

Buffalo Cursillo

July 2026 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: July 10th, Our Lady of Czestochowa, 64 Broad St., N Tonawanda hosted by Rainbow Vineyard

Fall 2026 Weekends: Men's Weekend #244, October 8-11, 2026
Women's Weekend #245, November 12-15, 2026

Virtual Ultreya: Bethany Ultreya meets virtually on Zoom the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month. This is ideal for those who cannot get out and those who have moved out of town. Contact Lynn Lomanto for the meeting information; Lomantolynn@gmail.com

***** Please see the end of the newsletter for calendar of events *****

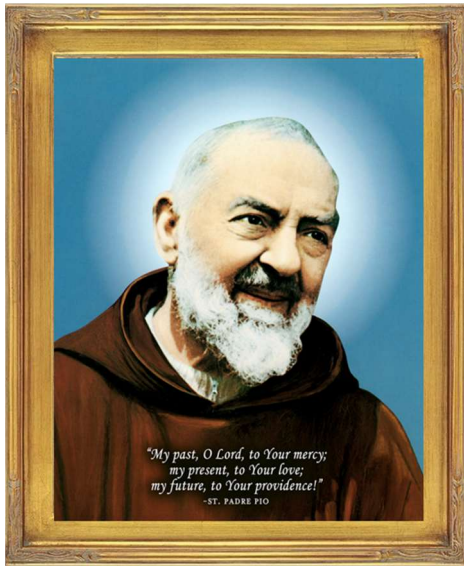
Lay Coordinator Report:

Thank you to Fr. Art Mattulke

A new family (Family #13) has been formed bringing together Our Lady of Peace in Clarence, St. John the Baptist in Alden and our new home, St. Teresa of Avila in Akron. With this change also came the news that Fr. Art Mattulke would be leaving St. Teresa's and moving to Family #17, Light of Christ Roman Catholic Community in Tonawanda / Kenmore / Grand Island.

Fr. Art has been a tireless advocate for Cursillo and was instrumental in making sure that Cursillo would find and keep our new home at St. Teresa's.

As a token of our appreciation, the Secretariat commissioned our Spiritual Advisor, Deacon Marc Leadersdorf, with the task of finding some token of our appreciation. Fr. Art has a devotion to Padre Pio so while Marc was attending a Priest / Deacon conference / retreat at Franciscan University of Steubenville along with Deacon Tom Friedman, they saw the portrait below of Padre Pio which they purchased and had framed. We presented it to Fr. Art at the reception after his last Vigil Mass at St. Teresa's on Saturday June 26th along with the Thank You certificate below which would be attached to the back of the portrait.



Our gratitude goes out to Fr. Art for all he has done to make Cursillo feel welcomed and secure at St. Teresa's. I know that the entire Buffalo Cursillo Community will keep him in our prayers as he starts his new assignment at Light of Christ as I know he will keep us in his.

In leaving, Fr. Art wanted to make sure that the new pastor for Family #13, Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun, knew how important Cursillo is to the St. Teresa community and included us in his discussions with Fr. Daniel. Fr. Daniel is well known and close to a number Cursillistas at the Come to the Well and Lockport Ultreyas which makes his appointment as pastor of Family #13 welcomed news in that we can rest assured that St. Teresa's will continue to be our home.

Ultreya !
 Chuck Stephan
 Lay Coordinator
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 716 817-3969

Assistant Lay Coordinator Report:

Are you already giving thought to inviting someone to live an upcoming fall Cursillo Weekend? Perhaps you have already extended the invitation, and your Candidate has submitted their application - - GREAT! But being a Sponsor is more than having them sign up and writing them some Weekend Palanca. A serious Sponsor talks to the Candidate before the Weekend to offer encouragement and alleviate any fear and anxiety. But being a good Sponsor does not end with the Weekend. A good Sponsor continues to "be a friend" after you have "brought a friend to Christ".

So, how does one continue to be a Cursillo friend? Here are some suggestions that are strongly recommended.

1. Communicate with your Candidate after his/her Weekend.
2. Know your Candidate's preferred method of communication - - telephone, text, email, etc.
3. Determine which Ultreya the Candidate would most likely attend.
4. Inform the Ultreya Coordinator(s) of the Candidate's contact information for purposes of sending notices.
5. Help your Candidate join or form a Permanent Group.

6. Encourage your Candidate to attend Ultreyas, Reunion Masses, Fourth Day Dinners, School of Leaders Programs and the Second Touch Weekend.
7. Alert your Candidate to upcoming Weekends and the need for Palanca, Palanca notes, help on the Palanca Team, assistance setting up and tearing down for Weekends, and preparing food for meals provided by the Ultreyas.
8. Inform your Candidate of the need for Palanca for upcoming Weekends nationally and internationally. Remember that Palanca Is the action, not the note. Actions such as attending extra Masses, praying rosaries, fasting, praying in Adoration Chapels, etc.
9. Instruct the Candidate to listen to the Palanca Podcast where upcoming national and international Weekends are announced, as well as being listed in this newsletter.

If it has been a while since you communicated with any of your Candidates from the past, who you rarely see anymore, drop them a note. Let them know you are praying for them. Perhaps make a date for coffee or lunch to catch up. We all know that continuing in Cursillo is not for everyone, but could it be that our Candidates stay away from Cursillo because we were not good Sponsors? No matter if someone does or does not find a fit in Cursillo, continue to “be a friend”. Something to think about.

Ultreya!
Denise Daniels
Assistant Lay Coordinator

Spiritual Advisor Report:

This month we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of our great nation. We celebrate the great gifts that God has given us and our nation, God, “our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” We know these words, and can readily repeat them but when we take them to heart and reflect on them and consider the gifts they truly are for us, despite the imperfections and complaints that we might have, and the divisions that we struggle with- these words we’ve been given -“the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” are not to be assumed or taken lightly, our forefathers died for these rights and many people around the globe would do the same to have what we have. In addition, we have freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press- again, not to be assumed or taken for granted.

Let us turn to God each day to thank Him for all that He gives us, ask Him to bring unity, peace, justice, and His mercy upon us, and help us to be His disciples in the world and do His will in all things!

Enjoy these great WNY summer days, remember our service men and women who fought for our freedoms, and fly your flag proudly!

I leave you these words of Abraham Lincoln to ponder, from his First Inaugural Address, March 4, 1861, “We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield, and patriot grave, to every living heart and hearthstone, all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.” We pray that we might be those “better angels.”

De Colores,

Deacon Marc Leaderstorf
Weekend #155

Treasurer Report:

Mike Cucinotta
Treasurer

Historian Report:

Our Historian, Carol Stier (Buffalo Women's #7), is taking a well-deserved break & will return in the future.

Carol Stier
Buffalo Cursillo Historian
(716) 692-1606

Pre-Cursillo Report:

God Bless and De Colores!!!
Sherry Misso
Pre-Cursillo

Cursillo Section:

De Colores!

Mark Suchyna (716) 698-9865
Nancy Suchyna (716) 517-0903

Post-Cursillo:

We are all extremely ecstatic by the turnout for the reunion masses for St Brendan's on the Lake and Pueblo de Paz Ultreyas. Super Cursillo Spirit. Lets keep the spirit alive with the next 3 reunion masses. Tonawanda's Rainbow Vineyard is July 10, The Southtowns Reunion Mass / Picnic on August 16th and Come to the Well's reunion mass is September 11th.

Do you know someone that has been praying about making Cursillo? Reach out to them and ask them to attend a reunion mass. Continue your Evangelization that we are all called to do.

De Colores,

Pat Mahaney 716-481-3715 pmahaney2@gmail.com
Greg Wilttrout 716-870-7986 gwilttrout74@gmail.com

School of Leaders:

It's summer time! Enjoy your friendships and I look forward to seeing you in September.

May the Peace of Christ be with you,

Marty Ruhland (216)
School of Leaders Facilitator
(716) 481-0662

Secretary:

Karen Trimper
Call/Text: 716-867-8962
Email: karentrump@gmail.com

Prayer Request:

Entered into their 5th Day: Arthur Randy Cady, Mens #11, December 1, 2025
 Deacon Ron Dains, June 25, 2026
 Lois Weber, Women's #110. July 7, 2026

If you know of a Cursillista who has died, please call Carol Stier at (71) 692-1606 so she can add the person to this column.

Notify Marty Ruhland (716-481-0662), rdservices@roadrunner.com) for any names to add or remove from the prayer list.

Audrey DiMaria	Mary Mercurio	Jim Youngers
Carol & John Palesh	Fr. Joe Badding	Cathy Agugliaro
Mary Frank	Pam Hornung	Tim Hiedle
Ken Drzymala	Jean Claire Buchbinder	Denise Bressette
Jen Mical	Chelsea Ellis	Diane Coughlin
Kathy Kaminski	Laura and Angelo Ciavarella	Marcia Moretti
Bill Gross	Marie Gannon	Cheryl Besant
Deacon Gary Terrana	Mike Ryan	Bobby Lovenitti
Arthur Ruhland	Timothy McCann	Linda Orszulak
Bob Yager	Joan Roberts	Elie Wieleba
Cole Koons	Mary Flanigen	
Lynn Fetes	Deacon Joe Barr	
Cathy Derrick	Patrick Johnson	

Buffalo Cursillo Ultreya Schedule				
Ultreya	Date	Time	Location	Contacts
Bethany Cheektowaga & surrounding area	7/9/26 2 nd Thursday & 4 th Thursday 7/23/26	7:00 PM	Zoom Contact Lynn to be added to the email list	Lynn Lomanto lomantolynn@gmail.com 585-409-4123
Come to the Well Clarence area	7/28/26 4th Tuesday	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Chris for location	Jack & Christine Thomann 716-583-2324 (Chris – m) 716-583-2320 (Jack – m) cmtpsalm139@gmail.com
Full of Grace Elma area	Last Wednesday January - June Sept. – October	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Marty for location	Marty Ruhland rdservices@roadrunner.com 716-481-0662 (m)
Pueblo de Paz Warsaw area	Sunday July 12 Friday July 17	6:00 PM	Schaeffer Hall @ St. Michaels Michelle Schuber's home, 5060 Rt 98, Java Center Mark Redden, Witness Speaker	Ruth Hackett 716-913-6432 hackquak@yahoo.com Maryanne Moore 585-689-0779
Rainbow Vineyard Northtowns area	7/14/26 2 nd Tuesday & 7/28/26 4 th Tuesday	7:00 PM	Our Lady of Czestochowa 64 Center Ave. North Tonawanda	Carolyn McNamara 716-694-5949 Carolyn Ruhland 716-912-2890 caruhl73@verizon.net
Southtowns Southtowns area	7/2/26 1st Thursday & 7/28/26 3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Maureen McCarthy for location	Mike & Maureen McCarthy 716-913-7369 moeyishere.210@gmail.com
St Brandon on the Lake Lockport Area	7/13/26 2 nd Monday	7:00 PM	St. Brandon on the Lake Parish	Jesse Smith 716-930-9901 Jsmithjr2@verizon.net

Upcoming Cursillo Dates	
Cursillo	Reunion Masses & More
MEET and GREET	July 10th - Rainbow Vineyard 7 PM Reunion Mass. Our Lady of Czestochowa, 64 Center Ave., N. Tonawanda Sunday, August 16th- Southtowns Reunion Mass at 3:00 PM followed by picnic. Held at Deacon Mike and Dawn Quinn's. 532 S South Shore Blvd. Lackawanna, NY 14218. September 11th - Come To The Well 7 PM Reunion Mass. Williamsville December 5th – 4th day dinner
Men's Weekend #244 October 8-11, 2026	Women's Weekend #245 November 12-15, 2026
10/3 – 4:00 pm Support Mass for men's weekend at St. Teresa of Avila, Akron, NY 10/7 - Set-up for Weekend 5:30 pm 10/8 - Registration from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Sponsors & community prayer service at 8 pm. 10/10 – Break-in 7:00 pm, arrive by 6:45 pm 10/11 – Las Mananitas – 6 am (Men only) - 3 pm Closura with community Mass	11/7 – 4:00 pm Support Mass for men's weekend at St. Teresa of Avila, Akron, NY 11/11 - Set-up for Weekend 5:30 pm 11/12 - Registration from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Sponsors & community prayer service at 8 pm. 11/14 – Break-in 7:00 pm, arrive by 6:45 pm 11/15 – Las Mananitas – 6 am (Men only) - 3 pm Closura with community Mass
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY	
School of Leaders (Workshop)	Other Opportunities
Next School will be in September on the Subject, "The meaning of Friendship and what it means to have Friendship in Christ". Watch the newsletter for the date.	Palanca Podcast on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Podbean, Google Play, Boomplay, Amazon Music, Iheart Radio, PlayerFM & Podchaser. Just search for "The Palanca Podcast" and look for the image of the OLV Basilica.

OutBound Palanca April 2026

Start	End	Event	Location
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Men's 9 (Spanish)	Evansville, IN
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Women's 84 (English)	Hamilton, ON, Canada
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Women's 147 (English)	Cape Breton, Canada
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Women's 253 (Spanish)	San Diego, CA
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Men's 32 (English)	Bahamas
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Women's 299 (Spanish)	San Juan, Argentina
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Men's 301 (English)	Toledo, OH
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Men's 618 (Spanish)	Tucson, AZ
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Women's 160 (English)	Arlington, Va
6/5/2026	6/8/2026	Women's 17 (Spanish)	San Jose del Guaviare, Colombia
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Santa Rosa, CA
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Men's Cursillo (English)	Richmond, VA
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Women's 126 (English)	Budatétény, Hungary
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Women's 90 (Spanish)	Denver, CO
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Women's 411 (English)	San Angelo, TX
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Women's 157 (Spanish)	Tulancingo, Mexico
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Men's 93 (English)	Worcester, MA
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Women's 619 (Spanish)	Tucson, AZ
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Men's 29 (Spanish)	Birmingham, AL
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Women's 1263 (English)	Peoria, IL
6/12/2026	6/15/2026	Women's 25 (Castellano/Spanish)	Rio Gallegos, Ushuaia, Argentina
6/12/2026	6/15/2026	Women's 30 (Castellano/Spanish)	Rio Gallegos, Rio Grande, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina
6/18/2026	6/21/2026	Men's 173 (Spanish)	Santa Fe de la Vera Cruz, Argentina
6/18/2026	6/21/2026	Women's 302 (English)	Toledo, OH
6/18/2026	6/20/2026	Women's 35 (English)	St George's, Grenada, Caribbean
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Santa Rosa, CA
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Women's 412 (Spanish)	San Angelo, TX
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Women's 261 (English)	Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Women's 303 (English)	Biloxi, MS
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Men's 35 (Spanish)	Venice, FL
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Women's 13 (Spanish)	Laredo, TX
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Men's 145 (Spanish)	Tulancingo, Hidalgo, Mexico
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Women's 11 (Spanish)	Harrisburg, PA