

Marriage & Family Life

Parishes, diocese schedule marriage preparation

This is the second year in a three-year transition period during which the diocese is transferring responsibility for marriage preparation to the parishes of the diocese.

Through June 30 of this year, the diocese will present three daylong Saturday programs of marriage preparation. Two of these sessions — scheduled for May 21 and June 18 — will take place at the diocesan Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road in Gates. The third will take place March 19 at St. Mary of the Lake Parish, 901 N. Decatur St., Watkins Glen.

All three of these sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and require a \$40 non-refundable registration fee per couple. Information on the diocesan-sponsored sessions can be obtained by calling Sylvia Mancuso at the Pastoral Center, (716) 328-3210.

In addition, numerous parish-based marriage-preparation sessions have been scheduled through June 30. These sessions are listed below by region. For information on these sessions, please call contact people listed for the sessions in question.



Monroe County

Dates	Site	Contact
Feb. 12	St. Rita's Church, Webster	Parish Office (716) 671-1100
Feb. 19	St. Mark, Rochester	Deacon James & Mary Chatterton (716) 227-6824 or (716) 392-3869 (H)
Feb. 23, 26, and Mar. 2	St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester	Margaret Ostromecki (716) 467-3068 or (716) 872-1120
Feb. 27 and March 6, 13	St. John the Evangelist, Rochester	Sister Chris Treichel, OSF (716) 482-6211 (D) (E)
March 4, 5	St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport	Rhonda Penders (716) 254-5352 (D) or (716) 338-5710 (E)
March 5, 6	Assumption Church, Fairport	Duncan & Elaine Montgomery (716) 223-8642
March 7, 9, 11	St. Pius X School, Rochester	Cheryl Lamparella (716) 436-8542 (D)(E)
March 6, 13	St. Joseph Church, Penfield	Cheryl & Jim Kelly (716) 787-0059 (D) (E)
March 11, 13	Nativity of the BVM, Brockport	Ferry & Dolores Breslawski (716) 637-0365
March 13, 20	St. Anne's Church, Rochester	Alice Leistman (716) 271-3260

March 13, 16, 20	Our Lady of Mercy, Rochester	Tammy Fleming (716) 227-3230
March 18, 20	St. Lawrence Church, Rochester	Mrs. Pat Glowgowski (716) 723-1350
April 16, 17	St. Paul's Church, Webster	Mary Jo Lafferty (716) 872-4191
April 18, 20, 22	St. Thomas the Apostle, Rochester	Lou & Marcy Gabello (716) 726-3477 or (716) 338-1564
April 24 and May 1, 9	Good Shepherd, Henrietta	Jim & Nancy Ferraro (716) 272-0017 (E)
April 25, 27, 29	St. Thomas More, Rochester	Jeff & Rhonda Staudt (716) 266-5025
April 29, 30 and May 1	St. John of Rochester, Fairport	Bill & Katie McNeice (716) 425-4748
April 30	St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport	Rhonda Penders (716) 254-5352 (D) (716) 338-5710 (E)
May 5, 12, 19	Transfiguration Church, Pittsford	Mrs. Deborah Bussewitz (716) 381-8953
May 7	St. Joseph's Church, Rush	Barbara & John Haefner (716) 533-1711 (D)(E)
June 11, 12	Assumption Church, Fairport	Duncan & Elaine Montgomery (716) 436-8842

Finger Lakes

Dates	Site	Contact
As needed	St. Anne/St. Gregory Churches Palmyra/Marion	Deacon David Palma (315) 926-4323
As needed	St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario	Carol May (315) 524-2611 or (315) 589-8252 (H)
Feb. 12	St. Mary's Church, Auburn	Nancy & Bruce Damalt (315) 252-4057 (E)
April 14, 21, 28	St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan	Tracy Marchionda (607) 243-5533 (D) (315) 536-2085 (E)
April 17, 19	St. Michael's Church, Newark	Parish rectory (315) 331-6753
April 22, 23	St. Patrick's Church, Victor	Sister Mary Kay Ryan (716) 924-7111 (D)(E)
May 14	St. Mary's Church, Auburn	Nancy & Bruce Damalt (315) 252-4057 (E)

Genesee Valley

Dates	Site	Contact
May 20, 21	St. Mary's Church, Bath	Belinda Brasley (607) 776-4870

Southern Tier

Dates	Site	Contact
March 12	St. James' parish hall, Trumansburg	Father Robert Kanka (607) 387-6781
March 19	St. Charles Borromeo, Elmira Heights	Carol & Bruce Beavers (607) 732-5542
June 4	St. Mary, Elmira	Donna Bennett (607) 733-8890

Three programs address special interests, needs

In addition to parish and diocesan marriage-preparation courses, three other programs are offered for couples with special interests and/or needs.

Engaged Encounter is designed for couples who prefer to complete their marriage-preparation course during a single weekend retreat. The program is intended to intensively cover topics concerning participants' lives together.

The weekend is led by a team comprising two married couples and a priest or deacon. The team shares personal experiences during a series of presentations, followed by personal reflection and private discussion. Group discussion is limited.

While the weekend is run from the Catholic perspective, it is open to any engaged couple planning for marriage. Engaged Encounter fulfills the diocese's marriage-preparation requirements, and may take the place of Pre-Cana. The cost is \$125 per couple, which includes linens, meals and rooms for the entire weekend. Financial assistance is available.

The remaining open weekends in 1994 are April 29-May 1 at Borromeo Prayer Center in Greece; June 10-12, Sept. 23-25, and Oct. 14-16 at Keuka College; and Nov. 4-6 at Borromeo Prayer Center. For information on Engaged Encounter, call (716) 266-2040 or (716) 342-2279.

Two programs — **New Horizons** and **Once More with Love** — are offered for couples in which one or both

partners previously has been married.

New Horizons is described as "a self-contained marriage-preparation program ... (M)ini-topics offered illuminate situations that are of particular interest to those who have been married before.

Two sessions have been scheduled through June 30, and both will take place at the diocesan Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road, Gates. The first session runs Feb. 17, 28 and March 2 and 4. The second is scheduled for April 21, 25, 27 and 29.

New Horizons has a non-refundable registration fee of \$40 per couple. For further information, call Sylvia Mancuso at the Pastoral Center, (716) 328-3210.

Once More with Love is designed as a complement to the standard parish- or diocesan-sponsored marriage preparation class. The four-hour sessions address issues — such as dealing with step-families — that are not covered during regular marriage preparation, and are of special interest to previously married couples.

St. Stephen's School, 17 Elmwood Ave., Geneva, will be the site for a March 12 session. A session scheduled for May 14 will take place at the Pastoral Center.

The program has a non-refundable registration fee of \$12 per couple, plus \$8 for a required book. Information may be obtained by calling Sylvia Mancuso at the Pastoral Center, (716) 328-3210.