



October 2025

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:

Fall 2025 Weekends:	Men's Weekend #238, October 9 th – 12 th , 2025 Women's Weekend #239 – November 6 th – 9 th , 2025
Virtual Ultreya:	Bethany Ultreya meets virtually on Zoom the 2 nd and 4 th 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
Second Touch 2026:	January 30 th – February 1 st (Theme: Becoming the Good News)

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

Buffalo Cursillo Second Touch 2026: Becoming the Good News

An Invitation to Explore the richness of the Cursillo movement.

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: "Becoming the Good News"

Registration Options & Costs:

- \$220: Full weekend (includes two nights' accommodation and six meals)
- \$100: All day Saturday only
- \$40: Dinner and Ultreya only

Scholarships are available to support participation.

Weekend Schedule:

- **Friday:**
 - **Registration 3:00 – 7:00 PM**
 - **Dinner 5:30 PM**
 - **Reconciliation: 7:00 – 8:00 PM**
 - **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 karentrimp@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:

The October Men's 2025 weekend is fast approaching as is the Women's November weekend. Our calling, as disciples of Jesus, is to spread the Good News of the Gospel and what better way than to make that friend, be that friend, and bring your friend to Christ.

I think that the hardest part of all of this is to start. In sales it's called the "500-pound phone", the normal reluctance to pick up the phone and make the first call. The fear of rejection is one of the most primal and ingrained fears that we as humans have. Look at the amazing gift that your sponsor gave you by inviting you (perhaps more than once, more than twice, 10 times !?) to make a weekend. Can you really think of another gift greater than when your sponsor opened that door to introduce you to Jesus in a new and deeply personal way? That's what you, and perhaps only you, can do for someone.

That comfort zone that we are so reluctant to leave is nice, easy, calm, comfortable. But just think how much richer your life is now that someone left their comfort zone to invite you and support you to make a weekend. How much they valued you and cared enough that they risked being rejected or politely put off when they opened that door for you.

So, take that risk, spread the Good News that Jesus loves you yet to become new friend, and invite that new friend to meet your friend, Jesus, in a new and wonderful way.

De Colores

Chuck Stephan
Lay Coordinator
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Williamsville, NY 14221
cstephan@twc.com

Cell: 716 817-3969 (make sure to leave a message as calls are screened)

Assistant Lay Coordinator Report:

Spiritual Advisor Report:

Bishop Fulton Sheen said, "He seeks us before we dream of seeking him; he knocks before we invite him in; he loves us before we respond." A brilliant piece of wisdom. As you pour your efforts into the Fall Men's and Women's weekends, keep it in mind. Whether you are on one of the teams, helping to set up, serving in the kitchen, praying, or in any way serving, know that in doing so you are participating in the great Joy of Christ's invitation to Love. An invitation to our newest Cursillista's that can change their lives ... and likely yours!

Know that your work is His. Continue serving with a generous heart!!!

Peace,
Deacon Dave Clabeaux
Buffalo Cursillo - Spiritual Advisor
716-353-3752

Prayer for Intercession

We ask the intercession of Eduardo Bonnin to guide us so that we will be touched with the same Spirit that guided him to develop a method to bring us closer to Christ and our neighbor in the Cursillo Movement. Help us Lord to a deeper understanding of the true and authentic method of Cursillo and the Foundational Charism. Amen

Historian Report:

Buffalo Cursillo History

Historian's Report #40-October 2025

In the 60 years of the Buffalo Cursillo, six priests, two religious sisters and eleven permanent deacons, have served as Spiritual Advisors or Assistant Spiritual Advisors for this local ecclesiastic movement.

In the early years, the Spiritual Advisor was always a priest or religious sister, but in the 1980s, permanent deacons assumed the responsibility as Spiritual Advisors. For the past 35 years, permanent deacons solely have served as Spiritual Advisors on the Buffalo Cursillo Secretariat.

The Spiritual Advisor has always been appointed by the bishop. In addition to the general responsibility for the director of the local Cursillo Movement, his main responsibility is to provide for the apostolic formation of the leaders, to advise the Movement on spiritual matters, and to secure the services of priests to work in various phases of the Movement, including their capacity as Spiritual Directors and serving on Cursillo teams. (Leaders' Manual, 1988 (P. 47) The Spiritual Advisor usually has an inspirational article in the monthly "Buffalo Cursillo Newsletter", along with an article by the Lay Coordinator.

"The Spiritual Advisors should possess pastoral balance, have faith in his apostolic ministry, be able to witness to unity and have the attitude of living the Cursillo and not only directing it."
Leaders' Manual, 1988 (P. 254)

The term for the Spiritual Advisor is usually three years with noted exceptions.*

These outstanding spiritual guides include:

Rev. David Doyle (Men's?) 1965-1968

Rev. Barry Smith (Erie Men's # 6) 1968-1973*

Rev. Pete Szafran (Buffalo Men's #15) 1973-1979*

Sr. Noreen McCarrick, O.S. F. (Women's #82) (Asst.) 1978-1979

Sr. Noreen McCarrick, O.S.F. (Women's #82) 1980-1981

Rev. George (Flip) Stephan (Men's #13) 1980-1983

Deacon Gordon Cartwright (Men's #15) (Asst.) 1980-1983

Rev. Robert Vogt (Men's #18) 1984-1985

Deacon John Gainey (Men's #83) (Asst.) 1983-1985

Rev. John Kuhlmann (Men's #15) 1986-1988

Deacon Frank Polizzi (Men's #101) (Asst.) 1986-1988

Deacon Gordon Cartwright (Men's #15) 1988-1989

Sister Jean Marie Brach (Women's #104) (Asst.) 1988-1990

Deacon Pete Walders (Men's #89) 1990-1996*

Deacon Dennis Kapsiak (Men's # 59) 1996-2000*

Deacon Joe Barr (Men's #89) 2000-2003*

Deacon Pete Walders (Men's #89) 2003-2007*

Deacon Rick Mackiewicz (Men's #137) 2007-2011*

Deacon Mike Quinn (Men's # 120) 2011-2015*

Deacon Greg Moran (Men's #202) 2015-2019*

Deacon Alex Manunta (Men's #199) 2020-2023

Deacon David Clabeaux (Men's #193) 2023-2025

The Buffalo Cursillo Movement is indebted to and blessed by their spiritual mentorship.

Carol Stier (Buffalo Women's #7)

Buffalo Cursillo Historian

716-692-1606

Pre-Cursillo Report:

The men's weekend is fast approaching, October 9th-12th. As of now we have 9 confirmed men with a possibility of a couple more.

Please get any registration forms and sponsor sheets to me ASAP. You can email to me at shermiss@hotmail.com. We still have room to bring candidates to Christ.

God Bless
Sherry Misso
Pre-Cursillo

Cursillo Section:

Cursillo Men's Fall Weekend No. 238 "Preseason" is over. The "rookies" have been drafted and are preparing to live their Weekend, but there is still time to recruit more "rookies". The Team "veterans" are ready for "kickoff". Please come to the Team "Meet and Greet" on Saturday, October 4th at the Support Mass. (See schedule below.) The "Weekend Opener" is on Thursday night, October 9th (see schedule below). The Community of "Spectators" needs to pray, pray, pray for a winning game.

Below is the schedule for the upcoming Men's Weekend No. 238.

Saturday, October 4, Support Mass 4:00 pm; St. Teresa of Avila Church, Akron Wednesday, October 8; setup 5:00/5:30 until done.

Thursday, October 9 Weekend starts.

5:00 pm - Building Opens

6:30 pm- Registration Begins

7:45 pm- Welcoming Remarks, Introduction of Team and Candidates

8:00 pm (approximately) - Prayer Service; Community prays for Team and Candidates

Friday, October 10, Weekend is in progress

Saturday, October 11, Weekend is in progress

7:00 pm - Arrive for Serenade

7:30 pm - Serenade Begins

8:00 pm (approximately) - Holy Hour; Community prays for Team and Candidates

Sunday, October 12, Weekend is in progress

5:30 am - Arrive for Las Mananitas (MEN ONLY)

6:00 am - Las Mananitas (starts exactly at 6:00 am; don't be late)

11:30 am - Building Tear Down starts

3:00 pm - Mass and Clausura

5:00 pm - Final tasks associated with Building Tear Down and Lockup

The Team and their positions appear below.

Rector, Total Security - Marty Ruhland; Assistant Rector, Piety – Mark Miller; Ideal – Dan Hamilton; Layperson, Christian in the World – Scott Medole; Study – Jim Piegdon; Action – Alex Hartman; Leaders – Mike Emery; Study of the Environment – Bill Andrews; Christianity in Action – Jeff Hamm; Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo – Dennis Conklin; Wardens – Gary Server and John Desimone; Liturgist – Dave Clifford; Spiritual Directors – Deacons Dave Clabeaux, Alex Manunta and Pete Walders.

Ultreya,
Diane Putt (716-380-0187) and Denise Daniels (716-823-5453)
Cursillo Section Co-coordinators

Post-Cursillo:

We are now about to embark on our fall Men's and Women's Cursillo. The teams are chosen and preparing to bring more candidates to Jesus through the Cursillo way. For those not on the team or working Palanca, please take a moment to remember your Cursillo. Remember your commitment you made to Christ. Remember our saying – Make a friend, Be a friend and Bring a friend to Christ.

We humbly request as Post Cursillo Coordinators, Stay Engaged! Call a friend and attend the support Mass. Bring your singing voice to the Break-in or at Las Mananitas and please attend Closures. We are stronger together.

DeColores,

Pat Mahaney 716 481-3715 pmahaney2@gmail.com

Greg Wilttrout 716 870-7986 gwilttrout74@gmail.com

Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend.

Treasurer:

Secretary:

The Holy Name of Jesus represents the incarnation of God among men on earth. It is the Name above all names. It is the Most Holy Name that deserves the greatest honor and glories, above all other feasts. Because of our living hope in the Name of "Jesus", we have the assurance of our resurrection and eternal salvation.

School of Leaders:

October is a month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a prayer that has served as a beacon of hope and comfort throughout history. The month is dedicated to Mary and the Most Holy Rosary, with various Saints honored including St. Therese of the Child of Jesus and St. Antioch. The Liturgical color for October is green, symbolizing Hope and the promise of a glorious resurrection. The month is marked by the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th.

The Friedmans will be on hand at the School of Leaders in October to talk about Mary and the Rosary. We will be fresh off of the Men's Cursillo Weekend, so I expect a some heightened enthusiasm and much to talk about in this special month of October.

Our School of Leaders will meet on October 18th from 10:00am until Noon. We meet in the School Building (Door A) at Church of the Annunciation, 7580 Clinton Street, Elma NY 14059. Coffee and refreshments will be served along with some great conversation. Come and join us!

DeColores,

Marty Ruhland (#216)

School of Leaders Facilitator

(716) 481-0662

rdservices@roadrunner.com

Prayer Request:

Entered into their 5th Day:

Sr. M. Lucina Stang, OSF (Women's #76) – Died November 20th, 2024

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.

Dcn Dennis Kapsiak	Pam Hornung	Jim Youngers
Bill Gross	Jean Claire Buchbinder	Cathy Agugliaro
Lois Weber	Chelsea Ellis	Tim Hiedle
Lorrie Rakoczynski	Laura and Angelo Ciavarella	Kathy O'Keefe
Jerry Frisicaro	Marie Gannon	Denise Bressette
Dcn Gary Terrana	Mike Ryan	Diane Coughlin
Arthur Ruhland	Timothy McCann	Gary Banas
Bob Yager	Joan Roberts	John Agugliaro
Cole Koons	Mary Flannagan	Marcia Moretti
Karen Trimper and Family	Bill Hiedle	Cheryl Besant
Cathy Derrick	Corinne Giermek	Bobby Lovenetti
Mary Mercurio	Dcn Joe Barr	Linda Orszulak
Fr. Joe Badding	Patrick Johnson	Elie Wieleba

Buffalo Cursillo Ultreya Schedule				
Ultreya	Date	Time	Location	Contacts
Bethany Cheektowaga & surrounding area	10/9/25 2 nd Thursday 10/23/25 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	10/28/25 4 th 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 Jan-June Sept-Oct 10/29/25	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Marty for location	Marty Ruhland rdservices@roadrunner.com 716-481-0662 (m)
Pueblo de Paz Warsaw area	10/26/25	4:00 PM	St. Michael's Church 171 N. Main St, Warsaw	Liz Wascak 585-237-5155 ewascak@yahoo.com
Rainbow Vineyard Northtowns area	10/14/25 2 nd Tuesday 10/28/25 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	10/2/25 1 st Thursday 10/16/25 3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Maureen McCarthy for location	St. Andrew's Permanent Group Mike & Maureen McCarthy 716-9137369 Moeyishere.210@gmail.com
St. Brendan on the Lake Lockport area	10/13/25	7:00 PM	St. Brendan on the Lake Parish	Jesse Smith Jsmithjr2@verizon.net 716-930-9901

Upcoming Cursillo Dates	
Cursillo	Reunion Masses
October – Men's Cursillo weekend- October 9th - 12th, St. Teresa of Avila November - Women's weekend – November 6 th – 9 th , St. Teresa of Avila	November 22nd – Fourth Day dinner, At St. Teresa of Avila, Akron NY Mass at 4 PM Set up at 5 PM Doors open at 5:30 PM Dinner at 6 PM Bring your own place setting
Men's Weekend #238 October 9-12, 2025	Women's Weekend #239 November 6-9, 2025
10/4 – 4:30 pm Support Mass for the Women's Team at St. Teresa of Avila, Akron NY 10/8 - Set-up for Weekend @ 5:30 pm, 10/9 - Registration from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Sponsors & community prayer service at 8 pm. 10/11 – Break-in 7:00 pm, arrive by 6:45 pm 10/12 – Las Mananitas – 6 am (Men only) - 3 pm Closures with community mass	11/1 – 4:30 pm Support Mass for women's weekend at St. Teresa of Avila, Akron, NY 11/5 - Set-up for Weekend 5:30 pm 11/6 – Registration from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Sponsors & community prayer service at 8 pm. 11/8 – Break-in 7:00 pm, arrive by 6:45 pm 11/9 – Las Mananitas – 6 am (Women only) - 3 pm Closures with community mass
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY	
School of Leaders (Workshop)	Other Opportunities
Topic: Mary & The Rosary Speaker: The Friedmans Date: Saturday, October 18 Time: 10:00 am – 12 noon(ish) Location: Church of the Annunciation school, 7580 Clinton St., Elma Organizer: Marty Ruhland (716)481-0662	

December '24 & early January '25 Outbound Palanca

Start Date	End Date	Event	Location	
2024-12-05	2024-12-08	Men's 146 (Spanish)	Raleigh, NC	
2024-12-05	2024-12-08	Women's 686 (Spanish)	Houston, TX	
2024-12-05	2024-12-08	Men's 130 (English)	Springfield/Cape Girardeau diocese, Southern Missouri	
2024-12-19	2024-12-22	Men's 91 (English)	Worcester, MA	
2025-01-23	2025-01-26	Men's Cursillo (English)	Windsor-Essex, Ontario	
2025-01-23	2025-01-26	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	La Paz, Bolivia	
2025-01-31	2025-02-02	Women 's 382	New York, NY	
2025-02-06	2025-02-09	Women's Cursillo (English)	Windsor-Essex, Ontario	