

Diocese schedules classes for marriage preparation

The Marriage Preparation Offices of the Diocese of Rochester's three regions each offer a series of marriage-preparation classes. Each program is presented by a trained team of married couples and a priest or deacon. Team members share their experiences and help the engaged couples to explore their relationships and determine their strengths and weaknesses. The program is an important addition to the personal sessions couples attend with their parish priests or deacons.

Couples planning their weddings should be aware of the following diocesan regulations:

1. Couples should register for marriage preparation classes at least six months prior to their wedding dates.

2. Registration for sessions offered in Monroe and Livingston counties closes one month before the specified session dates or when filled to capacity.

3. Registration for classes in the Southern Tier or Finger Lakes is conducted by telephone only, unless otherwise indicated (see schedules that follow). Registration for sessions in Monroe and Livingston counties is by advance mail only, unless otherwise specified in the schedule.

4. A non-refundable registration fee of \$25 per couple is required.

5. Certificates of completion are issued to couples following seven to 10 hours of classroom instruction (hours vary by program).

In addition to sessions listed in the schedules that follow, the following programs are also offered.

Engaged Encounter — A weekend away with other engaged couples, designed to intensively cover topics concerning couples' prospective lives together. Diocesan-wide dates for this program are: Feb. 24-26, March 10-12, March 31-April 2, April 14-16, April 28-30, May 5-7, May 19-21, June 2-4, June 9-11, Sept. 8-10, Sept. 22-24, Oct. 20-22, Nov. 3-5.

For information, contact Denise and Phil Donato, 121 Wakeman Road, Fairport, N.Y. 14450, 716/223-9673.

New Horizons — Marriage preparation for couples in which one or both partners previously have been married. Special emphasis is placed on topics relevant to couples in a second marriage. Certificates are issued upon completion of a 12-hour program. In the Finger Lakes and Monroe/Livingston regions, call 716/454-7650 for information. In the Southern Tier, call 607/734-9784.

Hispanic Pre-Cana/Conferencias Para La Comunidad Hispana — Hispanic traditions and values are presented for couples with Spanish backgrounds. For information and reservations contact the Spanish Apostolate, 716/328-3210 or: Finger Lakes, 315/789-2686; Monroe/Livingston and Southern Tier, 716/454-7650.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES
Couples may be referred to one of the following programs due to special circumstances:

Separation — Sessions are arranged through the marriage preparation offices for couples whose marriage will be preceded by an extended period of separation due to military service, relocation to another state or similar circumstances. Contact the office in the appropriate region (see schedules for telephone numbers).

Teenagers — Arrangements are made to work with the priest/deacon preparing teenagers for the sacrament of matrimony. Before setting the wedding date, contact the marriage preparation office in the appropriate region (see schedules for telephone numbers).

Pregnancy — Pregnancy itself is not the determining factor in deciding to proceed with or delay a marriage. Before setting the wedding date, call the marriage preparation office in the appropriate region (see schedules for telephone numbers) to make special arrangements.

Southern Tier (607) 734-9784

Ithaca	March 11 Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Wayland	April 9 Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Elmira	April 8 Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Hornell	March 18 Saturday	8:30 a.m.
Owego	April 7th, 8th Fri. & Sat.	7:00 p.m. Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sat.
Apalachin	April 8 Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Elmira	April 21, 22 Fri. & Sat.	7:00 p.m. Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sat.
Corning	May 12, 13 Fri. & Sat.	7:00 p.m. Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sat.
Ithaca	May 20 Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Elmira	June 4 Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Ithaca	June 12, 14 Mon. & Wed.	7:00 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Ithaca	October 14 Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Corning	September	TBA
Elmira	October 1 Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Hornell	October 7 Saturday	8:30 a.m.
Wayland	November 12 Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Elmira	November 24, 25 Fri. & Sat.	7:00 p.m. Fri. 9:00 a.m. Sat.

Registration by TELEPHONE ONLY.

Immaculate Conception (607) 273-6121
St. Joseph's (716) 728-2228
St. Charles Carol & Bruce Beavers 732-5542
St. Ann's Patty & Mert Edwards 342-6126
St. Patrick's 687-1068
St. Margaret Mary June Bergeman 625-4727
Our Lady of Lourdes Marc & Lisa Rustici (607) 732-5816
Brennan Center Judy & Leo Thomas (607) 962-2027
Immaculate Conception (607) 273-6121
St. Mary's Southside Bruce & Debbie Creighton 732-0710
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St. Ann's Patty & Mert Edwards 342-6126
St. Joseph's (716) 728-2228
Our Lady of Lourdes Bob & Mikki Norton 732-8024

Monroe / Livingston (716) 454-7650

Registration by MAIL ONLY; call for registration card.

Mar. 13, 15, 17	Mon., Wed., Fri. 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	St. Thomas the Apostle
March 17, 18	Fri. 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Sat. 9:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hamlin
Apr. 10, 12, 14	Mon., Wed., Fri. 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	St. Thomas More- Brighton
Apr. 23, 30 3rd meeting TBA at 1st session	Sun. 1:30 pm. - 5:30 p.m.	St. Joseph- Penfield
May 1, 8, 15	Mon. 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	St. Vincent DePaul- Churchville
May 1, 8, 15	Mon. 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	St. Catherine- Mendon
May 19, 20	Fri. 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hamlin
JUNE	Engaged Encounter weekends only	
July 10, 12, 14	Mon., Wed., Fri. 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	St. Pius the Tenth- Chili
TBA		St. Thomas the Apostle
Oct. 2, 9, 16	Mon., 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	St. Vincent DePaul- Churchville
Oct. 15, 17, 19	Sun., Tues., Thurs. 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	St. Louis Church- Pittsford
Oct. 9, 11, 13	Mon., Wed., Fri. 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	St. Pius the Tenth- Chili
Nov. 3, 4	Fri., Sat. 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	St. John's of Rochester Fairport
Nov. 9, 12, 16	Thurs. 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Sun. 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Holy Trinity Church - Webster

Finger Lakes (315) 789-2686

Registration by TELEPHONE ONLY, except as noted.

March 18	Sat. 8:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. MAIL REGISTRATION ONLY	St. Mary's School, Clymer St., Auburn Beth Liberatore Auburn, NY 13021 27 Fourth Ave., Auburn, NY 13021
April 8	Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	St. Patrick's School, Seneca Falls Registration: Diane Cappellino (315) 568-6335
Apr. 28 and Apr. 30	Fri. 7-10 p.m. Sun. 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.	St. Francis deSales, Geneva Registration: (315) 789-0930
Apr. 30 and May 2	Sun. 1:30 - 6 p.m. Tue. 7:30 - 10 p.m.	St. Michael's Church Hall, Newark Registration: (315) 331-6753
May 20	Sat. 8:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. MAIL REGISTRATION ONLY	St. Mary's School, Clymer St., Auburn Beth Liberatore Auburn, NY 13021 27 Fourth Ave., Auburn, NY 13021
Aug. TBA	Fri. 7-10 p.m. Sun. 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.	St. Francis deSales, Geneva Registration: (315) 789-0930
Oct. 14	Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	St. Patrick's School, Seneca Falls Registration: Dianne Cappellino (315) 568-6335
Oct. 20 and Oct. 22	Fri. 7 - 10 p.m. Sun. 2 - 8 p.m.	St. Stephen's, Geneva Registration (315) 789-1124
Oct. 21	Sat. 8:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. MAIL REGISTRATION ONLY	St. Mary's School, Clymer St., Auburn Beth Liberatore Auburn, NY 13021



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