

Marriage & Family Life

Marriage-Preparation Offices schedule classes for 1990

The regional Marriage Preparation Offices of the Diocese of Rochester have scheduled three series of marriage-preparation classes. Each class 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 individual 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. A non-refundable registration fee of \$25 per couple is required for all sessions.
 3. Certificates of completion are issued to couples following seven to 10 hours of classroom instruction (hours vary by program).

In addition to the sessions listed in the schedules on this page, the following programs are also available.

Engaged Encounter — A weekend away with other engaged couples, designed to intensively cover topics concerning couples' prospective lives together. Sessions take place at Keuka College and St. Charles Convent.

Diocesan-wide dates for 1990 are: Jan. 12-14, Jan. 19-21, Feb. 9-11, Feb. 23-25, March 9-11, March 16-18, March 30-April 1, April 20-22, May 4-6, May 18-20, June 1-3, June 8-10, Sept. 7-9, Sept. 21-23, and Oct. 19-21.

The registration fee for Engaged Encounter is \$125. For information or registration, call Denise and Phil Donato, 716223-9673, or write them at 121 Wakeman Road, Fairport, N.Y. 14450.

New Horizons — Marriage preparation for couples with one or both partners having been married previously. Special emphasis is placed on topics relevant to couples in a second marriage.

Two sessions remain for 1990. The first will take place April 26, 30 and May 2, 4. The second session is scheduled to run Sept. 27 and Oct. 1, 3 5. Certificates are issued upon completion of the 12-hour program.

For information on New Horizons, Genesee Valley and Finger Lakes couples may call 716454-7650; couples in the Southern Tier may call 607734-9784.

Hispanic Pre-Cana Conferencias Para La Comunidad Hispana — Hispanic traditions and values are presented for couples with Spanish backgrounds. For information and registration, contact the Spanish Apostolate Office at 716328-3210, or the Family Ministries Office, 716454-7650 (Genesee Valley and Southern Tier) or 315789-2686 (Finger Lakes).

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Couples may be referred to the following programs due to special circumstances.

Separation — Sessions are arranged through the marriage-preparation offices for couples whose marriages will be preceded by extensive periods of separation due to military service, relocation to another state or similar situations. Couples should call their regional Marriage Preparation Office (see schedules for telephone numbers) for information.

Teenagers — Arrangements are made to work with the priest/deacon preparing teenagers for the sacrament of matrimony. **Before setting their wedding date**, teenage couples must contact their regional Marriage Preparation Office (see schedule for telephone numbers) to make arrangements.

Pregnancy — Pregnancy itself is not the determining factor in deciding to proceed with or delay a marriage. **Before setting their wedding date**, couples must call their regional Marriage Preparation Office (see schedules for telephone numbers) to make special arrangements.

Southern Tier — 607/734-9784

Registration for classes in the Southern Tier is conducted by **telephone only** and on a first-come, first-served basis. To register for a class, call the contact people listed.

Dates:	Locations:	Times:
March 2-3 Creig & Debbie Hebdon 607/753-3932	Ithaca Tompkins Region	Friday, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
March 3 Rich & June Bergeman 607/625-4727	Apalachin St. Margaret Mary's	Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
March 10 607/535-2786	Watkins Glen St. Mary's of the Lake	Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
March 23-24 607/687-1068	Owego St. Patrick's	Friday, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
March 24 Mert & Patty Edwards 607/324-6126	Hornell St. Ann's	Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
March 25 716/728-2228	Wayland St. Joseph's	Sunday, 9:15 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
March 31 Carol & Bruce Beavers 607/732-5542	Elmira St. Charles Borromeo	Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
April 27-28 Marc & Lisa Rustici 607/732-5816	Elmira Our Lady of Lourdes	Friday, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
May 4-5 Leo & Judy Thomas 607/962-2027	Corning Brennan Center	Friday, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
May 18-19 Creig & Debbie Hebdon 607/753-3932	Ithaca Tompkins Region	Friday, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
June 3 Bruce & Debbie Creighton 607/732-0710	Elmira St. Mary's Southside	Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
June 22-23 Creig & Debbie Hebdon 607/753-3932	Ithaca Tompkins Region	Friday, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
September 21-22 Leo & Judy Thomas 607/962-2027	Corning Brennan Center	Friday, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
October 7 Bruce & Debbie Creighton 607/732-0710	Elmira St. Mary's Southside	Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
October 12-13 Creig & Debbie Hebdon 607/753-3932	Ithaca Tompkins Region	Friday, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
October 13 Mert & Patty Edwards 607/324-6126	Hornell St. Ann's	Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
November 10 Bob & Mikki Norton 607/732-8024	Elmira Our Lady of Lourdes	Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
November 11 716/728-2228	Wayland St. Joseph's	Sunday, 9:15 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



Finger Lakes — 315/789-2686

Registration for classes in the Finger Lakes is conducted by **telephone only** (unless otherwise indicated) and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dates:	Locations:	Times:
February 10 Write: Kathy Ryan 28 Garrow St., Auburn 13021	Auburn St. Mary's School Clymer Street	Saturday, 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m.
February 23, 25 Call 315/789-1124	Geneva St. Stephens	Friday, 7-10 p.m. Sunday, 2-8 p.m.
February 24 Call: 716/289-4164 mornings or 716/289-6670	Shortsville St. Dominic's Parish Center	Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
March 4, 6 Call: 315/331-6753	Newark St. Michael's Church Hall	Sunday, 1:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, 7:30-10 p.m.
March 31 Call: 315/568-6335	Seneca Falls St. Patrick's School	Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
April 21 Call: 315/789-0930	Geneva St. Francis deSales Church	Saturday, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
April 27, 29 Write: Richard & Wendy Verstringhe 5161 Walworth-Ontario Rd., Walworth 14568	Macedon St. Patrick's Church	Friday, 7-10 p.m. Sunday, 1-6 p.m.
May 5 Write: Kathy Ryan 28 Garrow St., Auburn 13021	Auburn St. Mary's School Clymer Street	Saturday, 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m.
August 18 Call: 315/789-0930	Geneva St. Francis deSales Church	Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
September 21 Write: Richard & Wendy Verstringhe 5161 Walworth-Ontario Rd., Walworth 14568	Mendon St. Patrick's Church	Friday, 7-10 p.m. Sunday, 1-6 p.m.
September 29 Call: 716/289-4164 mornings, or 716/289-6670	Shortsville St. Dominic's Parish Center	Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Oct. date to be announced Call: 315/789-1124	Geneva St. Stephen's Church	Friday, 7-10 p.m. Sunday, 2-8 p.m.
October 13 Write: Kathy Ryan 28 Garrow St., Auburn 13021	Auburn St. Mary's School Clymer Street	Saturday, 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m.
October 20 Call: 315/568-6335	Seneca Falls St. Patrick's School	Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Genesee Valley — 716/454-7650, ext. 23

Registration for classes in Genesee Valley is conducted by **mail only** and on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration cards may be obtained by calling the Marriage Preparation Office, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Dates:	Locations:	Times:
March 30, 31	Fairport St. John of Rochester	Friday, Saturday 7 p.m.-11 p.m.
April 2, 4, 6	Brighton St. Thomas More	Mon., Wed., Fri., 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
To be announced	Penfield St. Joseph	Sunday, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Week night 7-9 p.m.
April 29, May 2, 6	Greece Mother of Sorrows	Sundays, 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
May 5	Rush St. Joseph	Sat., 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
May 5	Webster St. Rita	Sat., 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
May 7, 14, 21	Mendon St. Catherine	Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m.
May 7, 14, 21	Churchville St. Vincent DePaul	Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m.
June 7, 10, 14	Webster Holy Trinity	Thursday, 7-9:30 p.m. Sunday, 2-4:30 p.m.
July 16, 18, 20	Chili St. Pius the Tenth	Mon., Wed., Fri., 7:30-10 p.m.
Sept. 20, 23, 27	Webster Holy Trinity	Thursday, 7-9:30 p.m. Sunday, 2-4:30 p.m.
Oct. 1, 3, 5	Chili St. Pius the Tenth	Mon., Wed., Fri., 7:30-10 p.m.
Oct. date to be announced	Pittsford St. Louis	Sun., Tues., Thur., 7-10 p.m.
Oct. 1, 8, 15	Churchville St. Vincent DePaul	Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m.
Fall date to be announced	Penfield St. Joseph	Sunday, 1:30-5:30 p.m. Week night, 7-9 p.m.
Nov. 2, 3	Fairport St. John of Rochester	Friday, Saturday 7-11 p.m.
Nov. 3	Rush St. Joseph	Saturdays, 8:30-5 p.m.
Nov. 16, 17	East Rochester St. Jerome	Friday, Saturday 7-11 p.m.