

# The 4<sup>th</sup> Day Journey

Erie Diocesan Cursillo Newsletter

November 2018

## 2018 Cursillo Dates

**The Dates for Cursillo in 2018 are:**

**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**

JESUS LOOKED AT THEM AND SAID, "WITH MAN THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WITH GOD; ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD."

MARK 10:27

Men's #247 will begin on Thursday, November 15, 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 **November 18, 2018**

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

### Team

#### *Spiritual Directors*

Fr. Johnathan Schmolt (Our Lady of the Lake – Edinboro)

Fr. Ross Miceli (St. Boniface – Kersey)

Deacon Bob Ball (St. George – Erie)

#### *Team Leaders*

Rector Tim Green (Maria House – Spartansburg)

Asst. Rector Mike Giannamore (St. Joseph – Erie)

Ch. Steward Jose Martinez (St. Stephen – Erie)

#### *Stewards*

Joe Hoag (Our Lady of Peace – Erie)

Tom Snyder (St. Jude – Erie)

Aaron Rospierski (Blessed Sacrament – Erie)

Dave Reichert (St. Peter – Erie)

#### *Auxiliaries*

Mike Gipe (Elevate – Erie)

Kerry Pendzich (St. Andrew – Erie)

Bob Dalton (Blessed Sacrament – Erie)

**Walk in Professor** Mike Anderson (St. Mark)

#### *Steward/Co-Troubadours*

Chuck Cochran (Holy Rosary – Erie)

## Holy Hour

Holy Hours in support of this Cursillo will occur on Saturday November 19, 2018 throughout the Diocese at the following locations and times:

<u>Erie County:</u>	Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek 9:00 p.m.
<u>Crawford County:</u>	Our Lady Queen of the Americas, Conneaut Lake 7:00 p.m.
<u>Elk/Cameron Counties:</u>	Sacred Heart, St. Marys 7:00 p.m.

## Palanca

Palanca should be dropped off by Thursday, November 15, 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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, November 14, 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: November 2, 2018 at St. Andrew Church, Erie, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

December 8, 2018 at St. Brigid, Meadville 7:00 p.m.

Elk/Cameron County: November 29, 2018 at Queen of the World, St. Marys 7:00 p.m.

Mercer County: Mercer County: November 8, 2018 at St. Joseph's Church, Sharon, 6:30pm

### 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 Denny Smith, Fred Sitzler, Thomas Zakovitch, Florence Scalise, Ceceli Laniewicz, Steve Zalanka, Clair Gredler and all those of whom we are unaware.

#### *Our sick and recovering*

Best wishes for a quick recovery Linda Tolhurst, Pete Tolhurst, Tom Straub, Tim Lynch's sister Patricia, Fr. Larry Richard's mother, Ed Sznajder, Phyllis Zack, Roy Maloney, John Brady, Jim Hamilton, Kathy Bojorquez, Steve Krivonyak, Kathleen Herman, Becky, Doug and Jeremy Stefanoski 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, Msgrt 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 500<sup>th</sup> 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!**
- 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](mailto:TimWWJD@AOL.com), or text/call Tim Nowakowski @ 814-566-6435.
- As of 2018, twenty-two (23) KISS Dances have been hosted by the Past Presidents of the Erie Diocesan Cursillo Movement. When the idea to hire a DJ, set up some tables and cover them with paper, buy some beer and snacks, and invite folks to come and eat, drink, and be merry was first discussed in mid-1994, it was not anticipated that the event would continue for so many years—and be so bountiful in raising over \$20,000 which has been shared with many charities. Most if not all are well aware that the KISS Dance has lost its luster in the past few years. Many theories exist for such. Most are probably sound theories but the present state of affairs has resulted in the decision by the Past Presidents to not seek to host a KISS Dance in 2019. If a committee of Cursillistas chooses to tweak and re-invent this event, by all means you have our blessing to do so. We extend our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all who helped make the event as special as it has been to so many individuals for so many years. "The PPs wish to thank Holy Rosary, Erie, for sharing their facility 22 times and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Erie, for opening their doors to us in 2018." We especially want to acknowledge DJ Dean Balkovic for being the sound master at all 22 KISS Dances. Thanks for the memories!

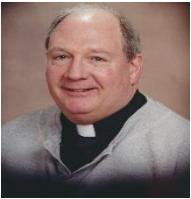
## FOR THE GOOD OF THE MOVEMENT:

- 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](mailto:office@eriecursillo.org). There is also a contact us link on the Website that you can fill out that comes right to the office.

2. WE HAVE ALMOST REACHED OUR GOAL. We are currently at 51, 441.06. We would like to thank all those that have given generously so far. We are hoping that as we celebrate our 500<sup>th</sup> Cursillo and with the Christmas spirit that we may hit and exceed our goal. We are truly excited about this so that we may continue to bring people to Christ through Cursillo. De Colores!

## Fr. Dan's Comments:



### Which Kingdom?

If “fairness” is the central issue in human relationships, love will not trump justice. In a kingdom of laws, personal justification comes through our acts. In a kingdom of love, justification is gift. This is central to the gospel and is the insight St. Paul received at his conversion.

St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians is an extraordinary letter for several reasons, not the least of which is St. Paul’s use of the word “stupid” when referring to the Galatian Christians. (Galatians 3: 1-5) The “hot potato” at that time had to do with the path the gentiles followed to become Christians. Many of the Jewish-Christians argued that the pagans had to become Jews before becoming Christians. It was not clear in the minds of many Christians yet that they were not Jewish anymore. They had become Judeo-Christians and were not just a sub-sect of Jews. In the Jewish community, reverence for God (piety) focused on following laws. Jesus’ central message was that we cannot save ourselves (lesson of the rich young man), but the Father can save us. All things are possible with God. As Jesus put it, he did not come to do away with law, but to fulfill it.

As I’ve mentioned many times before, I love Cursillo because it is a method of spirituality that liberates individuals from the spiritually constricting belief that sin management is the prime emphasis of spirituality. It’s no surprise that an immature spirituality leads a person into naval gazing and the consequent failure to become like the Good Shepherd who leads his loved ones. This “Jesus and Me” spirituality has truth at its core, but it has not yet learned to share unselfishly its treasure with brothers and sisters.

Childhood spirituality, good and necessary as it is, does not serve adults living in a very complex world. Childhood spirituality leads us to hope God loves us. That is its security. In a more mature spirituality, adults hope they can love as they have been loved; adults hope to connect their experience of God’s love of them to the experience of their love of humans and their shared place in creation.

It follows logically that seeing Christ transfigured transfigures all who have accepted as facts of their eternal life that:

- God is trustworthy and never stingy,
- that we are loveable because we are made so by God’s divine mercy,
- that this gift is transferrable,
- that the light of Christ is undimmed by sharing it,
- that joy is eternal while happiness is temporary
- and that sharing in the life of the Spirit bridges the chasm of disconnection, darkness and loneliness.

Make a choice; don’t be stupid. In which kingdom do you choose to take up citizenship: the kingdom of laws or the kingdom of love? God, who is love, invites you to citizenship in His Kingdom. So do all your relatives.

De Colores!

Fr. Dan

## Candidates for Men's Cursillo #247

1. Michael Bednar, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Erie (Mike Giannamore)
2. Jerry Colvin, St. Patrick – Erie (Doug Stefanoski)
3. Patrick Durkin III, St. Joseph – Erie (Mike Giannamore)
4. Craig Goodwill, St. Joseph – Erie (Mike Giannamore)
5. Daniel Greenwalt, No Parish Affiliation (Mike Gipe)
6. Brian Ireland, No Parish Affiliation (Fr. Dan Arnold)
7. Ryan Logan, No Parish Affiliation (Joe Hoag)
8. Deacon James Moss, St. Mark, Mt. Calvary (Wendell Thornton)
9. Mark Ritson, No Parish Affiliation (Mike Gipe)
10. Joseph Scalise, Blessed Sacrament (Laura and Kevin Di Bacco)
11. Michael Scalise, Blessed Sacrament (Laura and Kevin Di Bacco)
12. Gregory "Greg" Siddons, St. Andrews (Fr. Dan Arnold)
13. Cory Taylor, Corpus Christi – Conneaut, OH (Jay Chandley)
14. Gregory "Greg" Waite, All Saints – Waterford (Doug Flemming)

\*\* 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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