



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
FAMILY LIFE

TO: Pastors/Administrators
FROM: Theodore J. Musco, Director
RE: World Marriage Day and Marriage Week 2023
DATE: January 15, 2023

The Archdiocese of New York will join in the celebration of **World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 12, 2023, and National Marriage Week February 7 to 14, 2023**. During this time of Eucharistic Revival, this year's theme, "**Marriage...One Flesh, Given and Received**" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. The Office of Family Life has joined with several parishes in the Archdiocese to highlight the Sacrament of Marriage through the celebration of Mass and fellowship.

The accompanying flyer provides the locations and times for Masses that will be celebrated on Sunday, February 12. Please post the flyer in your Church, school, rectory, and parish center and include the following announcement in your parish bulletin, adapting it for your situation. **Of course, your parish may decide to dedicate one or more of the Masses on Sunday, February 12 (or the Sunday Vigil) to celebrate Marriage and then host a fellowship social following the Mass.** We would love to hear about your parish celebration and add it to our coverage of World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week. Our hope is that next year, each parish would host a special celebration of Marriage in February.

We do encourage your parish (or collaborative parishes) to use the resources provided on our website at <https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/family-life/resources/>. Some highlighted resources include:

Prayer for Married Couples

You blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church:
look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Enriching Your Marriage

<https://www.foryourmarriage.org/married-life/enriching-your-marriage/>

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<https://www.portumatrimonio.org/vida-de-casados/>

Parish Bulletin and Social Media announcement:

Please revise the following to meet your parish needs, especially if your parish plans a celebration of World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 12, 2023, and National Marriage Week February 7 to 14, 2023.

CELEBRATION OF WORLD MARRIAGE DAY AND NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK 2023

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Special celebrations for **World Marriage Day on Sunday, February 12, 2023**, will take place throughout the Archdiocese of New York. The parishes listed here will collaborate with the Office of Family Life to highlight the vocation of marriage:

- **ST. ANN CHURCH**
25 Eastern Ave. | Ossining
12:30 PM Mass in Spanish | Fellowship to follow



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- **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH**
627 E. 187th St. | Bronx
1:30 PM Mass in Spanish | Fellowship to follow
- **ST. VINCENT FERRER CHURCH**
869 Lexington Ave. | Manhattan
9:30 AM and 12:00 PM Masses in English | Fellowship to follow
- **ST. JOSEPH AND ST. MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH**
466 Tompkins Ave. | Staten Island
12:00 PM Mass in English | Fellowship to follow
- **SACRED HEART CHURCH**
26 Still Rd. | Monroe
12:00 PM Mass in English | Fellowship to follow
- **TRANSFIGURATION PARISH**
268 South Broadway | Tarrytown
12:00 PM Mass in English | Fellowship to follow