



# February 2025 Newsletter

**DECOLORES!** It is an exciting time as we anticipate 2025 to be another great year for the Erie Cursillo Movement. Let's come together as a community and keep the fire alive and growing in Elk and Cameron County. Remember... Christ is counting on you!

**Candidates for any upcoming Cursillo should apply at <https://eriecursillo.org/make-a-cursillo>**

There are plenty of opportunities for new "Babe Chicks" to join our Cursillo Family!

The 2025 Cursillo Dates are:

February 21-23: Men's Cursillo #255, Erie

March 21-23: Women's Cursillo #263, Harborcreek

**June 13-15: Women's Cursillo #264, Elk County**

July 18-20: Men's Cursillo #256, Crawford County hosted in Erie

October 17-19: Women's Cursillo #265, Harborcreek

**Palanca Drop-Off**  
**For Men's Cursillo #255**

*(Please note drop-off times)*

*Let us remember the men of #255 with Palanca*

Saint Mary's Church Office—9am – 4pm  
325 Church Street, Saint Marys  
\*By 4pm MONDAY before Cursillo

Jim and Lisa Martin's Home—  
311 Cook Avenue, Ridgway  
\*By 10am MONDAY before Cursillo

Saint Mark's Parish Office – 9am - ?  
245 East 4th Street, Emporium

All MEN Cursillistas are welcome to join us the third Saturday of the month for Mass at 7:00 am at Queen of the World Church. We will then go to Marlo's for breakfast. Please come and join in some fellowship with other Men of the Movement.

Please join us each day at 3pm, the Hour of Mercy, in praying a Hail Mary for all Cursillistas, their intentions, and their families. This is not meant to replace the emailed prayer intentions, but rather to bring us closer as a community through prayer! What a beautiful feeling to know that we're all praying for one another!

**Volunteers Needed for Elk-Cameron Cursillo Leadership Team!**

We are seeking dedicated volunteers to join the leadership team for Elk-Cameron Cursillo. Our goal is to distribute responsibilities among different teams, allowing more people to get involved and share the workload. As many of you know, it takes a team effort to plan a successful weekend and host our monthly Ultreyas.

Your help is essential! If you are willing to assist in any way, please reach out to Julie or Kim at [elkcameroncursillo@gmail.com](mailto:elkcameroncursillo@gmail.com) for more information. Together, we can continue to make Cursillo a meaningful experience for all. Thank you for your support!

# Upcoming Cursillo – Men’s #255

Men’s Cursillo #255 will begin on Friday, February 21st at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road in Harborcreek, PA

Closing will be on Sunday February 23rd, Break-in: 1:15pm, Mass for everyone (new to Cursillo at 1:30, Closing at 2:30pm)

## Team Members For Cursillo #255

### Spiritual Directors

- Co-Spiritual Director - Fr. Rich Toohey
- Co-Spiritual Director - Fr. Ray Hahn
- Co-Spiritual Director - Deacon Ralph DeCecco

### Team Leaders

- Rector—Mike McLaughlin
- Assistant Rector—Steve Patterson
- Chief Steward—Joe Tarquinio

### Stewards

Pete Piotrowski	Eric Ballentine
Dave Bartkowiak	Scott Barnes
Pat Espin	Pavel Goncharov

### Auxiliaries

Mark Rose	Andy Heinlein
Joe Rys	Rick Skladanowski
Mike Cross	Howie Richard

### Troubadours

John Pontoriero	Charles Cochran
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What do you want of me, Lord?

**JOIN US in PRAYER**

**Holy Hour**

Holy Hour for Men’s Cursillo #255  
Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7:00 p.m.  
at Saint Mary’s Church

Where do you want me to serve you?

**Ultreya**

Ultreya for Men’s Cursillo #255  
Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m.  
at Sacred Heart Church  
337 Church Street  
Followed by a social in Parish  
Center— Bring a dish to share

# Our Candidates for Men's Cursillo #255



- 1 Jonathan Ahlgren, Spartansburg - Maria House Project
- 2 William Amann Jr., Erie - Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- 3 James Banister, Spartansburg - Maria House Project
- 4 Daniel Barbero, Erie - St. Marks, Erie
- 5 Jason Brendel, Spartansburg - Maria House Project
- 6 Earl (Tex) Brieger, Erie - St. Mark, Erie
- 7 David Butler, Spartansburg - Maria House Project
- 8 Caleb Casey, Erie - Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- 9 Donald Chiodo, Edinboro - None listed
- 10 Joshua Cooney, Allegany - St. Raphael, Eldred PA
- 11 Lawrence (Larry) Daley, Erie - Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- 12 William (Bill) Dean, FalconerNY - Our Lady of Loreto, Falconer
- 13 Nathan (Nate) Demarest, Erie - St. Jude, Erie
- **14 Michael Elder, St. Marys** - **Sacred Heart, St. Marys**
- 15 Tom Falconer, Erie - Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- 16 Anthony Fitch, Spartansburg - Maria House Project
- 17 Brevin Flowers, Erie - NONE LISTED
- 18 Michael Giammarise, Erie - None listed
- 19 Charles Giuffre, Jamestown, NY - St. James, Jamestown, NY
- 20 Skyler Gore, Frewsburg, NY - Catholic Neighbors in Faith, Jamestown, NY
- 21 Joe Karpinski, Erie - Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- 22 Angus Keppel, Spartansburg - Maria House Project
- 23 Donovan Kozar, Spartansburg - Maria House Project
- 24 Leonard Kuzma, Fairview - Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- 25 Michael (Mike) Liberatore, Erie - Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- 26 Mike Lotz, Waterford - All Saints, Waterford
- 27 Robert Miller, Erie - None
- 28 Jason Pamula, Erie - Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- 29 William Potter, Erie - Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- 30 Charles (Chuck) Reinsel, North East - Our Lady of Mercy, Harborcreek
- 31 Michael Restivo, Erie - Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- 32 Philip (Phil) Schmalzried, Erie - Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- 33 Chris Sirianni, Erie - Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- 34 Joseph (Joe) Sparks, Erie - Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- 35 Joseph (Joe) VILLELLA, Erie - Our Lady of Peace, Erie
- 36 Doug Wingenbach, Fairview - Our Lady of Peace, Erie

**Applications now being accepted for Women's Cursillo #264**

**At Elk County Catholic High School, June 13—15, 2025**

**Candidates can apply online:**

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