



Marriage Enrichment Ministry's past programs, date nights, retreats, book fellowships & other gatherings from 2020 to 2026.

Date Night Speakers and Topics:

Marriage & Spiritual Formation: Focus: prayer, theology, vocation, holiness

- *Alex Wolfe — Life-Giving Wounds: Adult Children of Divorce*
- *Alex Wolfe — Theology of the Body Workshop: John Paul II on the Song of Songs & Tobit*
- *Deacon Marques Silva — Living the Liturgy of Marriage: Offering a Future and Hope*
- *Deacon Marques Silva — Marriage & Intimacy*
- *Deacon Marques Silva — Spirituality and the Wholeness to Holiness*
- *Fr. Bresnahan — Couples and Prayer (Zoom)*
- *Fr. Bresnahan — Awaken Your Love: Unite in Silence for Deeper Love*
- *Fr. Bob Cilinski — Entrusting Your Marriage to Our Blessed Mother*
- *Fr. Bob Cilinski — St. Joseph: A Role Model for Husbands and Fathers*
- *Fr. Riley — Marriage & Eucharistic Intimacy*
- *Fr. Stephen Vaccaro — Get Holy or Die Trying: 5 Rules for a Married Spiritual Life*
- *Fr. Stephen Vaccaro — Anger and Forgiveness (Zoom)*
- *Mark & Muriel Forrest — Marriage: A Faith Walk with Christ*

Communication & Relationship Skills: Focus: emotional connection, conflict, intimacy

- *Dr. Jeanie Turner — Communication in Marriage: Being Present*
- *Dr. Jeanie Turner — Welcoming Conflict as an Opportunity for Learning*
- *Marsha & Jake O'Donnell — Emotional Intimacy with Each Other and God*

- *Gregory & Stephanie Schutte — Day-to-Day Marriage with the End in Mind (Zoom)*
- *Art & Laraine Bennett — Encouraging Your Spouse for a Healthy Marriage*
- *Art & Laraine Bennett — Temperaments God Gave Your Spouse*

Family Life & Parenting: Focus: raising children, family culture, home life

- *Ben & Sandi Glass — 9 Things We've Learned from Our 9 Kids*
- *Dr. Michael Horne — Cultivating an Engaged Family*
- *Dr. Michael Horne — Parenting (Grandparenting) in a Digital World*
- *Mike & Alicia Hernon — Growing a Family Culture*
- *Jennifer Sturgeon — Family Traditions*
- *Ever & Soren Johnson (Trinity House) — Heaven in Your Home*
- *Craig & Anne Bowden et al. — Marriage, Family & Life with Adult Children*

Faith in the Public Square / Culture: Focus: pro-life, society, witness

- *Dr. Bruchalski — From Abortion to Life-Affirming Medicine*
- *Helen Alvaré — The Gift of Marriage in Challenging Times*
- *Olivia Turner — Building a Culture of Life*

Practical Life Skills (Finances, Stewardship, Simplicity): Focus: money, lifestyle, household management

- *Carlos Perez — Catholic Investments for Catholic Families*
- *Mike McCarthy — Finances for Engaged and Newlywed Couples*
- *Patricia Molseed — A Family Approach to Stewardship*
- *Laraine Bennett — The Art of Living with Less*

History & Inspiration: Focus: saints, legacy, big-picture inspiration

- *Steve Wiedenkopf — St. Clovis & St. Clotilda: A Marriage that Changed the World*
- *Dave & Margaret Bereit — Love, Life, and Legacy*

Social Events & Fellowship (No Speaker)

Focus: community-building and fun

- *Annual Bunnyman Brewery (September)*
- *Annual Family Movie Night/Afternoon with Pizza*
- *Annual Heroes Hike (September)*
- *Knights of Columbus Masquerade Ball*
- *Peace & Justice Conference (dinner + speaker)*
- *Peachwave Frozen Yogurt Fellowship*
- *Pizza Friday & Pub Games (January)*
- *Comedy & BBQ Night (Knights of Columbus)*
- *Date Night at Fort Myer (Twilight Tattoo Concert)*
- *Jubilee Jazz Night (Nativity Parish)*
- *Game Night at Wegmans*
- *Swing Dance Lesson with Michele Kearney*

Past Marriage Enrichment Ministry Programs (fall and spring):

- [Building a Eucharistic Marriage](#)
- [Better Together](#)
- [United in Love. United in Christ](#)
- [Beloved](#) (also available on Formed)
- [Choice Wine](#)
- [Love and Respect](#) (Christian program, not Catholic)
- [Jesus and the Eucharist](#)
- [Renewed: 7 Steps for an Amazing Marriage](#)
- [Joyful Ever After](#)
- [Healing the Whole Person](#)

Past Marriage Enrichment Mini-Retreats on a Saturday, starting with 9 AM Mass:

- *“God’s Plan Over Marriage”- Fr. Peter Hopkins*
- *Annual Life-Giving Wounds- “Adult Children of Divorce” with Alex Wolfe*
- *“Spirituality of Marriage from Wholeness to Holiness” with Deacon Silva*
- *“Celebrating Marriage” with Deacon Kelly*
- *“Connection, Communication, Faith and Love” with Fr. Daniel Hanley*

Past Marriage Enrichment Book Fellowship:

- “Sacred Spaces” with Jennifer Sturgeon
- “Spousal Love” with Fr. Hayes
- “Intimate Graces” with Deacon Kelly

Adult Faith Formation and Bible Programs led or organized by the Marriage Enrichment Ministry for the Parish

- “[Catechism in a Year](#)” with Fr. Bresnahan
- Eucharistic Revival: [Jesus and the Eucharist](#) led by Anna Lisa Licud
- Marian Bible Study “[Mary- A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother](#)” led by Anna Lisa Licud

Past Events for Parents Coordinated by the Marriage Enrichment Ministry:

- Mother-Daughter NFP- Fertility Awareness with Jenny Sundy
- Father & Son Event- “Counter Cultural Man” with Deacon Silva
- Youth Safety with Officer Bubba Urps and Kevin Bohli
- Online Youth Safety with Officer Bubba (via Zoom)
- Youth Safety at Youth Group meeting with Officer Bubba
- Youth Safety presentation by Officer Liam May
- Hidden in Plain Sight with the Springfield Police Station with Officer Liam May