

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



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***Christmas Party***

***World Marriage Day Dance***

On Saturday, November 29 the Nassau/Suffolk community held our annual Christmas family party at the Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore. We started the day with a celebration of Mass and then headed downstairs for an afternoon of food, socializing and fun. Game and activity tables for the kids (young and old) were a big hit, there were lots of custom made cupcakes passed around. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus paid a visit, spent time with all of the families and really creating the Christmas spirit. In all over 40 families and 180 people enjoyed a wonderful afternoon. Thanks to Fred♥Debbie Papparelli and all of area 6 for a great party. Thanks to Fred Papparelli and Fran Mayerhofer for the photos (you can see them at [http://www.geocities.com/mr\\_m\\_gibbons/](http://www.geocities.com/mr_m_gibbons/)). Special thanks to ♥Fr. Roger for filling in for a sick Fr. Peter and blessing us with a wonderful Mass.

Its time to get out you 2004 calendar and mark Feb 7 in Red. That's the date for the annual WWMELI World Marriage Day Dance. We will start the evening with a special Mass, celebrated by Bishop Murphy at St. Cyril & Methodius church in Deer Park. After Mass it's off to the Sons of Italy in Deer Park for an evening of dinner, dancing, and socializing with friends (oh yeah there is an open bar). Be sure to get your tickets as soon as possible, this is sure to be a sellout.



***Newly Encountered***

23 Couples from have experienced the beauty of the Marriage Encounter weekend in November. Please join us in welcoming them to our community

**Area 1**

Tom♥Meri Lynch, Dan♥Maureen Melia

**Area 2**

James♥Loretta Cioffi, Norman♥Viraj Coelho,  
 Christopher♥Maureen Doherty, Ed♥Diane Edwards,  
 Matthey♥Denise Goban, Bill♥Denise Iannone,  
 Jim♥Linda Roeder, Chris♥Barbara Sweeney,  
 Bob♥Liz Regan

**Area 4**

Bob♥ToniAnn Lehman, Ed♥Olga Ramirez

**Area 6**

Greg♥Margie Colt, Bob♥Ginny Strakosch

**Archdioceses of NY**

Victor♥Joann Maduro, Brian♥Patricia Reilly,  
 Tom♥Ellen Heghmann, Greg♥Cristina Fischer,  
 Joe♥Carol Polizzi

**Brooklyn/Queens**

Marty♥Jeanette Browne, Gerry♥Sarah Wren,  
 Stephen♥Donna Crockett

**Rhode Island**

Raymond♥Barbara Van Nostrand





### *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



### *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:

Feb 13-15 Montfort

Nov 13-15 Comfort Inn Nanuet NY

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

Apr 23-25 St. John's

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



### *Dialog Questions*

Here are some dialog questions that you may want to use during the holiday season

1. How are we like the Holy Family? HDMAMMF?
2. HDIFA Santa Claus?
3. What is my favorite Christmas tradition? HDIF recalling this?
4. Do I enjoy Midnight Mass? HDMAMMF?
5. What one gift would I most enjoy this Christmas? HDIFST?
6. What one gift do would I like to give our marriage? HDIFST?
7. What do I want our children to remember about Christmas in our home? HDMAMMF?
8. What is my favorite childhood memory of Christmas? HDIFST?

More dialog questions at

<http://csweb.cs.bgsu.edu/maner/dialogue/index.htm>



### *ME Gift Cards*

Are you stumped trying to think of a great Christmas gift for your married family and friends. How a gift card for a ME weekend. The gift card is good for \$50.00 off the registration for a weekend and can be purchased for \$25.00. What a great way to get those close to you off to a great new year. See your area coordinator to purchase a card.



### *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 <a href="mailto:jlcdtj@yahoo.com">jlcdtj@yahoo.com</a>	516-327-4711	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat
2	Ed ♥ Eileen Gross <a href="mailto:egross3575@aol.com">egross3575@aol.com</a>	516-795-2782	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat
3	Rich ♥ Rosemary Maikus <a href="mailto:rmaikis@suffolk.lib.ny.us">rmaikis@suffolk.lib.ny.us</a>	631-427-6741	1 <sup>st</sup> Fri
4	John ♥ Mary Linge <a href="mailto:wwme4@optonline.net">wwme4@optonline.net</a>	631-543-4562	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri
5	Frank ♥ Liz Sblendorio <a href="mailto:fsblendo@suffolk.lib.ny.us">fsblendo@suffolk.lib.ny.us</a>	631-363-2504	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat
6	Fred ♥ Debbie Paparelli <a href="mailto:fpaps@optonline.net">fpaps@optonline.net</a>	631-474-8574	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat



### *Long Island Pillars*

Are you trying to connect with one of the Pillars? Do you have a suggestion or some news you'd like to pass on. Here are our email addresses.

#### **Ecclesial Team**

Mike & Mary Gibbons [mgbear@optonline.net](mailto:mgbear@optonline.net)

Fr. Peter Deveraj [peter19812@aol.com](mailto:peter19812@aol.com)

#### **Team Pillar**

George & Gemma Betancourt [gebet@optonline.net](mailto:gebet@optonline.net)

#### **Weekend Pillar**

Fran & Kate Mayerhofer [franmayo40@yahoo.com](mailto:franmayo40@yahoo.com)

#### **Community Pillar**

Dave & Roseanne Frisch [davnro22@optonline.net](mailto:davnro22@optonline.net)

***Worldwide Marriage Encounter on Long Island  
2004 World Marriage Day Dance  
Registration Form***

**Celebrate the beauty of your marriage with us  
Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
Saturday Feb 7, 2004 8:30 PM**

Sons of Italy, Constantino Brumidi Lodge  
2075 Deer Park Ave, Deer Park NY 631-595-9650

**Hot Buffet Dinner – Open Bar – Dancing**

To reserve your spot just fill out the form below and return it to Dave & Roseann Frisch (address below) with a recent couple photo (3”\*5” max) (Previous dance photo if you have one) and \$75.00 by Jan 23, 2004

**PLEASE – RETURN ONE FORM FOR EACH COUPLE ATTENDING**

**NAME:** His \_\_\_\_\_ Hers \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOWN** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

**WEDDING DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**HAVE YOU ATTENDED A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YES, WHAT AREA ARE YOU IN** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_ (Make checks payable to WWME)

**SEATING PREFERENCES** (Please name couples you would like to sit with or near, we will do our best to accommodate you)

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**Mail this form, check and photo to**

Dave & Roseann Frisch, 233 31<sup>st</sup> St. Lindenhurst NY 11757  
(631)226-1228