


Buffalo Cursillo

June 2026 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Reunion Mass: June 12th, St. Michaels, 171 North Main St, Warsaw NY (hosted by Pueblo de Paz)

Fall 2026 Weekends: Men's Weekend #244, October 8-11, 2026
Women's Weekend #245, November 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** *****

Lay Coordinator Report:

As we announced at the 4th Day dinner on May 16th, Denise Daniels is the new Assistant Lay Coordinator for Buffalo Cursillo. This is exciting news as Denise brings a love and commitment to Cursillo along with a skill set of organization and attention to detail that are so critical to the continued success of our movement. Denise has worked closely with Diane Putt on the Cursillo section, is always present on the weekends as Rectora or working on the Palanca Team, is committed to Second Touch and has attended a number of regional meetings bringing back insights and suggestions learned from other communities in Region 3. As Assistant Lay Coordinator Denise begins her one-year term in preparation to assume the duties of Lay Coordinator in 2027. Working with Denise on the Secretariat these past two years I have come to respect her dedication and her ability to bring only the best to Cursillo. I am personally grateful that she has accepted this invitation as I know that Cursillo will be left in great hands at the end of my term. May Denise receive the grace and blessings that Jesus promises to the workers in His vineyard as she starts this new chapter in her Cursillo Camino.

Ultreya !!!
Chuck Stephan
Lay Coordinator
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Assistant Lay Coordinator Report:

I am grateful to members of the Secretariat for their confidence in appointing me as Assistant Lay Coordinator. They are all hard-working and dedicated to the Buffalo Cursillo movement and I look forward to working with them once again on the Secretariat. I am especially looking forward to working with Chuck Stephan as his Assistant as he is already an amazing leader and mentor.

Holy Spirit come!

Ultreya,
Denise Daniels

Spiritual Advisor Report:

June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Church. On the Friday after the Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi), June 12- we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Church invites us to reflect on what it means to live our lives in such a way that we reveal the Loving Heart of Divine Mercy to the world.

The Diocese of Buffalo will join Catholics across the nation in a historic celebration of faith and devotion with a special Consecration Mass on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, **Friday, June 12, 2026, at 5:15 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral**. The Mass coincides with the national call by the USCCB to consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in anticipation of the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026. All are welcome to attend this special liturgy celebrating faith, unity, and the enduring spiritual foundations of the nation- note, there are other Masses scheduled at nearby parishes as well, check bulletins for details. **Bishop Michael W. Fisher** stated: "I encourage all Catholics across our region to participate in this special dedication of our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, mindful of our obligation as disciples to be constantly attentive to the sufferings and needs of others, particularly in these days when so many struggle for life's basic necessities and are denied the dignity that is theirs as children of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to live in service to others, to speak for the oppressed and vulnerable, and to work ceaselessly for the cause of justice. In doing so, we help to fulfill the promise of our nation and the fuller realization of those inalienable rights enshrined in our Constitution for the benefit of all."

The Sacred Heart of Jesus remains one of the most profound symbols in Catholic spirituality, representing the divine love and mercy of Christ, whose heart was pierced on the cross for the salvation of humanity. Rooted in centuries of Catholic tradition, devotion to the Sacred Heart calls the faithful to deepen their relationship with Jesus and reflect upon His boundless compassion, sacrifice, and unwavering love.

The Catholic Church marks time by the great events of the life of Jesus Christ and the Christian Faith. In so doing, she invites Christians to enter more fully into the mysteries of our faith and live differently, to witness to the world.

On May 31, 1992, Pope St. John Paul II canonized the Jesuit Priest St. Claude de la Colombiere, the Spiritual Director of St. Margaret Mary of Alacoque. She was the religious sister to whom the Lord gave a special revelation of His Sacred Heart, filled with redemptive and merciful love for the world. The priest shared Margaret Mary's devotion to the Heart of Jesus and helped to spread the devotion. This occurred at a critical time when the culture of Europe was steeped in darkness - and the Church was in need of renewal - a time very much like our own.

At the canonization, the Pope proclaimed: *"For evangelization today, the Heart of Christ must be recognized as the heart of the Church: It is He who calls us to conversion, to reconciliation. It is He who leads pure hearts and those hungering for justice along the way of the Beatitudes. It is He who achieves the warm communion of the members of the one Body. It is He who enables us to adhere to the Good News and to accept the promise of eternal life. It is He who sends us out on mission. The heart-to-heart with Jesus broadens the human heart on a global scale."*

The heart is the center of a person, our soul from which we make the choices which affect the world within and around us. The Catechism summarizes this truth in these words, "The heart is the seat of moral personality." (CCC# 2517) Devotion to the Heart of Jesus reminds us that it is in the Sacred Humanity of Jesus that we find the pattern for becoming fully human ourselves. Let us each be witnesses, and missionaries to expand the Heart of Jesus in our world.

Happy Father's Day to all dads and father-figures, and to all our Fathers, our Priests!

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:

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

Cursillo Section:

Summer is right around the corner and a beautiful time to reflect on divine goodness. The warmth, abundance of nature, and long days offer a peaceful opportunity to unplug, appreciate creation, and connect with your faith.

- The longer days, blooming flowers and lush greenery are physical reminders of God's generosity and creativity.
- The summer months often allow for a slower, more relaxed pace, which perfectly aligns with the biblical importance of taking a Sabbath to rest and recharge.

The brightness, joy, and warmth of the season are often viewed as earthly reminders of a heavenly paradise.

De Colores!

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

Post-Cursillo:

A heartfelt thanks to all who attended the 4th day dinner. We have some really excited Babe Chicks who have started their own or joined in on a small group, forming friendships and sharing life experiences of piety, study and action. However not all have joined an Ultreya or small group. So here is our request.

To all the candidate sponsors and table leaders, kindly call your new Cursillista and invite them out to a group meeting. Pick up your friend and go to the group, or Ultreya, meeting to build even more friendships.

Actually, we could use your help. A gentleman Cursillista in the Lancaster area has never grouped before and is looking for a small group. **If your small group is willing to accept a new member, please give us a call so we can see if the meeting time fits.**

Last thought, Please have your Ultreya represented at the June 12th Reunion Mass at St Michael's in Warsaw.

De Colores,
Pat Mahaney 716-481-3715 pmahaney2@gmail.com
Greg Wilttrout 716-870-7986 gwilttrout74@gmail.com

School of Leaders:

We had a wonderful discussion on the subject of cursillistas who, for one reason or another, have never joined a small group/ultreya, or stopped going. I'll be sharing these discussions and what conclusions were drawn with the secretariat this month and hopefully share those results with all of you in our next newsletter.

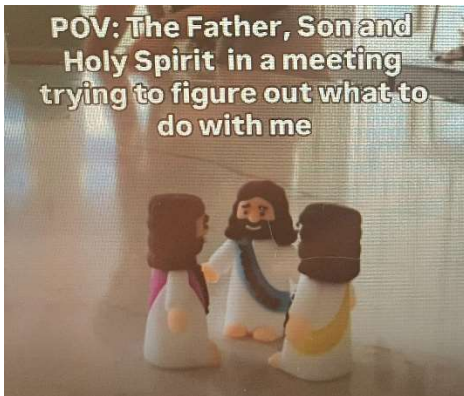
As for the next school of leaders, the subject of "Friendship" and our motto "Make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ" has been on my heart following last months school. Because it is such an important topic and a central part of the Cursillo Movement, I don't want to rush this one. So, with a lot of thought I feel it will wait until our first School of Leaders in the fall. Look for this in coming newsletters. It will be on the September schedule.

In the mean time, I hope all of you spend the summer making friends, being good friends and bringing others to Christ through your friendships.

May the Peace of Christ be with you,

Marty Ruhland (216)
School of Leaders Facilitator
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Secretary:



Karen Trimper
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 Email: karentrimp@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.

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

Buffalo Cursillo Ultreya Schedule

Ultreya	Date	Time	Location	Contacts
Bethany Cheektowaga & surrounding area	6/11/26 2 nd Thursday & 4 th Thursday 6/25/26	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	6/23/26 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 January - June Sept. – October 6/24/26	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 6/19/26	6:00 PM	Ed and 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	6/9/26 2 nd Tuesday & 6/23/26 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	6/4/26 1 st Thursday & 6/18/26 3 rd Thursday	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Maureen McCarthy for location	St. Andrew's Permanent Group Mike & Maureen McCarthy 716-913-7369 moeyishere.210@gmail.com
St Brandon on the Lake Lockport Area	6/8/26 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
<p style="text-align: center;">MEET and GREET</p> <p>June 17th - 7 PM - What is Cursillo?</p> <p>Deacon Andrew Mical and Cory Ekstrum</p> <p>What is Cursillo?</p> <p>Blessed Sacrament Church - Father Cotter Hall - building across from church, near the big parking lot, 263 Claremont Ave., Tonawanda.</p> <p>All are invited to this young adult event. There is a social after the talks on what Cursillo means to me. Please attend to support Cory and Deacon Mical's initiative.</p>	<p>June 12th- Pueblo de Paz 7 PM Reunion Mass. St. Michael's 171 North Main Street, Warsaw, NY 14569</p> <p>July 10th - Rainbow Vineyard Reunion 7 PM Reunion Mass. North Tonawanda area.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>September 11th - Come To The Well 7 PM Reunion Mass. Williamsville</p> <p>December 5th – 4th day dinner</p>
<p>Men's Weekend #242</p> <p>October 8-11, 2026</p>	<p>Women's Weekend #243</p> <p>November 12-15, 2026</p>
<p>10/3 – 4:00 pm Support Mass for men's weekend at St. Teresa of Avila, Akron, NY</p> <p>10/7 - Set-up for Weekend 5:30 pm</p> <p>10/8 - Registration from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Sponsors & community prayer service at 8 pm.</p> <p>10/10 – Break-in 7:00 pm, arrive by 6:45 pm</p> <p>10/11 – Las Mananitas – 6 am (Men only) - 3 pm Closures with community Mass</p>	<p>11/7 – 4:00 pm Support Mass for men's weekend at St. Teresa of Avila, Akron, NY</p> <p>11/11 - Set-up for Weekend 5:30 pm</p> <p>11/12 - Registration from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Sponsors & community prayer service at 8 pm.</p> <p>11/14 – Break-in 7:00 pm, arrive by 6:45 pm</p> <p>11/15 – Las Mananitas – 6 am (Men only) - 3 pm Closures with community Mass</p>
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY	
School of Leaders (Workshop)	Other Opportunities
<p>Next School will be in September on the Subject, "The meaning of Friendship and what it means to have Friendship in Christ". Watch the newsletter for the date.</p>	<p>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.</p>

OutBound Palanca April 2026

Start	End	Event	Location
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Men's 9 (Spanish)	Evansville, IN
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Women's 84 (English)	Hamilton, ON, Canada
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Women's 147 (English)	Cape Breton, Canada
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Women's 253 (Spanish)	San Diego, CA
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Men's 32 (English)	Bahamas
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Women's 299 (Spanish)	San Juan, Argentina
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Men's 301 (English)	Toledo, OH
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Men's 618 (Spanish)	Tucson, AZ
6/4/2026	6/7/2026	Women's 160 (English)	Arlington, Va
6/5/2026	6/8/2026	Women's 17 (Spanish)	San Jose del Guaviare, Colombia
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Men's Cursillo (Spanish)	Santa Rosa, CA
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Men's Cursillo (English)	Richmond, VA
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Women's 126 (English)	Budatétény, Hungary
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Women's 90 (Spanish)	Denver, CO
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Women's 411 (English)	San Angelo, TX
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Women's 157 (Spanish)	Tulancingo, Mexico
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Men's 93 (English)	Worcester, MA
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Women's 619 (Spanish)	Tucson, AZ
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Men's 29 (Spanish)	Birmingham, AL
6/11/2026	6/14/2026	Women's 1263 (English)	Peoria, IL
6/12/2026	6/15/2026	Women's 25 (Castellano/Spanish)	Rio Gallegos, Ushuaia, Argentina
6/12/2026	6/15/2026	Women's 30 (Castellano/Spanish)	Rio Gallegos, Rio Grande, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina
6/18/2026	6/21/2026	Men's 173 (Spanish)	Santa Fe de la Vera Cruz, Argentina
6/18/2026	6/21/2026	Women's 302 (English)	Toledo, OH
6/18/2026	6/20/2026	Women's 35 (English)	St George's, Grenada, Caribbean
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Women's Cursillo (Spanish)	Santa Rosa, CA
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Women's 412 (Spanish)	San Angelo, TX
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Women's 261 (English)	Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Women's 303 (English)	Biloxi, MS
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Men's 35 (Spanish)	Venice, FL
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Women's 13 (Spanich)	Laredo, TX
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Men's 145 (Spanish)	Tulancingo, Hidalgo, Mexico
6/25/2026	6/28/2026	Women's 11 (Spanish)	Harrisburg, PA