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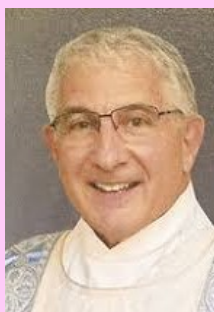
WOMEN'S CURSILLO #67 "ROOTED IN THE LORD"

April 23 -26, 2026 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Youngstown)

Spiritual Director: Father Edward Brienz
Asst. Spiritual Director: Deacon Mark Izzo
Rector: Tina Thompson
Assistant Rector: Renita Mintus



Fr. Edward Brienz
Spiritual Director



Deacon Mark Izzo
Asst. Spiritual Director



Tina Thompson
Rector



Renita Mintus
Assistant Rector

The following is a list of candidates that will be attending the Weekend:

Christ Our Savior (Struthers)

- Faye Tarajcak

Holy Family (Poland)

- Janene Rodgers

St. Carlo Acutis (Columbiana)

- Jen Corvino
- Paige Genova
- Mary Houghton
- Shirley Pieri
- Erin Willgohs

St. Catherine of Siena
(Boardman)

- Meg Fisher
- Erin Klein
- Sister Sochima Mamah

St. Magdalene (Youngstown)

- Michaelene Meelich

St. William (Warren)

- Victoria Collotta

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, April 24, 2026

<u>Mass</u>	Fr. Edward Brienz & Dcn. Mark Izzo	8:00 am
<u>Ideal</u>	Maureen Walsh	10:00 am
<u>Habitual Grace</u>	Dcn. Mark Izzo	11:15 am
<u>Laity</u>	Teri Wilson	1:30 pm
<u>Actual Grace</u>	Fr. Edward Brienz	2:45 pm
<u>Piety</u>	Kathy Riggle	4:15 pm

Sunday, April 26, 2026

<u>Environment</u>	Cecilia Lange	8:30 am
<u>C C in Action</u>	Melinda Kopnisky	9:15 am
<u>Life in Grace</u>	Fr. Edward Brienz	10:15 am
<u>Fourth Day</u>	Renita Mintus	11:00 am
<u>Total Security</u>	Tina Thompson	1:00 pm
<u>Mass</u>	Fr. Ed Brienz & Dcn. Mark Izzo	2:45 pm

Saturday, April 25, 2026

<u>Study</u>	Peg Elston	8:45 am
<u>Sacraments 1</u>	Fr. Edward Brienz	10:00 am
<u>Sacraments 2</u>	Fr. Edward Brienz	11:30 am
<u>Mass</u>	Fr. Ed Brienz & Dcn. Mark Izzo	2:00 pm
<u>Action</u>	Laurie Kramer	3:00 pm
<u>Leaders</u>	Sharon Hummer	4:15 pm
<u>Obstacles to a Life of Grace</u>	Deacon Mark Izzo	6:30 pm

<u>Head Guide</u>	Linda Susany
<u>Guides</u>	Heidi Fekety, Lori Wojton, Michelle Spagnoletta
<u>Sacristan</u>	Kim Molek
<u>Musical Director</u>	Gina Love



COVER CHAPEL REMINDER

An important part of every Cursillo weekend is the prayers and support you offer in the cover chapel for all those team members who will be speaking during the weekend.

If you would like to help the team in this way, please arrive at least 15 minutes before the talk is scheduled. Please meet in the kitchen and *listen* for the guide to announce cover chapel for the speaker that

you wish to pray for.

The guide will then escort you to the cover chapel. You may wish to bring your rosary, prayer books, a Bible or any form of spiritual aid to assist you.

Your prayers and palanca are needed and are an integral part of the success of the weekend. Bring your group to pray as well.



FROM THE LAY COORDINATOR



Hi Everyone! The time has come for our **Women's Cursillo Weekend!** The team is very excited to be bringing these candidates to a closer relationship with Christ. We are looking forward to seeing all the community on the weekend. Please make a note that we have moved the serenade to Friday after the Holy Hours. Special thanks to **Thom Godward** who as Cursillo Chair oversees all things pertaining to the weekend. He will be ensuring everything runs smoothly. We will need lots of help setting up, working in the kitchen during the weekend, for closing and putting things away afterward. Please come and join us. You'll have fun while serving the Lord! Please read Thom's notes on **page 5** of this newsletter. Special thanks also to **Lou Fusillo** who is in charge of the kitchen. Lou is requesting assistance in preparing the meals and washing dishes afterward. We need at least 8 to 10 people working in the kitchen for all meals. There will be lots to do. Please see his notes on **page 4**, and the schedule of meals on **page 5**.

To all Musicians: We need you for music with the serenade, Holy Hours, and especially for Boom and Closing. **PLEASE** come and play. Music is SO important to the weekend. We ask our **Community** to please pray and come and support the women on this weekend. The candidates will want to see their new family of Cursillistas at Boom, Closing, and afterward at the following Ultreyas. Please note the times for the weekend Ultreya and Holy Hours on **page 4**. Come support our candidates, team, and the priests who are graciously giving their time come to celebrate Mass with us. Please remember to **wear your name tags** when you come to work the weekend.

De Colores!

Bill Joyce

Email Notification

We are building an updated address list. Please let us know the following information: Your email address, phone number, home address, which Cursillo you attended and your home parish. Please send this info to:

Youngstown4thDay@gmail.com

We have cut expenses on the newsletter by sending them through email now. (You can help us keep in touch by sending us your email address) Thanks!

KITCHEN HELP REQUEST!!

Lou Fusillo is looking for any help he can get in the kitchen. We also need help in the dining area, for setup, and decorations, especially for Saturday evening dinner. Also, groups can bring desserts, not make them all, but to make sure they are there and ready to be served. A few people have agreed to help with cooking, but he'd love to have more join in. Lou will hang up a menu and recipes so if you choose to help, you can see what needs to be made. Your help is most welcome! 330-503-4804 or Fussy13@hotmail.com

Post Cursillo Seminar & Ultreya

POST CURSILLO SEMINAR— will be at the first Youngstown Ultreya after the weekend.

7PM ON MAY 14 IN THE BASEMENT OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

Upcoming Ultreyas are on May 14, Jun.11, Jul. 9, Aug.13 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica

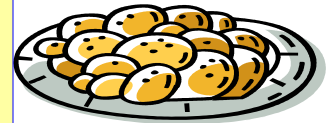


LOU FUSILLO NOTES—KITCHEN HELP IS NEEDED !



prepare food, set the tables, color napkins and clean up and do dishes. Have fun while doing something good for our Lord.

Set Up for the weekend is 5pm Wednesday April 22 in the OLMC Social Hall



REMEMBER - WE NEED COOKIES AND DESSERTS FOR THE CLOSING !

As always, kitchen help during the weekend is much needed and appreciated, especially on Friday.

If you or your group would like to help in the kitchen, or donate desserts for meals, please contact

We will also need help on Sunday afternoon for tear down and clean up! More info on Page 5.

Come help us chop veggies,

Lou Fusillo at 330-503-4804. **DeColores!**

Many hands make for light work!

PALANCA REMINDER:

Palanca is gifts of love, sacrifices and prayers that are offered up for the spiritual success of the weekend.

ALL PALANCA SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY 12 NOON

ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY!

(NO PALANCA IS DISTRIBUTED ON SUNDAY.) No gifts for candidates or Team

HOLY HOURS are at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica

THURSDAY 7:30 pm

FRIDAY at 7:30pm

SATURDAY 7:30pm - Father Ed Stafford

ALL MUSICIANS PLEASE BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS FOR HOLY HOURS, FOR FRIDAY'S SERENADE AFTER HOLY HOUR, AND FOR BOOM ON SUNDAY.

BOOM ON SUNDAY STARTS AT 4 pm SHARP.

Remember... the Serenade and Boom are limited to Cursillistas only.

DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME TAGS !

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

Sponsors, please explain to your candidates that there should be NO cell phone use in the conference room during the weekend.

ALL SPONSORS are asked to attend a short meeting at 7:00pm Thursday, April 23 in the Hall before Holy Hours. Please attend this important briefing. Remember to please bring your candidate to the **Post-Cursillo Seminar and Ultreyas** .



FROM CURSILLO CHAIR THOM GODWARD



Hello, everyone. I am asking for help to set-up for the Women's Cursillo weekend. We will meet at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Hall at 5 pm on Wednesday, April 22. The address is 343 Via Mount Carmel, Youngstown, OH 44505.

This year we are using our trailer to transfer our materials to the Hall, and it would be very appreciated if YOU could come and help unload the bins. That way, we can take the bins directly to the areas in the hall where we can set up the Conference Room, Chapels, sleeping area, kitchen etc.

We will also need help for all meals in the kitchen, in Cover chapel...praying for our speakers, doing Palanca, decorating, and all the regular things that come up during weekends.

Tear down begins Sunday morning, and continues through closing. Please stay for clean up and to help load the trailer so that we can return all materials to storage. Thank you!

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THE KITCHEN!



Cursillo Kitchen

We need your help in preparing and serving meals for our candidates and team for the weekend. We need at least 6 to 8 workers for each meal. Please come at least an hour or two before the serving times listed to the right. There is plenty for us to do!



April 24
FRIDAY MEALS *PREP:* *SERVE:*

Breakfast:	7:00 AM	9:00 AM
Lunch:	10:30 AM	12:30 PM
Dinner:	3:30 PM	5:30 PM

April 25
SATURDAY MEALS *PREP:* *SERVE:*

Breakfast:	6:00 AM	8:00AM
Lunch:	10:30 AM	12:30 PM
Dinner:	3:30 PM	5:30 PM

April 26
SUNDAY MEALS *PREP:* *SERVE:*

Breakfast:	6:00 AM	7:30AM
Lunch:	10:00 AM	12:00 PM
Snacks:	2:00 PM	4:00 PM

Please stay to help clean up the tables and wash the dishes so that we can reset the tables for the next meal. It's a big job and together we can do it as a Cursillo community. 😊

IMPORTANT!



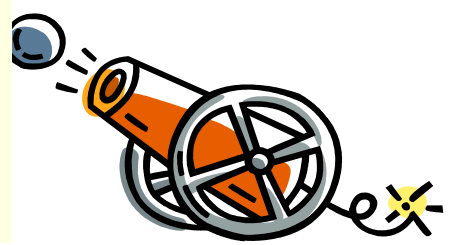
...A reminder about **BOOM...**
 Boom will commence at **4 pm sharp**
 on Sunday, April 26, 2026

Please make a note of the time.

SEE YOU AT OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL HALL!

➡ PLEASE—NO PHOTOS OR RECORDINGS

4pm BOOM!



REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE CURSILLO REGION III SPRING ENCOUNTER



Cursillo Region III Spring Encounter 2026 May 29 & 30, 2026

Cost for this full meeting is based on room selections.

Single: \$130/person per night (Shared toilet w/ adjoining room)

Shared Double: \$115/person per night (Private Bathroom w/ Shower)

Solo Double: \$160/person per night (Private Bathroom w/ Shower)

There may be limited doubles because of other groups that are here that weekend.

Registration is from 5:00pm – 7:00pm Please bring a snack to share with the group Friday evening
Encounter begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday. Breakfast/lunch/dinner will be provided Saturday. Meeting concludes the following Saturday with 4:00pm Holy Mass and dinner to follow. Meals are included in the cost.

The Encounter will be held at:

Norte Dame Retreat Center [5151 Foster Rd, Canandaigua, NY 14424](#)

Join our gathering of Cursillistas from Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Buffalo, Rochester, Altoona-Johnstown, Cleveland, and West Virginia. Experience the joy of Cursillo on a broader scale through personal contact and interactive gatherings of Cursillistas living the method of Cursillo.

(Please Print legibly or type –Please fill in all the blanks)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell # _____

E-mail Address: _____ Diocese: _____

Any allergies or issues: _____

Roommate's name: _____

Registration is requested by Friday, May 8th.

Make checks payable to: Region III Cursillo

Mail Registration to: Region III, Treasurer, 203 Maplehurst Drive, Aliquippa, PA 15001

Additional information needed? Please contact: **Peg (412) 915-2593 Terry (716) 908-9055**