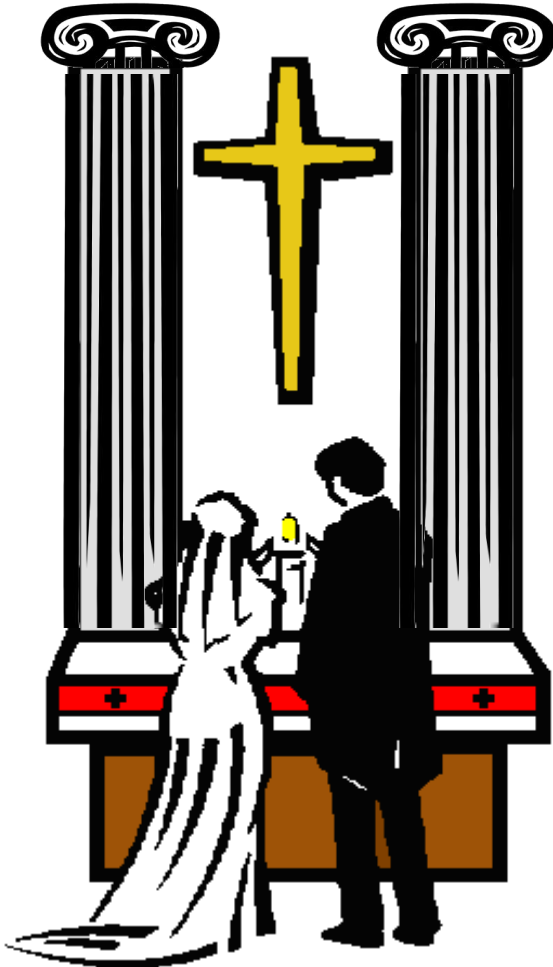


2011 - - 2012
Marriage Preparation
Schedule



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There are **three kinds** of marriage preparation programs that we endorse: **Engaged Encounter Weekend, In-home Series Program**, and a **One-Session Program**. The **One-Session Program** is a full-day preparation process while the **Series Program** is offered in four to six sessions (usually in a lead couple's home.)

The **two-day programs** are usually held in the parish advertising the program.

Engaged Encounter is a weekend designed to give couples planning marriage an opportunity for an intensive and honest look at their commitment to one another. Presentations given in this program are by married couples and a priest.

How to Register...

Choose a program from one of the following pages, which will allow you to complete that program approximately four months prior to your wedding, then call the appropriate contact person. You will be asked to submit the registration forms, found in the back of this brochure, along with the necessary fee. ***You will be considered registered only when these are received.***

This diocesan office highly recommends the “In-home Series” and “Engaged Encounter Weekends”. Couples who have given their time to these programs have commented on how much they have enriched their relationship.

***For more information
feel free to contact:***

**Diocese of Springfield, MA
Office of Pastoral Ministries
65 Elliott St.
P.O. Box 1730
Springfield, MA 01102-1730**

**Director: Sr. Cathy Homrok, SSJ
(413) 452-0686
Email: c.homrok@diospringfield.org**

MINISTERIO CATÓLICO LATINO

65 Elliot Street, P. O. Box 1730, Springfield, MA 01102-1730

**Las siguientes Parroquias ofrecen retiros de Pre-Cana
(Preparación Matrimonial)**



Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

435 Maple Street, Holyoke, MA 01040

Tel. # (413) 532-4282

By appointment with Pastor or Parochial Vicar

Saint Mary Parish

30 Bartlett Street, Westfield, MA 01085

Tel. # (413) 562-5477

By appointment with Pastor, Parochial Vicar, or Deacon

Blessed Sacrament / All Souls

445 Plainfield St., Springfield, MA 01107-1031

Tel. # (413) 736-0076

By appointment with Pastor, Parochial Vicar, or Deacons

Saint Michael's Cathedral

260 State Street, Springfield, MA 01105

Tel. # (413) 781-3656

By appointment with Clergy

Bishop Joseph Maguire Pastoral Center

65 Elliot Street, Springfield, MA 01102

Tel. # (413) 452-0808

Rev. Mr. Genaro Medina, Permanent Deacon

Rev. Mr. Angel Perez

Mrs. Ruth Perez

One Day Programs



Newman Catholic Center

472 North Pleasant Street

Amherst, MA 01002-1739

Contact Person: Deacon Richard Talbot, (413) 549-0300, Ext. 39

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 Mar. 24, 2012 Aug. 11, 2012
 Nov. 19, 2011 May 5, 2012 Sept. 12, 2012
 Jan. 21, 2012 June 9, 2012 Nov. 17, 2012

Cost per Couple: \$80.00

(includes coffee, muffins, lunch & materials)

To register online: www.newmanumass.org

and click on Pre-Cana Registration

Saint Anne Parish

30 College Street

Chicopee, MA 01020

Contact Person: Dianne Moreno (413) 532-7503

Saturday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (ending with 4 p.m. Mass)
 Oct. 15, 2011 April 28, 2012 Oct. 20, 2012

Limited space available

Cost per couple: \$50.00 (includes breakfast, lunch and materials)

Saint Rose de Lima

15 Chapel St.

Chicopee, MA 01020

Contact Persons: Diane & Paul Samson

(413) 536-4558

Saturday, **Breakfast served** 8:30-9:00 a.m.

9:00-5:00 p.m. includes 4 p.m. Mass

Oct. 22, 2011 Mar. 24, 2012 Oct. 20, 2012

Cost per Couple: \$50.00 (includes lunch)

Full payment required 2 weeks before class starts.

Limited space available.

Saint Stanislaus Basilica School

566 Front Street,
Chicopee, MA 01013
(413) 594-6669

Contact Person: Urszula Wolanska-Fettes
and Rev. Mr. Joseph Peters

E-mail: saintstan@saintstanislaus.org

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with Mass following at the Basilica

Oct. 2, 2011 (Sunday)

Mar. 3, 2012

Oct. 6, 2012

Cost per couple: \$60.00 (includes lunch)

Saint Agnes Parish Center

489 Main Street
Dalton, MA 01226

Contact Person: Rev. Christopher Malatesta
(413) 684-0125

Sunday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. followed by Mass.

Sept. 11, 2011

Feb. 12, 2012

April 15, 2012

June 10, 2012

Sept. 9, 2012

Cost per couple: \$70.00 (includes light refreshments)

Our Lady of the Valley

33 Adams Street
Easthampton, MA

Contact Person: Sue Plourd (413) 527-9778
plourd.olv@gmail.com

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

March 10, 2012

Cost per Couple: \$40.00 (includes lunch)

Saint Mary's Parish Rectory, Longmeadow

519 Longmeadow Street,
Longmeadow, MA 01106

Contact Person: Alice Pacella
(413) 567-3124

Sunday, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 11, 2011 Nov. 6, 2011 Jan. 8, 2012

Mar. 4, 2012 May 6, 2012

Cost per Couple: \$30.00

E-mail: donald.higby@verizon.net

Saint Patrick Parish Hall

19 Green Street, (Columbia Hall)
Monson, MA 01057

Contact Persons: Peter & Elizabeth Matrow at (413) 267-3910
or Rectory at (413) 267-3622

Please email pre-registration to: pmatrow@verizon.net

(Include name, contact information, wedding date and parish)

Saturday, registration at 8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., including 4 p.m. Mass
March 24, 2012

Cost per Couple: \$35.00 (includes morning refreshments and lunch)

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Center

70 Marshall Street
North Adams, MA 01247

Contact Person: Deacon Bruce Ziter
(413) 663-3516

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Nov. 19, 2011

April 21, 2012

Nov. 17, 2012

Cost per Couple: \$35.00 (includes coffee, donuts, and lunch)
Cancellation fee is \$5.00.

Sacred Heart Church

395 Chestnut Street
Springfield, MA 01104

Contact person: Marie Lapolice
(413) 732-3721

Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

March 25, 2012

Registration Fee: \$10.00

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

1023 Parker Street

Springfield, MA 01109

Contact Person: Sr. Mary Petisce

(413) 783-8619

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., ends with 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sept. 17, 2011

March 10, 2012

Cost per Couple: Parishioners \$60.00

Non-Parishioners \$80.00 (includes lunch and materials)

Holy Name Parish Social Center

51 Alderman Street

Springfield, MA 01108-1895

Contact Person: Sr. Catherine Leary, SSJ

(413) 733-5823

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. ending with 4:30 Mass

Feb. 25, 2012

Certificates presented at Mass

Cost per couple: \$50.00 (includes lunch)

Mail check to: Holy Name Parish

Sr. Catherine Leary, SSJ

323 Dickinson St., Springfield, MA 01108

Saint Michael's Cathedral Rectory

260 State Street,

Springfield, MA 01103-1780

Contact Person: Sr. Margaret McNaughton, SSJ

(413) 781-3656 or 413-452-0793

Saturday, 11:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. including 4:00p.m. Mass

November 5, 2011

Cost per Couple: \$50.00 (includes light refreshments)

Saint Cecilia Parish Center

42 Main Street,

Wilbraham, MA 01095

Contact Person: Annette Bishop

(413) 596-4232 Ext. 101

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. March 24, 2012

Cost per Couple: \$60.00 (includes lunch)

Limited space available. Must call to register.

Priority is given to Parishioners

Series and In-Home Programs

Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Agawam

Programs will be held at the Leaders' homes in Agawam.

Two-hour sessions for 5 weeks.

Two sessions offered January - March

Contact Persons: Francie & George Cornwell
(413) 786-7159

Cost per Couple: \$50.00

E-mail: fcornwell@gmail.com

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Springfield

123 William Street

Springfield, MA 01105

Place: In various homes of presenting couples.

Parishioners are a priority.

Contact Persons: Vin & Lynda Scicolone
Phone: (413) 783-7967

***FIVE WEEKS IN-HOME SERIES, Two-Hour Sessions,
ARRANGED INDIVIDUALLY.***

Cost per couple: Parishioners \$30.00

Non-Parishioners \$50.00 if room is available.



*Blessing of
Engaged Couples and
Anniversary Mass*

We invite you to attend

April 22, 2012

2:00 p.m.

St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield

Contact: Office of Worship
(413) 452-0839



*This is a time to gather with other couples and receive
the Blessing of the Church
in a special liturgy celebrated by
Bishop Timothy McDonnell.*

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A weekend designed to give couples planning marriage the experience to concentrate exclusively on each other, tension free, and be away from the pressures and interruptions of normal, everyday life. This weekend is designed to deepen and enrich the relationship of a couple as they approach marriage. *It is very highly recommended.* **(The cost per couple includes materials, rooms and meals.)**

1. **Manchester, NH.** (603) 424-2856 *Tom & Janice Lachance*
Email: lachancet@aol.com
Web: www.rc.net/manchester/engagedencounter
Cost: \$350.00
2. **Boston, MA.** (508) 865-9087 Catholic Engaged Encounter
Web: www.bostonengagedencounter.org
Cost: \$275.00
3. **Hartford, CT.** (203) 230-2460 *Family Life Office*
Web: www.hartfordengagedencounter.com
Cost: \$300.00
4. **Norwich, CT** (860) 536-8665 *Frank and MaryAnne Pendola*
Email: NorwichEEbooking@comcast.net
Web: www.ccfsn.org
www.engagedencounter.org (National Engaged Encounter)
5. **Worcester, MA**
For information about Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) weekends and events go to the following website:
Web: www.worcestercee.org
Place: Independence Hall, Schrewsbury, MA
Cost: \$275.00
6. **New York Archdiocese** (Engaged Encounter of Lower New York near Poughkeepsie)
Web: www.engagedencounterny.org
Cost: \$375.00 - \$415.00



ONE IN CHRIST WEEKEND

Burlington, VT. Carrie Handy (802)658-6111 or toll free (877) 250-4099
Web: www.vermontcatholic.org Path: Marriage, Family & Respect life
Marriage Enrichment
ONE IN CHRIST WEEKEND
Download Pre-Cana Weekend
Brochure/Registration Form

Dates: Nov. 11-13, 2011 and April 20-22, 2012
Location: Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, VT
Cost: \$300.00



HIS REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required in all programs.

His Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ Work _____

Parish/Religious Affiliation _____

Marital Situation: _____ Single
_____ Civilly Married
_____ Divorced & getting married.

Children: _____ No Children
_____ Children from previous marriage
_____ Children from a previous relationship

E-mail address _____

Wedding Date _____

Church _____

Presiding Priest/Deacon _____

Registering For: __ One Day __ Series __ Engaged Encounter

Date & Place _____

Check Enclosed: _____

Address after the Wedding _____



HER REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required in all programs.

Her Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ Work _____

Parish/Religious Affiliation _____

Marital Situation: _____ Single
_____ Civilly Married
_____ Divorced & getting married

Children: _____ No Children
_____ Children from previous marriage
_____ Children from a previous relationship

E-mail address _____

Wedding Date _____

Church _____

Presiding Priest/Deacon _____

Registering For: __ One Day __ Series __ Engaged Encounter

Date & Place _____

Check Enclosed: _____

Address after the Wedding _____

To Have and To Hold

WHY MARRIAGE PREPARATION?

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate you on your engagement! You have just entered into a time of preparation, a time to plan for the future and a time to dream of happily-ever-after. It is a journey that we hope will allow you to grow closer together in your love for each other and your love for Christ.

The reality is that there is no such thing as happily-ever-after. We are living in a time when our society approves, and makes it easy to divorce; in a time when approximately one half of all marriages are ending in divorce; a time when there are so many external forces working to break down the family.

We are here to say that we recognize the pressure and stress that you are under as you prepare for this important step; therefore, we ask that you take at least a year for marriage preparation. As your Christian community, guided by the bishop and pastor, it is our responsibility to provide a preparation time for you, a time to reflect upon who you are as a couple. This is an opportunity to have ideas brought before you and to discuss them as a couple...How will we handle this situation? Are our goals in this area compatible? Will we make Christ the center of our home?

