

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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### MARRIAGE PREPARATION [Pre-Cana] CLASSES

St. Peter's offers Marriage Preparation [Pre-Cana] courses three times a year. Each session has four classes; each class runs Saturdays from 10 am - 12:30 pm, in the O'Sullivan Room of the parish rectory at 313 Second Street, SE.

#### 2008 SESSIONS:

~~Winter~~ January 31, Feb 7, 21 and 28 FULL

Spring April 25, May 2, 9 and 16

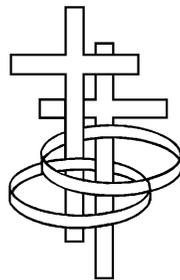
Fall October 17, 24, 31 and Nov 7

To register call or e:mail one of the following:

Father William Byrne, Pastor, [fatherbyrne](mailto:fatherbyrne) or 202.547.1430 ext 102

OR

Father Bill Hegedusich, Parochial Vicar, [fatherbillh](mailto:fatherbillh) or 202.547.1430, ext 112.



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## A Word from the Priests of St. Peter's

Dear Friends in Christ,

Someone once said that a wedding happens in one day, but a marriage happens over a lifetime. Such a commitment deserves the most serious reflection and discernment one can make.

Marriage is a beautiful gift from God to the couple and to the whole Church. In fact, when Scriptures talks about God's relationship with humanity, it does so more often than not through the analogy of husband and wife. There can be no doubt that God intended men and women to join together in marriage in order to cooperate with him in giving life to others and helping others appreciate his other gifts.

We rejoice with you as you discern this call from God in your own lives and we want to support you on your journey.

Please contact your priest or deacon at least six months before your planned date of your marriage and may the Lord be with you as you continue to respond to his presence in your lives.

*Fr. William Byrne and  
Fr. Bill Hegedusich*



### ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 2009 Marriage Preparation Program



**There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited. - Jn 3:1-2**

# 2009 Marriage Preparation Program

## St. Peter's Marriage Preparation

### REGISTRATION FORM

A sacramental marriage is very different from many of the living arrangements popular in our society. In society two people can get "married" simply by filling out a form and standing before a judge. Civil marriage is no more than a contract.

A sacramental marriage is a covenant—a profound and enduring bond between two people based on their word. The worth of the promise depends on the quality of their word.

A couple who are thinking about getting married in the Catholic Church should have several long, searching, honest, and heart-to-heart conversations with each other and with God.

Do we attend Sunday Mass each week?

Are we part of a parish community and the local church through financial support and prayers of petition?

Are we deepening our relationship with God by an active prayer life?

Are we living chastely, refraining from sexual activity?

Do I go to confession on a regular basis?

If from different faiths — how will we practice our faiths?

Is marriage being considered more for the parents' sake or ours?

Any outside pressure to marry at this time?

Are there any addiction problems?

Any difficulties with communication or pattern of promiscuity, hoping marriage will change this?

Have family/friends waved any warning flags?

These are just some of the issues every engaged couple should have discussed as their thoughts turned more and more to marriage. Sit down together, pray, go out to dinner, take several long walks--do whatever you can to talk seriously and honestly and fully about all of these issues.

If you do go on to get married in the Catholic Church, then you will be giving your word to God and to each other to live by God's will. God created marriage to be a sign of His commitment to life and love. Now is the time to take God at His word and give Him yours.

Marriage Preparation will be held at:

St. Peter's Catholic Church  
313 Second St., SE  
Washington D.C. 20003

Classes will be held in the  
O'Sullivan Room  
on Saturday mornings from

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

WINTER	SPRING	FALL
Jan 31	Apr 25	Oct 17
Feb 7	May 2	Oct 24
Feb 21	May 9	Oct 31
Feb 28	May 16	Nov 7

Registration fee is \$125 per couple.  
Please make checks payable to  
"St. Peter's Catholic Church"



If you have any questions,  
please contact Father Bill at  
(202) 547-1430 x112 or [fatherbillh@verizon.net](mailto:fatherbillh@verizon.net)

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: WINTER / SPRING / FALL

Name of Groom: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (H)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (W)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish you currently attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Bride: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (H)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (W)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish you currently attend: \_\_\_\_\_

### WEDDING INFORMATION:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form, with your payment to:  
313 Second St., SE, Washington DC, 20003  
Attn: Marriage Prep  
At least one month before the first class date.