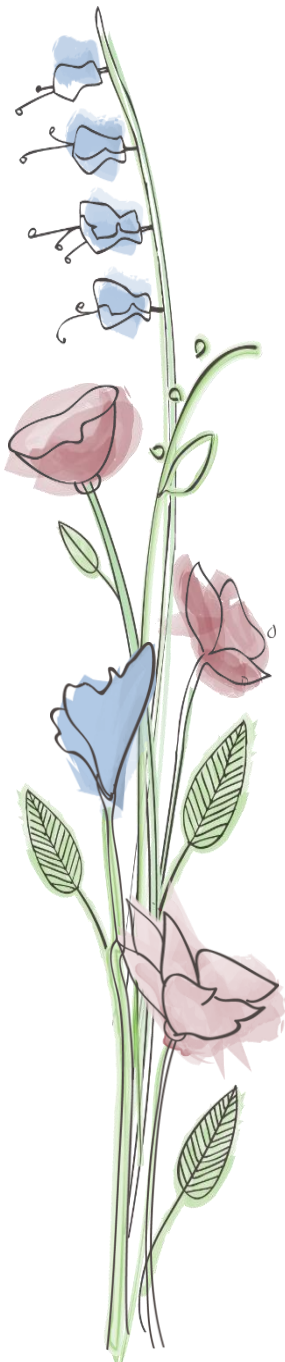


2017 Parish Marriage Preparation Calendar

Marriage consecrated by God preserves that bond between man and woman that God has blessed ever since the creation of the world; and it is a source of peace and good for all married and family life.

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The list below provides options for parish-based marriage preparation programs for 2017 in the diocese of Portland, ME. It can be found on the diocesan web-site at <http://portlanddiocese.org/marriage>

The first step in preparing for your marriage is to talk with the priest or deacon who will help you prepare for your wedding so you can lock in a date and a Church for your ceremony. Tell him which program you would like to attend. Then, contact the person listed to get more information about that particular program, and to register.

These programs are usually offered once a year. When multiple dates are listed, couples attend all sessions in order to complete the preparation program.

Notre Dame du Mont Carmel, Madawaska

Weekend of March 3-March 5, 2017

Christian Life Center in Frenchville

Contact: Judy.Lavoie@portlanddiocese.org

All Saints Parish, Brunswick

TBA

Portland Peninsula & Island Parishes

7 Consecutive Sundays: February 26, March 5, 12*, 19, 26, April 2, 9

Couples attend all sessions

6:00-8:30 pm – dinner included

Msgr. Dingo Hall at St. Peter Church, Portland

*March 12 session only - held at Cathedral Guild Hall

Contact: Carolyn.Mitchell@portlanddiocese.org or 207-773-7746, Ext. 110 by Feb. 5, 2017

Register on-line at: <http://www.portlandcatholic.org/unitas>

Good Shepherd Parish, Saco

5 Saturdays: March 18, 25, April 1, 8, from 9:00-11:30 am

St. Joseph Church Hall, Biddeford

April 22, from 1:30-7:30 pm. Dinner included.

Most Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Saco. Couples attend all sessions.

Contact: Kim.Perrigo@portlanddiocese.org

Register on-line at <http://goodshepherdparish.us/marriage-preparation-registration>

Prince of Peace Parish, Lewiston

4 Consecutive Saturdays: March 18, 25, April 1, 8

Couples attend all sessions

4:30-9:15 pm – dinner included

Site to be announced

Contact: Fr. Steven Cartwright at Steven.Cartwright@portlanddiocese.org

Corpus Christi Parish, Waterville

Friday and Saturday, March 24-25

6:00-9:00 pm Friday, and 9:00 am-5:00 pm Saturday – includes lunch

Notre Dame Church, Waterville

Contact: Kim.Suttie@portlanddiocese.org

St. Matthew Parish, Limerick

Arrangements determined with priest or deacon

Contact: Rev. Albert B. Colpitts at 207-793-2244

St. John Vianney Parish, Fort Kent

Contact: Dennis.Bouchard@portlanddiocese.org or 207-834-5656

St. Anthony Parish, Westbrook

7 Wednesdays: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 21, 28. Couples attend all sessions.

6:00 pm-8:30 pm - includes dinner

St. Anthony Parish Hall, Westbrook

Contact: kris.torrey@portlanddiocese.org or 207-857-0490, Ext. 23

St. Michael Parish, Augusta

Saturday and Sunday, June 10–11

8:30 am – 7:30 Saturday, and 8:30 am-12:30 pm Sunday

St. Monica Hall, Augusta

Contact: Gail.Gould@portlanddiocese.org

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Scarborough

Seven Sessions on Sunday evenings, starting in September

Couples attend all sessions

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall from 5:00pm-7:30pm - includes dinner

Contact: lesleyahurley@gmail.com or Fr. Innocent at innocent.okozi@portlanddiocese.org

Parish of the Holy Eucharist, Falmouth

Individual Preparation with a Mentor Couple

Contact: Beth and James King at 207-748-7974 or triumphantbethanne@icloud.com

Online Marriage Preparation Programs:

Catholic Marriage Preparation from the Archdiocese of Chicago <http://catholicmarriageprepclass.com/>

Agape Catholic Ministries from Colorado Springs <http://www.catholicmarriageprep.com/>

Other possibilities in New England

Engaged Encounter weekends <http://www.engagedencounter.org/index.php>

Archdiocese of Boston Marriage Preparation

<http://www.bostoncatholic.org/Offices-And-Services/Office-Detail.aspx?id=11654&pid=478>

“Not only man as such, not only woman as such, but rather man and woman, as a couple, are the image of God. The difference between them is not a question of contrast or subordination, but instead of communion and generation, always in the image and semblance of God.”

Pope Francis 4/15/15

