

  
**Buffalo Cursillo**

February 2026 Newsletter

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Spring 2026 Weekends:** Women’s Weekend #241, March 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Men’s Weekend #240, April 23<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**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; [Lomantolynn@gmail.com](mailto:Lomantolynn@gmail.com)

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

**Lay Coordinator Report:**

As many now know, we did not have sufficient candidates for the February Men’s weekend. Luckily, the last weekend in April is open at St. Teresa’s which allows us to move the Men’s weekend from February to April 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> with set up on Wednesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Women’s weekend dates are unchanged (March 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> with setup on March 11<sup>th</sup>).

We are called to spread the Gospel in the best way we can and, as many a Cursillista will say, making a Cursillo Weekend does just that as we bring our friends to Christ. At the same time, it’s not that easy to come up to someone and say, “Have you heard about Cursillo?” or to give them an Application / Registration form to fill out. But while it may not be easy to put ourselves out there, it really is pretty simple. After all what’s the worse they can say – No? What it boils down to is actually love. Do we love someone enough or do we love Jesus enough to take the step, to ask, to hope, to offer to sponsor someone for a weekend? It’s not easy, but good things are often not easy, the effort and sacrifice is what makes them so precious and good.

In hindsight February is probably not the best time for a weekend. The Holidays are just over, winter is in full swing, and people are getting back to their routines. When we moved to St. Teresa's however the only weekends that were open were the dates we had in February and March. But calendars change and the April dates look like they will be open not only this year but in the years to come. So, for this year the women go first and then the men. It's only fitting to thank the Men's team along with the Cursillo Section for their dedication to having a spring weekend even if it meant changing all their plans for the new dates. Now it's up to us to show them how much we appreciate that dedication and fill the weekend to capacity with new friends.

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### Spiritual Advisor Report:

"Become the Good News" was the theme of this year's Second Touch weekend in this world of bad news all around us. I recently came across a reflection written by St. Padre Pio that may help us all in our 'Study' to grow closer to Jesus, to be transformed each day, to 'become the Good News'. St. Pio related in one of his Letters, *Vol. 2, 156-57*, "I point out to you the power of holy reading to lead even worldly persons to change their course and enter on the path of perfection... Consider the conversion of St. Augustine... His ultimate consequence was neither his mother by her tears nor the great St. Ambrose by his divine eloquence, but... reading." Pio continued as he recounted the struggles Augustine had with temptation..."while the saint battled with such tumultuous feelings, he heard a voice which said to him: Take up and read. He at once obeyed... and as he read a chapter of St. Paul, the thick darkness in his mind was dispelled, all the hardness vanished from his heart, and he became perfectly calm and serene. From that moment he made a clean break with the world, with the devil, and the flesh... and became the great saint we honor today." There are so many good resources available to us, one of the best being Fr. Mike Schmitz's *Bible in a Year*, still a top-rated podcast, good commentaries to refer to, online resources. In our world of busy-ness it's difficult to set aside time for reading Scripture, but it's important for our spiritual growth. Matthew Kelly recommends 15" a day or 5 pages a day. When you read, read prayerfully, listen to what God is saying to you. What does it mean for your life at that moment? Become the Good News, our world needs you to become the Good News!

Deacon Marc Leaderstorf, Weekend # 151

## Treasurer Report:

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!

Hoping everyone is dreaming of Spring and warmer weather and the upcoming Women's weekend.

We have been busy talking to all the candidates for weekend #241. They are all so looking forward to spending time with Jesus and other women of faith. Right now we have 7 excited women candidates and many people have said they have potential candidates. Please don't wait to get the registration and sponsor forms into me ASAP.

Ladies' info nights are fast approaching, this is the best way to get potential candidates excited about making a Cursillo weekend.

Northtowns will be February 10<sup>th</sup> at the home of Catherine Friedman at 6:30, 64 Kristen Meadows East Amherst 14051.

Southtowns will be held in the home of Katie Black at 6:30, 2640 Bowen Rd. Elma 14059.

Come join us for fun, fellowship and fabulous sweet treats.

God Bless and De Colores,

Sherry Misso

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## Cursillo Section:

The Team Selectors have been hard at work and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have put together a wonderful Team of faith filled Women who are looking forward to bringing our sisters-in-Christ closer to Christ.

The Team is made up of the following folks:

Rectora/Total Security	- Diane Putt
Assistant Rectora/Piety	- Julie Cappello
Ideals	- Marcia O'Hara
Laity	- Joan Conklin
Study	- Cheryl Clifford
Action	- Mary Beth Cucinotta
Leaders	- Mary Ann DeMaria
Study of the Environment	- Ruth Hackett
Christianity in Action	- Joan Conklin
The Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo	- Pat Hughes
Liturgist	- Patricia Reinbold
Liturgist	- Dawn Quinn
Warden	- Martha "Dolly" Argerie
Warden	- Zofia Paw

Our Spiritual Advisors will be Deacon Mike Dulak and Deacon Matt Hens. We are excited to have these spirit-filled Deacons teaching us on the weekend. We will be blessed to have Father Ron Sajdak say Mass for us every day.

As always, please keep us in your prayers as we gather to form community. I (Diane Putt) had the honor of serving with many of these women in the Fall and I can attest to the fact that this is an awesome Team; they were Jesus with skin on to the candidates. I am looking forward to how the Holy Spirit will work through us to bring Christ to our sisters-in-Christ.

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Diane Putt - (716) 380-0187

## Post-Cursillo:

What kind of sower of seeds are you? We all know the parable about the sower who sowed seeds on rocks, thin soil, with weeds and good ground. You'd think the sower would know where he's sowing. Anyway, even the seeds that fall on good ground need fertilizing in order to grow and multiply.

When you sow Cursillo seeds, do you go back to your former candidates/current cursillistas to check in as to how he or she is doing? Do you forget about the sowed seeds and let them grow on their own? Do you protect them so the birds don't come along and eat them?

Or do you continuously "fertilize" them with Cursillo opportunities: Second Touch, Ultreyas, Reunion Mass and small grouping? Just ask'n, what kind of seed sower are you?

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## School of Leaders:

Our January School of Leaders, the Buffalo Cursillo Second Touch weekend, was quite the event! The rollos given throughout the weekend gave me a lot to think about in terms of how I am preparing myself to be the "Good News". If you've never been to a Second Touch weekend, or haven't been to one in a while, consider making a retreat weekend with this wonderful Cursillo community of ours next year. I guarantee you will not regret it.

The question keeps coming up; "Why are folks who have made a Cursillo not continuing with the method that was given them on the weekend, to continue their conversion and stay supported in their spiritual growth through small group reunions and ultreyas?" In the Post-Cursillo article above, Greg and Pat, our post-Cursillo coordinators, ask this question and reminded us as sponsors to fertilize these seeds that have been sown.

Our School of Leaders this month will be an opportunity to come to a forum and discuss this question as a group, in detail. I invite all of you to come and share your own insights into this question.

When: Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am – 12:00pm

Where: Community Room in the school building (door A) at Church of the Annunciation, 7580 Clinton St, Elma NY.

There will be coffee and snacks to sustain us through this important dialog. I'll see you all on the 28<sup>th</sup>!

Marty Ruhland  
School of Leaders Coordinator

## Secretary:

Karen Trimper

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**Prayer Request:**

Entered into their 5<sup>th</sup> Day: Anne Despers, June 12, 2025, Weekend #125  
Kathi Lindaman Callahan, August 13, 2025, Weekend #211

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](mailto:rdservices@roadrunner.com) ) for any names to add or remove from the prayer list.

Ken Drzymala	Pam Hornung	Jim Youngers
Jen Mical	Jean Claire Buchbinder	Cathy Agugliaro
Kathy Kaminski	Chelsea Ellis	Tim Hiedle
Bill Gross	Laura and Angelo Ciavarella	Kathy O'Keefe
Lois Weber	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
Lynn Fetes		Cheryl Besant
Cathy Derrick	Corinne Giermek	Bobby Lovenetti
Mary Mercurio	Dcn Joe Barr	Linda Orszulak
Fr. Joe Badding	Patrick Johnson	Elie Wieleba

<b>Ultreya</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
<b>Bethany</b> Cheektowaga & surrounding area	2/12/26 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday & 2/26/26 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM	Zoom Contact Lynn to be added to the email list	Lynn Lomanto <a href="mailto:lomantolynn@gmail.com">lomantolynn@gmail.com</a> 585-409-4123
<b>Come to the Well</b> Clarence area	2/24/26 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Chris for location	Jack & Christine Thomann 716-583-2324 (Chris – m) 716-583-2320 (Jack – m) <a href="mailto:cmtpsalm139@gmail.com">cmtpsalm139@gmail.com</a>
<b>Full of Grace</b> Elma area	Last Wednesday January – June Sept – October 2/25/26	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Marty for location	Marty Ruhland <a href="mailto:rdservices@roadrunner.com">rdservices@roadrunner.com</a> 716-481-0662 (m)
<b>Pueblo de Paz</b> Warsaw area	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday 2/20/26y	6:00 PM	Ed & Ruth Hackett's 3921 Main St Strykersville	Ruth Hackett 716-913-6432 <a href="mailto:backquak@yahoo.com">backquak@yahoo.com</a> Maryanne Moore
<b>Rainbow Vineyard</b> Northtowns area	2/10/26 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday & 2/24/26 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	7:00 PM	Our Lady of Czestochowa 64 Center Ave N Tonawanda	Carolyn McNamara 716-694-5949 716-867-8962  Carolyn Ruhland 716-912-2890 <a href="mailto:caruhl73@verizon.net">caruhl73@verizon.net</a>
<b>Southtowns</b> Southtowns area	2/5/26 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday & 2/19/26 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM	Member House Contact Maureen McCarthy for location	St. Andrew's Permanent Group Mike & Maureen McCarthy 716-913-7369 <a href="mailto:moeyishsere.210@gmail.com">moeyishsere.210@gmail.com</a>
<b>St. Brendan on the Lake</b> Lockport area	2/9/26 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	7:00 PM	St. Brendan on the Lake Parish	Jesse Smith 716-930-9901 <a href="mailto:Jsmithjr2@verizon.net">Jsmithjr2@verizon.net</a>

## Upcoming Cursillo Dates

Cursillo	Reunion Masses
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEET and GREET</b></p> <p><b>February 10th</b> - Women's at 6:30 PM, Catherine Friedman's – 64 Kristen Meadows, East Amherst</p> <p><b>February 11th</b> - Women's at 6:30 PM, Katie Black's, 2640 Bowen Rd., Elma 6:30 PM - Wine and snacks</p>	<p><b>May 8th</b> – Bethany and St. Brendan's combined. More details to come.</p> <p><b>June 12<sup>th</sup></b> – Pueblo de Paz</p> <p><b>July 10th</b> – Rainbow Vineyard</p> <p><b>August 14th</b> – Southtowns picnic</p> <p><b>September 11<sup>th</sup></b> – Come to the Well</p>
<p><b>Men's Weekend #240</b> April 23 – 26, 2026</p>	<p><b>Women's Weekend #241</b> March 12-15, 2026</p>
<p><b>4/18</b> – 4:00 pm Support Mass for men's weekend at St. Teresa of Avila, Akron, NY</p> <p><b>4/22</b> - Set-up for Weekend 5:30 pm</p> <p><b>4/23</b> - Registration from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Sponsors &amp; community prayer service at 8 pm.</p> <p><b>4/25</b> – Break-in 7:00 pm, arrive by 6:45 pm</p> <p><b>4/26</b> – Las Mananitas – 6 am (Men only) - 3 pm Closures with community mass</p>	<p><b>3/8</b> – 4:30 pm Support Mass for women's weekend at St. Teresa of Avila, Akron, NY</p> <p><b>3/11</b> - Set-up for Weekend 5:30 pm</p> <p><b>3/12</b> – Registration from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Sponsors &amp; community prayer service at 8 pm.</p> <p><b>3/14</b> – Break-in 7:00 pm, arrive by 6:45 pm</p> <p><b>3/15</b> – Las Mananitas – 6 am (Women only) - 3 pm Closures with community mass</p>
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY	
School of Leaders (Workshop)	Other Opportunities
<p><b>4/28</b> – Community Room in the School Building (Door A) at Church of the Annunciation, 7580 Clinton St, Elma NY</p> <p><b>10:00am – 12:00pm</b></p> <p><b>Round-table discussion on the question:</b> <b>Why do new Cursillistas not remain active in the Cursillo Community and others fall away?</b></p>	

## OutBound Palanca February 2026

<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
2/12/2026	2/15/2026	Women's 398 (English)	Minneapolis/St Paul, MN
2/12/2026	2/15/2026	Women's 124 (English)	Esztergom-Budapest, Hungary
2/19/2026	2/22/2026	Men's 214 (Spanish)	Rockville Centre, NY
2/19/2026	2/22/2026	Women's 736 (English)	Orange, CA
2/19/2026	2/22/2026	Men's 69 (Spanish)	Atlanta, GA
2/19/2026	2/22/2026	Men's 113 (English)	Little Rock, AR
2/19/2026	2/22/2026	Spring Men's Cursillo (English)	Crookston, MN
2/19/2026	2/22/2026	Men's Cursillo (English)	London, Ontario
2/19/2026	2/22/2026	Women's 94 (Spanish)	Mexicali, B.C., Mexico
2/19/2026	2/22/2026	Men's 103 (English)	Evansville, IN
2/19/2026	2/22/2026	Men's 519 (Spanish)	León, Guanajuato, Mexico
2/19/2026	2/22/2026	Women's 280 (English)	Kansas City-St Joseph, MO
2/19/2026	2/22/2026	Women's 74 (Spanish)	Tyler, TX
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Men's 81 (English)	Kalamazoo, MI
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Women's 62 (Spanish)	Atlanta, GA
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Women's Cursillo (English)	Richmond, VA
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Men's Cursillo (English)	Charleston, SC
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Men's 101 (Italian)	Modena, Italy
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Men's 273 (English)	Green Bay, WI
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Women's 1245 (Spanish)	Caguas, Puerto Rico
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Men's 112 (English)	Orlando, FL
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Men's 78 (English)	Owensboro, KY
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Men's 121 (English)	Covington, KY
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Women's 119 (English)	Dancyville, TN
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Men's 185 (English)	Milwaukee, WI
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Women's Cursillo (English)	London, Ontario
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Women 44 (English)	Nyíregyháza, Hungary
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Men's 65 (English)	Scranton, PA
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Men's 267 (Spanish)	Sacramnto, CA
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Women's 45 (Spanish)	Providence, RI
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Women's 339 (Spanish/English)	Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Women's 83 (English)	Fort Wayne/South Bend, IN
2/26/2026	3/1/2026	Womens 126 (English)	Fort Worth, TX