

The 4th Day Journey

Erie Diocesan Cursillo Newsletter

March 2019

2019 Cursillo Dates

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

Women's #254 will begin on Thursday, March 14, 2019 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 **March 17, 2019.**

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

Team

Spiritual Directors

Fr. Dan Arnold (St. Andrew – Erie)

Fr. Tom Brown (St. Raphael – Eldred)

Deacon Tony Alleruzzo (St. Paul – Erie)

Team Leaders

Rector Jeannette DelleCurti (St. Paul – Erie)

Asst. Rector Criss Rotko (St. Lawrence – Albion)

Ch. Steward Dawn Roach (Holy Rosary – Erie)

Stewards

Edie Testa (St. Mark – Erie)

Stephanie Dalton (Blessed Sacrament – Erie)

Therese Dunn (St. Boniface)

Maggie Santiago (St. Mark – Erie)

Auxiliaries

Joanne Regal (St. Boniface – Erie)

Amanda Flick (Our Lady of Peace – Erie)

Carrie Kuhn (St. Mark – Erie)

Sue Brown (St. Lawrence – Albion)

Walk in Professor

Barb Ruscitto -Professor of Action

Steward/Troubadour

Becca Kiem (Our Lady of the Lake – Edinboro)

Holy Hour,

Holy Hours in support of this Cursillo will occur on Saturday March 16, 2019 throughout the Diocese at the following locations and times:

“WHATEVER
YOU DO, DO IT
ALL FOR THE
GLORY OF GOD.”

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

Crawford County: St. Brigid, Meadville 7:00 p.m.

Elk/Cameron Counties: St. Boniface, Kersey, 8:00 p.m.

Palanca

Palanca should be dropped off by Thursday, March 14 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, March 13, 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: March 1, 2019 at St. Andrew, Erie, 7:00 p.m.

April 5, 2019 at St. Andrew, Erie, 7:00 p.m.

Crawford County: March 2, 2019 St. Brigid, Meadville, 7:00 p.m.

April – None scheduled

Elk/Cameron County: March 21, 2019 St. Boniface, Kersey 6:00 p.m.

April – None scheduled

Mercer County: March and April – None scheduled

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 Brady, Phyllis Zack, Joseph Tettis, Ann Jofrey, Deacon Bob Walker, Joe DePrator, Barb Santillo, Tim Lynch's sister-in-law, Bette Freeman, Kathy Haraczy, Eve Seyboldt, Danita Moat & Donald Eckert's sister, Delores "Dolly" Bargielski, Rex Tressler 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 Richards' mother, Ed Sznajder, Roy Maloney, Jim Hamilton, Kathy Bojorquez, Steve Krivonyak, Kathleen Herman, Becky, Doug and Jeremy Stefnoski, Mark McCammon, Dave Wilkinson, Ann Flick, Mike Anderson, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Kay Hotchkiss, Anna Shuttleworth's Dad, 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, Msgt 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.

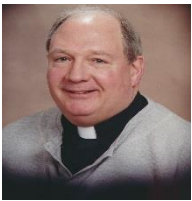
Upcoming Events:

Currently no events but watch future Newsletter for events this summer and especially for information regarding the Annual Diocesan Picnic.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE MOVEMENT:

1. We wish to send out a heart felt Thank You to all those who in any way helped us reach our goal of 55, 000 for 2018. Our grand total received was 55, 411.61. Reaching this amount is proof that God wishes us to continue using Cursillo to bring people to Christ! De Colores!
2. Please watch your mail boxes for the upcoming 2019 appeal letter. We know that your generosity will continue and that we will again meet our goal and be able to continue our mission!
3. Please help us by updating your address, phone number, email, parish if any of that has changed! If you know of a Cursillista who is not receiving the Newsletter and would like to please get us that information too! Thanks so much for you help on this matter!
4. Memorial were made in honor of Phyllis Zack from Opie and Dan Wuenschel and Kathie Iarussi. We are so grateful that they have chosen to remember her in this way. I know she would be proud to know that people are helping others experience Christ's love through Cursillo because of her! De Colores!

Fr. Dan's Comments:



10 Commandments vs. 8 Beatitudes

A significant development in our morality takes place rather early in our life. It's often referred to as reaching the age of reason when we learn to understand the ten commandments. This happens about age seven. The age of a second development is harder to pin down, but when it happens, it enables the individual to appreciate the beatitudes as "the eight commandments for adults."

Kids can grasp quite easily the meaning of each commandment as a biblical prohibition – thou shalt not... The flavor is "don't do this." But the beatitudes sound like so much poetry. Blessed are the poor in spirit, the hungry, the weeping, the persecuted, and so on. Their flavor is "do this."

On February 17th, we heard St. Luke's rendition of the beatitudes proclaimed in Church which are quite different than St. Matthew's, but both versions are more challenging to aspiring disciples than the commandments. The commandments seem to recommend that we keep the law and the law will keep us. The beatitudes, however, are more challenging (more adult if you will) than the commandments because of the degree of vision and voluntariness required to grasp their meaning.

In the commandments, what's in our heart is the issue; but with the beatitudes, what's in our public policies is the issue. For example, we can have black friends, or acquaintances who are among the LGBTQ community, but if our

policies are racist or sexist, there is still no justice in the land. Individual good will does not make a system of justice that is fair for everyone. So, there is a difference between good-hearted charity and active social justice.

As good Church-going Christians, it seems that we are slow to grasp this difference. That makes an enormous difference among the citizens of God's kingdom on earth. If we do not see the demands of justice as requiring anything beyond private charity and good-heartedness, we can be comfortable before God when we literally give a needy person the shirt off our back even as we fail to wonder why our closets are overflowing while failing to notice that others don't have a shirt to begin with.

Neither the ten commandments nor the eight beatitudes diminish the virtue of charity. Charity is still a "first virtue" that can cause us to see the clear difference between being "owners" and being "stewards" of God's graciousness. At times our only positive response to human misery is charity, regardless of whether it's direct and personal or is given as support to those who are trustworthy intermediaries. Intermediaries become our hands and support in ministry; sometimes they are the only candle that is ours to light.

That light must shine publicly, or we are hiding under a bushel basket; we are not the salt of the earth. A very prominent example of the need to be publicly luminous is the fact we live in a country where murder is legal. Political correctness has softened our nomenclature and called it abortion or capital punishment. We've become a "nation of laws" that refuses to make the leap from worshipping ourselves through our legal system to worshipping the God who invites us to citizenship in his kingdom. We absolutely, positively need laws and politics for the same reason kids need parental love, to eventually learn how to be worthy of citizenship in the kingdom of man. But if you have a longing to be a citizen in the kingdom of grace, more is required of us than legal compliance.

To fill with meaning Jesus' admonition to love his Father and our neighbor without making a mockery of the gospel, it's necessary to worship the Father first if we are ever to stop worshipping ourselves. The Beatitudes turn aspiring disciples into full, active citizens in God's Kingdom.

De Colores!

Fr. Dan

Candidates for Women's Cursillo #254

1. Deidre Brown, St. Luke – Erie (Sue Brown)
2. Dena Brown, St. Joseph – Erie (Sue Brown)
3. Jeanne Matson, St. Joseph – Erie (John and Tina Matson)
4. Erika Ramalho, Our Lady of Mercy – Erie (Stephanie Dalton)
5. Catherine Rhoades, No Parish Affiliation (Maggie Santiago)

** Please watch the website for updates to this list. I will continue to post and make 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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