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

OCTOBER WORKSHOP

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016 7:00 PM

The New Order of Celebrating Matrimony

All Saints Church, Etna - 19 Wilson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15223

Presenters: Fr. Jim Chepponis, Diocesan Director of Music
Fr. Jim Gretz, Director, Department for Worship

Fr. Chepponis and Fr. Gretz will present an overview of the recent changes for the Order of Celebrating Matrimony. Following the presentation, Neil Stahurski, Director of Music Ministries/Organist at Church of the Assumption in Bellevue and Nicholas Will, Director of Music and Liturgy/Organist at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Carnegie, will showcase processions and recessions to consider when planning your wedding liturgies. Pittsburgh Cookie Table and refreshments to follow.

Register for the workshop online at <http://www.nmpggh.org> to ensure that enough materials will be available.



NOVEMBER DINNER AND MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016 6:15 PM

A Night at the Cathedral – The Beckerath Organ

St. Paul Cathedral – 108 North Dithridge St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

6:15 PM Dinner

Hosts: Donald Fellows, Organist and Ken Danchik, Associate Organist

Catered by Farm to Fork Catering

Appetizers: Wine, Anti-pasta Platter (Meat and Cheese)
Dinner Menu: Chicken Alfredo with Pasta, Mixed Sautéed Vegetables, House Salad with Ranch or Italian Dressing, coffee, tea, water, Brownies

Price: \$20.00 per person.
Checks are payable to "NPM Pittsburgh."
Reservations are due by **Friday, October 28**. Call or e-mail Shari Whitico, shariwhitico@gmail.com, or 724-766-6012 or register online at www.nmpggh.org.

7:30 PM Program

Presentation on the Beckerath organ's design and history, showcase of practical preludes and postludes for the parish organist as presented by five local organists. We will conclude the evening with Compline.

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2016-2017 NPM PITTSBURGH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Friday, December 2, 2016:

Advent Vespers & Advent/Christmas Breakouts
 Location: St. Hilary - Washington, PA 7:00 PM (Vicariate 3, District 4)
 Host: Anthony Milbower
 Program: Advent Vesper Service followed by Two Breakouts
 (Advent/Christmas Handbell "Ring-Along" and Advent/Christmas Choral Reading)

Sunday, January 15 & Monday, January 16, 2017:

Pastoral Musicians Retreat
 Location: Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center –
 Villa Maria, PA (Vicariate 4, District 1)
 Retreat Director: Fran Tarkett (Former Retreat Director at St. Paul Monastery)

Thursday, February 2, 2017:

A Celebration of Candlemas
 Location: St. Winifred Church – Mt. Lebanon, PA (Vicariate 2, District 2)
 Host: Dianne Falvo
 Candlemas Mass at 6:30 PM followed by an Invitational Choir Fest of Music for the Season

Tuesday, February 28, 2017:

Mardi Gras Celebration
 Location: St. Ursula, Allison Park, PA 6:30pm (Vicariate 1, District 1)
 On this Eve of Ash Wednesday, we will pray..... and then party!
 Event Coordinators: Amanda Bruce and Shari Whitico
 Host: Christopher Brewer

Monday, April 3, 2017:

A Lenten Taizé Prayer Service including the Passion followed by a Lenten/Easter Choral Reading Session
 Location: St. John Fisher Church – Churchill, PA 7:00 PM (Vicariate 2, District 1)
 Host: Jon Zellhart

Friday, May 5, 2017:

A GIA 75th Anniversary Celebration
 We will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Gregorian Institute of America where it all began at Sacred Heart Church, Shadyside (Vicariate 1, District 4)
 Host: Béla Pater
 Dinner at 6:30 PM followed by presentation by Dr. Fred Moleck and GIA

2016-2017 Vicariate Coordinators and District Liaisons

Vicariate 1 Coordinator

Amanda Bruce

St. Mary of the Mount, Mt. Washington

District 1 Liaison - Neil Stahurski

Assumption, Bellevue

District 2 Liaison - (currently vacant)

District 3 Liaison - Julianna Haag

St. Catherine of Siena, Beechview

District 4 Liaison - Béla Pater

Sacred Heart, Shadyside

Vicariate 2 Coordinator

Daniel Kovacic

St. Valentine, Bethel Park

District 1 Liaison - (currently vacant)

District 2 Liaison - Dianne Falvo

St. Winifred, Mt. Lebanon

District 3 Liaison - Nicholas Will

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Carnegie

District 4 Liaison - Terry Skelley

St. Robert Bellarmine, E. McKeesport

District 5 Liaison - Carol Accetta

St. Thomas A' Becket, Jefferson Hills

District 6 Liaison - Tom Coyne

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Homestead/Munhall

Vicariate 3 Coordinator

Ginny Ambrose

SS. Peter and Paul, Beaver

District 1 Liaison - Robin Schillo

St. Columbkille, Imperial

District 2 Liaison - Chrystal Shelvey

Good Samaritan, Ambridge

District 3 Liaison - Jane Chmiel

Ave Maria, Bentleyville/St. Joseph, Roscoe

District 4 Liaison - Anthony Milbower

St. Hilary, Washington

District 5 Liaison - Mary Rita Rossetti

St. Frances Cabrini, Center Township

Vicariate 4 Coordinator

Jackie Williams

St. Joseph, Cabot

District 1 Liaison - Brenda Kostial

Christ the King, Bessemer/St. James the Apostle, Pulaski

District 2 Liaison - Alyssa Yealy

Mater Dolorosa, Chicora

District 3 Liaison - Susan E. Cadwallader

St. Peter, Butler

District 4 Liaison - Jessica Bucci

St. John Neumann, Franklin Park

District 5 Liaison - Dawn Pawloski

Transfiguration, Russelton

District 6 Liaison - Mary Lou Bender

St. Susanna, Penn Hills

Meet our Vicariate 1 - District Liaisons

Vicariate 1, District 1 - Neil Stahurski



Neil E. Stahurski holds a Doctorate in Organ Performance and the Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester NY, where he studied with the late David Craighead and the late Michael Farris. He also holds a Master's Degree in Sacred Music from Duquesne University, where he studied with Ann Labounsky. He is currently the Director of Music Ministries at the Church of the Assumption, Bellevue. He has served as assistant conductor and accompanist for the Bach Choir of Pittsburgh. He has more recently composed some pieces which have been performed in the last few years by the organization OvreArts here in Pittsburgh. He has also done research and performed recitals which highlight the organ literature of Poland.

Vicariate 1, District 2 – (currently vacant)

Vicariate 1, District 3 - Julianna Haag

Julianna Haag is the Music Minister at St. Catherine of Siena, in the Beechview neighborhood of Pittsburgh. She is active with an Adult Choir, a Youth Choir, Resurrection Singers, bilingual liturgies, and combined liturgies with the sister parishes. Julianna has a BS in Business Administration/Accounting from Duquesne and 12 years of private organ study. She is member of the NPM, and past treasurer/secretary of the Pittsburgh Chapter. She is an active member of the Bible Study Committee at her home parish of St. Bernard, and is a Docent/Interpreter at Woodville Plantation, Bridgeville. Julianna enjoys participating in NPM-Pittsburgh for the sharing of music/talent, new Church directives, the Spiritual renewal/prayer, and the fellowship.



Vicariate 1, District 4 - Béla Pater



Béla Pater, who has been active in full-time music ministry for 25 years, is the Director of Music & Organist at the Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Shadyside. Prior to Sacred Heart, Béla has lead music ministry at Holy Spirit in Millvale, St. Winifred in Mt. Lebanon, and St. Philip in Crafton. After completing his master's degree, he relocated to Chicago where he was Director of Worship at Our Lady of Victory, as well as the Artistic Director of the Chicago Boy Choir.

Béla has multiple degrees and certificates in sacred music, liturgy, and theology from Duquesne University, Saint Joseph's College, Universität Mozarteum (Salzburg, Austria), Goethe Institut (Bavaria, Germany) and the Pontificium Institutum Musicae Sacrae (Rome, Italy). He has given organ recitals in Austria, Germany and Italy during his studies, as well as Chicago, Pittsburgh, Wisconsin, and New York. Béla has been the NPM/DMMD chair since 2008. He is also a member of the American Guild of Organists and the American Choral Directors Association. Béla has studied several languages; his great love of music, languages and his heritage comes from his grandparents who spoke Hungarian and German and were themselves musicians. Béla and his wife Karen make their home in the East End, and their daughter attends Sacred Heart School. The Paters' Bavarian heritage is important in their lives. They are bilingual at home, Béla sings with the Teutonia Männerchor (Men German Choir) in the Northside, and he is president of the Isartaler Bavarian Club. He loves dancing with his wife and daughter, and sharing with his extended family and friends the opportunities that the Isartaler Club provides to celebrate the Bavarian Catholic identity of music, language, dance and customs.

Happy 35th Anniversary NPM Pittsburgh!

September 14, 2016

Dear Friends,

As you gather on September 16 to celebrate Mass together and share a meal, the Arlington Virginia NPM Chapter will be doing the very same thing. Know that I am with you in spirit. Pittsburgh will always hold a special place in my heart.

Congratulations on continuing to be one of the strongest chapters in the country for 35 years!

I was Music Coordinator for the Pittsburgh Diocese for only one year when NPM proposed starting chapters around the country. It was an answer to prayer, and we were one of the first Diocese to become a chapter. You certainly continue to be one of the strongest chapters, and we all know the secret. Pittsburghers love music, food, and fun!

I hope Fr. Chepponis and Rich Moser will share some stories about the beginnings of the Pittsburgh Chapter. We certainly had a lot of fun back in those days.

I am so proud of the work Herb and now Kevin are doing to maintain the high level of excellence that has come to be expected of the Pittsburgh NPM Chapter.

If you are ever in the Washington, DC area, please stop by Saint Thomas More Cathedral and say HI.

May God continue to bless all of you with good health and many more years of music making, food, and fun!

Sincerely,
Rick Gibala

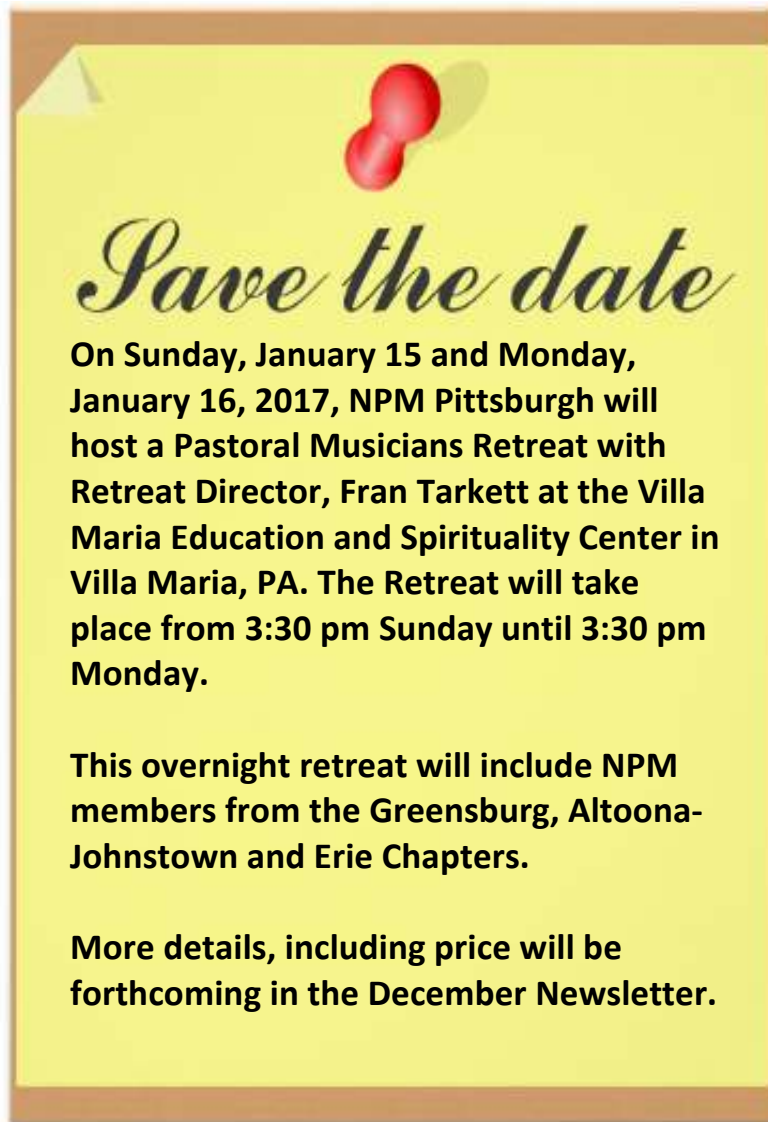


A wonderful time was enjoyed by all at our Opening Jubilee Year of Mercy Mass and 35th Anniversary Dinner hosted by Jacob Temple at St. Benedict the Abbot in McMurray. We were so pleased to have some of our founding chapter members attend - Fr Jim Chepponis, Ross Cafaro, Helen Ciotto, Ken Danchik, Art Fronzaglio, and Rich Moser. Also honored were Ginny Ambrose, Mary Lou Bender, Carol Accetta, and Frank Rogel for 35+ years of service to the Diocese of Pittsburgh! We look forward to continuing our 35th Anniversary year-long celebration at the February 28, 2017 Mardi Gras Event at St. Ursula Parish in Allison Park. We are planning on producing a "through the years" video to be shown at the Mardi Gras. If you have any photos or memorabilia that you would like to share and/or scan, please notify ginnyambroseorganist@gmail.com or dkovacic@stvals.org.



Congratulations

- **Ginny Ambrose** who was recently appointed as the Director of Music Ministry at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Beaver, PA.
- **Carol Accetta**, Director of Music Ministries at St. Thomas A' Becket, Jefferson Hills and her husband, Carmen, who were recognized at the Diocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass on Oct. 2, 2016.
- **Frieda Flaminio**, Children's Choir Director at St. Mary of the Assumption, Glenshaw, and her husband, Herman, who were recognized at the Diocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass on October 2, 2016.

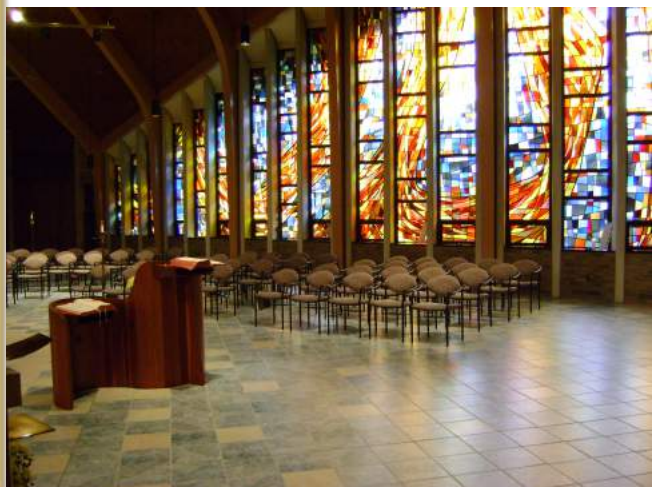


Save the date

On Sunday, January 15 and Monday, January 16, 2017, NPM Pittsburgh will host a Pastoral Musicians Retreat with Retreat Director, Fran Tarkett at the Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA. The Retreat will take place from 3:30 pm Sunday until 3:30 pm Monday.

This overnight retreat will include NPM members from the Greensburg, Altoona-Johnstown and Erie Chapters.

More details, including price will be forthcoming in the December Newsletter.



Visit Villa Maria online at <https://www.vmesec.org>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2016, 4:00 PM** - *Duquesne University VOICES OF SPIRIT Concert performance by the university's premier choral ensemble featuring music by Mozart, Britten, Howells, and Esenvalds, with Dr. Caron Daley, conductor and Chaz Bowers, organist. St. Bernard Church, 311 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15216*
- **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016, 4:30-6:30 PM** - *Pedals, Pipes and Pizza: A fun-filled opportunity for school-agers to learn about, experience, and recreate the sounds and colors of St. Bernard's grand pipe organ, complete with pizza! St. Bernard Church, 311 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15216*
- **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016, 7:00-8:30 PM** - *Pedals, Pipes, Etc. Pedals, Pipes and Pizza with a grown-up twist! Mingle with old friends and make new ones while learning about the organ and its history, then take your turn at the keys, pedals, and stops! St. Bernard Church, 311 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15216*
- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016, 7:30 PM** - *Pianist Josie Merlino in Concert at St. Valentine Church, 2710 Ohio Street, Bethel Park, PA 15102. Josie Merlino is currently working toward her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV. She is the director of liturgical music at Mary Mother of the Church in Charleroi, PA. Ms. Merlino will be performing works of Mozart, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Galbraith, and others.*
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016, 9:00 AM** - *Masterclass in French Organ Music at The Church of the Epiphany, 184 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Join Mary-Louise Langlais for a masterclass in French Organ music, with an emphasis on the music of Jean Langlais (her late husband) and music of the Sainte-Clotilde Tradition. Registration: \$20; Refreshments will be provided during break! Register either as a performer and/or participant via e-mail at: Pittlanglais@outlook.com Registration deadline: October 20, 2016*
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016, 3:00 PM** - *A concert program entitled "The Sainte-Clotilde Tradition: A Living Legacy" at the Heinz Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. The program will include works of the three organist-composers who embody The Sainte-Clotilde Tradition—César Franck, Charles Tournemire, and Jean Langlais—titular organists at the Basilica of Sainte-Clotilde in Paris for a total of 115 years. The concert commemorates the second anniversary of the death of Dr. Robert Sutherland Lord, University Organist (1962-2006), and the 25th anniversary of the death of Jean Langlais (1907-91), the final bearer of the tradition. Organists for the concert will be Steven Anisko, Robert Blevins, and Dr. Douglas Himes, all protégés of Dr. Lord, with special guest Marie-Louise Langlais, widow of Jean Langlais. The concert is open to the public at no charge. Website: pittlanglais.wordpress.com*
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016, 3:00 PM** - *Music Plus, the Concert Series at St. James, presents Anna Singer & Lou Valenzi, Vocalists, and Donna Amato, Piano, in "Not Your Usual Stuff Concert, Part 3". Light-hearted music. 2:30 Preconcert: Amato Music Studio. Audience is asked to bring dry or canned goods to benefit the food pantry of Sewickley Community Center. Reception follows. Freewill Offering. St. James Church, 200 Walnut Street, Sewickley, PA 15143 www.stjamesmusic.org*
- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016, 7:00 PM** - *The St. Vincent Camarata presents Early Baroque Choruses with special guests: Chatham Baroque at Saint Vincent Basilica, Latrobe, PA and **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7:00 PM** at Word of God Church, Swissvale, PA*
- **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016, 7:30 PM** - *St. Paul Cathedral Concert Series presents David Jonies of Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago St. Paul Cathedral, 108 N Dithridge St, Pittsburgh, PA 15213*
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016, 4:00 PM** - *Dr. Gregory Hand, Organist in Concert. Renowned organist and recording artist Gregory Hand, assistant professor of organ at the University of Iowa, presents selections by Bach, Guimant, Corette and other great masters of organ literature. Concert made possible with support from the Lee Hohman Fund. St. Bernard Church, 311 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15216*



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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Organist - Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Natrona Heights, PA

Position: Part-time

Organist needed part-time for Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Natrona Heights, PA. We are seeking a part-time organist/keyboardist for our 11:00 a.m. mass on Sundays and 1 weekly choir rehearsal. Understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy, excellent keyboard skills, and experience in accompanying a choir ensemble is required. Please forward inquiries and/or resumes to dmialki@olmbs.org.

Director of Music/Organist - Saint Joseph Parish, Coraopolis, PA

Position: Part-time

www.stjosephcatholicchurch.net

4 weekend liturgies, holy days, Advent and Lent Penance Services, funerals, weddings
Please email resume to Fr. Richard Jones at rsjmph@gaggle.net



- ❖ We express our deepest sympathy to Marlene Holland, whose husband, the Reverend Dr. Paul Holland passed away on September 7. Marlene is a member of our Pittsburgh NPM Chapter and the Director of Music/Organist at Christ Presbyterian Church in Ellwood City. Marlene, our prayers are with you and your family.
- ❖ We also are saddened to hear of the passing of Humility of Mary Sister Veronica Ternovacz. Sister Veronica was a member of the Pittsburgh Chapter of NPM and the Director of Music and Liturgy at the Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center.