get ready for the Spring weekends.

My partner Joan is still in Florida for the winter. Sorry to say she has not won any more cooking contests since last month. God Bless you all!!

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

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Post Cursillo:

REUNION MASS

March 13, 2020 Friday, 7:30 pm

Annunciation

7580 Clinton St. Elma

Hosted by Full of Grace Ultreya

Presider:

Witness:

ULTREYA SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Click here to view: [Ultreya Dates](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS PAGE

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School of Leaders:

Thank you all for coming to the February School of leader's meetings. We began by considering these questions:

- Have you worked a weekend?
- Did you find that you really came to understand the Cursillo method when you worked a weekend?
- Is that what we want?
- If we want people to get it on the first try, what changes do we need to make in order for that to happen?

After that we looked at the schedule for the third day according to new Step-by-

Step rector's guide:

- 7:00 wake
- 7:30 morning prayers (Pilgrim's guide p. 19)
- 8:00 Mass
- 8:30 breakfast
- 9:30 Study Rollo followed by the Story of John
- 10:45 Sacraments Rollo: the efficacy of the sacraments
- 12:30 Lunch
- 2:30 Action Rollo
- 4:00 Obstacles to the Life of Grace
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:30 Leaders Rollo
- 8:15 Visit to Blessed Sacrament and Rosary
- 9:00 Social gathering
- 10:00 reunion of Table groups
- 11:00 Examination of conscience and night prayers (Pilgrim's Guide p. 65)
- 11:30 Candidates go to bed; Team leaders' meeting

A comparison was made with our Buffalo Cursillo schedule and the differences noted. Discussions focused on music, palanca drops and community involvement.

Our study of the step by step rector's guide will continue this June as we take a look at the Sunday agenda. Your inputs have been very helpful. I hope that the bonds of friendship will help us to get through a time of many varied opinions.

Our next School of leaders will take place in June (Ah spring). Date and place TBA.

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.

Frank & Martha Barry
Owen & Aidan
Laura, Betty and Angelo Ciavarella
Chuck Stephan
Kathy Cavaretta
Marie and Jim Sorrentino
Deacon Norm Foster
Marie Gannon
Loretta Sterling
Betty Reiter
Dan Siembida
Mike Ryan
Timothy McCann
Mike McCarthy
Alice's daughter-in-law, Laura
JoanRoberts
Mary Flanagan
Joe Insana
Dell Leaderstorf
Bill Heidle
Corinne Giermek
Larry Lomanto
Dcn Joe Barr
Jim Youngers
Cathy Agugliaro
Shaun Vona
Tim Heidle
Owen Mangan
Sister Antonita
Dennis Hodur
Michael Volk
Kathy O'Keefe

Prayer Requests continued:

Denise Bressette
Lynn Johnson
Diane Coughlin
Deacon Dan McGuire
Gary Banas
John Agugliaro
Marcia Moretti
Cheryl Besant
Quinn children
newborn Marylynn Joanne
Mary Mercurio
Paul & Terry Barone
Father Sam Venne
Elaine Stack
Bobby Lovenetti
Marie Sorrentino
Frank Gallagher
Pat Abraham
Vinnie Barone
Linda Orszulak
Eva Tamoga
Ellie Wieleba
Lou and Liz Pauley
Lorrie Dickerson
Doug Shroul
Dan Graesser
Leo Reiter

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.