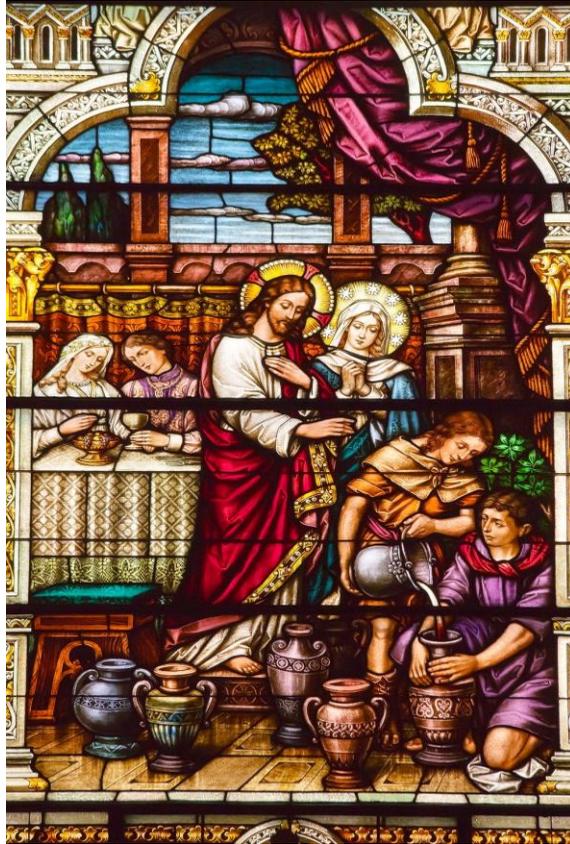
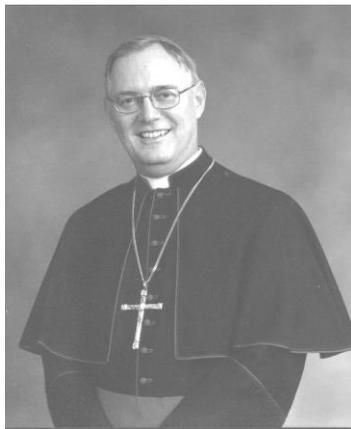


2023  
*Marriage*  
*Preparation & Enrichment*



*For Program Availability & Reservation Number Contact:*  
*401-278-4576*  
*marriage@dioceseofprovidence.org*

*Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment*  
*One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903*  
*www.dioceseofprovidence.org*



My Dear Friends:

*Father, all powerful and ever-living God,  
You created man in love to share your divine life.  
We see this high destiny in the love of husband and wife,  
Which bears the imprint of your own divine love.*

These words from the Preface of the Nuptial Mass remind us of the special nature of married love as designed by God and instituted as a Sacrament by Jesus Christ. They also provide an excellent starting point for reflection as you prepare to be married in the Catholic Church.

The time of your engagement and preparation for marriage is a very busy and exciting time for you. For most couples there are many arrangements and details that consume your time and attention. But in your preparation I hope that you won't forget the most important aspect of your marriage - the spiritual aspect.

As you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony, it is essential that you stay in close contact with the Church. Invite God into your lives as a special companion as you travel the road to marriage. Spend some extra time in prayer and reflection. Receive the sacraments of the Church, especially Confession and Holy Communion, as often as possible. And as you rejoice in all the blessing that God has given to you, don't forget all those in the world, in our own community, who are not as blessed, not as fortunate as we are! Charity should be the hallmark of your Christian lives together.

Please be assured of a special remembrance in my prayers. May your wedding be joyful and memorable. May your marriage be faithful and holy, a true inspiration to the Christian community. And may God bless you with His finest gifts now, and in the days and years to come!

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Tobin  
Bishop of Providence

## *Registration Information \* Fees \* Special Needs \* Refunds \* Rescheduling*

❖ Immediately upon setting a wedding date with your parish priest, please attend a Marriage Preparation Program. Ideally, that is done at least six to eight months before your wedding. To register please call the Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment at 401-278-4576.

➤ You may choose which ever program is convenient for you, as to dates and location. Enrollment size is limited. Please use the registration form provided in the center of this booklet.

✘ Marriage Preparation programs are designed to be attended by couples only. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

❖ Before mailing in your registration form, please call the Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment at 401-278-4576 for PROGRAM AVAILABILITY and to obtain a RESERVATION NUMBER.

➤ ONLY registrations with a reservation number can be processed.

✘ Your canceled check is your confirmation of registration. Please allow several weeks for your check to be processed.

**FEE: \$200.00 PER COUPLE:** These fees help to subsidize the costs of materials, facilities, refreshments and processing. Limited amounts of scholarship funds are available for couples who are unable to pay the entire fee, and are determined on a case-by-case basis, by the Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** We will attempt to make any accommodations possible, within the limits of our programs and/or facilities, for anyone who is physically challenged, visually, hearing, speech impaired, learning disabled or has food allergies. Please call 401-278-4576 at least two weeks ahead.

**REFUNDS:** Couples who do not attend the program for which they are registered, and/or who do not call this Office, in advance, to cancel or to reschedule are considered **NO SHOWS**, no refund will be given. Couples who call to cancel, in advance, will receive a full refund, which will be issued in the name of the person who sent payment for the program. \* **WALK-INS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

**RESCHEDULING:** May be done, in advance of a program, without an additional fee. Couples, who are considered **NO SHOWS** or who reschedule after their program has begun, may do so at a fee of \$25.00.

*A wedding is but a day, the Sacrament of Marriage is a Lifetime!*

## *Parish Based Programs*

This program, given by a team of trained married couples and a priest or deacon, provides an opportunity for engaged couples to explore fundamental areas of love, marriage, and family life essential to a lasting Christian marriage. Life experiences are presented for consideration to give couples a sense of the real process of understanding each other more deeply. Exercises complement the ideas presented, and help to stimulate dialogue.



Topics include: communication, family of origin, finance, personality, sacramentality, spirituality, a sexuality component which includes a brief overview of Natural Family Planning and a session about planning your wedding liturgy.

➤ *Program dates & locations are listed on pages 5 through 7* ◀

## *Natural Family Planning (NFP)*

NFP is a cooperative method of achieving or avoiding pregnancy through the observation and use of normally occurring signs in a woman's cycle. Unlike artificial methods, both partners share the responsibility of conception. Drugs, devices and surgery are not used. It fosters respect and acceptance of the total person by teaching couples the nature of fertility. NFP of Rhode Island is a non-sectarian, educational program which offers information and referrals to a variety of certified NFP instructors in Rhode Island.

Couples are drawn to NFP because it is medically safe and effective. Those who are ecologically aware see NFP as a logical extension of their concern about their psychological and physical environment. Marriages are enriched through a mutual understanding of the shared responsibility for family planning creating a deeper appreciation for the value of life.

*Fees: vary by instructors*

### *Couple to Couple League*

Darren & Robin Blier ♦ 401-596-9582  
Peter & Lora Brodeur ♦ 401-596-3443



### *Creighton Model*

Monica Bergeron ♦ 401-383-6246

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### **JANUARY 13 & 14**

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**SAINT KEVIN CHURCH**  
(Church Hall)  
333 Sandy Lane  
Warwick, RI 02889  
*Deacon John Fulton*

### **FEBRUARY 10 & 11**

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**SAINT PIUS V CHURCH**  
(Church Hall; Roslyn Avenue Ramp Door)  
240 Eaton Street  
Providence, RI 02908  
*Rev. James Mary Sullivan, OP*

### **MARCH 10 & 11**

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
**OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL**  
(School Gym)  
65 Third Street  
East Greenwich, RI 02818  
*Rev. Daniel Mahoney*

### **MARCH 11 & 18**

Saturdays  
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
**SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH**  
(Parish Hall)  
381 School Street  
North Kingstown, RI 02852  
*Deacon Ronald DePietro*

### **APRIL 21 & 22**

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**SS. ROSE & CLEMENT CHURCH**  
(Lower Church Hall)  
111 Long Street  
Warwick, RI 02886  
*Hosted by Marriage P&E Office*



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### **MAY 12 & 13**

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**SAINT KEVIN CHURCH**  
(Church Hall)  
333 Sandy Lane  
Warwick, RI 02889  
*Deacon John Fulton*

### **AUGUST 18 & 19**

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**SAINT KEVIN CHURCH**  
(Church Hall)  
333 Sandy Lane  
Warwick, RI 02889  
*Hosted by Marriage P&E Office*

### **JUNE 04 & 11**

Sundays  
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**SAINT KEVIN CHURCH**  
(Church Hall)  
333 Sandy Lane  
Warwick, RI 02889  
*Hosted by Marriage P&E Office*

### **SEPTEMBER 22 & 23**

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**SS JOHN & PAUL CHURCH**  
(Parish Center)  
341 South Main Street  
Coventry, RI 02816  
*Rev. Dennis Kieton*

### **JULY 14 & 15**

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**SS. ROSE & CLEMENT CHURCH**  
(Lower Church Hall)  
111 Long Street  
Warwick, RI 02886  
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### **OCTOBER 13 & 14**

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
**SAINT PHILIP CHURCH**  
(Parish Center)  
622 Putnam Pike  
Greenville, RI 02828  
*Rev. Phillip Dufour*

### **NOVEMBER 3 & 4**

Friday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
**SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH**  
(Parking lot on right; basement level)  
639 Mount Pleasant Avenue  
Providence, RI 02908  
*Rev. Robert Forcier*

### **NOVEMBER 17 & 18**

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm  
**OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL**  
(School Gym)  
65 Third Street  
East Greenwich, RI 02818  
*Rev. Daniel Mahoney*

### **DECEMBER 8 & 9**

Friday 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
**SAINT PIUS V CHURCH**  
(Church Hall; Roslyn Avenue Ramp Door)  
240 Eaton Street  
Providence, RI 02908  
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## *Registraciones \* Costo \* Necesidades Especiales \* Devoluciones \* Cambio de Fechas*

- ❖ Inmediatamente después de elegir una fecha para la boda con su párroco, llame a la Oficina de Preparación Matrimonial 401-278-4576 para registrarse en el programa. Esto, usualmente se hace entre seis y ocho meses antes de la boda.

➤ Es muy recomendado que usted participe en el Programa de Preparación Matrimonial tan pronto como pueda; lo ideal sería seis a ocho meses antes de la boda. Por favor use las formas proveída en el centro de este folleto para registrarse.

- ✧ Los programas de Preparación Matrimonial son diseñados exclusivamente para parejas. Las registraciones son aceptadas en el orden en que se reciban.

❖ Antes de enviarnos su registración por favor llame a la Oficina de Preparación Matrimonial 401-278-4576 PARA SABER SI HAY CUPOS y obtener un NUMERO DE RESERVATION.

➤ ÚNICAMENTE registraciones con número de reserva serán procesadas.

Su cheque cobrado es la confirmación de su registración.

- ✧ Por favor permita varias semanas para que su cheque sea procesado.

**EL COSTO: \$100.00 POR PAREJA:** Su pago ayuda a subsidiar el costo de materiales, acomodamiento, refrescos y procesamiento. Una cantidad limitada de fondos está disponible para parejas con dificultades para pagar el costo total, y esto es decidido caso por caso, por personal de la Oficina de Preparación Matrimonial.

**NECESIDADES ESPECIALES:** Nosotros trataremos de hacer todas las acomodaciones posibles, dentro de los límites de nuestro programa y/o instalaciones, para cualquier persona con problemas físicos, visuales, auditivos, del habla, discapacidades de aprendizaje o alergias alimenticias. Llame al 401-278-4576 al menos con dos semanas de anticipación.

**DEVOLUCIONES:** Parejas que no asistan al programa para el cual se han registrado, y/o quienes no llamen a esta Oficina con anticipación para cancelar o cambiar la fecha serán considerados **AUSENTES SIN EXCUSA**; y no recibirán ninguna devolución. Parejas que llamen para cancelar con anticipación, recibirán la total devolución de su dinero, con un cheque que se hará a nombre de la persona que envió el pago para el programa. **NO SE PERMITEN VISITAS SIN CITA PREVIA.**

**CAMBIO DE FECHA:** Puede hacerse con anticipación al programa sin ningún costo adicional. Parejas que son consideradas **AUSENTES SIN EXCUSA** o que cambien la fecha después que su programa ha comenzado, deberán pagar un cargo adicional de \$25.00.

*Una boda no es más que un día, ¡el Sacramento del matrimonio es toda una vida!*

## Programa de Preparación en Español

Este programa, dado por un equipo de parejas casadas y un sacerdote o diácono, provee una oportunidad para que parejas comprometidas en matrimonio exploren áreas fundamentales del amor, el matrimonio, y la vida en familia, aspectos estos tan trascendentales para un matrimonio cristiano duradero. Experiencias reales son presentadas a las parejas para darle un sentido real al proceso de conocimiento mutuo profundo. Las ideas se conjugan con ejercicios que estimulan el diálogo.



Tópicos a tratar: comunicación, origen familiar, finanzas, personalidad, sacramentos, espiritualidad; un aspecto o componente sexual que incluye un breve repaso a La Planificación Familiar Natural (PFN) y una sesión acerca de la planeación de la liturgia del matrimonio.

### Fechas para 2023

*El costo: \$100.00 por pareja*

<p><b>MARZO 10 Y 11</b> Viernes 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm y Sábado 9:00 am - 4:00pm IGLESIA SAN PATRICIO 244 Smith Street (Salón 103) Providence, RI 02908 Rev. Nolasco Tamayo</p>	<p><b>SEPTIEMBRE 15 Y 16</b> Viernes 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm y Sábado 9:00 am - 4:00pm IGLESIA SAN PATRICIO 244 Smith Street (Salón 103) Providence, RI 02908 Rev. Nolasco Tamayo</p>
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## Planificación Familiar Natural (PFN)

La Planificación Familiar Natural (PFN) es un método cooperativo para alcanzar o evitar embarazos con la observación y el uso de signos que normalmente ocurren durante el ciclo menstrual de una mujer. Para evitar un embarazo, la planificación familiar natural requiere abstinencia periódica durante el tiempo fértil. Las drogas, los dispositivos y la cirugía no se utilizan. Promueve la aceptación total de la persona al enseñar a las parejas la naturaleza de la fertilidad. PFN de Rhode Island es un programa educativo sin afiliación religiosa que ofrece información y refiere a un grupo de instructores certificados de PFN en el estado.

Las parejas se inclinan por la PFN porque es medicamente segura y efectiva. Aquellos con conciencia ecológica ven la PFN como una extensión de su preocupación por su ambiente físico y psicológico. La PFN es moralmente aceptable por gente de cualquier religión. Los matrimonios se enriquecen mutuamente al comprender y compartir la responsabilidad en la planeación familiar creando una más profunda apreciación del valor de la vida humana.

# *New Life, New Love Program*

## **FOR COUPLES MARRYING AFTER A DEATH OR DIVORCE**

NEW LOVE, NEW LIFE is a program for couples who are marrying after the death of a spouse or having received an annulment from the Church and who believe strongly in the permanence of marriage as taught by the Catholic Church. The NEW LOVE, NEW LIFE program gives couples insights into themselves and their couple relationship and provides the enrichment and support necessary to sustain a life-long, life-giving marriage.



This program is an opportunity to learn from other married couples, who have similar life experiences, about the dynamics of remarriage, blended families, step-parenting and to gain an understanding of the spirituality and sacramentality of marriage.

### **Some of the topics discussed are:**

- Closure on relationship with former spouse
- How our present is influenced by our past
- Friendship holds everything together
- Communication skills
- Sexuality
- Step-parenting
- Blended families
- Conflict resolution

*Dates for 2023*

*Fee: \$100.00 per couple*

<p><b>MARCH 27 &amp; 30</b> Monday &amp; Thursday 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm <b>MARRIAGE PREPARATION OFFICE</b> (Conference Room) One Cathedral Square Providence, RI 02903</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER 25 &amp; 28</b> Monday &amp; Thursday 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm <b>MARRIAGE PREPARATION OFFICE</b> (Conference Room) One Cathedral Square Providence, RI 02903</p>
<p>Please use the <b>NEW LOVE, NEW LIFE registration form on page 11</b></p> <p>Make check or money order payable to: <b>MARRIAGE PREPARATION</b></p> <p>Mail to: <b>MARRIAGE PREPARATION OFFICE</b> One Cathedral Square Providence, RI 02903</p>	

Reservation #: \_\_\_\_\_

# NEW LOVE, NEW LIFE PROGRAM

FOR COUPLES MARRYING AFTER A DEATH OR DIVORCE

Program Dates:

Location:

HIS Name:

Age:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

E-mail Address:

Cell:

Religion:

Church/City:

Education:

Occupation:

Have you been married before?

How long?

Are you widowed or divorced?

How long have you been widowed or divorced?

Number of children:

Age(s):

Will they be living with you?

HER Name:

Age:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

E-Mail Address:

Cell:

Religion:

Church/City:

Education:

Occupation:

Have you been married before?

How long?

Are you widowed or divorced?

How long have you been widowed or divorced?

Number of children:

Age(s):

Will they be living with you?

## WEDDING DATE:

Name of the priest arranging wedding:

Name of church and city:

For Office Use Only:

{2023 Registration Form}

Received:

Date:

Check/M.O.#:

Catholics believe that marriage comes as a gift from the hand of God.

*The catholic vision of marriage is rooted in scripture and is expressed in the teachings and practices of the Church.*

*It has these main elements:*

- Marriage unites a couple in faithful and mutual love
- Marriage opens a couple to giving life
- Marriage is a way to respond to God's call to holiness
- Marriage calls the couple to be a sign of Christ's love in the world

Visit [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org) for more information about specific dimensions of Catholic marriage.

- ♦ Biblical Roots of Marriage
- ♦ Meaning and Purpose of Marriage
- ♦ Marital Sexuality
- ♦ Marital Spirituality
- ♦ Other Frequently Asked Questions
- ♦ Prayers & Blessings Related to Marriage

**FOR YOUR  
MARRIAGE**

Learn more about the Catholic vision of marriage online at:  
[foryourmarriage.org](http://foryourmarriage.org)

**PORTU  
MATRIMONIO**  
PORTUMATRIMONIO.ORG

Más información sobre la vision católica del matrimonio en línea en:  
[portumatrimonio.org](http://portumatrimonio.org)

Online Resources

[dioceseofprovidence.org](http://dioceseofprovidence.org)

General information, parish listings and contact informations for ministries and services.

[catholicmarriageri.org](http://catholicmarriageri.org)

Marriage Preparation and Enrichment information and program schedules.

[thericatholic.com](http://thericatholic.com)

Local, national, world news and events important to Rhode Island Catholics.

[usccb.org](http://usccb.org)

Prayer, worship, sacraments, daily readings, social issues.

[vatican.va](http://vatican.va)

The Holy Sea; Pope Francis: speeches, letters, homilies, prayers, photos.

*A wedding is but a day, the Sacrament of Marriage is a lifetime!*

*Reservation*

*Number:* \_\_\_\_\_

*~ Parish Based Registration Form ~*  
*Formulario para Registración del Programa en Español*

Fechas del programa:  
Program Dates:

Lugar del programa:  
Program Location:

Nombre del novio:  
HIS Name:

Edad:  
Age:

Dirección:  
Address:

Ciudad/Estado/Código:  
City/State/Zip:

Correo Electrónico:  
E-mail Address:

Tel. celular:  
Cell Phone:

Religion:  
Religion:

Iglesia/ciudad:  
Church/City:

Educación/estudios:  
Education:

Profesión:  
Occupation:

¿Primer matrimonio?      Si      No  
Is this your first marriage?    YES     NO

Nombre de la novia:  
HER Name:

Edad:  
Age:

Dirección:  
Address:

Ciudad/Estado/Código:  
City/State/Zip:

Correo Electrónico:  
E-mail Address:

Tel. celular:  
Cell Phone:

Religion:  
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Iglesia/ciudad:  
Church/City:

Educación/estudios:  
Education:

Profesión:  
Occupation:

¿Primer matrimonio?      Si      No  
Is this your first marriage?    YES     NO

Fecha de matrimonio:  
Wedding Date:

Nombre del sacerdote que los va a casar:  
Name of priest arranging wedding:

Nombre de la iglesia y la ciudad donde se van a casar:  
Name of church and city:

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**➤ FEE: \$200.00 per couple - please include payment with your Registration Form ◀**

Please make check or money order payable to:  
**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Mail to:  
**MARRIAGE PREPARATION OFFICE  
One Cathedral Square  
Providence, RI 02903**

Haga el cheque o money order a:  
**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Atención:  
**MARRIAGE PREPARATION OFFICE  
One Cathedral Square  
Providence, RI 02903**

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