


Buffalo Cursillo

March 2026 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Spring 2026 Weekends: Women’s Weekend #240, March 12th – 15th, 2026
Men’s Weekend #241, April 23th -26th, 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:

As I was pondering on our Cursillo Buffalo movement, I could not help but be encouraged by the fact that our Women’s Spring weekend is full – 19 candidates! This is the second women’s weekend in a row with a full house. Special thanks go out to Sherry Misso and her team for all the hard work following up on possible candidates to make sure registration and sponsor information is complete along with both Catherine Friedman and Katie Black for hosting “meet and greets” at their homes with the support of the Come to the Well and Full of Grace Ultreyas. The “meet and greet” concept seems to be working very well. Hopefully we can see it expand to other parts of the Diocese.

The Men’s weekend, now moved to April 23-26, already has 6 candidates which means that we are off to a decent start, but more work must happen to fill it out. Granted April seems like a long way off from the beginning of March, but it will be here sooner than we know. There is a “meet and greet” in the works for the Clarence area but in order to fill out the weekend it would seem that we need to see it repeated in other parts of the Diocese, all that we need is for someone or a group to step up with a date and location. If that can happen please contact Sherry Misso (716-984-0163) with the information as soon as possible. As always however, we know that the best way is to see someone who might benefit from Cursillo, make that friend, be that friend, (bring that friend to a “meet and greet”) and bring that friend to Christ at the April Men’s weekend.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta has said, "God doesn't require us to succeed, he only requires that you try" and try we must sometimes more than once. After all, if your sponsor had not tried with you, where would you be today?

De Colores

Chuck Stephan
Lay Coordinator
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Spiritual Advisor Report:

Lent

I came upon a quote from Decani Monastery, an Orthodox Monastery in Serbia as it relates to our season of Lent, good words to live by: "Lent is not a season of religious self-improvement, it is a season of restored vision. It is not about becoming morally impressive, but about undergoing metanoia, a profound change of perspective. We fast not to punish the body, but to loosen the grip of compulsions that keep us living outwardly. We pray not to inform God, but to gather the scattered mind into the heart where the Kingdom already dwells. We forgive not because it is demanded, but because without inward reconciliation we cannot see clearly.

Lent is the Church's annual invitation to stop living from fear and begin seeing from communion. When the lens changes, everything changes. The same world, the same circumstances, yet a different center of gravity. Less control, more trust. Less self-defense, more mercy. In that inward return, morality ceases to be performance and becomes fruit. The true work of Lent is not behavior management, it is the healing of sight."

Let us be the *one* who changes the perspective and brings about the needed profound change in our world.

Deacon Marc Leaderstorf, Weekend # 151

Treasurer Report:

Donations can be sent to Mike at:
4077 Thornwood Lane
Williamsville, NY 14221

All donations are greatly appreciated!

Mike Cucinotta
Treasurer

Historian Report:

Our Historian, Carol Stier (Buffalo Women's #7), is taking a well-deserved break. Historian reports will return at a later date. Thank you Carol, for all you do to remind us of the great Cursillo history.

Carol Stier
Buffalo Cursillo Historian
(716) 692-1606

Pre-Cursillo Report:

Hello everyone! I can happily say SPRING is just around the corner and with that brings a new hope for warmer days and sunshine and very excited and wonderful women making weekend #240. Nothing better than to see new candidates glowing with the light that only Christ can bring. We have 18 beautiful women candidates.

Many of the candidates for the spring weekends came from the info nights for the men and women.

I'd like to give a shout out to Catherine Friedman, Katie Black and Clair Gavigan for hosting, they all did a fabulous job creating a comfortable environment to receive information about Cursillo while having fun and enjoying sweet treats and meeting others that made Cursillo. I would like to encourage other Ultreyas to think about hosting an info night. If you have questions about hosting one please contact me.

I'm encouraging all sponsors to take their role as a sponsor to your candidate seriously. You are a crucial part of their new walk with Jesus. Call them before the weekend and see if they have any special needs or questions, pray for them, do Palanca for them and bring them to Thursday evening opening ceremony. Attend the Holy hour and break in session Saturday night and attend the Las Mananitas on Sunday morning as well as the Sunday closing ceremony. Following up with them after Cursillo, 4th day dinner, joining a small group and encouraging them to go to Ultreya's. The Buffalocursillo.com website has a reference list of Sponsor responsibilities please print it out so you have. God Bless the team, candidates and all their sponsors of #240.

May God Bless you all!
DeColores,
Sherry Misso
Pre-Cursillo

Cursillo Section:

The Women's Weekend (March 12 - 15) is the perfect opportunity to exercise the three pillars of Lent. - prayer, fasting and almsgiving. There are opportunities to pray on Thursday evening, Saturday evening and at Mass on Sunday. Offer up a fast for the success of the weekend. Be sure to check the schedule of events with your Ultreya Coordinator or the Cursillo website.

There are still a few openings left for the Men's Weekend; be sure to get your registration form to PreCursillo!!

We would like to welcome Mark and Nancy Suchyna as they assume the responsibility of the new Cursillo Section Coordinators. They bring a lot of enthusiasm and talents to this role. They are looking forward to getting to know you all better.

It has been a privilege to service on the Secretariat, where I (Diane) worked with some of the most hard working, dedicated individuals over these past few years. I have met many individuals who became life-long friends and for which I will be forever grateful.

See you at the Women's Weekend!

DeColores

Denise Daniels - (716) 823-5453

Diane Putt - (716) 380-0187

Post-Cursillo:

It's just about spring. Shake off those winter doldrums and join your Cursillo family for prayers, fun, good food and good fellowship. There are many upcoming opportunities.

1. Women and Men's meet and greet nights - bring a prospect or not - come and reconnect with fellow Cursillista.
2. Women and Men's Support Masses - join all for a combined prayer asking the Holy Spirit to bring gifts of wisdom, understanding, council, fortitude and love between the team and candidates.
3. Small Group Gatherings and Ultreyas - we are all in this together. Amen.
4. 4th Day Dinner - Let's show these new Cursillatas just how large our family really is!
5. Summer reunion Masses. Northtowns to Southtowns, country to city, summer picnic too. What a great time to show our God all the love we share.

See the newsletter schedule for more details.

We are not trying to grill you (a crummy pun about summer cookouts). Join us. We need all of us. We are in this together. Make a friend. Be a friend and bring a friend to Christ.

De Colores,

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School of Leaders:

Marty Ruhland

School of Leaders Coordinator

Secretary:

Second Touch 2026 was an incredible weekend. If you’ve never attended the 2nd Touch retreat, please think about it and consider joining us in 2027.

Here are just a few of the comments we received from attendees this year:

“The theme (Becoming the Good News) was inspiring. The Good News is simple; we just need to learn to be bolder to spread the Good News.”

“It is a renewal of the energy I had after making my Cursillo weekend.”

“Incredibly meaningful, I woke up thanking the Lord for bringing me to journey with these friends.”

“The theme really came alive through the Rollos and group sharing.”

“The food was excellent”

Karen Trimper
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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.

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

Buffalo Cursillo Ultreya Schedule

Ultreya	Date	Time	Location	Contacts
Bethany Cheektowaga & surrounding area	3/12/26 2 nd Thursday & 3/26/26 4 th Thursday	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	3/24/26 3 rd 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 3/25/26	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 3/20/26 ^y	6:00 PM	Ed & Ruth Hackett's 3921 Main St Strykersville	Ruth Hackett 716-913-6432 backquak@yahoo.com Maryanne Moore
Rainbow Vineyard Northtowns area	3/10/26 2 nd Tuesday & 3/24/26 4 th Tuesday	7:00 PM	Our Lady of Czestochowa 64 Center Ave N Tonawanda	Carolyn McNamara 716-694-5949 Carolyn Ruhland 716-912-2890 caruhl73@verizon.net
Southtowns Southtowns area	3/5/26 1 st Thursday & 3/19/26 3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Maureen McCarthy for location	St. Andrew's Permanent Group Mike & Maureen McCarthy 716-913-7369 moeyishsere.210@gmail.com
St. Brendan on the Lake Lockport area	3/9/26 2 nd Monday	7:00 PM	St. Brendan on the Lake Parish	Jesse Smith 716-930-9901 Jsmithjr2@verizon.net

Upcoming Cursillo Dates	
Cursillo	Reunion Masses
MEET and GREET Men's Meet & Greet yet to be determined	May 8th – Bethany and St. Brendan's combined. More details to come. May 16 – 4th day dinner at St. Teresa of Avila . Mass at 4 PM, set up at 5, doors open at 5:30, 6 PM dinner. Bring your place setting & a dish to pass June 12th – Pueblo de Paz Reunion Mass July 10th – Rainbow Vineyard Reunion Mass August 16th – Southtowns Reunion Mass & picnic September 11th – Come to the Well Reunion Mass
Men's Weekend #241 April 23 – 26, 2026	Women's Weekend #240 March 12-15, 2026
4/18 – 4:00 pm Support Mass for men's weekend at St. Teresa of Avila, Akron, NY 4/22 - Set-up for Weekend 5:30 pm 4/23 - Registration from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Sponsors & community prayer service at 8 pm. 4/25 – Break-in 7:00 pm, arrive by 6:45 pm 4/26 – Las Mananitas – 6 am (Men only) - 3 pm Closures with community mass	3/7 – 4:00 pm Support Mass for women's weekend at St. Vincent de Paul, Springbrook, NY 3/11 - Set-up for Weekend 5:30 pm St. Teresa of Avila 3/12 – Registration from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Sponsors & community prayer service at 8 pm. 3/14 – Break-in 7:00 pm, arrive by 6:45 pm 3/15 – Las Mananitas – 6 am (Women only) - 3 pm Closures with community mass
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY	
School of Leaders (Workshop)	Other Opportunities
Date TBD 10:00am – 12:00pm Round-table discussion on the question: Why do new Cursillistas not remain active in the Cursillo Community and others fall away?	3/21 - 24th Annual Catholic Men's Conference at O'Hara High School 4/25 - Catholic Women of Buffalo 2026 Conference at St. Gregory the Great

OutBound Palanca March 2026

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Women's 80 (English)	Owensboro, KY
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Women's 95 (Spanish)	Mexicali/ San Luis, R.C., Mexico
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Women's 106 (English)	Nashville, TN
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Men's 161 (English)	Fargo, ND
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Women's 1083 (Filipino)	Los Angeles, CA
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Women's 3 (English)	Kalocsa-Kecskeméti Főegyházmegeye, Hungary
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Men's 196 (English)	Rosemead, CA
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Men's 23 (Hungarian)	Vál, Székesfehérvári Egyházmegeye, Hungary
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Men's 279 (English)	Kansas City-St Joseph, MO
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Women's 486 (Spanish)	Dallas, TX
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Women's 577 (Spanish)	Amarillo, TX
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Cuauhtémoc-Madera, Mexico
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Men's Cursillo (English)	Bismarck, ND
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Men's 51 (English)	Gaylord, MI
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Men's 223 (English)	Pittsburgh, PA
3/5/2026	3/8/2026	Men's 139 (English)	St. Augustine, FL
3/6/2026	3/8/2026	Women's 475 (French)	Outaouais, Quebec, Canada
3/7/2026	3/7/2026	Diocesan Ultreya (Spanish)	Sacramento, CA
3/12/2026	3/15/2026	Women's 120 (English)	Orlando, FL
3/12/2026	3/15/2026	Women's 87 (English)	Laredo, TX
3/12/2026	3/15/2026	Women's 197 (English)	Rosemead, CA
3/12/2026	3/15/2026	Women's 148 (English)	Birmingham, AL
3/12/2026	3/15/2026	Men's 331 (English)	Manchester, NH
3/12/2026	3/15/2026	Men's 425 (English)	Detroit, MI
3/12/2026	3/15/2026	Men's 41 (English)	Nyiregyhaza, Hungary
3/12/2026	3/15/2026	Men's 31 (Spanish)	Washington, DC
3/12/2026	3/15/2026	Men's 105 (English)	Fort Wayne/South Bend, IN
3/12/2026	3/15/2026	Women's 387 (Spanish)	Bronx, NY
3/12/2026	3/15/2026	Women's 240 (English)	Buffalo, NY
3/12/2026	3/15/2026	Women's March 2026 Cursillo (English)	San Pedro-Orlando, FL

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3/12/2026	3/15/2026	Men's 147 (English)	Joliet, IL
3/12/2026	3/15/2026	Women's 252 (Spanish)	Austin, TX
3/12/2026	3/12/2026	Men's 1202 (English)	Peoria, IL
3/19/2026	3/22/2026	Women's 280 (English)	Kansas City-St Joseph, MO
3/19/2026	3/22/2026	Men's 224 (English)	New York, NY
3/19/2026	3/22/2026	Spring Women's Cursillo (English)	Crookston, MN
3/19/2026	3/22/2026	Women's 137 (English)	Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MI
3/19/2026	3/22/2026	Women's 106 (English)	Evansville, IN
3/19/2026	3/22/2026	Men's Cursillo (English)	Boston, MA
3/19/2026	3/22/2026	Women's Cursillo (English)	Bismarck, ND
3/19/2026	3/22/2029	Woman's 224 (English)	Pittsburgh, PA
3/19/2026	3/22/2026	Women's 52 (English)	Gaylord, MI
3/19/2026	3/22/2026	Men's 122 (English)	Tahi, Hungary
3/19/2026	3/22/2026	Women's 186 (English)	Milwaukee, WI
3/19/2026	3/22/2026	Men's 74 (Spanish)	Tyler, TX
3/26/2026	3/29/2026	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, Mexico
3/26/2026	3/29/2026	Men's 226 (English)	Fort Worth, TX