



Buffalo Cursillo

August 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: 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

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

Region II Fall Encounter: Workshop via zoom, Saturday, Sep. 19th from 8:30am to Noon. If interested, Contact Terry Johnson for the zoom link.

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

Lay Coordinator Report:

Hope that everyone is enjoying summer and all the great things that happen in Buffalo in summer. But with the coming of August comes the start of getting ready for our Fall 2026 weekends. The men's team for Cursillo # 242 has formed and is already preparing.

Cursillo Mens Weekend #242 Team

Weekend October 8th - 11th 2026

Rector	Paul Johnson #193	CCA	Tom Hall #103
Asst. Rector	Jim Piedgdon #234	4th Day	Joe Beinhauer #161
Ideal	Jacob Difrancesco #234	Warden	Don Wach #234
Laity	Jerry O'Donnell #189	Warden	Mark Behm #238
Piety	Jim Piedgdon #234	Warden	Dave Foley #241
Study	Jim Anzalone #113	Liturgist	Bill Kita #238
Action	Jesse Smith #232	Liturgist	Paul Johnson #193
		Spiritual	
Leader	Mario Candino #238	Directors	Deacon Miguel Santos
Total			
Security	Paul Johnson #193		Deacon John Hendricks
Environment	Joe Morcelle #155	Priest	Fr. Ron Sajdak

Please remember Paul, Jim, and the rest of the Team in your prayers and intentions that the Holy Spirit will fill them with His grace and wisdom as they work on their talks and get ready to bring the friends they will meet over those three days of the weekend to Christ.

Ultreya !
Chuck Stephan
Lay Coordinator
cstephan@twc.com
716 817-3969

Assistant Lay Coordinator Report:

As I write this, I am on vacation. Fortunately for me, there is daily Mass within a short walk of my place of lodging and a shorter walk housing an adoration chapel. Vacation to so many means it is “me” time to escape from the daily grind and chores of our lives, to just relax. But what about Jesus? Do we take Jesus with us on vacation? Do we relax with him?

As I relax with Jesus on vacation, I have more time to pray, including prayers for the upcoming fall Weekends, their Teams and Candidates as well as the out-of-town Weekends that are listed in our monthly newsletters. It is “my” time to pray for “them”. Hoping your summer getaways afford you the opportunity to attend daily Mass and have time to unwind and recharge with Jesus.

Ultreya!
Denise Daniels
Assistant Lay Coordinator

Spiritual Advisor Report:

A quick reflection that I ask myself many times (I heard it first from Fr. Robert McTigue, Catholic radio):

- What am I doing for Christ?
- What have I done for Christ?
- What should I be doing for Christ?

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:

Greetings and a very happy summer to all!

Summer is in full bloom with great weather and sooo many parties and events to attend. Let us keep in mind just how wonderful our Cursillo weekend experience was and how it has changed our lives in so many positive ways. Let us share this experience with others, family friends, and new acquaintances. I'm asking you all to pray to the Holy Spirit to guide you to those who would benefit from the joy of a Cursillo weekend. Many of us were touched deeply by the testimonies of the candidates of the last 2 weekends, clearly they were strongly touched by The Holy Spirit in a very powerful way. We still have room for more candidates for the upcoming fall weekends Mens October 8-11 and Womens November 12-15th. There will be a Mens meet and greet Thursday August 20th at 6pm. Held at the shelter on Griner rd Clarence between Harris Hill and Transit rd. Womens meet and greet is TBA most likely in September. God bless you all!

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:

Come get revitalized in the Cursillo spirit at the August Southtowns reunion mass and picnic.

St Brendan's on the Lake was awesome. Pueblo de Paz Ultreyas was super. Rainbow Vineyard kept the spirit alive. Southtown's picnic will be just as spirited.

Bring your families!!! Bring your chairs!!!

Bring your own entree, and a dish and beverage to pass!!!

Bring your swimming trunks for the inground pool!!!

Bring your musical instruments/stands and voices for mass!!!

Bring your own meat as a grill will be available!!!

Thanks to Dawn and Mike Quinn for their hospitality.

532 S South Shore Blvd. Lackawanna, NY 14218

Do you know someone that has been praying about making Cursillo? Reach out to them and ask them to attend an upcoming meet and greet party. 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:

Friendship. This word is important and we hear it often in our Cursillo circles. This word has been coming at me from all directions lately. I've taken this as an indication that we should tackle this word in our next several Schools of Leaders.

Who are my friends? How do I make friends? How do I choose friends or they choose me? What impact do friends have on my life? What impact do I have on the lives of my friends? What happens when I lose a friend? Or gain one? What does it mean to be a "friend in Christ"? What does it mean to have Jesus as my friend? What does Catholicism say about friendship? What is the true definition of this word?

Our next School of Leaders will be held on Saturday, September 26th, from 10am to noon(ish) in the school building (door A) at Church of the Annunciation. 7580 Clinton Street, Elma NY. There will be coffee/water and snacks as always.

Topic: Friendship (Part 1)

I hope you will come and join us to discuss this very important word.

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

Secretary:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. – Numbers 6:24-26

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

Prayer Request:

Entered into their 5th Day:

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.

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	
Cole Koons	Mary Flanigen	
Lynn Fetes	Deacon Joe Barr	

Buffalo Cursillo Ultreya Schedule

Ultreya	Date	Time	Location	Contacts
Bethany Cheektowaga & surrounding area	8/13/26 2 nd Thursday & 4 th Thursday 8/27/26	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	8/25/26 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	3 rd Friday 8/21/26	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	8/11/26 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	8/20/26 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	8/20/26 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 Men's meet & greet on August 20, 6 PM at Fogelsonger Park, 8355 Greiner Rd (between Transit & Harris Hill) Region III Fall Encounter Zoom Workshop: Saturday, Sept 19th 8:30am – noon If interested, contact Terry Johnson for the zoom link.	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
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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
9/26 – 10:am – noon at Church of the Annunciation 7580 Clinton St, Elma. In the school building, door A. Topic: Friendship (Part 1) Speakers: Joan Conklin, Dcn Dave Clabeaux	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.

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