

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

Erie Diocesan Cursillo Newsletter

June 2019

## 2019 Cursillo Dates

The Dates for Cursillo in 2019 are:

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

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## Cursillo Office Hours

We will begin observing Summer office hours Beginning the week of June 24<sup>th</sup>. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon-Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays except the Fridays of Cursillo Weekends. (The Friday's we will be open are July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>.) We will return to regular hours on August 26, 2019. Thanks for your understanding!

## Upcoming Cursillo – Women's Cursillo #255

Women's #255 will begin on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. at Elk County Catholic High School, 600 Maurus Street, in St. Marys, PA.

**Directions to Elk County Catholic from the north:** take PA-89-S to PA-89S/US-6E. Continue to follow US-6E/Grand Army of the Republic Highway for 63.4 miles. Turn left onto Greeves Street, then take the 2nd right onto Edger James Street. Take the 1st left onto Biddle Street and then take the 1st right onto PA-321S/Brickyard Road/Westerberg Way for about 9 miles. Continue onto US-219S for another 6.4 miles. Turn right onto East Center Street and then Left onto PA-255S/Powers Avenue for about 8 miles. Turn left onto Lewis Street/Lewis Street Ext. and the school will be on the left. **If you are coming from the south:** get onto I-80E to the exit toward PA-28N. Turn left onto PA-28N, which becomes US-219 N. Turn right at State Route 2003/ Toby Road and continue to follow that road onto Skyline Drive/State Route 2007. Turn left onto Irishtown Road/State Route 2007 and then take the 1st right onto PA-948S/Main St. for about 2 miles. Turn left at PA-255 N/S St Marys Rd for just over 4 miles. Turn right at Railroad St. and then left onto S Michael St. Turn left onto Maurus Street and then right onto Louis Street/Louis Street Ext. The school will be on the left.

The emergency phone number for this Cursillo is 814-512-5126. Closing will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2019.

## Team

### *Spiritual Directors*

Fr. Dan Arnold (St. Andrew – Erie)

Fr. Paul Seibert (St. Mark – Emporium)

Irene Lucas (Our Lady of Mercy – Harborcreek)

### *Team Leaders*

Rector Lynn Schatz (Our Lady Queen of the World – St. Marys)

Asst. Rector Kim Kerchinski (St. Marys – St. Marys)

## Ch. Steward Julie Bomba (St. Leo – Ridgway)

### *Stewards*

Jennifer Gelsick (Sacred Heart – St. Marys)

Kim Sloff (Sacred Heart – St. Marys)

Terri Bish (Sacred Heart – St. Marys)

Tammy Reigel (Queen of the World – St. Marys)

Mandy Assalone (Queen of the World – St. Marys)

Abbey Kane (St. Mark – Emporium)

### *Auxiliaries*

Dee Dee Wortman (Queen of the World – St. Marys) Diana Buehler (St. Leo – Ridgway)

Becky Herzing (Sacred Heart – St. Marys)

Mary Groll (Queen of the World – St. Marys)

### *Steward/Co-Troubadours*

Peggy Hoffman (Queen of the World – St. Marys) Rebecca Keim (Our Lady of the Lake – Edinboro)

### **Holy Hour**

Holy Hours in support of this Cursillo will occur on Saturday June 22, 2019 throughout the Diocese at the following locations and times:

Crawford County: St. Hippolyte, Frenchtown/Guys Mills, 7:00 p.m.

Elk/Cameron Counties: St. Marys, St. Marys 9:00 p.m.

### **Palanca**

Palanca should be dropped off by Thursday, June 20, 2019 by 10:0 a.m. to allow time to take the items to the Cursillo site. **After Thursday night, palanca should be taken directly to Elk County Catholic High School.**

**\*\*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 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, June 18, 2019 starting at 6:00 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: June 7, 2019 St. Andrew, Erie 7:00 p.m.

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

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

July 12, 2019 St. Brigid, Meadville 7:00 p.m.

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

July 25, 2019 St. Mark, Emporium 7:00 p.m.

Mercer County: June & July – 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 Bonnie Kreider's Mom and sister, Lily Hickin and Cliff Thomas's Mom, William Liebel, Kim Kerchinski's Dad, William DeSantis, Kathleen Herman, Father John Barwin, Richard McLaughlin, Mary Kay Bednarski's Mom and all those of whom we are unaware.

### *Our sick and recovering*

Best wishes for a quick recovery Linda Tolhurst, Mike Giannamore, Pete Tolhurst, Tom Straub, Tim Lynch's sister Patricia, Frank Wargo, Fr. Larry Richards' mother, Ed Sznajder, Roy Maloney, Jim Hamilton, Becky, Doug and Jeremy Stefnoski, Mark McCammon, Dave Wilkinson, Deacon Dennis Kudlak, Ann Flick, Jerry Bukowski's Brother, Rosie Griebel, Frank Wodarski, Moose Fuhrman, Megan Rowe, Carol Schenberg's Dad, Mike Tarquinio, Frank Quattrone Jr., Ann Flick, Heidi Arnold 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, 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 (Ben Dagher, Luke Dagher, Christopher Wheeler), women and men religious candidates, as well as our deacon candidates and their wives in your prayers.

## Upcoming Events:

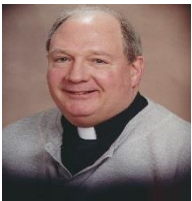
1. We will be having a choir sing at St. Andrew Church (1116 W 7th St, Erie, PA 16502) June 9th. Practice will begin at 10 am with Mass at 11. There will be a rigatoni dinner provided by the members of the Knights of Columbus after mass. We are asking Cursillistas to bring a dessert to share! Your support of our 1st Sunday sing in Erie would be much appreciated.
2. Our Bi-annual Secretariat Meeting will be held June 15, 2019 at St. Mark Center (429 West Grandview Blvd., Erie, Pa 16514) beginning at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!! Come join us and see what is going on with Cursillo! Please Rsvp to the office either by email ([office@eriecursillo.org](mailto:office@eriecursillo.org)) or by phone at 814-824-1119 by June 12, 2019. This way we can feed you! All committee reports are due by June 7, 2019. We are trying to save paper and do the meeting by Power point so if you can have them in by then it allows me the time to put them in that way...unless of course you are ambitious and wish to send yours already in Power Point.
3. Please Mark your calendars for the Annual Cursillo Picnic. It will be held Saturday August 3, 2019. More information and ways to RSVP are attached.
4. Stan's Garden Center is sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit the Cursillo Movement. Throughout the month of June 2019, any Cursillista who identifies themselves as a Cursillo member when they make a purchase at either Stan's location, 5001 Buffalo Road or 5341 West Lake Road, will have **10%** of their total purchase **donated** to

**Cursillo.** Thanks to owners Jim, Cindy and Josh Skarzenski for their continued generosity and support of the Cursillo Movement!

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE MOVEMENT:

1. **We are again asking for 55,00 dollars in our 2019 Appeal. The current Total we have received is 23,601.98! Thanks to everyone who has given thus far! We are sure that your generosity will get us to our Goal of 55,000! Please feel free to send in a donation at any time. Please also see our attachments about Erie Gives. De Colores!**

## Fr. Dan's Comments:



### The Problem

This is the beginning of a two-part column alternately titled “The Problem” and “Discerning an Answer”.

I'd like to start one or more regional GRs. The idea is for a group or groups of men and women to meet on a regular basis to discuss this issue: How can Cursillo, a proven method of spirituality, serve the current culture? This is a STUDY effort. This is the reason why: when Cursillo came to our diocese, in very many ways, our culture (ethos) was different. There were no computers or cell phones, printed encyclopedias hadn't been replaced by Wikipedia, most of us who were alive then had not ridden in an airplane yet, and the first Cursillo was held under the cloud of John F. Kennedy's assassination.

These are truths about Cursillo. It is a gift from the triune God, an experience in transcendence for people who make a Cursillo weekend in which they share the “transfiguration of Christ” similarly as Sts. Peter James and John. Scripture passages like John 14: 16-17 (“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth,”) and Mt. 28: 20 (“I will be with you until the end of the age”) are manifestations of this truth. Times change, the Spirit adapts with it. These passages give us wisdom and courage in changing times.

How can Cursillo minister to a culture that is “spiritual, but not religious?” We can bemoan the fact that young adults join social media in search of meaning much more readily than they join a Church (any Church), but the fact remains, they do not tie their days together through religion today as in the past. Their identity is more secular, more existential. They do not rely upon religious imagery to grasp meaning but use pop culture in its place. For them, the meaning of God's existence is mediated through personal detached piety. We've transitioned from a Christian Culture to a secular world; from “do unto others as you would have done unto you,” to “if it feels good, do it.”

A Cursillo response to this problem is needed but will require much reflection and prayer. I hope you agree. The idea of “regional GRs” is necessarily organic, meaning that the method is thought out, but the result remains to be discerned. I expect that this initiative will take a few years to bear fruit after hard work. So, I intend to invite prayerful Cursillistas who can deal with the tension of discernment in an anti-spiritual age. The signs of PIETY-under-pressure are all around us: synagogue and church killings, legalized euthanasia of new-born children, marriages based solely upon paper transactions (no expression of faith whatever) and so on.

When piety is under pressure, study is necessary before Cursillo, this spiritual movement of the people, can ACT. If you are a Cursillista who loves the way the Holy Spirit works in and around you, if you are not afraid of hard work, if you see yourself as kin of the laity who first went to their bishop in Spain to explain that the Church needed the Spirit's advent in a culture that was quite soulless, if you see your self as the 21<sup>st</sup> century of disciples gathered for a 21<sup>st</sup> century

Pentecost, please consider accepting the invitation if you are asked to serve. Having internet access will be essential to all members of these regional GRs. Do not be offended if you are not invited. The progress of this effort will be included in future reports.

God bless you. Be not afraid.

De Colores!

Fr. Dan Arnold

## Candidates for Women's Cursillo #255

1. Alicia (Kerchinski) Beck, No Parish Affiliation (Curtis Beck)
2. Linda (Keller) Bobenrieth, St. Marys – St. Marys (Danita Moate)
3. Ann (Schneider) Bolden, Sacred Heart—St. Marys (Kim Sloff)
4. Germaine (Bilodeau) Borrello, St. Boniface – Kersey (Lawrence Smith III)
5. Mary Dixon, St. Mark – Emporium (Gina Smith)
6. Nancy (Distler) Engelberg, Queen of the World – St. Marys (Mary Ann Lang)
7. Dolores “Lolly” (Leithner) Florio, Sacred Heart – St. Marys (Mary Ann Lang)
8. Taylor “Tay” Fragale, St. Mark – Emporium (Gretchen Fragale)
9. Leslie (Kitchen) Gore, Church of Christ – Ridgway (Patty Bauer)
10. Amy (Blessel) Gorman, Sacred Heart – St. Marys (Tara Vavala)
11. D’Lana “Dee Dee” (Emerick) Harp, Presby Church – Marienville (JoJo Quattrone)
12. Jennifer “Jenn” Huber, St. Leo – Ridgway (Amy Popielski)
13. Elizabeth “Beth” (Ritter) Klock, Queen of the World – St. Marys (Barbara Betta)
14. Michele Feidler Lehman, Queen of the World – St. Marys (Drew Lehman & Jamie Williams)
15. Anna Lewsi, No Parish Affiliation (Tammy Reigel)
16. Aubree Lynch, All Saints – Corning, Ny (Kristin Lynch)
17. Rae “Betty” (Streich) Manno, St. Leo – Ridgway (Julie Bomba)
18. Nancy (Boldezar) Meyer, St. Marys – St. Marys (Denna Eckert)
19. Darlene (Wolfe) Mikesic, Our Lady of Victory – State College (Tim Mikesic)
20. Denise (Lyons) Pesce, Queen of the World – St. Marys (Doc & Dona Lynons)
21. Heather (Maiuro) Sherry St. Eulalia – Coudersport (John Sherry)
22. Jacquelyn “Jackie” (Bobenrieth)Shuttleworth, St. Boniface – Kersey (Jonathan Shuttleworth)
23. Kristin Smith, Sacred Heart – St. Marys (Rosemary Carnovale)
24. Carolyn “Carrie” (Lucille) Trimble, No Parish Affiliation (Chris Loeffler)
25. Violet (Penticue) Vellner, Sacred Heart—St. Marys (Rosemary Carnovale)
26. Patricia “Patt” (Schloder) Woodward, Christ the King – Leechburg (Kim Kerchinski)

\*\* 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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# **49th Annual Cursillo Picnic**

**The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Cursillo Picnic will be held on August 3, 2019 at Our Lady of Mercy.**

We will be having a Chinese Auction, 50/50, cornhole, bingo, bouncy house and entertainment!  
Most important we will be having fun and enjoying the company of fellow Cursillistas and their friends.  
Here is the challenge--- if you are planning on coming Bring a friend or two! (or more!!!)

**Starts: at NOON**

**Ends: 6:00**

**Cost: FREE**

**Mass at Our Lady of Mercy 6:00pm with Fr. Dan Arnold presiding**

**After Mass, we will have a Bon Fire with a Sing a Long (weather permitting)!**

**Food will be served 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**The menu will include: Hot Dogs, Sloppy Joes, Ox Roast, Corn, Macaroni Salad, Toss Salad, Watermelon and Beans! Pop and Beer will be provided!**

**Please bring lawn chairs for yourself, name tag, a dish to share (check list below for food items to bring), if you have an item you would like to donate to the Chinese Auction (either a head of time or that day), corn hole boards**

**Monetary Donations will be accepted to defray costs!**

**We ask that you bring a dish to share. Please bring according to your last name.**

**A-I – Please bring a dessert**

**J-Q Please bring a salad**

**R-Z Please bring a side dish**

## **2019 Cursillo Picnic Reservation Form**

**August 3, 2019 at Our Lady of Mercy**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### **REGISTRATION**

Number of adults (13 years & up)

# \_\_\_\_ (please include non-Cursillistas here too)

Number of Children

# \_\_\_\_ (please include non-Cursillistas here too)

**TOTAL ATTENDING # \_\_\_\_\_**

Please send all reservations to: Diocese of Erie Cursillo Movement, P.O. Box 10397, Erie, PA 16514, online to [www.ericursillo.org](http://www.ericursillo.org), or by phone at 814-824-1119. You may also Tweet us your info or reply under the Picnic post on Facebook. Thank You!





**Erie Gives Day**  
**August 13, 2019**



**Help us reach our 55 thousand for 56 years goal !!**

*Maybe you have not had the chance to give to the Annual Appeal or you were just thinking how I could do more. Well here is your opportunity! We are a participant in the annual Erie Gives Day. The money you give on this day will get a prorated match so your dollar will go further for Cursillo. How awesome is that????!!!! (Seriously how Awesome is that?) Free money who could ask for more???*

*You can check out all the information at: [www.eriegives.org](http://www.eriegives.org).*

**\*\*\* Note there is a new way to give by check right through the Event. If you would like to send the donation right to The Nonprofit Foundation, please follow the instructions below.**

**Day and Time:** The event takes place on August 13 2019. You have 12 hours to make your donation between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. EST.

**Gift Amount:** The minimum gift is \$25. There is no limit to the amount of money you may give. There is no limit to the number of organizations you can donate to in a transaction.

**Credit Cards:** Only Visa, MasterCard and Discover will be accepted. The credit card processor charges a nominal fee per transaction. The Erie Community Foundation does not receive any fees. Sorry, credit card gift cards will not be accepted.

**Checks:** New to Erie Gives 2019, donors can write a check for their Erie Gives donation.

- Checks must be made out to The Erie Community Foundation.
- All check donations must be accompanied by a Check Donation Form. The check Donation Form will be available for download beginning June 13, 2019.
- Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) no later than Monday, August 12, 2019.

**Prorated Match:** The Erie Community Foundation and our sponsors will enhance donors' gifts by providing a prorated match to each gift made to a nonprofit.

**Your Receipt:** You will receive an email receipt of your gift, which you should retain for tax purposes. Unless you choose to remain anonymous, your donor information will be sent to the appropriate organizations.

**When will the Nonprofits receive your donation:** The nonprofits will receive your donation, plus The Erie Community Foundation's prorated match, on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at our Erie Gives Check Distribution Day.

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*You do not have to be from Erie County to give on this day. Donations may come from anywhere. You just need to follow the links and donate during these hours!*

*If you wish to send checks to the Cursillo office ahead of time and we make the donation for you, that can still be done too. Please place Erie Gives in the memo line and mail the check so that it arrives before August 13, 2019 to 429 E. Grandview Blvd. P.O. Box 10397 Erie, Pa 16514. We are so appreciative of everyone in this movement who gives so generously of their time*



*talent and treasure! We are blessed that we can participate in this and have your donations to Cursillo enhanced! De Colores!*

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Many times, being here in the office we hear people comment that we should not be focused on the money. We agree! This makes us think... How do we not focus on the money? It obviously takes money to put on a weekend, it takes money to maintain an office where you can come get information and have someone who organizes everything and tries to get information out there. It takes money to promote Cursillo. It takes money to provide crosses, bibles, pilgrims guides, etc. for each weekend. I am sure you are getting the idea. Yes, we get some of that money from what we ask for as a donation for the weekend from team and candidates. I am also sure that you realize that \$90.00 does not cover costs for everything but that we do not want to make it out of reach for people to attend. So, how do we not focus on money?? We rely on the generosity of past Cursillistas to make up the difference. Therefore, we try to keep you informed of how much we need and how close to that amount we are. WE are so grateful to those who have donated and those that will donate. This enables us to focus not on the money but on the real job at hand which is to bring people to Christ through Cursillo. Thanks again for your generosity! De Colores!