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National Association of Pastoral Musicians, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15205-4227

NPM President Mike McMahon to address the chapter



Monday, October 3, 2011

6:30 PM

Holy Trinity (Robinson Twp.)

5718 Steubenville Pike

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(use this address for Google Maps and MapQuest)

J. Michael McMahon, NPM National President will be here to address the chapter concerning the upcoming NPM National Convention to be held in Pittsburgh, July 23-27, 2011. He will have many aspects to discuss with us concerning the preparation, planning and execution of a successful event. Pittsburgh has hosted conventions in the past in 1983, 1991, and 1999. Though a lot of work, it is a lot of fun, and a great way to expand your ministry and networking contacts in the diocese. It's always interesting to meet your music minister neighbors. Surprisingly we face a lot of the same challenges but rarely get the chance to see what is going on in the parish down the street as everyone is busy on Sunday morning.

Dinner will be catered by Cindy Bowen and the menu will consist of: Apple Roasted Pork Loin, Lemon Parmesan Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Mixed Vegetables, Family Style Salad, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Coffee & Tea.

The cost will be \$16.00. Please send a check made out to: **NPM Pittsburgh** to:

Julianna Haag
854 Mac Arthur Drive
Pittsburgh PA 15228-1787.

You may e-mail [Julianna](mailto:julianna@npmpgh.org) or call 412-531-0559 with your reservation and either mail a check or pay at the door—**but you are responsible to pay for your dinner if you show or not.**

- 6:00 PM—Appetizers, School Cafeteria
- 6:30 PM—Dinner, School Cafeteria
- 7:30 PM—Address to NPM PGH in the church

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9:00 PM—Night Prayer in the church

Ethan LaPlaca will be our host.

NPM PGH Yahoo Group List

Recently we began an NPM PGH Group List-Serve with Yahoo Groups. Any diocesan musician who would like to join the list need only e-mail Herb Dillahunt at nasard@aol.com and an invitation will be sent for you to join. We are only having members join the group by invitation in order to keep away the spammers and hackers.

You may post anything you like. One member sends an e-mail, the entire group sees this post and any member can respond. Discussions could vary from Which psalm is used in Year C, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time? Is anyone available to sub? Does anyone have a worship aid from their Dedication Mass? Where do I find the ritual for confirmation? Does anyone have an arrangement of All Glory, Laud and Honor for handbells and saxophone? Which Masses are successful in your parishes since the change of text? Even amid a discussion someone could begin a new subject and the different threads could continue – using the same subject heading helps to follow the different discussions.

When you join you have 2 options:

1. You have the option of **Joining the mailing list**. With this membership you may use your current e-mail account but will only receive the group e-mails.
2. If you **Join the group**, you will have to establish a Yahoo! email account (free). However, with this membership you will have access to all of the group's Web tools such Polls, Files, Photos and Calendar in addition to receiving the group e-mails. The e-mails can be sent to you singly as they come in (Individual Email) or sent in groups of 25 responses at the end of each day (Daily Digest).

The cost is free. The benefits – well, that's up to you. You may join or remove yourself from the NPM Yahoo group at will. You are not signed on for life. E-mail Herb to join the group. nasard@aol.com. It's free and you can "un-join" anytime you like.

January 16, NPM PGH Meeting and New Roman Missal

Our next meeting will take place on January 16, at 7:30 PM at Ss Simon & Jude Parish in Scott Twp. J.R. Daniels will be our host.

The meeting will be a panel discussion concerning the recent changes in the Roman Missal. We will have been working with the new changes for about 6 weeks by then. The discussion will be moderated by **Fr. Jim Gretz**, Diocesan Director for Divine Worship. Those on the panel will be: **Amanda Plazek** (*St. Mary of the Mount, Mount Washington*), **Art Fronzaglio** (*Our Lady of the Valley, Donora*), **Dianne Falvo** (*St. Winifred, Mt. Lebanon*), **David Dreher** (*St. Kilian, Adams/Cranberry Twp.*), **Mary Rita Rosetti** (*St. Alexis, Wexford*), **Don Fellows** (*St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland*), **Ben Bates** (*St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, Southside*), and possibly **Lucy Hosni** (*St. Patrick, Canonsburg*).

Each panelist will have a few minutes to give an overview of what has been happening in their own parishes since the first Sunday of Advent. Fr. Gretz will moderate discussion between the panelists and then the floor will be opened for questions from those in attendance.

Fr. Gretz will then preside at a brief Night Prayer and a light social will follow. All are invited. This meeting is open to the public—as all NPM PGH meetings are.

2012 Convention Update

Many plans are in the works for the NPM National Convention to be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, July 23 to 27. In the next several months there will be many e-mails and requests sent out for assistance in the execution of the convention. Several of the key players at the national office are on vacation at this time and recovering from the Louisville convention. Once everyone is back at their desks the work will proceed.

In addition to the convention center venues will include Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, First Lutheran, Epiphany, and St. Paul Cathedral. I am listing the core committee names and e-mails. Please feel free to contact any of them if you feel their area is where you would like to be involved.

Herb Dillahunt, nasard@aol.com, convention chair

Lou Valenzi, valenzil@qvsd.org, facilities

Don Fellows, donaelfellows@verizon.net, liturgy

Kevin Maurer, KMCM1@aol.com, special events

Hollie Uccellini, HUccellini@dioceseofgreensburg.org, hospitality

Gayle Wittmann, gayle@losch.net, registration

Rich Moser, churchorgans@hotmail.com, exhibits

Karen Maurer, kabm2000@aol.com, convention office manager

Pittsburgh Pueri Cantores Festival

AMERICAN FEDERATION PUERI CANTORES STUDENT CHORAL FESTIVAL & MASS

Pittsburgh, **March 10, 2012**

St. Bernard Church

311 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Dioceses of Pittsburgh, Erie, Greenburg, Wheeling,

Youngstown, Altoona-Johnstown and Steubenville

Christine Jordanoff, conductor

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

March 10, 2012

11:00.....Registration

11:15.....Choir Warm-up followed by
Choir Placement for Rehearsal

11:30.....First Rehearsal

1:00.....Lunch

Individual choirs rehearse for Choral Prelude at this time.

1:45.....Second Rehearsal

2:45.....Break / Snacks

3:15.....Final Rehearsal

4:15.....Break - put on robes if needed

4:30.....Choral Prelude begins

4:55.....Prelude - Organ Scholar

5:00.....Festival Mass Begins

To register or for further information log on to:

pcchoirs.org. There are links to all the festivals in the United States. Also on the site is much of the music used in the festival available for **FREE** download from Pueri Cantores—and will not strain your budget.

Bishop Zubik is principal celebrant for the Festival Mass. Stephen Schall is the host.

Just as we are going to print I received word that Ed Matelan passed away Friday, August 26. Ed had been music director at a number of Roman Catholic and protestant church over the years and was a long time member of NPM PGH. May he rest in peace.

Positions Available

- O.....Organist position available at Haven Heights Methodist Church** (608 Virginia Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15211) on **Mount Washington**. Organist needed for one 10 am service weekly, plus extra holiday services. There is both an organ and piano in the church. For more information please contact Pastor Elizabeth Murphy at 412-381-5848.
- O/D.....Full-time Music Minister/Organist needed For St. Louise de Marillac Parish, Upper St. Clair.** Applicant must be available for 6 Masses each weekend, Holy Days of Obligation, Friday school liturgies, funerals and weddings. Responsibilities include supervising all liturgical music, directing the adult choir and cantor program as well as working collaboratively with both the parish and school staffs. Please send current resume' and three letters of reference to: Fr. Michael Caridi, 320 McMurray Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241, mcaridi@stlouisedemarillac.org
- O/D.....Ave Maria Parish, Bentleyville,** is looking to hire a Director of Music Ministry to work from August 15th to June 15th each year working 10 hours per week. The music minister conducts the choir throughout the year, selects the music for our liturgies, and schedules the parish musicians. We would like to hire someone with a music degree and with experience conducting a choir or band. Anyone interested in this position can call the rectory at 724-239-3591 or send an email to: avemariaparish@bentcom.net.
- SATB.....St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Carnegie,** Pennsylvania is currently seeking four Choral Scholars (SATB) to serve as the core of the volunteer Traditional Choir, as well as sing occasionally as an independent ensemble, the Schola Cantorum. Literature will be drawn from the breadth of the Catholic-Christian tradition. Successful candidates will be enrolled undergraduate or graduate students, preferably studying music, and should possess the following: Availability for weekly rehearsals (Wednesdays, 7.00-9.00 PM), as well as one Mass per weekend, from September through May, dependent upon the Church calendar, including Christmas and Holy Week, Superior sight-singing skills, A strong, clear, vocal tone, , A working knowledge of Roman Catholic liturgy, Familiarity with ecclesiastical Latin diction, Strong interpersonal and leadership skills. All Choral Scholars will be expected to participate in the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Safe Environment protocols. The stipend is \$30 per call; opportunities for additional income, i.e. weddings, may be available. Carnegie is easily accessible from I-376, I-79, and by Pittsburgh Port Authority Transit. Interested parties should contact the Director of Music, Nicholas J. Will, at 412-276-1011 x 19, or nwill@consolidated.net for more information or to schedule an audition.
- O/D.....Saint Philip Church, Crafton.** PART-TIME Director of Music Ministries / organist position available October 1, 2011. Resumes accepted immediately from Applicants interested in supporting the parishioners of Saint Philip in well-planned, meaningful Liturgies. She/He must be available for three Masses each weekend, obligatory Holy Days, once monthly school liturgies, seasonal Religious Education Program liturgies. Funerals and weddings are extra. Responsibilities also include Adult choir and cantor program, seasonal children's choir. Salary negotiable according to experience and education. Reverend Walter Dworak, Pastor, Saint Philip Parish, 50 W. Crafton Avenue. Pittsburgh, PA 15205, 412-922-6300 (x5) parishoffice@saintphilipchurch.org
- O/D.....PART-TIME Director of Music Ministries / organist position available October 1, 2011 at Holy Rosary Church, Muse PA.** (Cecil Twp. Washington Co.) . She/He must be available for three Masses each weekend, Saturday 4 PM Vigil Mass, and 8:30 AM and 11 AM, and Holy Days .Funerals and weddings are extra. Adult choir and cantor program, Youth Choir 2nd grade thru 8th. Adult Choir sings Sept. thru Pentecost Sunday, Wed. rehearsal. The choir consists of 12 members SATB. This choir sings at the 11 AM Sunday Mass. The Youth Choir rehearses on the first Tues. of each month and performs on the following Sunday Mass at 11 AM. Rogers two manual Allegiant organ and Yamaha Keyboard. Salary is negotiable. Compliance with PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN needed. 475 families Cecil Twp. Funeral stipend has been \$100.00 Please send hard copy resume (no phone calls) to: Fr. George T. DeVille 1 Orchard Street P.O. Box 447 Muse,PA 15350.

We could write a book

Oy Vey, Maria

In April, 2011, the choirs from Word of God Parish in Swissvale traveled to join the choir from Temple David Synagogue in Monroeville to sing music based on the Psalms. We decided pretty early in the planning process that we wanted to sing a few combined pieces. This, of course, presented its own challenges since there is no common repertoire from a Catholic church to a Reform Jewish Synagogue. Andrew Witchger's gospel setting of Psalm 27, "The Lord is my Saving Light" and Tom Kendzia's "Endless is Your Love" based on Psalm 139, offered two contrasting styles from the Catholic tradition, but what about the Jewish music?

Did you ever wake up in the middle of the night with two songs running through your head at the same time - one in Hebrew, and the other in English - both based on the same piece of scripture? *Yeah, me too!* A few months before the event, I awoke at 3:30 a.m. having dreamt of Dan Schutte's "Sing a New Song" and Debbie Friedman's "Shir Chaddash," both popular versions of Psalm 98. Not wanting to wake the dogs for fear I would have to take them outside in the middle of the night, I laid there silently for an hour trying to determine if these songs really worked together. Meter? Check! Key? Close enough! Structure? Identical! Sure enough, post-Vatican II Catholic hymns and Reform Jewish songs are indeed pretty much the same! Soon, a *Glee*-worthy mash-up was born! Even the descants blended perfectly!

As both groups began rehearsal, I was not sure which the more difficult task was; teaching the Catholics to sing in Hebrew or teaching the Jews to sing in English. After all, Hebrew training for most Gentiles consists of Barbara Streisand CDs and the Central Catholic High School production of *Fiddler on the Roof!* But by the time the combined rehearsal arrived, all of the choirs grew more comfortable with the music and everyone was pretty much ready.

The event went extremely well, although our opening handbell piece, an original composition by one of Word of God's high school ringers, ended with the head of a broken mallet flying into the second row of the congregation! What could we say but, "Oy Vey!!"

Norman E. Chapman
St. Maurice, Forest Hills

Calendar of Events

Sep 4 Sun 3:00 PM Heinz Chapel, **Todd Alexander**

Sep 11 Sun 8:30 PM Compline, Heinz Chapel, **Christine Clewell**, IUP, Zion Lutheran, Indiana

Sep 17 Sat 2:00 PM **Bob Ralston**, theater organist formerly on Lawrence Welk Show – Dormont High School, 1000 Kelton Avenue, Dormont PA, 15216-2421, \$15 advance, \$20 at door, 724.446.9744 or 412.241.8108, patos.mail@verizon.net or mysite.verizon.net/patos.wurlitzer

Sep 18 Sun 3:00 PM PGH Organ Academy students in recital

Sep 18 Sun 8:30 PM Compline, Heinz Chapel, **Peter Luly**, St. Andrew Episcopal

Sep 22 Thu 7:00 PM Chamber Music Concert, **Luke Mayernik, Blake Raghianti** – hosted by Ted Sohler, Heinz Chapel

Sep 25 Sun 3:00 PM **Anna Singer, Lou Valenzi & Donna Amato** in recital, St. James, Sewickley

Sep 25 Sun 4:00 PM **Stephen Schall & Frederick Schell** in recital, St. Bernard, Mt. Lebanon

Sep 25 Sun 8:30 PM Compline, Heinz Chapel, **Martin Barstow**, St. John Lutheran, Perrysville

Oct 2 Sun 8:30 PM Compline, Heinz Chapel, **Richard Szeremany**

Oct 7 Fri 8:00 PM **Helga Schauerte**, in recital. Music of Alain, St. Paul Cathedral

Oct 9 Sun 8:30 PM Compline, Heinz Chapel, **Rebecca Yoder**, Duquesne University

Oct 16 Sun 8:30 PM Compline, Heinz Chapel, Viol Consort

Oct 23 Sun 4:00 PM Mendelssohn Choir, Shadyside Presbyterian, [Music in a Great Space](#)

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In Sympathy

The Sympathy of the Chapter goes out to Henry Caruso, whose mother Carolyn passed away on Tuesday, August 16, and was buried from St. Basil's on Saturday, August 20. Her obituary can be found on the Post-Gazette website. [Click here](#). Please keep Henry and his family in your prayers during this time of loss.

Calendar of Events, continued

Oct 23Sun..... 8:30 PM..... Compline, Heinz Chapel, **Cynthia Pock**, 1st Lutheran

Oct 30Sun..... 4:00 PM..... **Jeremy Filsell**, Organ Artists Series, Calvary Episcopal, \$12 regular, \$5 students, reception after, 412.242.2787(arts), info@oas-series.com or www.oasseries.com

Oct 30Sun..... 8:30 PM..... Compline, Heinz Chapel, **Ethan LaPlaca**, Holy Trinity, Robinson

DMMD Meetings

WEDNESDAY, 21 September 2011

12 noon to 2:00 PM at PENN BREWERY Rathskeller

Guest speaker: Prof J. Michael Thompson "Challenges of the New Missal"

TUESDAY, 10 January 2012

12 noon to 2:00 PM at PENN BREWERY Rathskeller

(SNOW DATE: TUESDAY, 24 January 2012)

Guest speaker: Fr. Jim Gretz, Office for Worship

MONDAY, 15 April 2012

12 noon to 2:00 PM at PENN BREWERY Rathskeller

Guest Speaker: Dr. Fred Moleck, renown liturgist and music historian