On Monday, April 29, at St. Thomas a Becket, 139 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills 15025 (for directions, click here.) The chapter meeting will be a panel discussion. Topics are listed below. Carol Accetta will be our host.

Schedule for the evening:

6:00 PM—gathering, appetizers (1st floor of the school building)

6:30 PM—Dinner (1st floor of the school building) Cindy Bowen will be the caterer. She always does a wonderful job. Menu—choice of family style Caesar salad or plain mixed lettuce, chicken with an orange basil butter sauce, herbed pasta, rice with lemon zest and peas, mixed vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee and tea, strawberry shortcake. (reservation form on pg. 7)

7:30—Panel Discussion

Members of the panel will be: David Dreher, Amanda Plazek, Jim Skalos, Shari Whitico, and Gayle Wittmann. The discussion will be moderated by Don Fellows.

Discussion topics for the evening will be:

1) Youth Music Programs - How to enlist youth in your parish to be more involved in the music ministry. What has worked for you and what has not.

2) Internet Technology and Resources for Pastoral Musicians - A discussion and sharing of resources stating what is available to Pastoral Musicians and which have been used with success.

3) The Role of the Organist - How often in your parish does the organist fulfill all the roles of music ministry? Organist as cantor, choir, psalmist, worship leader. Is there a way to disseminate the "multi-ministry" approach that has crept into the organist's job description?

4) Choosing a new hymnal.

5) Expanding your music ministry to a more inclusive development in your local community, fostering ecumenism and better relations with our neighbors.
NPM PGH meetings for next year


Monday, November 4, 2013, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Nick Will, host, topic TBA.

Monday, March 9, 2014, Ss John & Paul, Adele Scherer, host, topic TBA.


Positions Available

Ave Maria Parish in Bentleyville, PA and St. Agnes Parish in Richeyville, PA. is seeking an experienced Director of Music Ministry, Organist/ Accompanist for established Catholic Parish choirs to provide music for 3 weekend liturgies. This may also include, weddings, funerals, and Holy Days, depending on availability. Applicant should have a basic knowledge and understanding of Roman Catholic liturgy, keyboard and vocal skills, and able to work collaboratively with Pastor, and staff. For more information or to arrange an appointment, contact Father Edward Yuhas at 724-239-3591

Part Time with a possibility of turning into a Full Time position. St. Gregory Catholic Parish in Zelienople PA. is beginning a search for a Director of Music. The position will be open August 1, 2013. Currently, the position is a Part Time position but potentially could become a Full Time position depending on the qualifications and availability of the successful candidate, and future needs of the Parish. The Parish has an active adult mixed voices choir, a cantor corps, an active and vibrant school and school Youth Choir. Currently, there are three weekend Liturgies, Saturday at 5:00 PM, and Sunday at 8:00 AM and 11:30 AM. There is a school Liturgy rehearsal and Youth Choir rehearsal on Wednesday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM, and adult choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM and a weekly school Mass on Friday mornings at 9:00 AM during the school year. The cantor corps meets as a group once a month, on the last Saturday morning of each month at 9:30 in the church. The successful candidate will be responsible for Funerals which are paid separately, and Weddings which are also paid separately, Holy Days and special events as conveyed by the Pastor. St. Gregory has a wonderful 3 manual Schantz pipe organ, and a piano. A complete current job description is available by email: rcamus@zoominternet.net, or by regular mail if you send a request to: Ralph Camus 125 York Rd. Cranberry Township PA 16066. Or you may contact Ralph Camus at 724-473-0670. Salary is negotiable and background, knowledge of Catholic Liturgy, and proficiency in leading a congregation with good keyboard skills will determine the salary range.

North American Martyrs, Monroeville. I’m looking for someone who is competent in organ and piano and who would provide choral direction of our 20 member Adult Choir and cantors at North American Martyrs Roman Catholic Church, 2526 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, PA. Some knowledge and appreciation of the Catholic Liturgy would be preferred but not strictly required. Our church can seat 1,000 people and we have both a pipe organ and piano. You would be responsible for two Masses per weekend, Holy Days of Obligation (six per year) and approximately 5 weddings per year. You would not be responsible for funerals or holy hours since another organist would do that. Our outgoing choir director was very well loved and will be leaving after being here for about 17 years. There is as yet, no children’s choir or handbell choir but I would be open to possibilities. This position could eventually become a full-time position. Currently there are four Masses per weekend, (four organists total) at two different churches. Our other church is St. Michael Catholic Church in Pitcairn which is 10 minutes from Monroeville. I’m looking to form a relationship with a music minister for a long time as I hope to serve the community of North American Martyrs, Monroeville/Pitcairn for many more years. Contact Fr. Joe Luisi, pastor, at 412-373-0330 ext. 6 or e-mail me at joegluisi@comcast.net. The position will be open as of January 21, 2013.

St. Stephen, Hazelwood. Part time position. Contact Fr. Vince Stegman at csspborana@yahoo.com
Upcoming Events

Friday ....... March 15.......7:00 PM ... "In Memoriam" Lenten concert presented by the Duquesne University Voices of Spirit under the direction of Christine Jordanoff. St. Mary of the Mount, Mount Washington.

Friday ....... March 15.......8:00 PM ... St. Alphonsus, Wexford, PA. 201 Church Rd., Wexford, PA. 15090. Passion Play, A Musical Opera entitled Make Us Believers pulling in Cast members and stage crew from local parishes and high schools, 85 total: St. Alphonsus, St. Sebastian, St. Gregory, St. Ferdinand, St. Kilian, SS. John and Paul, St. Sebastian, St. Athanasius, St. Alexis, Quigley high school, Vincentian, North Allegheny,North Catholic, Seneca Valley, Aquinas Academy. Reception following.

Saturday .... March 16.......7:00 PM ... St. Alphonsus, Wexford, PA. 201 Church Rd., Wexford, PA. 15090. Passion Play, (same as March 15). There will be a pre-show bruschetta bar and hors d'oeuvre 6:00-7:00.

Friday ....... March 22.......7:00 PM ... "In Memoriam" Lenten concert presented by the Duquesne University Voices of Spirit under the direction of Christine Jordanoff. St. James, Sewickley.

Sunday ...... March 24.......3:00 PM ... Heinz Chapel Organist Steve Anisko presents a concert of organ and choral music (with members of the Heinz Chapel Choir) based on musical themes for Passion Sunday at Heinz Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. The concert will feature works of Friedell, Pergolesi, Tournemire, and more! This concert is free and open to the public.

Sunday ...... March 24.......4:30 PM ... The Saint Vincent Camerata, with the Academy Chamber Orchestra, will offer a free concert performance of the Lord Nelson Mass by Joseph Haydn on at St. Bernard's Church. Soloists will be Saint Vincent College students Carolyn Smith, soprano, and Rebecca Skiphan, mezzo-soprano, and Pittsburgh Opera soloists James Flora, tenor, and John Dooley, bass. Dr. Warren Davidson, Artistic Director of the Academy Chamber Orchestra will be concertmaster. Fr. Stephen Concordia, Director of the Camerata, will conduct. For more information: stvincent.edu/sacredmusic<http://stvincent.edu/sacredmusic>.

Sunday ...... March 24.......7:30 PM ... The Beesontown Singers present: St. Cecilia Mass by: Charles Gounod along with other works from Faure, Hayes, and many more. St. Peter Anglican Church, 60 Morgantown St., Uniontown, PA. Admission is free and a freewill offering will be taken. Daniel F. Kovacic, Assistant Conductor, will conduct the Mass as part of his requirements for the Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from West Virginia University.

Friday ....... March 29.......7:00 PM ... The St. John Fisher Choir and St. John Fisher Concert Choir will present "An Evening Of Lenten Music" on March 29, 2013 (Good Friday) at 7:00 P.M. The program will feature music including Theodore Dubois’ "The Seven Last Words Of Christ" along with music by Mozart and Victoria. A free offering will be taken up at the concert to offset expenses.

Friday ...... March 29.......7:00 PM ... St. Mary and St. Joseph parishes, New Kensington, will jointly present Choral Tenebrae, in St. Mary Church. The joint choir will be under the direction of Diane Painter and accompanied by George Pecoraro. All are welcome.

Sunday ...... April 7 ..........3:30 PM ... The Ambrose-Romanosingers, under the direction of J. Michael Thompson, will lead the singing of THE EASTER PROCESSION: EIGHT ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, Scott Township, PA. Please join us to continue the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection! Free-will offering.

Tuesday .... April 9 ..........6:00 PM ... Workshop/presentation on the latest technological advances of the new Infinity Series of Rodgers Digital Organs. Followed by hors d'oeuvres buffet, drinks, social time. Caritas Christi Chapel, Seton Hill Charity Sisters Motherhouse, Greensburg. 724-972-8474 or to-nyvittone1@aol.com

Tuesday .... April 9 ..........7:30 PM ... Organ Concert by Dan Miller, Rodgers artist/designer. Caritas Christi Chapel, Seton Hill Charity Sisters Motherhouse, Greensburg. 724-972-8474 or tonyvittone1@aol.com

Sunday ...... April 28.......7:00 PM ... Daria Burlak, Organist in Concert Church of the Epiphany 184 Washington Place Pittsburgh PA 15219. Please welcome Award Winning European Organist Daria Burlak for her first concert tour of the USA. Daria will perform works of Alain, Demessieux, Dupre, Franck, Messiaen and Tournemire. This concert is free and open to the public. A reception to greet Daria will follow the concert. Please visit: http://dariaburlak.de/index.php?lang=en

Friday ...... May 3 .............8:00 PM ... Organ Concert, St. Paul Cathedral. Guest artist is Crista Miller - Organist/Director of Music of Houston's Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Dr. Miller is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music. Free admission, a free-will offering will be received. Call 412-621-6082 for details.
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7:00 pm - Hors d’oeuvres Buffet, Drinks, Social Time

7:30 pm - Concert by Dan Miller, RODGERS Artist/Designer

Reservations suggested by April 5th ~ 724-972-8474 or tonyvittone1@aol.com

Caritas Christi is conveniently located near Route 66, between Routes 30 and 22
The evening is sponsored by Vittone’s Music

Organists and Organ Committees who wish to learn about the newest and best digital organ technologies are strongly encouraged to attend each of these sessions.
Chapter Elections

We will be holding chapter elections during the month of April. Attached as a separate document is the ballot for the NPM Pittsburgh Chapter elections. Instructions for how to cast your vote are on the ballot. Candidates are listed below.

Assistant Director for Recruitment

Amanda Plazek is a native of Pittsburgh, PA, and is currently the Organist and Director of Music at Saint Mary of the Mount Catholic Church on Mount Washington. Amanda holds dual certification in Service Playing and the Colleague exam (CAGO) from NPM and the American Guild of Organists (AGO). Amanda was the Dean of the Duquesne University AGO Chapter during the 2010-2011 academic year as well as an active member of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) and Choristers Guild.

Animator for Koinonia

Daniel F. Kovacic serves the Minister of Music and Organist at St. Valentine Catholic Church, Bethel Park, PA along with serving as the Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Choral Department at West Virginia University. Daniel received a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and Sacred Music from Seton Hill University and will graduate with the Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from West Virginia University in May 2013. Daniel served as Dean with the American Guild of Organists (Seton Hill University Chapter), the Board of Directors for the Westmoreland Choral Society, and served on the Liturgy Committee for the 35th Annual Convention for the National Pastoral Musicians Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in July 2012. In October 2012, Daniel was named the Associate Conductor for the Beesontown Singers, an auditioned choir from Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The group promotes performances of great choral works.

Kevin Maurer is the Director of Music and organist for St. Margaret of Scotland parish in Greentree, PA where he conducts the 45 member Adult Choir and Handbell Choir. He is the former Chair of the Fine Arts Department at South Fayette High School where he taught music theory and keyboard, and was the Choral Director for thirty-one years. He is listed in “Who’s Who Among America’s Educators,” and has also been a finalist for the Teacher Excellence Foundation on two occasions and nominee for the Pennsylvania “Teacher of the Year.” His professional affiliations include NPM (National Pastoral Musicians), ACDA (American Choral Directors Association), MENC (Music Educators National Conference), PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association), and Ti:ME (Technology Institute of Music Education). Kevin is a member of the Pittsburgh Diocesan Choir and has served on the Core Committee for two of the Pittsburgh NPM Conventions. He is married to Karen, and has three children, Kevin (also a music educator), Kari, and Katelyn. The Maurers reside in Greentree, PA.
Adele Scherer has been the full-time music director of the music ministries at Ss. John and Paul Parish in Franklin Park for 12 years. Before that, she was music director of St. Mary’s Parish in Sharpsburg, now St. Juan Diego Parish. Adele was also associate music minister at St. Catherine of Sweden Parish for 8 years, and was a regular sub organist for many parishes throughout the Diocese. At Ss. John and Paul, Adele oversees the 50-member adult choir, two children’s choirs, cantor ministry, several student musicians, and the Resurrection Choir, and plays for all weekend Masses, weddings and funerals. Adele has been actively involved with the local and national NPM for over 20 years.

Secretary/Treasurer

Caye-An Muldowney is currently working as Director of Music at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Robinson, PA. She received her MM at Duquesne University in Piano Performance, with an emphasis in collaboration in May 2011. She is originally from Texas, where she received her BM at the University of Texas in Austin. She is also a part-time staff accompanist at Duquesne University, and teaches private piano students in Upper Saint Clair. She has received her Service Playing certification from the AGO. Catherine is active in the Pittsburgh area as a pianist, and she enjoys collaborating with other instruments and vocalists. Catherine and her husband live in Mount Washington with their 2-year old daughter.

Shari Whitico began her parish musician experience at St. Victor Church in Bairdford, serving as a cantor and choir member for ten years. She accepted the position of organist/pastoral musician at Transfiguration Church in Russellton in 1997. During her six years at Transfiguration, she was a member of the Pittsburgh Diocesan Choir and Deer Lakes Community Choir, as well as professional cantor at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Shari then returned to St. Victor Church in 2003 as parish organist and youth choir director before accepting her current position of Director of Music Ministry at St. Bonaventure Church in Glenshaw in 2005. Shari’s ministry at St. Bonaventure includes leading the worship for the Weekend and Daily School Masses, directing an Adult Choir, a youth choir and a St. Bonaventure School children’s choir. She also provides all the music for the weddings and funerals. In addition to her professional church related positions, Shari continues to provide private piano lessons as she has for the last 15 years. She is also an accomplished clarinetist, and lives in Allison Park, PA with her husband Mike, and her two sons, Michael and Joshua.
Bus to convention

We are attempting to gather enough people to charter a bus to Washington, DC for the NPM national convention at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel. The bus would be leaving on Sunday afternoon, July 28, at 3:00 PM, with arrival in Washington, DC around 8:30 PM. Return would be on Friday, August 2, departing around 2:00 PM. At present we have 24 people interested in going on the bus. 16 of those are definite. 8 of those are possible. If all 24 go with the price is down to $120. If only 16 go the price is $180. If 36 would go the price would come down to $80.00. If anyone is interested in traveling on the bus beyond the initial 16 definites or 8 maybes, please e-mail me as soon as you know.

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Dinner Reservation
St. Thomas a Becket
April 29, 2013, 6:30 PM

Name ________________________________

Phone number ___________________ e-mail address _____________________________

Number of dinners (@$15.00 per dinner) ______________________________________

Total enclosed _____________________________________________________________

Reservations can be made by emailing: jmdhaag@hotmail.com or send this form with your check made payable to Pittsburgh Chapter NPM to:

Julianna D. Haag
854 MacArthur Drive
Pittsburgh  PA 15228-1787

Dinner is $15.00 per person. Making a reservation is a binding contract. If you do not show for dinner you will be sent a bill. The chapter cannot assume the responsibility of paying for those who make a reservation and do not come. Due to the size of the room dinner reservations will be limited to 40 people.
Diocesan Substitute Musicians List

The diocesan substitute musicians list is always available on the NPM website at www.npmpgh.org.

Everyone listed has all of their Protecting God’s Children clearances and has signed the diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct. Only people who have completed all of the steps necessary for clearance are eligible to be on this list.

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Date and speaker not set. An e-mail will be coming soon.

Organ needed

St. Joseph parish in Roscoe, PA is in need of an organ. Ours is a 1975 Allen on its last legs. We are the smallest parish in the Pittsburgh Diocese, and do not have many funds for replacing this instrument. We are hoping someone who is upgrading might have an organ that would work well for us. Contact Sister Char at 724.938.2301 if you know of an organ needing a good home.