


Buffalo Cursillo

October 2019 Newsletter

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Men's #225 Support Mass	this Saturday October 5, 2019, 4:30 PM at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 4375 Harris Hill Road, at Main St, Williamsville, NY
Men's #225	October 10 -13, 2019, St Vincent de Paul, Springbrook
Region III meeting	November 1-2, 2019 @ The Ark and the Dove near Pittsburg PA
Women's #226	November 7 – 10, 2019, St Vincent de Paul, Springbrook
Cursillo de Cursillos	November 21-24 Notre Dame Retreat house Canandaigua, NY
2 nd Touch	January 31 – February 2, 2019 Stella Niagara Center of Renewal, Lewiston NY.



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OCTOBER 20, 2019
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AS ONE COMMUNITY, LET
US PRAY FOR HEALING, HOPE,
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Lay Director's Report:

Support Mass, Men's #225 is this Saturday at 4:30 pm at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It will be with the parish vigil mass like last time. The parish confirmation class will also be present.

Pastor Rev. Ronald Sajdak has requested that we **"Fill the Church with Cursillistas"**. He would like to point out that there are many loyal catholic adults who faithfully follow Catholic teachings and spread the good news of Christ to the world. Please make every effort to attend and bring your family.

Contact anyone that you have spoken to about Cursillo and invite them to the mass and to the weekend.

National Encounter 2019. Read two of the talks given at the encounter by the gentlemen from Mallorca Spain who worked with, and were longtime friends with Eduardo Bonnin. Click on these links to read: [Pre Cursillo](#), [Post Cursillo](#)

The Region III fall meeting is being held on November 1, 2 in Gibsonia PA near Pittsburg. Section heads, and Ultreya Coordinators are encouraged to attend. Let me know if you are interested and we will carpool or rent a van. Click here for the registration form [Region III Registration](#)

Cursillo de Cursillos (CDC) is a great learning experience on what Cursillo is all about. This year's CDC is being held in Canandaigua NY on November 21-24. It is open to all Cursillistas. Click here for details. [Cursillo de Cursillos](#)

On a personal note, Pam & I just returned from a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. This is a site of present-day, ongoing apparitions of Our Blessed Mother Mary. I will be happy to share what we experienced at any of our Ultreyas or permanent groups. If

interested, call me to make the arrangements.

Peace,
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Spiritual Director's Reflection:

This coming first Sunday of October, Jesus gives the apostles the well-known mustard seed parable: "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine (also can be translated as a sycamore tree or a mulberry bush), 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Jesus uses the image of a mustard seed. Proverbially, it was seen as the smallest of seeds. (However, some modern readers get all technical and say, "Well actually, in point of fact, the mustard seed isn't the smallest seed in all of creation." Yes – that's true, but in Jewish proverbs/speech, it was just a kind of axiomatic saying used for an image of something very, very, very small. So it depicts an image of their faith being very, very small, and yet very, very powerful.

Jesus also uses a second element from the natural world, He says is: "If your faith were even the size of a mustard seed, you could say to the sycamine tree, be uprooted and planted in the sea, and it would obey you." Now, if you've ever tried to pull up a weed that has a root system, you know how difficult it is to pull a plant out of the ground ...even a small plant, if it has an extensive, widespread root system. It's basically impossible to yank up a sycamore tree by the stump—or by the trunk—because the root system is so extensive. Jesus is presuming his audience is familiar with that reality of what the root system of a sycamine tree is

like - first point of impossibility— “be uprooted” and it would.

And the second point is “be planted in the sea, and it would obey you.” Now this is a great example of the parabolic twist. Jesus often has some element of His parables that is unexpected and/or surprising. Something that’s not what you would think. This would qualify. Nobody plants their sycamore trees in the ocean, right? And yet, what Jesus is saying is, even if your faith was as small as a mustard seed, you can take this sycamine tree, not only uproot it, but you could plant itself in the ocean, and it would obey you.

Now, Jesus has their attention! He is trying to show people that faith and trust in God can do what is completely impossible. Jesus’ point, then, is that faith can do supernatural things. Faith can do things that are technically impossible, and faith accomplishes these things through the power of God’s actions and grace in our lives.

While this is a very short parable, it’s a very powerful lesson that we need to heed and take seriously!

Peace and all good things!
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Pre Cursillo Report:

Marge and I have begun to see how many men are interested in attending the men’s weekend. We have a handful of new applications. If God is talking to you to invite someone, please respond to His nudge.

As stated in previous newsletters, we would like to train individuals to take over our job in the Spring or Fall of 2020.

You are welcome to shadow what we do before you commit. Please pray – this could be your ministry.

God bless,

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Cursillo Section

Hello to all and welcome to Fall. Joan and I had our first Section meeting. What a wonderful group of Cursillistas we have been blessed to have as part of our Section. We would like to welcome a new member of the team Pat Fitzgerald, she will be taking on the job of sending out our out of town Palanca. Thanks, Pat, for your yes.

A special thank you to Alice Appenheimer who has been doing double duty as team selector and also taking care of the out of town palanca.

Here are some of the highlights from our meeting:

-We will be trying something a bit different for the next few weekends. We will not have a Holy Hour Mass on Saturday night. WE WILL HAVE the: break in at 7:15-7:30pm, immediately followed by a Communion service and Eucharistic Adoration, concluding with Benediction. What a special way to pray for the candidates.

-Our hard-working Kitchen coordinator is looking for a co-coordinator to share the work. Please pray and call us if you are interested in this position.

-Our team selectors were asked to give us a list of what is necessary to possibly be

called to work a weekend. They are as follows

1. Attend Ultreya and or be in a permanent group
2. Give a witness at Ultreya (necessary to give a weekend talk not necessary to be a warden)
3. Be an example of living the Cursillo method
4. Be willing to attend the formation meetings

If you are in a permanent group but are unable to attend Ultreya the team selectors would like to have that information so we can consider asking you to work a team.

-A HUGH thank you to Bob and Linda Piskun for all they did to run the 2nd annual Cursillo Dance which was held Saturday Sept. 21st. It was a beautiful night, although very lightly attended. We will be discussing whether or not to hold another, because of the small turn out.

-There is still time to send in applications for the upcoming weekend, but they must be in this week. Remember MAKE A FRIEND BE A FRIEND AND BRING THAT FRIEND TO CHRIST.

Ultreya
Joan and Mary Ann

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[Post Cursillo:](#)

ULTREYA SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

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SECOND TOUCH 2020

It's that time again to mark your calendars for the annual Second Touch (more than a retreat) weekend for all Cursillistas.

The Date is January 31 to February 2, 2020 at Stella Niagara Center of Renewal, Lewiston NY.

All Cursillistas are invited to attend. 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>

Looking to form a **permanent group** or add members to your existing group? Email Jerry at BuffaloCursillo@gmail.com.

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School of Leaders:

Please keep an eye on this space for the date and location (after Christmas) of the next School of Leaders as we continue our study of the Step by Step Rectors' Guide.

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:

Dear Cursillistas, I ask your prayers for the Catholic inmate retreat October 18 - 20 at Wende Correctional Facility. We call this retreat Residents Encounter Christ or REC. During the weekend the team shares the Good News of redemption through Jesus Christ. And the inmates get to experience and renew the sacred traditions of our Catholic Church, including receiving the Eucharist at Sunday mass in the prison. Many of the REC team are fellow Cursillistas from Buffalo and Rochester. On behalf of the inmates and REC team my humble thanks.

Ernie Curto, Rector REC 36, Cursillo 202

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

Karen Stack Koneski

Mike Ryan

Timothy McCann

Mike McCarthy

Alice's daughter-in-law, Laura

Bill Gross

JoanRoberts

Helga Pollak

Mary Flanagan

Joe Insana

Dell Leaderstorf

Bill Heidle

Corinne Giermek

Larry Lomanto

Ryan Stack

Dcn Joe Barr

Jim Youngers

Tim Heidle

Nan

Owen Mangan

Gary Hall

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

Toni Sessamen

Mary Mercurio

Father Sam Venne

Elaine Stack

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

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

Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts

Contact Mike Szematowicz;

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List shirt size, color preference, weekend

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