



October 2026 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Women's Meet & Greet: October 13th @ 6:30pm, 80 Buffalo Creek Rd, Elma NY 14059 Hosted by Katie Black & Mary Kay Schaub

Fall 2026 Weekends: Men's Weekend #242, Oct 8-11, 2026 Women's Weekend #243, Nov 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 *****

Buffalo Cursillo Second Touch 2027

An Invitation to Explore the richness of the Cursillo movement.
January 29, 2027 – January 31, 2027

All Cursillista's are invited to participate in the upcoming Second Touch weekend at the Stella Niagara Center of Renewal in Lewiston, NY. This program offers an opportunity to engage in periods of reflection and prayer, share experiences, foster new connections, and enjoy quality time together. Meals will be provided throughout the weekend.

Theme:

"Let God Speak to you"

Registration Options & Costs:

- \$240: Full weekend (includes two nights' accommodation and six meals)
- \$110: All day Saturday only
- \$45: Dinner and Ultreya only

Scholarships are available to support participation.

Weekend Schedule:

- Friday:
 - o Registration 3:00 – 7:00 PM
 - o Dinner 5:30 PM
 - o Reconciliation: 7:00 – 8:00 PM
 - o Program Begins at 8:00 PM
- Saturday: Full day ending with Ultreya
- Sunday: Breakfast, Mass, Lunch
- The weekend ends approximately 1:00 PM

For further information or to register, please contact:

- Carol Palesh: call 716-694-0942 or grannypalesh@gmail.com
- Karen Trimper: call or text 716-867-8962 or karentrimer@gmail.com

A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your place. Please make checks payable to Buffalo Cursillo and mail to:

Karen Trimper
101 Werkley Rd.
Tonawanda, NY 14150

Lay Coordinator Report:

Our Fall Weekends are fast approaching. Thank you to all the sponsors who have answered Jesus' call to make a friend, be a friend, and asked that friend to become closer to Christ while they walk with their candidate through the weekend and beyond to Ultreya and small group. Friendship is the cornerstone of Cursillo and what makes our movement so special. Bishop Robert Baron defines love as "willing the good of the other as other". In other words, putting the well-being of our family and friends ahead of our own. What greater way of willing the good of the other than to bring our friend into a deeper and closer personal relationship with our Lord and Savior.

I know that stepping out and making that invitation is a risk and as normal everyday humans risk is not something that we look forward to taking. But our sponsors, the people who brought us into Cursillo took a risk with us. My thanks goes out to all the sponsors for the upcoming weekends who took or will take that same risk for their friends. May they see the fruits of inviting their candidates for the Men's and Women's 2026 Fall weekends in the joy and fire in their candidates as they witness to us on Sunday afternoon.

There is one thing about being a sponsor that I would like to address, and that is the issue of the \$75 registration fee and who should pay it. At the bottom of the Candidate Application there is a line ***There is a suggested donation of \$75 for all Cursillo participants. (More accepted, less never turned down. Collected at weekend registration desk)***. This appears directly below the candidate's signature. So, who should pay it? Actually it should be the candidate – not the sponsor. But what if the candidate cannot pay? That is why we have a treasury, to provide scholarships for candidates who cannot pay or who may not be able to pay the full fee. It's the old concept of having "skin in the game". Unless you have skin in the game how committed are you? It's not in the least about the money but rather the commitment. Sure, the candidate is committed to spending a weekend away but look at the incredible benefit received. That

simple act of offering treasure (that \$75) is the first step of opening up and preparing the candidate to meet Jesus. I would ask that we don't take that first step away from the candidate. Allow them to offer some of their hard-earned benefit from their daily labors to Christ.

Once again thank you to all our sponsors and to those sponsors in waiting as they make a friend, be a friend, and invite their friend to meet and experience Christ in new and powerful ways.

Chuck Stephan
Lay Coordinator
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Assistant Lay Coordinator Report:

On September 21st, a meeting was held with the Spiritual Life Pillar of the Orleans Niagara East Catholic Community of the Buffalo Diocese. At the invitation of the pillar, Deacon Pete Walders, Karen Trimper, Jerry Casillo, Erin McNichol and I offered a presentation on Cursillo. Fr. Mark Noonan, pastor of the church family, a Cursillista himself, was very supportive of the presentation and eager to have his parishioners experience Cursillo. Churches in this family include Holy Trinity (Medina), St. Mary's (Holley) and Holy Family (Albion). We hope to hear from them soon about spreading Cursillo to this part of the diocese.

Please pray for this endeavor along with your prayers and actions for the upcoming Men's and Women's Fall Weekends.

Denise Daniels, Assistant Lay Coordinator
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Spiritual Advisor Report:

As I write this, I reflect on the Saints and Feast days we will celebrate this month which many of us treasure and have a great devotion: St. Therese of Lisieux, Our Guardian Angels, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Faustina, Our Lady of the Rosary, St. John Henry Newman, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Ignatius of Antioch, St. John Paul II, Sts. Simon and Jude, and All Hallowed's Eve are some of them, so much for us to reflect on and what they have done for our Church and our world! There is much for us to learn from the saints that have gone before us, I invite you to spend a few minutes, perhaps each day and look up the saint of the day to learn more about them and pick out something that you may want to adopt to help to continue to build your faith life and continue to grow as his disciple.

One of the prominent saints this month is St. Francis of Assisi who died 800 years ago this October 4, Francis was given a vision from Jesus to "rebuild" my church. Francis went about it the wrong way in the beginning, rebuilding with rocks. Francis eventually understood that he was to rebuild the Church spiritually, allowing Christ to become the cornerstone of his life, as we are called to allow Christ to become the cornerstone of our lives each day.

October is also a month which is dedicated to the Rosary and to Pro Life, I quote another great saint who was dedicated to praying the rosary, St. Louis de Montfort, "I promise you that if you practice praying the rosary each day and help to spread it, you will learn more from the rosary than from any spiritual book. And what is more, you will have the happiness of being rewarded by Our Lady in accordance with the promises that she made to St. Dominic, to Blessed Alan de la Roche and to all who practice and

encourage this devotion which is so dear to her. For the holy rosary teaches people about the virtues of Jesus and Mary and leads them to mental prayer and to imitate Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It teaches them to approach the Sacraments often, to genuinely strive after Christian values and to do all kinds of good works, as well as interesting them in the many wonderful indulgences which can be gained through the rosary.”

De Colores!
Deacon Marc Leaderstorf
Weekend #155

Treasurer Report:

Mike Cucinotta
Treasurer

Historian Report:

BUFFALO CURSILLO HISTORY

HISTORIAN’S REPORT #44 -OCTOBER, 2026

“FINANCIAL STEWARDS” PART II

Being mainly devoted to family life and daily employment, the first three Treasurers’ Cursillo commitments were to their fiscal office, to their Ultreya and to Leaders’ School. Subsequent Treasurers all served on Men’s Cursillo Teams, and in other roles of the Movement.

Three men named “Jim” followed Jim Honer (M #10) as Buffalo Cursillo Treasurer for the next eleven years; Jim Ohlenschlager (M #51) 1978-1979, Jim Nosbisch (M #23), 1980-1982, and Jim Wolf (M #103) 1983-1988. During Jim Ohlenschlager’s tenure, income was tight and the Secretariat tithing was discontinued, as was the Faith Pledge and the “HELP” box. He published a final report in the January 1980 Cursillo Newsletter.

Historically, in the 1960’s, & 1970’s wages were low and many Catholic families were large. Spare change was the currency in the early Cursillo Offertory collections at Reunion Masses, which didn’t amount to much. By 1980, income from the Weekends seemed to increase, however, there was always a request for financial contributions.

By January 1978, Buffalo had held 82 English Cursillos, at least 10 Spanish Cursillos and 12 Koinonias. At some point, between 1978-1980, new cots were purchased-how many is unclear, but enough to adequately accommodate at least 40 Candidates plus 16 Team Members, so the latter wouldn’t need to be in sleeping bags on the floor on the Weekends. How the money was raised is unclear, according to accounts in the Newsletters.

Jim Nosbisch took over in April 1980. In the same month, Jay Diggins (M #15) Lay Director and Jim Nosbisch seriously initiated the Offertory collection at the monthly Reunion Masses and Closing liturgies. The 300-400 Cursillistas and Koinonians, who attended these services regularly provided a generous cushion enabling the Secretariat to meet its financial obligations and kept the Movement afloat. “Buffalo

Cursillo Newsletter”, February 1981 (P 2). With only 4 Weekends in 1980, the National Encounter in Niagara Falls and \$10,000 in expenses, these generous collections carried them through a difficult time.

The cost of the commercially printed Newsletter, the rising cost of postage, as well as the increase in the number of Cursillistas to whom the Newsletter was mailed was always a financial issue. The Cursillo Office took up printing the Newsletter as well as labeling and mailing it. In 1980, it cost \$5 a year to publish and mail the newsletter. There was never a subscription fee, only a request for donations.

Jim noted in his financial report for 1980 that in addition to National and Regional dues, because newly ordained Deacon Frank Krahling (M #15) was assigned to the Movement, dues were owed to the Office of Permanent Deacons as well.

In Catholic circles and for many Cursillistas, Tithing (Gen. 28:20-22) became a model for financial stewardship. In the “Buffalo Cursillo Newsletter,” January 1982 (P 2), Jim Nosbisch suggested that Cursillistas tithe 10% of their monthly income divided among their parish, favorite charity and Cursillo. In his financial report of 1982, Jim thanked those who did tithe and those who contributed to the monthly Reunion Mass collections, which enabled him to pay for new “Glory and Praise” songbooks (\$2930) and 10 new cots @ \$44 each.

Jim Wolf (M #103) treasurer from 1983-1988, simply posted his “Buffalo Cursillo Community Financial Statement” (Receipts, Disbursements and Money on Hand) for each year he served in the March Newsletter of the following year.

The sacrifices and donations from the Cursillo Community made it possible for the Secretariat to meet its financial obligations and have money in reserve each year.

Carol Stier (Buffalo Women’s #7)
Buffalo Cursillo Historian
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Pre-Cursillo Report:

Hello everyone and happy fall! The men's weekend #242 is fast approaching, it's still not too late to add more candidates. As of now we have 12 and 4 of them are young men, that to me is exciting! Please pray for our new candidates.

There will be a meet and greet info night at the home of Anna Wirth 80 Buffalo Creek Rd. Elma 14059 . Sweet treats (lots of chocolate) wine and wonderful women! Thank you Anna for hosting.

Remember, when we invite others to make a Cursillo weekend we are giving them the gift of Jesus and the peace that only He can give.

JOHN 14:27 " Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid."

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

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

Cursillo Section:

Please keep the candidates for Men's Weekend #242 in your prayers.

Buffalo Cursillo
Men's Weekend #242
October 8-11, 2026

13 Candidates

<u>Candidate</u>		Parish	<u>Sponsor</u>	
First Name	Last Name		First	Last Name
Colby	Vanvoorhis	14 Holy Helpers	Otto	Misso
Mike	Anderson	Immaculate Conception	Joe	Morcelle
Jerry	Karlnoski	St. Johns (Alden)	Pat	Mahaney
Anthony	Casilio	St. John DeLaSalle	Jesse	Smith
Nathaniel (Nat)	Simon	St. Christopher	Marty	Ruhland
Christian	Sexton	St Philomena (Franklinville)	Etna	Sherwood
Todd (TJ)	Pignataro	St. Stanislaus	Mike	Emery
Eric	Johnson		Paul	Johnson
Harold (Harry)	Becker	St John the Baptist (Kenmore)	Dave	Foley
Enrico (Rico)	Tomasello	Nativity of BVM	Joe & Brittani	Tomasello
David	Mucica	St. Amelia	Anne	Mucica
Matthew	Minton	OLV Basilica	Cory	Ekstrum
Arcangelo	Capozzolo	Nativity of BVM	Mike	Cucinotta

De Colores!

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

Post-Cursillo:

Was just blown away by the Friendship talk at the September school of leaders. Biblical reference to friendship. Degrees of friendship. Friendship in practice. And all the discussion was directly pertinent to Post Cursillo.

In reference to Make a friend, Be a friend and Bring a friend to Christ, thoughts to ponder are:

At this point in my life, am I looking for and reaching out to new friends?

Am I the same friend I have always been? Have I lost friends along the way of life?

Am I a close enough friend that I can ask them to get to know Christ by making a Cursillo?

For answers we suggest 2 things:

1. Soul search on the above questions
2. Group.
If you don't belong - join an Ultreya.

Come to any of the many Cursillo events.

And if you still need answers, just ask anyone in Cursillo about their life long friends that are also in Cursillo.

By the way, come to the next school of leaders. October's meeting will be even better than the September meeting!

De Colores,

Pat Mahaney 716-481-3715 pmahaney2@gmail.com

Greg Wilttrout 716-870-7986 gwilttrout74@gmail.com

School of Leaders:

We had an excellent School of Leaders gathering in September. We began a 3 part series on "friendship", delving into the meaning of the word and how friendships impact our lives.

Part II in the series, entitled "Friendship with Christ – Christ's entry into your other friendships" will take this topic a little deeper. It will take place on Saturday, October 24th from 10am to 12pm in the school building at the Church of the Annunciation, 7580 Clinton Street, Elma NY (Door A). Just because you may not have attended Part I, shouldn't prevent you from attending Part II or III yet to come.

Speakers for this next event will include Janine Murray as our lay speaker and Deacon Alex Manunta as our doctrinal speaker. Coffee and baked goods are always on hand. I hope you will join us.

Marty Ruhland (216)
School of Leaders Facilitator
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Secretary:

Karen Trimper
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Prayer Request:

Entered into their 5th Day: Deacon Ron Dains, Men's #26, June 25, 2026, Mary Wegrzym, Women's #121, July 12, 2026, Charlene Clarke, #205, August 4, 2026, Rev. Joseph A. Gullo, #101, August 6, 2026, Leo Riter, #59, August 29, 2026, Rev. Robert Hughson, #53, September 1, 2026

If you know of a Cursillista who has died, please call Carol Stier at (716) 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.

Fr. Eugene Ulrich	Cole Koons	Mary Flanigen
Chuck Stephan	Lynn Fetes	Deacon Joe Barr
Bob & Michelle Sessamen	Cathy Derrick	Patrick Johnson
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	Bobby Lovenitti
Deacon Gary Terrana	Mike Ryan	Linda Orszulak
Arthur Ruhland	Timothy McCann	Elie Wieleba
Bob Yager	Joan Roberts	

Buffalo Cursillo Ultreya Schedule				
Ultreya	Date	Time	Location	Contacts
Bethany Cheektowaga & surrounding area	10/8/26 2 nd Thursday & 4 th Thursday 10/22/26	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	10/27/26 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 10/28/26	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Marty for location	Marty Ruhland rdservices@roadrunner.com 716-481-0662 (m)
Pueblo de Paz Warsaw area	3 rd Friday 10/16/26	6:00 PM	Ed & Ruth Hackett's 3921 Main Street Strykersville, NY	Ruth Hackett 716-913-6432 hackquak@yahoo.com Maryanne Moore 585-689-0779
Rainbow Vineyard Northtowns area	10/13/26 2 nd Tuesday & 10/27/26 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	10/15/26 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	10/12/26 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 Tuesday, October 13th @ 6:30pm Hosted by Katie Black & Mary Kay Schaub 80 Buffalo Creek Rd, Elma NY 14059 Wine, chocolates and other goodies will be served. Bring anyone you know who might have an interest.	December 5th – 4th day dinner
Men's Weekend #242 October 8-11, 2026	Women's Weekend #243 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 Closures with community Mass	11/7 – 4:00 pm Support Mass for women'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 (Women only) - 3 pm Closures with community Mass
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY	
School of Leaders (Workshop)	Other Opportunities
10/24 – 10:am – Noon at Church of the Annunciation 7580 Clinton St, Elma. Topic: Friendship with Christ (Part 2 of 3) Speakers: Janine Murray, Deacon Alex	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. 2nd Touch – Let God Speak to You, 1/29-1/31/2027

OutBound Palanca October 2026

Start	End	Event	Location
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Women's 84 (English)	Charleston, SC
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Men's 151 (English)	Atlanta, GA
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Woman's 197 (Spanish)	San Diego, CA
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Women's 282 (English)	Kansas City/St Joseph, MO
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Women's 53 (English)	San Bernardino, CA
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Men's 38 (Italian)	San Severino, Italy
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Men's 110 (Filipino/English)	Oakland, CA
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Rockford, IL
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Men's 304 (English)	Biloxi, MS
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Men's 116 (Spanish)	Dodge City, KS
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Men's 296 (Spanish)	Miami, FL
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Men's 314 (English)	San Diego, CA
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Men's 166 (Chinese)	Kaohsiung, Taiwan, China
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Men's 242 (English)	Buffalo, NY
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Moctezuma, Sonora, Mexico
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Women's 152 (Chinese)	Kaohsiung, Taiwan, China
10/8/2026	10/11/2026	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Austin, TX
10/9/2026	10/13/2026	Women's 76 (Spanish)	Zarate- Campana, Buenos Aires, Argentina
10/9/2026	10/12/2026	Women's 301 (Spanish)	San Juan, Argentina
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Men's 82 (Hungarian)	Szombathely, Zalaegerszeg-Botfa, Hungary
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Men's 95 (Filipino/Waray-waray)	Palo, Leyte, Philippines
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Women's 100 (Spanish)	Concepción, Chile
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Women's 146 (English)	Atlanta, GA
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Women's 107 (English)	Evansville, IN
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Men's 112 (Spanish)	Managua, Nicaragua
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Men's 488 (Spanish)	Dallas, TX
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Men's 58 (Spanish)	Trenton, NJ
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Women's 84 (English)	Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Women's 54 (Italian)	Assisi, Italy
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Women's 697 (Vietnamese/English)	Galveston/Houston, TX
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Men's 87 (Spanish)	Omaha, NE
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Women's 36 (Spanish)	Kansas City /St Joseph, MO
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Men's 95 (English)	Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Women's 121 (English)	Orlando, FL
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Men's 333 (English)	Manchester, NH
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Women's 749 (English)	Orange, CA
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Rockford, IL
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Men's Cursillo (English)	San Jose, CA
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Women's 315 (English)	San Diego, CA
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Women's 139 (English)	Springfield/Cape Girardeau, MO
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Women's 99 (English)	Worcester, MA
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Cursillo de cursillos (Spanish)	Milwaukee WI
10/15/2026	10/18/2026	Men's 114 (Spanish)	Cleveland, OH