Mass and Reception

On Monday, October 8, 2012, at 7:00 PM at St. Margaret and Scotland, Greentree, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Pittsburgh Chapter NPM offered for all NPM members and all those who volunteered for the national convention this past summer. A light reception will follow, catered by Cindy Bowen, for all present provided by the national office of NPM.

Please RSVP to Herb Dillahunt at nasard@aol.com if you plan to attend so that we can have a number for the caterer. We will need to know by Monday, October 1.

The celebrant for the Mass will be Fr. James Chepponis. Concelebrating will be Fr. James Gretz. The music and liturgy will be prepared by Amanda Plazek. Our hosts are Kevin and Karen Maurer. The reception will take place in the school cafeteria. For directions to St. Margaret, click here.

We hope to see as many people as possible this evening to meet and renew old friendships and share convention stories.

There were many comments and kudos from attendees, presenters, performing musicians and the national office commending Pittsburgh and all the local musicians from varying dioceses who were here to make the convention happen for the their welcoming hospitality and friendliness. In the eyes of the organization, both administration and membership, the convention was a big success. Michael McMahon, our national president, has said that the number of surveys returned has been above the norm for past conventions and most have been positive. He feels that the more people who respond to the surveys the better things were. That people care to write something says that they were impressed in one way or another.

Fantastic job everyone!!
NPM PGH Meeting topics for the Year

Monday, November 26, St. Joseph, O’Hara Twp
    Night of options. 1) Basic cantor Certificate, Lou Valenzi  2) Repertoire for Lent, Triduum and Easter
    with attention to the New Roman Missal, J. Michael Thompson 3) Beginning a handbell choir, Herb Dil-
    lahunt

Monday, January 21, Sacred Heart, Shadyside
    Revised rites of Marriage and Confirmation. Fr. James Gretz

Monday, April 29, St. Thomas a Becket, Jefferson Hills
    Panel Discussion, moderated by Don Fellows. To be discussed: Role of the organist; establishing a
    youth music program; Internet Technology for liturgy and music; 2 more topics TBD.

Positions Available

St. Irenaeus, Oakmont. Full time Music Director. Resumes may be sent to Fr. Frank Kurimsky, St. Irenaeus Church,
387 Maryland Avenue Oakmont, PA 15139.

Director of Music / Organist (part-time) – St. Therese de Lisieux Roman Catholic Church, 61 Mill Street, Union-
town, PA, 15401. We are seeking an experienced organist to provide music at 3 weekend liturgies. This position may
also include funerals, weddings, Holy Days, depending on applicant’s availability. Additional responsibilities will in-
clude planning music, training cantors, directing Parish choir. Qualifications: good communication and organiza-
tional skills, prior experience in pastoral music at the parish level, basic knowledge and understanding of Roman
Catholic liturgy, keyboard and vocal skills, ability to work collaboratively with Pastor, staff, and volunteers. Organ
installed in 2005 by A. E. Sterner Organ Company – five division, four manual, 85 ranks with Walker Digital technol-
ogy. Other instruments include a Yamaha grand piano and Yamaha electronic keyboard. Interested candidates
should contact church by email at sttherese@dioceseofgreensburg.org , or US mail to the attention of Msgr. Michael
W. Matusak, V.F., Pastor.

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, West Virginia has an immediate opening for a full-time organist to serve as Ca-
thedral organist for three Sunday liturgies (6:00 PM Saturday and 8:00 and 10:30 AM Sunday), a minimum of four
weekday liturgies (12:05 PM Monday through Friday and 9:00 AM on Saturday), and all diocesan liturgies. Additional
services included holy day Masses, reconciliation services, other sacramental celebrations, and assistance with con-
cert program. Provide accompaniment for one weekly choir rehearsal. Weddings and funerals extra. Also responsible
for Diocesan liturgies at which the Diocesan Bishop is the principal celebrant, as requested. Work collaboratively with
the Cathedral music director and the Diocesan Director of Worship and Sacraments. Must be willing to travel on occa-
sion within the state of West Virginia to accommodate special Diocesan liturgies. Oversee maintenance of Casavant
49-
rank organ, with two three-manual consoles, an 8-rank Kilgen antiphonal addition, and a Baldwin grand piano. Full
benefits provided and opportunities for private music lessons available using Cathedral instruments. Minimum re-
quirements: BA in Organ performance, Masters Degree preferred, with at least three years of Catholic parish experi-
ence. Must be skilled in the performance of standard organ repertoire, choral and solo accompaniment, improvisa-
tion, and service playing. Must possess a solid understanding and practice of pastoral ministry and collaboration.
A collaborative and collegial work ethic is vital. Email letter of intent with résumé to Msgr. Kevin M. Quirk, JCD, Rector
at kquirk@dwc.org.

St. John Neumann Parish, Franklin Park will be looking to hire a Music Minister. The position would include provid-
ing music for all Sunday Masses (Saturday evening at 5:30 pm, Sunday morning at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 am) and other
major celebrations, including weddings, funerals, and Sacraments of the Church. We are looking for someone who
can build our repertoire and encourage participation of the parish community in song. They would be consultants to
staff and parishioners for planning sacramental liturgies. We have a small choir which we would like to further de-
velop. We would hope to continue to attract Cantors and other musicians from the parish to help with liturgies; so the
director should have skills in dealing with people as well as music. Resumes are being accepted along with 3 letters
of recommendation, act 33/34 and DPW clearances, and an application letter that states that the person interested
has no reservations regarding the teaching of Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church. St. John Neumann Par-
Upcoming Events

Sunday .......... September 30 .......... 7:00 PM .......... Organ dedication recital at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. 3609 Washington Avenue, Finleyville, PA 15332. Guest artist Donald Fellows, Director of Music Ministries at St. Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh, will feature the Combination Digital & Pipe Division Instrument designed and built by Siedle Organ Company, Pittsburgh, PA and Guerrero-Kirk Music, Wheeling, WV. Reception following.


Sunday .......... October 14 .......... 3:00 PM .......... St. James concert series "Music Plus": "Classics Old and New", with Dr. Warren Davidson, violin, and Donna Amato, assisting artist. Music by John Williams, (including "Schindler's List") . World-premiere of a sonata written for Warren & Donna by Carson Cooman will be among the offerings. Reception after the concert. The Pre-concert at 2:30 Students from the Center for Young Musicians. Please come early to support these young musicians, and stay for the concert. Free-will offering. St. James Church, 200 Walnut Street, Sewickley, PA 15143 412-741-6650

Saturday .......... October 20 .......... 7:30 PM .......... Allegheny Brass Band. The Saint Kilian Performing Arts Guild (SKPAG) will be presenting several performances over the next couple of months. All concerts are at Saint Kilian Parish Center 7076 Franklin Road Cranberry Twp., PA 16066. The Saint Kilian Performing Arts Guild is an active ministry of Saint Kilian Parish in Cranberry Township, PA in the Pittsburgh Diocese. Our mission is to share and promote the Word of God while fostering growth of the parish community through various performing arts. SKPAG is led by Executive Director, Mr. David Dreher

Friday .......... November 2 .......... 8:00 PM .......... Saint Vincent Camerata Scholars will sing a program of Renaissance polyphonic music in celebration of the feasts of All Saints and All Souls at St. Paul Cathedral. Works by Palestrina, Ockeghem, Busnois, Tallis, Josquin, Byrd, Victoria, and di Lasso will be sung. The Scholars are under the direction of Fr. Stephen Concordia, O.S.B. This concert is free and open to all. Hope to see you there! The program will be repeated at the St. Vincent Archabbey Basilica in Latrobe, PA on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

Sunday .......... November 4 .......... 7:00 PM .......... Popular contemporary Christian music pioneer John Michael Talbot at St. Winifred Catholic Church, located at 550 Sleepy Hollow Road in Mt. Lebanon, PA. For further information call the parish office at 412-344-5010. Tickets are $15.00 ($20.00 at the door)

Fri & Sat .......... Nov. 16 & 17 .......... 7:00 PM .......... Sunset Manor presented by Narrow Path Productions: A heartwarming look into the lives of several elderly residents at a home for the aged to remind us all of the importance of caring for the some of the most valuable but vulnerable people in our society. The message is one of dignity, hope, forgiveness and a reminder that we all have a purpose in life, regardless of our age and circumstance. Production of SKPAG, See October 20.

Saturday .......... November 17 .......... 4:00 PM .......... St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, 506 Saline Street in the Lower Greenfield neighborhood. Divine Liturgy in observance of
Upcoming Events, continued

our parish feast of title. Music will be led by the Ambrose-Romanos Singers, Prof. J. Michael Thompson, director. You http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._John_Chrysostom_Byzantine_Catholic_Church_(Pittsburgh)

Sunday .......... November 18 ........ 12:30 PM .......... The music ministry department of St. Cyril of Alexandria in Brighton Heights will perform a 'praise concert' in honor of St. Cecilia. A reception will follow in Axmacher Hall. All are welcome!

Friday .......... November 30 ........ 7:30 PM .......... Advent Lessons and Carols at St. Alphonsus Church, 201 Church Rd. Wexford PA 15090: Combined Adult, Children, and Handbell Choirs of St. Alexis and St. Alphonsus. Reception following service.


Friday .......... December 14 .......... 7:00 PM .......... The Dreher Chorale presents a Christmas Cantata titled And On Earth...Peace.. SKPAG, see October 20.

Friday .......... December 14 .......... 7:30 PM .......... Christmas Choral/Classical Organ Concert: St. Gregory Parish, Zelienople PA. A mixed voices choir of adults and teens from throughout Southwestern PA, under the direction of Mr. Daryl Kemerer and accompanied by his wife Kathy, will perform a Christmas Choral and organ concert. Anyone is interested in participating in the choral ensemble, contact Ralph Camus, Director of music at St. Gregory Parish. 724-473-0670 or rcamus@zoominternet.net. Rehearsals on Monday evenings at 7:30 PM beginning October 15, and running through Monday, December 10, at St. Gregory, Zelienople, PA. Admittance to the concert is free. Free will offerings will be gladly accepted.

Saturday .......... December 15 .......... 8:00 PM .......... Cahal Dunne in Concert, SKPAG, see October 20.

Thursday .......... December 20 .......... 7:30 PM .......... Tom Franzak and family in a Christmas Concert. SKPAG, see October 20.
Convention Pictures
Diocesan Substitute Musician List

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

All people listed have all of their Protecting God's Children clearances and have 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.

DMMD Meeting coming up

SAVE THE DATE! DMMD Meeting, MON, OCT 29th 12noon, more details to follow.