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A Night of Options

The September meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter NPM will take place on Monday September 14, 7:30 PM, St. James Church in Sewickley. Lou Valenzi will be our host. The program that evening will consist of a night of options. Three separate 45 minute workshops that will be repeated twice so that you may attend two of the three that evening.

1) **Chant: How and Why**, will be led by **J. Michael Thompson**. James Michael Thompson is currently the Director of Music at St. Alphonsus Parish, Mc Donald PA, and St. Patrick Parish, Oakdale, PA. After initial schooling in Saint Louis, Missouri, he received his bachelor's degree in music history and German from Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, and his master's degree in church music from Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois. He made seminary studies at Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, Missouri, and Saint Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Seminary, South Bound Brook, New Jersey. Michael has countless publications to his credit, musical and scholarly.



2) **Planning Lent Cycle C**: will be led by **David Dreher**. David He has been the director of music and liturgy at several parishes; SS. John and Paul (6 years) St. Malachy (2 years) and is currently director of music ministries at Saint Kilian Parish (7 years). As a long time member of NPM, David has given workshops for our local chapter as well as for regional and national NPM conventions. Through his close association with David Haas, he has been a faculty member and vocal coach instructor at Music Ministry Alive in St. Paul, MN for the last 7 years and thoroughly enjoys working with the youth in music ministry.



3) **Youth Ministry and Technology**: will be led by **Tom Franzak**. Tom completed his undergraduate work at Mount St. Mary's College (Los Angeles), where he studied theory and composition. He was also trained in the areas of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and studied Liturgy at the University of Notre Dame. He served as a member of the Music and Worship Committee for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles before moving to Pittsburgh in 1995. Tom's work has been published by Word Entertainment, GIA Publications and Oregon Catholic Press. He has traveled extensively giving concerts and workshops using contemporary music as a tool of evangelization, and has performed at diocesan and national conferences including World Youth Day, the National Catholic Youth Conference and NPM. Tom is currently contemporary choir director and youth minister at St. Catherine of Sweden Church in Wildwood, PA.



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The evening will conclude with a light social.

Remaining Programs for the Year

Monday, November 9.....**Sister Cynthia Serjak, RSM**, will give an Evening of Reflection at St. Benedict the Abbot in Peters township.

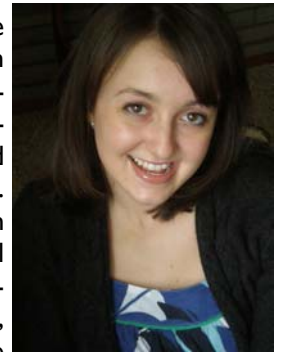
Tuesday, February 2.....**Christine Jordanoff** will present a workshop on Children's Choirs at St. Mary of the Mount. We will need to assemble a "pick up" Children's Choir this evening for Christine to work with. Mark your calendars now. Let Herb know (nasard@aol.com) if you would like to have some of your singers attend.

Monday, May 24.....An afternoon and evening with guitarist **Steve Petrunak**. Steve, NPM Board of Directors member, and national known recording artist, will be here to give a workshop for guitarists late in the afternoon and concert in the evening. A light supper will be served around six between the workshop and concert.

Many thanks to Carol Accetta, David Dreher, and Julianna Haag for their ideas, insight and experience in planning the programs for the year.

Amanda Plazek Wins NPM Scholarship

Amanda was the 2009 recipient of the University of Notre Dame Folk Choir Scholarship. She and several others were awarded their checks and certificates at the annual members breakfast in Chicago this past July. Amanda is a native of Pittsburgh, PA, and will be a junior in the fall studying Organ Performance and Sacred Music at the Mary Pappert School of Music at Duquesne University under Dr. Anne Labounsky. Her mother is Cynthia Plazek, a fellow NPM member and Director of Music Ministries and Liturgy at St. Ferdinand Parish in Cranberry Township, PA. Amanda is currently the Organist and Director of Music at Saint Mary of the Mount Parish on Mount Washington where she sings, plays and directs an Adult traditional Choir and Handbell Choir. She holds dual certification in Service Playing from NPM and the American Guild of Organists (AGO). She has been an active NPM member since 2003; she has attended the 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009 NPM national conventions. Amanda has also been an active member of the American Guild of Organists since 2007. She is currently the Secretary/Treasurer for the Duquesne University chapter of the AGO as well as Secretary/Treasurer for the Voices of Spirit choral ensemble at Duquesne.



Congratulations Amanda!!!! You do us proud!!!

NPM Saint Cecilia Sing

Are you planning a sacred music event in November at your parish, diocese, chapter, school, or other community? If so, be part of NPM's annual Saint Cecilia Sing! Over the past few years NPM members all over the country have led their choirs, ensembles, and congregations in this event to observe the memorial of Saint Cecilia and to celebrate the gift of song. Plan now for your community and your musicians to be part of this national month-long celebration!

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The deadline to receive information for the November issue of "The Parish Musician" is Friday, October 16. Get those Christmas Concerts in!!

Pueri Cantores Festival in Pittsburgh

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November 14, 2009
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YOUR CHOIR IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO BE A PART OF THE PITTSBURGH FESTIVAL AND MASS on November 14, 2009. *The afternoon's schedule will include a rare opportunity to sing in the beautiful and historic St. Paul Cathedral. Paul French, Music Director of Chicago's Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and the William Ferris Chorale, will guide your singers through a liturgy filled with vocal excellence and inspiring music.*

After August 10, 2009, full details concerning registration, repertoire and event schedule, may be found by selecting the Pittsburgh Festival link on the website of the American Federation Pueri Cantores at www.pcchoirs.org. The majority of the music to be sung at the Festival and Mass is available to be downloaded online. With the mention of your AFPC affiliation, the remaining titles, when purchased through Loser's Music (email losers@lmf.net) will be discounted 25% off the original price.

A REHEARSAL CD OFFERING VOCAL PARTS AND ACCOMPANIMENT FOR THE AFPC NATIONAL REPERTOIRE WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE AFPC OFFICE AFTER AUGUST 10TH, LIMIT ONE COPY PER CONDUCTOR, COST \$20.

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AFPC, 615 E. Chapman Avenue, Ste. 200, Orange, CA 92866



Calendar of Events

- September 13..... Sunday4:00 PM..... Votive Evening Prayer of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross led by the Ambrose-Romanos Singers at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church, 711 Arch Street (at Ridge) in the Mexican War Streets of Pittsburgh. Open to everyone! Please come and bring family and friends. For more information, please contact **J. Michael Thompson** at chantermt@yahoo.com
- September 13..... Sunday8:30 PM..... **J. Christopher Pardini - 1**
- September 14..... Monday7:30 PM NPM PGH Meeting at St. James Sewickley. A Night of Options, **J. Michael Thompson, David Dreher, Tom Franzak.**
- September 25..... Friday.....7:30 PM..... **Cameron Carpenter**, Organ Artists Series, St. Bernard Church, 311 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon. www.oas-series.com.
- September 20..... Sunday8:30 PM..... **Peter Luley - 1**
- September 27..... Sunday8:30 PM..... **Leslie Thayer - 1**
- September 30..... Wednesday.....7:30 PM..... **Dame Gillian Weir**, organist from the United Kingdom, in recital on the renovated and restored Beckerath at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland.
- October 1..... Thursday8:00 PM..... Choral Evensong followed by a German Biergarten and recital by Bloomfield Liedertafel. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 5801 Hampton St., Highland Park 15206.
- October 3..... Saturday4:30 PM..... Second anniversary gala organ event, East Liberty Presbyterian Church **Jason Overall** (organist/choirmaster of the Episcopal Church of All Saints in Indianapolis, IN and president of the Goulding & Wood Organ Company) and **Gary Malvern** (principal trumpet with the Greenville Symphony). The concert is FREE. Dessert buffet following the concert is \$5, reservations are necessary. call For reservations 412.441.3800 x11.
- October 4..... Sunday8:30 PM..... **Amy Munoz - 1**
- October 11..... Sunday7:00 PM..... Organ Spectacular II, Plus Brass! **Gail Henry** and the Memorial Park Brass play music for organ and brass quintet. Widor, Handel, Biebl, Praetorius and more.
- October 11..... Sunday8:30 PM..... **Timothy Mobley - 1**
- October 17..... Saturday9:00 AM..... All day workshop with nationally know composer/conductor **Craig Courtney**. Baldwin Community UMC. Registration fee \$30. 412-921-8735 or 412-302-8653 for registration. May sing at Sunday worship October 18, 11:00 AM.
- October 18 Sunday3:00 PM..... Baldwin Community UMC Chancel Choir in concert, **Craig Courtney**, conductor. Workshop participants may sing with the Choir.
- October 18..... Sunday8:30 PM..... **Craig Dobbins - 1**
- October 20..... Tuesday.....7:30 PM..... **William Porter**, organist from the Eastman School of Music, and McGill University, in recital on the renovated and restored Beckerath at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland.
- October 25..... Sunday8:30 PM..... **William Goff - 1**

¹ – Choral Prayer at the End to the Day, Sung by the Pittsburgh Compline Choir. Sunday Evenings, 8:30 PM. Heinz Memorial Chapel, University of Pittsburgh. Weekly guest organists are listed.

² – Noontime Organ Recitals at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, downtown, 328 Sixth Avenue. Wednesdays, 12:30 to 1:00 PM. Visiting Artists listed.

³ – Music in a Great Space. Shadyside Presbyterian Church, 5121 Westminister Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors (60 and over). Students and children are free. Season subscriptions are also available: \$48 for adults and \$24 for seniors. Proceeds from ticket receipts benefit the local and global missions of Shadyside Presbyterian Church. For more information on the Music in a Great Space series, call 412-682-4300 or visit <http://www.shadysidepres.org/music/migs/index.htm>.

⁴ – Free Organ Concerts, Heinz Memorial Chapel, 3:00 PM Sundays.

⁵ – Free lunchtime student recitals at Heinz Memorial Chapel, Wednesdays, 12:15 PM

⁶ – Duquesne University Chapel Organ Recitals, from the studio of Ann Labounsky, Chair, Sacred Music Department, Duquesne University. Tuesdays, 12:45 - 1:10 PM, Duquesne University Chapel, Old Main Building. Recitalists listed.



Positions Available

A part time **Assistant Director of Music** and Liturgy sought for large, Roman Catholic Parish in Alle Kiski Valley. Applicant should have strong organ, piano and accompanying skills, experience with adult, youth and/or children's choirs, the ability to work some weekday, weekend, and evening hours, and be a practicing Roman Catholic. Submit cover letter and resume to mmurphy@smmlb.org or: Director of Music and Liturgy, **St. Margaret Mary** Roman Catholic Church, 3055 Leechburg Road, **Lower Burrell**, PA 15068

St. Martin de Porres, McKeesport, is seeking a **part-time Organist/Choir Director** responsible for three weekend liturgies, weddings (2-5 per year) and funerals (60-70 per year). Contact Fr. John Gizler at smartindeporres@comcast.net or 412-672-9763. Send resumes to: Rev. John Gizler, Pastor, St. Martin de Porres Parish, 704 Market Street, McKeesport PA 15132

St. Teresa of Avila Parish located in the North Hills of **Pittsburgh** is seeking to hire a full-time Director of Music Ministries. Responsibilities include six weekend Masses, weekly school Mass, funerals, weddings, adult choir, cantor program, para-liturgical services, as well as capabilities for expanding the current music program. The director should be a proficient organist with accomplishments in a wide range of liturgical music. Immediate opening. Please send resume to: stteresaoavila@yahoo.com or Rev. Robert J. Vular, Saint Teresa of Avila, 1000 Avila Court, Pittsburgh, PA, 15237. (412) 367-9001.

New Resources from NPM National

NPM recently released three practical and timely resources for your ministry. Order your copies today!

- **Seven Sessions:** The NPM Study Guide to Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship. Designed for group sessions or personal reflection, this book will help musicians, clergy, liturgists, and others to study and implement the official music guidelines issued by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2007. J. Michael McMahon, Paul H. Colloton, op, Gordon E. Truitt. Single copy \$10, quantity discounts.
- **A Pastoral Musicians' Employment Resource.** This book is an "amazingly practical and comprehensive . . . coherent and usable" guide to all major employment issues – job search, contracts, benefits, retirement planning, conflict resolution, staff dynamics, personal and professional growth, and more! DMMD Professional Concerns Committee. \$15.
- **Singing the Year of Grace.** An overview of the liturgical year and its major seasons plus the sanctoral cycle, festival occasions, processing, keeping vigil, devotions, secular occasions, and practical ways to teach the years to children. Includes practical guidance on planning music for seasons and feasts. Ed. Gordon E. Truitt. \$15.

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