

WorldWide Marriage Encounter
on Long Island
SPiRiT
 (Nassau/Suffolk)



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Community Enrichment

Cana Revisited



On Saturday, September 27 the Nassau/Suffolk community hosted a community enrichment for the Long Island, Brooklyn Queens, and Archdioceses Communities. More than 50 couples enjoyed a full day of activities at St Pius X Parish center in Plainview. The day included a continental breakfast, relationship talks, dialog, hot buffet lunch, and fun time. We closed the day with a community mass, celebrated by Fr. Emile Frische. The day was rewarding and inspiring for all, in spite of the fact that it was the last HOT day of the summer. Special thanks to ♥Fr. Emile for spearheading the program for the day, to Jim ♥Diane Popp, Bob ♥Melinda Nobbs, and Mike ♥Mary Gibbons for their sharings, and to the LIPS for organizing the day. It was clear when the day ended that We Gotta Believe the spirit is alive in New York.

On Saturday October 25 Area 4 hosted a Cana Revisited night at Christ the King parish in Commack. The Area 4 players reenacted the wedding feast according the gospel of John. We then had time for a dialog followed by wedding reception complete with food and wine, Dancing, a wedding cake cut by the bride and groom, and a most excellent DJ in Glen ♥Diane Sherman. It was a great evening filled with laughter, dancing, socializing and focus on our relationships. Thanks to Area 4 for all of their hard work in putting this evening together for all of us to enjoy.



Newly Encountered

19 Couples from Long Island have experienced the beauty of the Marriage Encounter weekend between August and October.

Please join us in welcoming them to our community

Area 1

Neil ♥Jean Doherty, Kevin ♥Marie Shanahan,
 Anthony ♥Maureen Tita, James ♥Bernadette Maurin

Area 2

Angelo ♥Felicia Biscardi, Stephen ♥Robin Clark,
 Rich ♥Christine Hoffman

Area 3

Christopher ♥Josephine Geraci, Jeff ♥Kathy Hartmann,
 Kevin ♥Maureen Huges

Area 4

Fabio ♥Maria Arango, Ken ♥Jeanine Cox, Glen ♥Millie
 Goldfarb,

Anthony ♥Marybeth Procaccini, Peter ♥Donna Walsh,
 Stacy ♥Carston Pohl

Area 5

Charlie ♥Mary Mintzer, Rich ♥Regina Voegelé

Area 6

John ♥Geri Huber





World Priest Day

On Saturday, September 21 the LI Marriage Encounter community celebrated World Priest Day. The highlights of the day were a prayer vigil shared by our entire community and baskets of love delivered to all of the Parishes in the Dioceses as well as the Seminary, Montfort Spirituality Center and the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport. Many phone calls and notes were received from our priests expressing their thanks for our expression of love. An article, with a photo, appeared in the Dioceses news paper (LI Catholic) about 2 weeks later.



Pulpit Talk Challenge

Boy the pulpit talk challenge is really heating up. Since our last issue there have been several pulpit talks. So many that we are stretching ourselves to cover all the Masses. If you have not ever given a pulpit talk please consider it. It's only 3 – 4minutes long and a complete outline is already written, all you need to do is fill in the blanks with your personal information. It's a real charge to give a talk and then stand at the church entrance having people asking you about the weekend. Ask your pastor for pulpit talks. Let's work together and build our weekends.

By the way, right now we have a 4 way tie for the wine & cheese party. Areas 1, 2, 3 & 4 are neck n neck with area 5 one off the pace and area 6 in striking distance. Keep up the good work guys.



Upcoming Encounter Weekends

Have you finally convinced that friend that they deserve a Marriage Encounter weekend? Don't forget to have them reserve their spot. The phone number is 1-866-4WWMELI (1-866-499-6354)

Here are our upcoming weekends:

Nov 14 – 16 St. John's Host Area 4/6
Nov 14 – 16 Marriott Host Area 5/3

This is Fr. Emile's Police-Fire-EMT weekend.

Feb 13 – 15 Montfort

Remember Couples won't go on a weekend if we don't invite them



Dialog Questions

Having trouble coming up with a dialog question. Maybe one of these will appeal to you.

- HDIF when we spend Thanksgiving with extended family?
- What am I thankful to God for about you?
- This Advent am I preparing for Christs birth or for Santa Claus WAMFAT?
- Have we been naughty or nice this year DILD?
- How will we carry the Christmas spirit into the new year HDIFAMA?

Do you have trouble finding questions? There are 36,900 at <http://csweb.cs.bgsu.edu/maner/dialogue/index.htm>



Upcoming Community Events

Here are our upcoming community events. Stay in touch with your Area Coordinator for any changes that may occur. Information for dates further out will be added as plans are firmed up.

November 30 Family Christmas Get Together

Montfort Missionaries, Saxon Ave Bay Shore.

Mass at 1:30PM, party following Mass till 5:00PM

Cost \$10.00/Family or \$5.00/Couple.

December 9 Community Christmas Get Together

Mass Starts 7:30PM - Couples only Please

February 7, 2003 World Marriage Day Mass & Dance



ME Calendars

The 2004 Marriage Encounter Calendars are here. The cost is \$10.00. They will be available at our community events as well as at all area board meetings. See your Area Coordinator for your calendar. They are a great source of dialog questions.



Long Island Areas

Are you trying to connect with your local Area? Here are our Area coordinators and the area meeting times

Area	Coordinator/Email	Phone	Meeting
1	John ♥ Laura Butler jlcdtj@yahoo.com	516-327-4711	1 st Sat
2	Ed ♥ Eileen Gross egross3575@aol.com	516-795-2782	2 nd Sat
3	Rich ♥ Rosemary Maikus rmaikis@suffolk.lib.ny.us	631-427-6741	1 st Fri
4	John ♥ Mary Linge wwme4@optonline.net	631-543-4562	2 nd Fri
5	Frank ♥ Liz Sblendorio fsblendo@suffolk.lib.ny.us	631-363-2504	2 nd Sat
6	Fred ♥ Debbie Paparelli fpaps@optonline.net	631-474-8574	2 nd Sat



How do I know What Area I'm In

Many have asked how the areas are defined. If you're not sure then here is a quick general guide.

Area 1: Nassau County from the NYC Line to the line created by the Meadowbrook Pkwy and Glen Cove Rd.

Area 2: Nassau County from the line created by the Meadowbrook Pkwy and Glen Cove Rd. to the Suffolk County line.

Area 3: Basically Babylon and Huntington Townships.

Area 4: Basically Islip and Smithtown Townships.

Area 5: All Points east of Islip and south of Middle Country Rd.

Area 6: All points east of Smithtown and north of Middle Country Rd

Of course you are welcome to attend any area that suits your life and is best for your relationship. We hope to see all of you at an Area Meeting