



June 2024 Abbreviated Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Reunion Mass:** Friday, June 14, 2024, 7pm Mass
St. Cecilia Church, 991 Centerline Rd, Strykersville, NY
Reception to Following Mass in Weber Hall immediately behind the church.
- Buffalo Cursillo Picnic:** Sunday, August 4th, 2024 from 2-6pm (Mass at 3pm)
Dawn and Mike Quinn home, 532 South Shore Blvd, Lackawana, NY
Bring a dish to pass, grill available for use,
Bring your own place settings and beverage.
Pool will be open weather permitting
- Fall 2024 Weekend:** Men’s Weekend #234 – October 10-13, 2024
- 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 *****

Summer is upon us. With all of the business of picnics and vacations and ball games etc..., please don't forget about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Keep God on top of your priority list this summer and you will soon discover that despite your packed calendar you won't feel quite so busy and overwhelmed.

Please pray for our Cursillo Movement. Keep all of those on our prayer list close to your heart. Pray for our Church both hear in the Buffalo Diocese and across the globe. Pray for Peace in the world and pray for Love to spread like a pandemic. Pray for each other, and take some time to “make a friend, be a friend and bring that friend to Christ” this summer.

Below you will find a very abbreviated newsletter for June. During the summer, if anything important arises we will send you a notice. Have a safe, peaceful and love filled summer. DeColores!

Lay Coordinator Report:

If you follow the news, and believe me I don't, you can start to believe that there's no hope out there. The whole world seems to be at a boiling point of no return and yet daily life goes on, people celebrate birthdays and go to softball games, and another church closes. I was wondering, as I viewed the seven empty benches in front of me at the 8:00 Sunday Mass, will these empty benches be filled with the refugees of locally closed churches, or will they remain empty? I would hope that they're filled to capacity, but I have my doubts. I'm running low on hope, and that's not good. What's a body to do? Where can I get Hope when there seems to be such a short supply of it?

Enter the Catholic Church and the Catechism of the Catholic Church in particular. In paragraph 2657 we read: **The Holy Spirit, who instructs us to celebrate the liturgy in expectation of Christ's return, teaches us to pray in hope. Conversely, the prayer of the Church and personal prayer nourish hope in us. The psalms especially, with their concrete and varied language, teach us to fix our hope in God: "I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry." As St. Paul prayed: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."**

I take from that a certain encouragement to keep up with my Piety. It nourishes my soul. And with renewed hope I can be like St. Paul, full of joy and peace as I welcome a stranger to my church or perhaps need to be welcomed into someone else's. We all have an opportunity this summer to make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ. With all the friends we'll make we should expect our Fall Cursillo Weekend(s) to be Full Cursillo Weekends.

On a parting note, congratulations to Deacon Michael Hahn (#216) on his ordination this month.

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Pre-Cursillo Report:

“Bring your colors for Christ”

In Christianity, evangelism or witnessing is the act of preaching the gospel with the intention of sharing the message and teachings of Jesus Christ. It is something associated with Christian mission. Christian groups who encourage evangelism are sometimes known as evangelists.

Cursillo (Cur-See'yo) is a Spanish word meaning a “short course”. Cursillos de Christianidad is the full title of the movement. This phase literally means a short course of lectures in Christian living, but it is not intended to simply refer to a course of instruction.

What are the three pillars? “Cursillo, that is a word purified through experience, affirmed by fruits, that today travels the world...by the way of the three pillars of Cursillo. **Prayer, Study, and Action.**

In the early days in Spain, and the people who came to participate in the Cursillo Movement, realized the value of the symbol of the Rooster and its beautiful tail feathers. To the Spanish the Rooster was symbolic of the rainbow in the Old Testament where God makes a covenant with His People.

The rainbow colors of the tail feathers have a special and significant meaning to the Christian.

- ✚ Green denoted new life, growth and God's beauty of nature that surrounds us. It symbolizes the ordinary times of the Church year.
- ✚ Blue denotes loyalty, our commitment to God and His people. It denotes truth and justice and the waters of our Baptism.
- ✚ Purple denotes our dying and rising again along with the suffering of Jesus Christ.
- ✚ Yellow and Orange hues denote warmth, light of a candle, the rays of the sun and changing seasons. They remind us of the love of God's Son in our lives.
- ✚ Red denotes celebration, joy and confirmation. It is symbolic of our feast days within the Church, Christmas Day and Pentecost.

What is the Cursillo motto?

Make a Friend – Be a Friend – Bring a Friend to Christ!

In the Cursillo Movement, we help one another, teach, support, and hold each other accountable in growing in our faith through the tripod of: Piety (heart) What we do to grow in grace and holiness.

Cursillo exists to ignite a passion for God. This method of spirituality inspires a personal relationship with Christ and the community of faith that is created from this encounter.

In Pre- Cursillo we evangelize and witness and with the Grace of God,



“Bring a Friend To Christ”.

”Bring your colors for Christ”

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Easter Blessings!

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Prayer Request:

If you learn of a recently deceased Cursillista please notify Carol Stier at (71) 692-1606.

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

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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
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