



October 2018 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.

Lay Director's Report:

I'll start by thanking Bob Piskun and the 20 or so couples and individuals who attended our 1st ever **Cursillo dance** in St Vincent's gym. Everyone had a great time. The DJ was great. We got to meet several parishioners from St Vincent's and enjoy just having a fun night out with our fellow Cursillistas. It was a very enjoyable evening, so we plan on having another one next year.

I was happy with the **support mass** on Saturday September 29 for the men's 221 weekend. Father Karl spoke highly of Cursillo to his parishioners. I am interested in hearing your thoughts about it. Email me with your comments. We are going to try the same thing for the women's weekend 222 on Saturday November 3rd at 4:30pm.

Note: This support mass will be held at **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on Harris Hill Rd and Main St. in Williamsville.

The **reunion mass** with Bishop Malone went without incident. Continue to pray for our church in the Buffalo diocese and for all the good people; victims, clergy and lay parishioners, adversely affected by the bad lifestyles of a few.

The **Region III Fall meeting** was held at Stella Niagara on Friday and Saturday September 28 & 29.

We elected Bobby LaVoie as the new Coordinator. She will take over for Barb Bundy on May 1, 2019. The region includes Cursillo's in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.

Karen Trimper our Region III representative gave a talk on Sincerity. I gave one on Conviction.

Next years **National Encounter** will be held close by in Scranton PA. This will give everyone a chance to attend this wonderful event. Details to follow.

A new **rectors guide** has been in the making for a couple years now. It will be available shortly and reviewed in detail at the next Region III Spring meeting. All members of the Secretariat, team selectors and everyone who is interested are invited and urged to attend. Details to follow.

Upcoming events

Men's weekend 221, Check in 7:00pm October 4 (We will welcome new candidates right up to the last minute) Call or text me for details.

Holy hour and Mass 7pm Saturday October 6. Las Mananitas Sunday at 6. Closing Mass Sunday 3pm.

Please volunteer to help your Ultreya with meals.

Women's 222 November 8-11.

We are asking all sponsors from the last 4 weekends to contact their candidates and ask them if they know of anyone who may benefit from a Cursillo weekend. Offer your expertise and/or help in speaking with the potential participants. Maybe co-sponsor. I too offer my assistance in providing information or guidance to our recent Cursillistas and potential candidates. Call or text anytime.

Lastly we have our **Second Touch Weekend** on February 22nd to 24th. Carol Palesh has been working hard to put this together for all of our benefits. Click here for the invitation and details. [Second Touch 2019](#)

Check out all our Calendar events at [Cursillo Calendar](#). Simply click on an event and all the details will pop up.

Peace,
Jerry Casillo
Lay Director Buffalo Diocese
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[Spiritual Director's Reflection:](#)

TRUSTING OUR WAY THROUGH THIS STORM

I have spoken to so many people lately about the troubles our church is facing today.

They are upset. Their faith has been severely shaken in the hierarchy - not their faith in God, but in man. And this leaves them worried about the future of our church. Everyone is looking for answers, to be sure!

As we begin our search for solutions on how to protect, respect and safeguard all people within our church, once and for all, and, perhaps to ease our individual and collective anxiety, we should recall the lessons of the Gospel story about how Jesus calmed the Storm at Sea.

Perhaps we need to visualize Jesus and disciples in the boat when He questions the disciples, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"

Similarly, we need to keep our eyes directly on Jesus – to place our total *trust* in Jesus!

But how can we get better at placing our trust in God? Let's look at the traits and common threads of those incredible saints and holy

people who have learned to trust God in everything.

1. **They Accept Suffering.** These saintly people have crystal clarity on the fact that suffering is not the worst evil – sin is. Their trust in God gives them a laser focus on getting themselves and others to heaven through their suffering.
2. **They Spend Quality Time with God.** I have never heard of a person who had a deep, calm trust in the Lord who did not set aside time for focused prayer every day. Both in the books I've read and in real life, I've noticed that people like this always spend at least a few moments — and up to an hour or more, if circumstances permit — focused on nothing but prayer, every day. Also, they tend to do it first thing in the morning, centering themselves in Christ before tackling anything else the day may bring.
3. **In Prayer, They Listen More than Talk.** I've written before about my amazement that really holy people seem to get their prayers answered more often than the rest of us. I'd heard enough stories of people praying for something very specific, then receiving it, that I started to wonder if they were psychic or God just liked them more than the rest of us or something. What I eventually realized is that their ideas about what to pray for *came from the Holy Spirit* in the first place, because they spent so much time listening and discerning to God's will for them, day in and day out.
4. **They Limit Their Distractions.**
Here in our advanced technological connected age, we are constantly bombarded with demands on our attention. Periods of silence,

where we can cultivate inner stillness to listen and wait for the promptings of the Holy Spirit, are increasingly rare. We need to strengthen our focus.

5. They Offer Their Total Obedience

No further explanation required.

Just as He did 2,000+ years ago, we can trust that Jesus will calm the storms in our church and in our lives and help us to experience healing and peace.

Peace and all good things!

Deacon Greg Moran
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Pre Cursillo Report:

Marge and I are finishing up the last-minute details in anticipation of the Men's Weekend, #221, which will be held this upcoming weekend - October 4 -8. At the same time, we are ramping up for the Women's Weekend, #222, which will be held November 8-11. It is not too late to get applications in for the Women's Weekend. Applications can be found on the website: www.buffalocursillo.com.

See you over the weekend.

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Cursillo Section

My Friends in Christ!!!!!!

What an exciting couple of months we are about to have!!!!!! First off we can't thank Bishop Malone enough for doing our

Reunion Mass, he was very supportive of The Cursillo Movement.

Next, if you we're not able to make it to our Cursillo Dance you missed a FANTASTIC TIME. I never knew we had such a group of dancers. Many thanks to Paul Johnson, Lisa Gauthier, Julie Cappello and Linda Piskun for help setting up. Your work was MUCH APPRECIATED!!!!!! Looking forward to doing it again.

The Weekends are upon us and The Section Team is on a roll again. Men's weekend is a go and we ask for your support in any way.

Women's Team is ready to go, they are still looking for one more person to do a talk.

It is a very exciting time of year. Don't let it slip by, come and join in the support of these new Babe Chicks and the Teams that have worked so hard in doing God's work.

PEACE to you and your families!!

Bob Piskun
Section Team Coordinator
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Post Cursillo:

No Reunion Masses will be held in October and /November due to the Men's & Women's Weekends

4th Day Dinner & Grand Ultreya

December 14th @ 5:30pm at St Vincent De Paul Parish.

Come join us for our 4th Day Dinner and Grand Ultreya. Following dinner we will commence our Grand Ultreya while our new Cursillistas spend time in fellowship with the men/women from their weekends. All are welcome to attend!

Looking to form a **permanent group** or add members to your existing group?

Email Jerry at BuffaloCursillo@gmail.com.

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ULTREYA SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

1st Wednesday October 3, 2018

The Spirit of the City @ 6:00 pm The St. Jude Center in Downtown, 760 Ellicott Street, Buffalo

1st Thursday October 4, 2018

Cancelled men's weekend Rainbow Vineyard @ 7:30pm Our Lady Czestochowa Church, 64 Center Ave, North Tonawanda 14120

Cancelled men's weekend South towns @ 7:30pm Boyle, 3936 Jefferson Ave, Hamburg, Witness: Jamie Shepard

2nd Wednesday October 10, 2018

Pueblo de Paz: Warsaw area after 7:00pm Mass St. Mary's Church, 6785 East Arcade Rd., East Arcade

3rd Tuesday October 16, 2018

Come to the Well @ 7:00 pm Call Jack Thoman for location 716-583-2320 psalm139@gmail.com

3rd Wednesday October 17, 2018

The Spirit of the City @ 6:00 pm The St. Jude Center in Downtown, 760 Ellicott Street, Buffalo

3rd Thursday October 18, 2018

Bethany @ 7:00pm St. Martha's Parish, 10 French Rd, Depew, NY 14043

Rainbow Vineyard @ 7:30pm Our Lady Czestochowa Church, 64 Center Ave, North Tonawanda 14120

South towns @ 7:30pm

Last Sunday October 28, 2018

Pueblo de Paz: Warsaw area @ 7:00pm St. Michael's Church Hall at 171 North Main Street, Warsaw, NY

last Tuesday October 30, 2018

Full of Grace @ 7:30 pm Annunciation Church, Selbert Hall, 7580 Clinton Street, Elma

1st Thursday November 1, 2018

Rainbow Vineyard @ 7:30pm Our Lady Czestochowa Church, 64 Center Ave, North Tonawanda 14120

South towns @ 7:30pm Members Houses contact Karen & Walter Koneski H) 716 681-7376 M) 716 870-3085 kstack716@yahoo.com

1st Wednesday November 7, 2018

The Spirit of the City @ 6:00 pm The St. Jude Center in Downtown, 760 Ellicott Street, Buffalo

School of Leaders:

Our first Saturday Workshop is on Saturday
October 20, 2018
St. Vincent de Paul R.C. Church
10:00 a.m. to 2:00

The day will consist of three workshops and
lunch.

We are looking forward to participating with
three dynamic speakers:

- Carolyn McNamara **Being a better
sponsor**
- Maria Boyle **Sponsorship --
- What can go wrong?**
- Jerry Casillo **Making a
better witness talk.**

The workshop includes lunch!

Save the Date:
March 9, 2019-- Nativity, Clarence
June 1, 2019-- St. John Paul II, Hamburg

Come and bring a friend.

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Prayer Request:

Please keep the following people in your
prayers and Palanca:

All Cursillistas who are ill or suffering.
For the team and candidates of Men's 221
weekend.
Bishop Malone, Jamie Groff, Karl Stack,
Mary Dewald, Amelia and Kent,
Dennis Lawson, Karen & Patrick Jordan,
Gary Banas, Diane Coughlin, newborn
Marylynn Joanne, Toni Sessamen, Mary
Mercurio, Father Sam Venne, Carol

Mazurkiewicz, Elaine Stack, Dcn Joe Barr,
Scott Crowe, Frank Gallagher, Linda
Orszulak, Eva Tamoga, Ellie Wieleba, Lou
and Liz Pauley, Lorrie Dickerson, Diana
Sotarczak's friend Carol, Doug Shrout,
Dan Graesser, Leo Reiter, Mary Flanagan,
Joe Insana, Quinn children, Corinne
Giermek, Marcia Moretti, Lorrie
Rackozynski, baby Finleigh, Jeannette
Shields daughter in law, Vinnie Barone,
Marie Sorrentino, Kate Emery's dad, Ilona
Klein's friend Bella, Pat Abraham, Cheryl
Besant

Send names of people who should be added
to the list or removed from the list to
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Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts

Contact Mike Szematowicz;
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List shirt size, color preference, weekend #.
Mike will provide price and address where to
send the check.