

The 4th Day Journey

Erie Diocesan Cursillo Newsletter

May 2019

2019 Cursillo Dates

The Dates for Cursillo in 2019 are:

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

DON'T BE
AFRAID,
JUST BELIEVE.

MARK 5:36

Men's #248 will begin on Thursday, May 16, 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 **May 19, 2019.**

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

Team

Spiritual Directors

Fr. Dan Arnold (St. Andrew – Erie)
Fr. Marc Stockton (St. Boniface – Erie)
Deacon Joe Cicero (St. John – Girard)

Team Leaders

Rector Nick Heise (Our Lady of Mercy – Harborcreek)
Asst. Rector Jeff Nelson (Our Lady of the Lake – Edinboro)
Ch. Steward Tom Brady (St. Thomas – Corry)

Stewards

Paul Straub (St. John – Girard) Cary Chludzinski (St. Joseph- Erie)
Tim Tassick (Our Lady of Peace- Erie) Jimmy Deutschlander (Blessed Sacrament – Erie)

Auxiliaries

Lamont Johnson (St. Mark – Erie) Marty Radock (St. Thomas – Corry)
Joe Tarquinio (Our Lady of Mercy – Harborcreek) Jim Owens (Sacred Heart – Erie)

Steward/Troubadour

Dave Slubowski (Holy Trinity – Erie)

Holy Hour,

Holy Hours in support of this Cursillo will occur on Saturday May 18, 2019 throughout the Diocese at the following locations and times:

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

Crawford County: St. Titus, Titusville 7:00 p.m.

Elk/Cameron Counties: Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg, 7:00 p.m.

Palanca

Palanca should be dropped off by Thursday, May 16, 2019 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 therefore 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 Church Parish Center, 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, May 15, 2019 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: May 3, 2019 St. Andrew, Erie, 7:00 p.m.

June 7, 2019 St. Andrew, Erie 7:00 p.m.

Crawford County: May 10, 2019 St. Titus, Titusville 7:00 p.m.

June 14, 2019 St. Hippolyte, Frenchtown 7:00 p.m.

Elk/Cameron County: May 23, 2019 Holy Rosary, Johnsonburg 7:00 p.m.

June 27, 2019 Elk County Catholic High School, St. Marys 6:00 p.m.

Mercer County: May & June – 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 Margie Valimont, Carrie Gawronski's son, Joe Barbara, John Schillinger, John Bellizia, Rosemary Ptaskiewicz 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, Kathleen Herman, Becky, Doug and Jeremy Stefnoski, Mark McCammon, Dave Wilkinson, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Ann Flick, Jerry Bukowski's Brother, Rosie Griebel, Frank Wodarski, Moose Fuhrman, Mike Tarquinio, 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. Mark your calendars for the Annual Erie Diocesan Cursillo Picnic on August 3, 2019. There will be more details in upcoming Newsletters.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE MOVEMENT:

1. Hopefully everyone has received their mailing for the 2019 Appeal. We have kept the goal at 55,000 for this year. This number was not picked randomly. We figured out our budget and figured in a small buffer for unexpected items and came up with this number for operations. We are so grateful for reaching our goal last year! Hopeful your generosity will get us there this year also. We hope to keep bringing Christ to people through Cursillo for many years to come. We currently are at \$15,609.13. Please feel free to send your donations in the envelope provided in the appeal or use the donate button provided on our website at eriecursillo.org. Thank you again and God Bless!
2. 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 your help on this matter!
3. Memorial were made in honor of Phyllis Zack from Denis and Mary Coan, Jay and Janet Chandley and Tim and Eileen Gunter.

In honor of Dolores Bargielski from Denis and Mary Coan, Lawrence Bargielski & Denise Shaw, Patty and Deacon Bob Ball, Mr. & Mrs. William Cowan, and Eleanor Mills

In honor of Joe Barbara from Nancy and Richard Sandle and Steven Shick

In honor of John Schillinger from his wife Connie Schillinger

In honor of John Bellizia anonymous

In honor of Edward Faytak (Chuck Faytak's Dad) from Linda Major

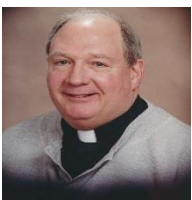
In honor of Karen Horvath Gallagher from Linda Major

We are so grateful that they have chosen to remember their friends and loved ones by donating to Cursillo. This will enable us to keep bringing Christ to people through Cursillo. De Colores!

Heard at the Last Closing

1. "Very inspirational, gave me a lot to think about."
2. "I thank God for calling me to make my Cursillo at the right time in my life. I now feel closer to God. He does know what I need."
3. "Wonderful experience, I should have done it along time ago. It was great, everyone should do it."
4. "I had a great weekend. God was with us. I know he will be with me always. I did not know men got out of their houses."
5. "if you trust in and love God, everything can happen. So overwhelming, when you don't think you can get anymore full you get more."
6. "I am full of love and I thank God I came."
7. "I am going back with a different outlook."
8. "Always keep God in the center of your life."

Fr. Dan's Comments:



Walking in Mercy

May I start with a story about a dream? I dreamed I died, but I wasn't ready to face God. I hadn't walked in grace. I knew that, at the very least, I'd have to go to the woodshed because of my sinful life. I was hopeless. He'd have to be God if he could find reason to admit me to "eternal happiness" when I hadn't done anything to earn such mercy. I guess I should not have been

surprised when I came face to face with Abraham, Moses, David, St. Peter and St. Luke. Talk about heavy hitters, how was I going to fare before this committee of biblical old timers? Why these five? Curious.

Abraham lied to save his life (Gn. 12: 10-20), Moses was a killer (Ex. 2: 11-15), David the adulterer covered up his crime with another crime, murder (2 Sam. 11: 1-27), and Peter outright betrayed Jesus (Mk 14: 66-72). Yet, here they are judging me?!? What gives them the right?

When I finally recognized Luke, I had what possibly could be a life-saver thought. "Luke," I said, "I loved reading your gospel. You have some beautiful stuff there that no one else has – like the story of the Prodigal Son. Is it at all possible that the reason you five are my inquisition panel has to do with your experience of God's mercy?" There was only silence as the five looked at me. I couldn't read their faces. The silence was excruciating! So, I blurted out loud enough for anyone to hear, "Luke, don't you recognize me? You can open the gates to me because you have written of God's great love for the likes of me. I'm the prodigal son. If God in his wisdom found room for the five of you in his home, doesn't he have any more room? Any more mercy? Did God run out of mercy?"

Then I heard the voice I surely didn't want to hear say, "You've done very much wrong in your life. It's no wonder why you haven't learned yet that you don't earn love. It's always a gift when paired with mercy."

Thank God this was not a dream that ended just as the train was going to run over me separating my foot stuck the track from the rest of me. It continued. Peter spoke next. "You are correct that your inquisition panel is not qualified because we are perfect. The Father appointed us to search out people who want to walk in mercy. We are the people who walk in mercy. Come, join us." In my dream, I was allowed to join those who walk in mercy.

I hope this story helps you understand that what holds together the kingdom of God on earth is mercy. Wasn't that at the heart of your Cursillo? I hope that like Peter, James and John, you saw Christ in his divinity revealed that weekend. You didn't earn it, but it surely is a gift. Its sweetness is his mercy.

Invite someone you care about to know that mercy. Be a witness. Be convicted. Be one who walks in mercy, but not alone. Or else this is just fiction.

De Colores!

Fr. Dan

Candidates for Men's Cursillo #248

1. Jason Amendola, No Parish Affiliation (Rudy Passauer)
2. Ryan Butcher, Mariah House Project- Spartanburg (Joe Tarquinio)
3. Don Chludzinski Sr., No Parish Affiliation (Deacon Tom McArw)
4. Donald Chludzinski, Our Lady of Peace – Erie (Rudy Passauer)
5. Bill Denial, Maria House Project – Spartansburg & St. Boniface (Joe Tarquinio)
6. Jason Geitner, No Parish Affiliation (Jason Gabler)
7. Kyle Hansen No Parish Affiliation (Robert Dalton)
8. Richard "Rick" Helmer, St. Thomas – Corry (Michael Gluvna)
9. Jed Heynoski, Maria House Project – Spartansburg (Joe Tarquinio)
10. William "Bill" Holzer, St. Birgid – Meadville (Mary Holzer)
11. Michael "M.J." Johnson, Maria House Project – Spartansburg (Joe Tarquinio)
12. Kenneth (Kenny) Justka, St. Stan – Erie (Aaron Rospierski)
13. Drew Lehman, Holy Rosary – Johnsonburg (Shane Williams)
14. Terry McAndrew, Our Lady of the Lake – Edinboro (Jeff Nelson)
15. Michael O'Connor, Our Lady of Peace – Erie (Steve Patterson)
16. John Semrau, Maria House Projects – Spartansburg (Joe Tarquinio)
17. Michael "Mike" Swarm, St. Boniface – Erie (Fred Regal)
18. Ralph Toy, Maria House Project – Spartansburg (Joe Tarquinio)

19. John Weber, Our Lady of the Lake – Edinboro (Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Nelson)
20. Jim Vallimont, St. Boniface – Erie (Cindy Srnka)
21. Justin Ventresca, Maria House Project – Spartansburg (Joe Tarquinio)

** 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 left-hand side.

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