



March 2022 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:**

School of Leaders (SoL) To be determined.

Reunion Mass      Date: March 18, 2022  
Time: **7:00 pm**  
Place: Annunciation Church  
7580 Clinton Street  
Elma, NY  
Host: Full of Grace  
Presider: Fr. Gene Ulrich

Spring weekends      Men's: #227 April 7-10, 2022  
Women's: Spring Weekend postponed until October 20-23, 2022  
Support Mass: April 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Vincent DePaul Church  
Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> day to be determined.

Virtual Ultreya      Bethany Ultreya meets virtually on Zoom the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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;  
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**Lay Director's Report**

Wars, rumors of wars, inflation, pestilence. Lent is a great time to fast from the media and do what the Lord has always told us: "Return to Me with your whole heart", "Be not afraid", "in the world you will have trouble, but I have overcome the world", "Have faith in God, and have faith in Me." At times like these I like to remember what Mark Twain said about the media: "If you don't read the papers you are uninformed, and if you do read the papers you are misinformed." Keep in mind that if the 'news' wasn't bad, they wouldn't be reporting it. And if the news is good, they'll be distorting it. Well, here's some good news with no distortion. Spring is right around the corner. Men's Cursillo #227 is on track with at least 11 new Cursillistas joining us. The team support Mass will be held on Saturday, April 2nd at 4:30 at St. Vincent's. Y'all come! The WNY Catholic Men's Conference will be held on March 26th at Cardinal O'Hara High School. Visit our booth and say Ultreya! The featured speakers include radio host Joe McClane, Fr. Luke Uebler and

Deacon Steve Schumer. Our own School of Leaders will be held at Annunciation of the BVM (my alma mater) on March 27. And before you know it, Holy Week and Easter will be upon us. Sadly, the Women's Cursillo weekend has had to be postponed until October but that only means that we should all do some "spring planting" for a good "fall harvest". So pump up your piety, strengthen your study and amplify your action this Lent. Go out there and make a difference! Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Christ.

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### Spiritual Director:

To be provided next month.

### Historian Report:

#### **Buffalo Cursillo History** (continued)

##### Buffalo Cursillo History #5

"Welcome to your Fourth Day" was proclaimed to almost 1000 men and women at the end of 25 Buffalo English Cursillo weekends, from 1965 to the beginning of 1970. Most were from WNY and about a tenth were from the dioceses of Rochester, Erie, PA, Ontario, Canada and elsewhere. During those years, the leadership spent the greater amount of energy promoting weekends. Once a men's weekend was over, it was deemed necessary to present a women's weekend a few weeks later.

Even from the beginning, Lou Pauly was thinking about how to create a Fourth Day program. The monthly Reunion Mass was a Buffalo invention. Originally, these Masses were called Ultreyas because of the witness and doctrinal talks and socializing afterwards.

Word of mouth and personal invitation brought many to Cursillo: husbands, wives, in-laws, friends, neighbors and parishioner, priests, religious sisters and seminarians. Many followed the Cursillo motto: "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ."

Cursillistas from nearby parishes began to gather in their own area for group reunions (not yet called Ultreyas), meeting in homes or parish buildings. Coming together once or twice a month, Cursillistas sought to share their piety, study and apostolic action, present a witness and a doctrinal talk in the pattern of a group reunion. There were differences from group to group as some began with music and Scripture and others with a prayer and personal introductions. Eventually called Ultreyas, these provided a vehicle for personal and spiritual growth and the support for the Fourth Day.

By 1970 there were 12 Ultrayas in the Buffalo Diocese: Amherst-Cheektowaga, Batavia, Clarence, Dunkirk-Fredonia, East Buffalo, Kensington-Bailey, KenTon, Lancaster-Depew, Niagara Falls, North Buffalo, South Buffalo-West Seneca and Southtowns (i.e., the Southern tier and Jamestown).

Carol Stier  
Buffalo Cursillo Historian  
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### Pre-Cursillo Report:

PreCursillo has received 11 registrations forms and commitments for the men's weekend. We have received 4 for women's weekend and 2 want to schedule for the fall Women's weekend. This weekend we sent out notices and/or return cards to candidates and sponsors. Please continue to get candidates and send in registration forms.

Thank you and God Bless,

Audrey DiMaria and committee  
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### Cursillo Section:

It has been too long since we have been able to hold Cursillo weekends, as we have been in contact with Fr. Karl, he told us that he would follow whatever the Diocese says, and he is hoping that we will have weekends. With that, we have contacted the Diocese spoke with them and they gave us the green light as long as there is no spike in the pandemic. Our Men's team have been meeting, preparing their Rollos, building community and praying and offering palanca for the candidates that have been called to walk this weekend. For our Cursillo community please continue to pray and offer palanca for this weekend. We will be holding the Men's weekend beginning April 7th thru 10th, set-up on the 6th, Holy Hour on the 9th at 7pm and the Closure on the 10th at 3PM in the church.

We are excited to have the Men's weekend; however, we are postponing the Women's weekend for the Spring until October.

We also have a Women's Team: Please send up prayers and palanca for them as well.

Rector: Catherine Friedman  
Asst. Rector: Lisa Johnson  
Ideals: Charlene Hugel  
Laity: Diane Reese  
Study: Mary Bitka  
Action: Sherri Misso  
Leaders: Del Leaderstorf  
Environments: Christine Thomann  
CCA: Mary Kay Schaub  
Wardens: Julie Kapuscinski, Chris Shilen, Linda Mary Hall  
Liturgist: Dawn Quinn  
4th Day: Mary Ann DiMaria

The Cursillo Section would like to thank Mary Kay Schaub for her years of dedication in coordinating our kitchen. Mary Kay always had a smile and a special welcoming way to all who entered the Kitchen area. She is retiring from that position and we have good news, Mike Cucinotta and Otto Misso will be joining the Cursillo Section as coordinators. Welcome!

One more bit of news...we have Fall Weekends scheduled:

Men's: Sept. 15th–18th (Set up on 9/14, Holy Hour on 9/17 and Closure 9/18)  
Women's: Oct. 20th-23rd (Set up on 10/19, Holy Hour on 10/22 and Closure 10/23)  
4th Day Dinner: November 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Vincent's (details will follow)

Please continue to pray for our Cursillo Section.

God's Blessing

Ultreya

Joan and Mary Ann

Joan Conklin and Mary Ann DeMaria

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### Post-Cursillo:

You are all invited to the Reunion Mass on Friday March 18th, at 7:00 PM at the Church of the Annunciation, 7580 Clinton St., Elma, 14059. Father Fr. Eugene Ulrich will celebrate mass and Mary Kay Schaub will provide a witness. The Full of Grace Ultreya has made an effort to host this, so please make an effort to attend and support our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Study is one leg of the Cursillo grouping triangle, along with piety and action. There are opportunities to 'study' this summer at the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Most people would say that their relationship with God is not where they would like it to be, but many also feel unsure of how to change it. The Steubenville Conferences offer unique conference experiences to help people escape the spiritual desert and empower them to live every day as joyful disciples of Jesus Christ. Franciscan University hosts adult conferences annually with the titles and themes of: Power and Purpose, Applied Biblical Studies, and Defending the Faith. We attended the Power and Purpose Conference for the first time in 2021 along with about 10 other Cursillistas from Buffalo and truly enjoyed it. The conferences include moving speakers and some time to just chill, relax and be with God without the everyday distractions, or at least of less of them.

You can get all the information on the conferences at <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/>

Here is a 2-minute promo video on the Power and Purpose Conference

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EgqaPorFfRA>

Registration is now open. When you sign up use the codes below for preferred seating and other perks and discounts.

- Power and Purpose Conference June 3-5, 2022 code is: **PPC22JcasNY**

- Applied Biblical studies July 27-29, 2022: **ABS22JcasNY**
- Defending the Faith Conference July 29-31, 2022 code is: **DFC22JCasNY**
- Use the Early Bird code prior to April 19 for a \$20 discount at registration is: **earlybird2022**

Jerry Casillo is an ambassador for Franciscan University and is leading groups from Buffalo, but you can also go on your own. Contact Jerry for additional information at [miride@aol.com](mailto:miride@aol.com) or 716-803-9952. He can help with transportation arrangements if needed.

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### School of Leaders:

If you are a Christian, moved by the holy spirit and trying to live your life in Christ, you are a leader. If in no other way, you lead by your example. You are a light to those around you. Perhaps "School of Leaders" might be better named "School of Lights."

The theme of our upcoming school is Prayer. What is it? Why do we do it? How do we do it? What better way to spend the early afternoon of our Lord's day than with a group of lights sharing, learning and praying together.

Please come and join us on Sunday, March 27th at 1pm in the Community Room at the Church of the Annunciation School Building, Clinton Street, Elma NY. "*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*" (Matthew 18:20)

Blessings to you,

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### Prayer Request:

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

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