

YOUR PREPARATION OPTIONS

All fulfill the diocesan requirement

~ Engaged Couples Weekend

Time and space away from the hectic pace. A very popular weekend.

~ Marriage Preparation Series

Led by married couples, priest or deacon.

~ Sponsor Couple

Several sessions with a married couple from your parish. Flexible scheduling. Arranged through your parish, if offered.

~ For those separated by distance

Try Sponsor Couple, marriage prep in your fiancé's diocese or an Engaged Encounter elsewhere. Dates and locations at engagedencounter.org.

~ Online Marriage Preparation

Accepted by the diocese if you are unable to attend any of the above programs. Contact the Family Life Office for more information. (814) 317-2643

~ Remarriage Sponsor Couple

Tailored to your unique situation when one or both persons have been married before. Contact the Family Life Office.

WHEN TO ATTEND MARRIAGE PREP

The sooner the better but 9 months before your wedding is preferred! Couples who attend shortly after they become engaged have the most to gain. Because we give you time to dialogue with each other after our married team couples share some of their experiences, you will find your own relationship deepening. Plus, you will receive information on planning the wedding ceremony.

2026 MARRIAGE PREPARATION SERIES

- **Pre-registration required.** Early registration advised—some series fill up months in advance.
- **Cancellation due to weather:** For classes in all locations, call the Family Life Office at (814)-317-2643. A recorded message will list cancellations. If you cannot attend a session due to an unexpected situation, contact the Family Life Office for make-up instructions.
- **COST: \$70 per couple** (includes all sessions in a series). ***Register by e-mail.** Fee payable at the first session. Make check payable to "Family Life Office". Please come 15 minutes early to the first session for registration purposes.

January 3 and 17

*Snow date: Jan. 25

Sat. 9:00 am-12:45 pm

**Cathedral of the Blessed
Sacrament** Church Hall
One Cathedral Square
Altoona

January 24 and 31

*Snow date: TBD

Sat. 9:00 am-12:45 pm

Resurrection Oratory
800 Chestnut St.
Johnstown

March 21

*Snow date: March 29

Sat. 9:00 am-5:00 pm

St. Peter Parish Hall
433 W. Church St.
Somerset

May 4, 11 and 18

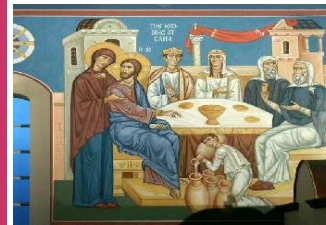
Mon. 7:00-9:30 pm

St. John the Evangelist
Church Hall
309 Lotz Avenue, **Lakemont
Altoona**

June 4–11–18

Thurs. 7:00-9:30 pm

Our Lady of Victory
Activity Center
820 Westerly Pkwy.
State College



September 22, 29 & Oct. 6

Tues. 7:00-9:30 pm

St. John the Evangelist
School Auditorium
116 E. Bishop St.
Bellefonte

*Advance reservations required and can be made online:

www.dioceseaj.org. (Ministries, Marriage Preparation)

Or email information below to: familylife@dioceseaj.org

- Type "Marriage Prep" in subject line.
- Include: Parish and town where series is held, names, phone, e-mail addresses, Catholic or interfaith marriage, and wedding date.



ENGAGED COUPLES MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKENDS



- Informal presentations by a team which includes married couples.
- Time to plan and talk with your fiancé(e) about your future marriage.
- Fulfills the diocesan marriage preparation requirement.



- Register early; some weekends fill up quickly!

Weekends offered through Catholic Engaged Encounter are acceptable marriage preparation for our diocese. Dates and locations available at www.engagedencounter.com