

The 4th Day Journey

Erie Diocesan Cursillo Newsletter

October 2018

2018 Cursillo Dates

The Dates for Cursillo in 2018 are:

Women's # 253 October 18-21 at OLM, Harborcreek

Men's #247 November 15-18 at OLM, Harborcreek

The Dates for Cursillo in 2019 are:

Women's #254 March 14-17 at OLM, Harborcreek

Men's #248 May 16-19 at OLM, Harborcreek

Women's #255 June 20-23 at Elk County Catholic, St. Marys

Men's #249 July 18-21 at Kennedy Catholic, Hermitage

Women's #256 August 15-18 at St. Philip, Linesville

Men's #250 October 17-20 at OLM, Harborcreek

Women's #257 November 21-24 at OLM, Harborcreek

MY GRACE IS ALL
YOU NEED. MY
POWER WORKS
BEST IN
WEAKNESS.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

Upcoming Cursillo – Women's Cursillo #253

Women's #253 will begin on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, in Harborcreek, PA.

Closing will be at 4:30 p.m. on **October 21, 2018**

The emergency phone number for this Cursillo is 814-898-3306.

Team

Spiritual Directors

Fr. Rich Toohey (Our Lady of Peace – Erie)

Fr. Ray Hahn (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Erie)

Irene Lucas (Our Lady of Mercy – Harborcreek)

Team Leaders

Rector Lily Hickin (St. John—Girard)

Asst. Rector Amy Popielski (Queen of the World -- St.Marys)

Ch. Steward Kris Nelson (Our Lady of the Lake – Edinboro)

Stewards

Alyssa Evan (St. Boniface – Erie)

Judy Green (St. Thomas – Corry)

Sharon Zielinski (St. Stanislaus – Erie)

Tina Piotrowicz (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Erie)

Auxiliaries

Stephanie Gwinn (Our Lady of Mercy – Harborcreek)

Cheryl Niedermeyer (St. Lawrence – Albion)

Rose Tarquinio (Our Lady of Mercy – Harborcreek)

Cyndi Aiello (St. Leo – Ridgway)

Steward/Co-Troubadours

Gail Jerioski (St. Joseph Bread of Life – Erie)

Holy Hour

Holy Hours in support of this Cursillo will occur on Saturday October 20, 2018 throughout the Diocese at the following locations and times:

Erie County: Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek 9:00 p.m.

Crawford County: St. Mary of Grace, Meadville 7:00 p.m.

Elk/Cameron Counties: St. Leo, Ridgway 7:00 p.m.

Palanca

Palanca should be dropped off by Thursday, October 18, 2018 by 10:30 a.m. to allow time to take the items to the Cursillo site. **After Thursday night, palanca should be taken directly to Our Lady of Mercy. **Note that this is a general statement if your county has a different routine it will be noted below next to their pick-up sites.**

Erie County

1. The Teacher's Apple Basket, 9 West Main Street, North East, PA 16428 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mon. - Tues. and 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Wed.
2. St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 695 Smithson Ave. in Lawrence Park 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Mon. – Wed.
3. Al's Awning Shop, 1721 West 26th Street in Erie 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mon. – Wed.
4. Kelly's Sewing Corner, 3330 West 26th St. in Erie, Village West 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Mon. – Wed.
5. Hofmann's Church and Religious Goods, 420 East 26th St. in Erie 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mon. – Wed.
6. The Cursillo Office, 429 East Grandview Boulevard in Erie 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mon. – Wed. and Thursday before 10:00 a.m.
7. Rudy's Shoe Repair, 263 West 26th Street, Erie 9:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. Mon.- Fri, Sat 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Thursday before 10:00 a.m.
 - Please note that For Art's Sake is closed therefor no longer takes Palanca we are working on a new West County pick up site. Thank You for your patience.

Cameron County

1. St. Mark Parish, 235 East Fourth Street in Emporium, by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday before the Cursillo

Crawford County

1. St. Brigid Church 383 Arch Street in Meadville, by 12 noon Thursday of the Cursillo.

Elk County

1. St. Marys Inter-Parish Faith Formation Office, 325 Church Street in St. Marys, by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday before the Cursillo
2. Ken and Terri Bish's House, 365 N. St. Marys Street, St. Marys by Wednesday before the Cursillo
3. Jim and Lisa Martin's House, 311 Cook Avenue, Ridgway by Wednesday before the Cursillo

Mercer County

1. St. Joseph Parish, 79 Case Avenue in Sharon, By Noon Thursday of the Cursillo
2. Notre Dame Parish, 2325 Highland Road in Hermitage, By Noon Thursday of the Cursillo
3. St. Michael Parish, 85 North High Street in Greenville, By Noon Thursday of the Cursillo

Weekend Schedule

Set up will be Wednesday, October 17, 2018 starting at 5:30 p.m. Come meet and encourage the team while getting the site ready for the next Cursillo!

Meals: We are always looking for men to prepare and serve meals. Serving times are listed below. Please come early to assist in the kitchen, as needed, and stay a little later to help clean up. Come join in the fellowship.

Thursday Night Snack: the assigned committee.

For all other meals please arrive at the times listed! Thank You in Advance!

Friday Breakfast: at 7:15 a.m.

Friday Luncheon: at 12:45 p.m.

Friday Supper: at 6:45 p.m.

Saturday Breakfast: at 7:15 a.m.

Saturday Luncheon: at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday Supper: at 6:45 p.m.

Sunday Breakfast: at 7:30 a.m.

Sunday Luncheon: at 12:00 p.m.

Special thanks go out to all those who bring food to the closing luncheon. We would like to encourage everyone to please bring a dish to share to insure there is plenty of food for all. Please use disposable containers and drop your food off at the kitchen before the closing. Thank You in advance for your support!

Updates and Information

Call the Cursillo office at 814-824-1119

Check the web site at <http://www.eriecursillo.org>

CALL A FRIEND – Great things can happen when we talk with each other!

Ultreyas

Upcoming Ultreyas will occur at the following locations and times:

Erie County: October 5, at St. Andrew Church, Erie, 7:00 p.m.

November 2, 2018 at St. Andrew Church, Erie, 7:00 p.m.

Crawford County: October 12, 2018 at St. Mary of Grace, Meadville, 7:00 p.m.

November 9, 2018 at Our Lady Queen of the Americas, Conneaut Lake, 7:00 p.m.

Elk/Cameron County: October 25, 2018 at St. Leo, Ridgway, 7:00 p.m.

November 17, 2018 at Queen of the World, St. Marys 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Department

If you know of someone who has passed away, someone who is ill or serving in the military, please notify the office so their names can be placed on the prayer list.

Our recently deceased:

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the loved ones and friends of John Pontoriero's Mom, Linda Kaschalk's Mom, Linda Major's Mom, Bruce Palmer, Tony Corati, Thomas Zakovitch, Tina Piotrowicz's Mom, Peggy Badach and all those of whom we are unaware.

Our sick and recovering

Best wishes for a quick recovery Linda Tolhurst, Tom Straub, Tim Lynch's sister Patricia, Fr. Larry Richard's mother, Ed Sznajder, Phyllis Zack, Tim and Eileen Gunter, Roy Maloney, Jim Hamilton, Kathy Bojorquez, Steve Krivonyak, Kathleen Herman and Daryl Cruz's daughter Annie Smardz and all those of whom we are unaware of their illness.



Our troops and military

To, SMSgt Darin Beckes, Fire Chief, Sra. Michael J. Brown II, Msgr Joshua T. Brown, Joey Garvey, Matthew Gredler, Military Specialist Evan S. Hornick, TSGT Mitchell Smardz, Pvt 1st Class Nathaniel Staff, Stefan Treacle, and all those of whom we may be unaware - Thank you for your service.

Our Religious

As always, keep our seminarians, women and men religious candidates, as well as our deacon candidates and their wives in your prayers.

Upcoming Events:

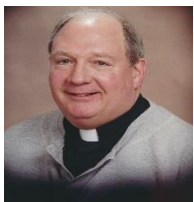
- 1. WE are having a party!!!! You are invited! Please extend the invite to any Cursillista that you know...just in case they aren't seeing this! Sunday November 18, 2018 is a very special day! It is the last day of the 500th Cursillo in the Erie Diocese!!! We will have our usual closing with special food, drink, cookies and cake afterwards! We would love to have a packed house to celebrate this event! Reminder, closing begins at 4:30! Has it been awhile since you have attended one? This might be a great reason to come back!**
2. The Community Outreach Group will host their 20th ANNUAL Clothing Distribution Party on the first Saturday in December (Saturday, December 1, 2018) from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. @ St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church @ West 22nd & Peach Streets in Erie. The #ErieCDP was started by a G.R. from Men's Cursillo #161 (April 1998). In addition to receiving free clothing, visitors can enjoy a free hot lunch. Santa and his special helpers will be on site to distribute toys to the children. Patrons will enter on the NORTH SIDE of St. John's. Volunteers should enter on the SOUTH SIDE (on West 23rd Street), where the sign reads "Parish Center." Students needing service hours are welcome. Volunteers who wish to assist on the day of the event should arrive by 8:30a.m. and wear RED. If you care to help set up, please come to St. John's between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on the Wednesday and/or Thursday prior to the first Saturday in December. The #CommOutrchGrp was profiled in the Diocese of Erie's Faith Magazine in August 2016: <http://faithdigital.org/Erie/FE0816/> and there is also a YouTube video (search "Clothing Distribution Party / Community Outreach Group of Erie, PA). For more information, you can visit the Facebook page for the "Community Outreach Group of Erie, PA," e-mail TimWWJD@AOL.com, or text/call Tim Nowakowski @ 814-566-6435.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE MOVEMENT:

Donations were made in memory of Josie McGrath from T. Brant. We appreciate the generosity in her name. It will go towards bringing more people to Christ through Cursillo! De Colores!

WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE! Have you moved? Did your email change?? Has your phone number changed??? Did you switch parishes???? Do you know someone who is not receiving the Newsletter????? If you answered yes to any of these please contact the office and update your info. The office is open Mon- Fr. 10-3. The number 814-824-1119 feel free to leave a message on off hours. You can also email updates to office@eriecursillo.org. There is also a contact us link on the Website that you can fill out that comes right to the office.

Fr. Dan's Comments:



Bishop Trautman's Parable

Bishop Trautman used this parable during the Erie diocesan priest retreat this year.

A farmer was explaining to his grandson how the farm worked when one of the family dogs that had been half-asleep at their feet, jumped up and started running after a rabbit, yelping and baying as he ran. The other dogs saw the first dog and realized he had to be onto prey, so they started chasing too.

Not long afterward, the other dogs started coming home one by one, but not the one that had been lying at their feet. Confused, the grandson asked why the first dog had not come home, but the others did. The farmer explained

that it was only the first dog that actually saw the rabbit. The rest just saw and heard the first dog chasing the rabbit and were excited because the lead dog was excited, but they did not actually see the prize. They tried out quickly and gave up the chase. The dog that did see the rabbit kept up the chase.

Of course, I heard this parable through my Cursillo ears. It is possible to go through a Cursillo weekend but fail to have a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. For a while, the chase is on because of the excitement of the moment. If the weekend does not end with our personal recognition of Jesus Christ, we will tire out and go back to the old ways of living; like meeting our high-school acquaintances but not keeping the relationship alive. We enjoyed them in passing but did not nourish the relationship.

Pope Paul VI wrote that people are inclined to follow and learn more from witnesses than they do from teachers. It is important for that reason to keep active in your group reunion and take advantage of the other supports to this method of spirituality. In this time of scandal within our Church, you become the credibility of the gospel for people who have no other "bible" than you as you give witness to your faith in the Lord. Scandal has been an unfortunate fact of salvation history even in the Old Testament. We have learned through the ages that moral perfection, desirable as it is, is not the rock the Church is built on. Fidelity is.

This is the age of witness. Don't give up the chase.

Fr. Dan

Candidates for Women's Cursillo #253

1. Debbie "Deb" (Bliss) Barko, Our Lady of Mercy – Harborcreek (Stephanie Dalton)
2. Carol Campbell, St. Theresa – Union City (James Campbell)
3. Donna Marie Carpenter-May, St. Peter & Sacred Heart – Erie (Theresa Rula)
4. Laura Chandley, St. Patrick – Erie (Donald Chandley)
5. Tammy Corey, United Methodist – Meadville (Gail Jerioski)
6. Judy (Aiello) De Prator, Sacred Heart – St. Marys (Cyndi Aiello)
7. Carrie Egnosak, Blessed Sacrament – Erie (Maggie Santiago)
8. Rita (Drexler) Kaliszewski, St. Mark – Erie (Cheryl and Russ Henry)
9. Stephanie Lesser, No Parish Affiliation (Cyndi Aiello)
10. Kateri Lynn, Notre Dame – Hermitage (Jeff Linn)
11. Linda (Skurcenski) Winters, St Joseph – Erie (Debra Thompson)
12. Jami Wozniak, St. Francis – McKean (Fr. Dan Arnold)
13. Kerrie Gorniak, No Parish Affiliation, (Jimmy Deutschlander)
14. Mary Rita "Mimi" Horvath, St. John & Holy Rosary – Erie (Michelle Horvath)
15. Jean "Jan" Verdecchia, Our Lady of Peace – Erie (Letitia Szczesny)

** Please watch the website for updates to this list. I will continue to post and makes changes right up till the day of the Cursillo if needed. They can be found on the front page on the right-hand side.

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