



November 2020 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Virtual Ultreya for those who cannot get out and those who have moved out of town.  
Thursday October 13 & 27 Email Lynn for the meeting ID;  
[Lomantolynn@gmail.com](mailto:Lomantolynn@gmail.com)

Reunion Mass Friday November 13, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
4375 Harris Hill Rd. Williamsville, New York 14221  
Hosted by Come to the Well,  
Presider: Father Ronald Sajdak,  
Witness by Chuck Stephan  
Doctrinal by Deacon Tom Friedman

Spring weekends Men's #227 April 22 – 25, 2021  
Women's #228 May 20 – 23, 2021  
Support Mass; to be determined  
Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> day June 5, 2021

**Lay Director's Report:**

**Reunion Mass Friday November 13**

See above. This is a special reunion mass dedicated to all the Buffalo Cursillistas who have entered their 5<sup>th</sup> day. As of now the state mandate for house of worship is 50% capacity. So, we are good to go. If that should change, and we are forced to cancel I will send out a notice ASAP. I hope to see all of you there to honor our departed brothers and sisters.

**Website - Catholic Links**

A new page has been added to the website giving links to common Catholic pages such as the Buffalo Diocese, Vatican,

Catholic Answers, and more. It is listed under "RESOURCES". Check it out;  
[Resources/Catholic Links](#)

**Prayers for Our Country**

On 11/7/20 the media announced that Biden and Harris won the election. While the faces will change in our government the moral issues remain the same; Right to life, Sanctity of marriage and family, Religious liberty, care for the poor, elderly, immigrants and so on.

Our mission as Cursillistas remains the same; "to bring souls to Christ". We do this through friendship and love. Please continue to pray for the people of our

country and our government officials. They as we are in the mists of the spiritual war that rages between the devil and God. Ask Our Heavenly Father to enlighten them to discern right from wrong and guide them to do Your Holy will.

May God Bless America, forgive us our sins and grant us peace.

### **Holy souls in Purgatory Novena**

November is the month we especially remember all who have entered their 5<sup>th</sup> day. We pray in support of their salvation. That they are in the presences of God in heaven. If they are on their way but have not yet arrived our prayers help them to get there. Our prayers bring them comfort and hasten their journey to God.

Please consider praying for a few minutes for 9 consecutive days EWTN's novena for the holy souls in purgatory. It can be found at [BuffaloCursillo.com](http://BuffaloCursillo.com) under the top Tab "**Prayers & Novenas**". Or click on [Holy Souls Novena](#)

Please also attend this Friday's Reunion mass that will be offered for all Buffalo Cursillistas who have entered their 5th day.

### **Buffalo's Virtual Ultreya**

Most Ultreya's have gone back to meeting in person again in venues where social distancing can be practiced.

Bethany Ultreya is still having Video conferencing. We invite all Cursillistas from the Buffalo Diocese to join in, especially those who have moved out of town or are currently not active in another Ultreya.

The next virtual Ultreya is on Thursday November 19, at 7:00 pm. Email Lynn for the meeting ID; [lomantolynn@gmail.com](mailto:lomantolynn@gmail.com)

### **Cursillo National**

NACG holds a virtual Ultreya every Wednesday evening at 9:00 pm. All Cursillistas are invited to attend.

[Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)

Meeting ID 87948813169

Jerry Casillo

Lay Director Buffalo Diocese

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### **Spiritual Director's Reflection:**

My brothers and sisters in Chris, As I started last month, I want to keep exploring the meditations we deliver during the weekend. I believe that they are deep, and it is good for us to re-engage in them to apply them to our particular moment in our lives. Also, I think that we can bring the Cursillo community as a whole to our meditation and not just our individuality.

The second meditation we find in the weekend is the one of the prodigal son. This is one of those passages that we have heard hundreds if not thousands of times, and sometimes it may feel as if we have exhausted the topic. However, when reading scripture under the Holy Spirit's guidance, we will always hear the Lord speaking to our hearts.

We could ask ourselves if we know who the Father is. Did we know the Father growing up? Did we go astray? Are we always trying to find our way back to the Father?

As humans, we are self-centered. We tend to seek what we believe is best, what feels good, what makes me "happy." These are the things that drove the son away. How often do I fall into the same actions? Do I have to hit rock bottom to make the decision to return to the Father?

Am I afraid to return? Is it hard for me to recognize when I am wrong? When I need to change? Am I able to see the Father's mercy?

Let us meditate on these things, let God's grace fill us, sanctify us, and lead us back to Him.

And always remember....  
...Christ is counting on you!

And now let us pray for the beatification of our founder:

O God, dispenser of all graces and charisms. You granted your servant EDUARDO BONNIN AGUILO the grace of dedicating his whole life, with humility and generosity, to the work of the CURSILLOS IN CHRISTIANITY MOVEMENT, as he traveled the five continents proclaiming that God in Christ loves us.

Grant us through his intercession the favor that we now implore Thee. (name the favor being requested) Also grant us the grace, of his beatification for your greater glory and the good of your Church, that shines throughout the lives of its saints.

We beg this of You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.  
Our Father...

Deacon Alex Manunta  
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### Pre Cursillo Report:

Marge, Lynn, Audrey and myself met and have developed a plan on how we can review with all of the community what authentic friendship looks like. We are also looking at ways to help the sponsor to deepen their friendship with their candidate. At this point in time we hope

to be able to attend the various Ultreyas after the first of the year (2021).

We will be looking at ways to engage and encourage the candidates to get involved prior to living their weekend. It will be easier to do if YOU are already involved. As we think of ways to do this, YOU, might want to ask yourself - am I involved in the movement? Do I make use of Ultreya, Reunion Mass or am I in a Permanent group? Maybe it is difficult to attend some of these events because of location or ability to drive, etc. No matter where we are in life, we can "do Palanca" for the future candidates, Teams and/or weekends in other parts of the country.

Why do I want to sponsor this candidate? What do you hope the candidate will gain from attending the weekend?

To take a quote from "Syms" - an educated consumer is our best customer! When our candidate has had a chance to meet the community prior to the weekend we hope they will be involved afterwards (if it is God's will).

And while I will sound like a broken record, we can take applications NOW in anticipation of the Spring or Fall dates. It is never too early.

God bless  
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### Cursillo Section

Well, the Cursillo Section really hasn't got much going on. Once we have an idea that we will be having our scheduled Spring Weekends, we will have a get-together.

As the pandemic continues, we are missing seeing our smiles and being able to hug each other, but we do need to focus on the positive blessings that we do have. We have the power to pray and do palanca for one another.

We all want this time to be over, but we need to have trust that God will bring us through this stronger than ever. So with that being said, the Section is sending out wishes to all of our brothers and sisters to have a Blessed Thanksgiving, focus on what we have.

God Bless and DeColores

Joan Conklin and Mary Ann DeMaria  
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### Post Cursillo:

#### **Upcoming Events page**

Click on [Upcoming events](#)

#### **Ultreya Information**

Click on [Ultreya](#)

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### School of Leaders:

Due to the pandemic, no new school of leader's programs have been scheduled at this time.

It has been my honor to serve as facilitator of the school of leaders for nearly 4 years. My term, however, ends in March of 2021. We are now looking for a

replacement. If you or anyone you know would be interested in the position, don't hesitate to make yourself known.

Bill Gross

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### Secretary:

May the gift of God's peace be with you.

Mary Bitka

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### Prayer Request:

Please keep the following people in your prayers and Palanca along with all Cursillistas who are ill or suffering:

Notify Casillo of any names to add or remove from the prayer list.

Karen Trimper  
Carol Cronin  
Deacon Mike Quinn  
Paul DeWalt  
Kevin Urbanski  
Diane Reese  
Fr. Joe Badding  
Joe Macchia  
Paul Kieffer  
Dennis Hodur  
Chelsea Ellis  
Marie Lelek  
Frank & Martha Barry  
Owen & Aidan  
Laura, Betty and Angelo Ciavarella  
Chuck Stephan  
Marie and Jim Sorrentino  
Deacon Norm Foster  
Marie Gannon  
Loretta Sterling  
Betty & Leo Reiter  
Dan Siembida  
Mike Ryan  
Timothy McCann  
Mike McCarthy

Alice's daughter-in-law, Laura  
JoanRoberts  
Mary Flanagan  
Joe Insana  
Bob Yegar  
Bill Heidle  
Corinne Giermek  
Larry Lomanto  
Dcn Joe Barr  
Jim Youngers  
Cathy Agugliaro  
Shaun Vona  
Tim Heidle  
Owen Mangan  
Sister Antonita  
Kathy O'Keefe  
Denise Bressette  
Lynn Johnson  
Diane Coughlin  
Deacon Dan McGuire  
Gary Banas  
John Agugliaro  
Marcia Moretti  
Mary Jo Kapsiak  
Mical's Aunt Maryann  
Cheryl Besant  
Quinn children  
newborn Marylynn Joanne  
Mary Mercurio  
Paul & Terry Barone  
Father Sam Venne  
Elaine Stack  
Bobby Lovenetti  
Frank Gallagher  
Vinnie Barone  
Linda Orszulak  
Eva Tamoga  
Ellie Wieleba  
Lou Pauley  
Lorrie Dickerson  
Doug Shrout  
Dan Graesser

## [Cursillo Name Tags or Shirts](#)

Contact Mike Szematowicz;  
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View details at: [Cursillo Wearables and Name Badges](#)

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