Please note: The time has changed for our Virtual Meeting via Live Webinar on Tuesday, December 5. Please register on our website, http://www.npmpgh.org no later than Monday, December 4.

NPMPGH welcomes host presenter Dave Dreher, along with fellow contributing ministers, to lead us in this informative, live webinar on new technologies that can greatly impact and benefit our ministries. Visit our website now and register for our first (but not last) NPMPGH live webinar and become more techno savvy in your ministry.

“ASK DAVE”
Q&A with Dave
(after all the topics are covered)

TUESDAY · December 5, 2017
8:00pm — 9:30pm

“What topics will be addressed … ?”

- Cloud services & uses of Dropbox, Google Docs
  ... sharing files & music with cantors, choirs, and instrumentalists.
- Music writing software ( Allegro, Finale and ForScore )
  ... and how to use with iPads & other digital platforms
- Scheduling software
  ... how to create weekly or monthly cantor schedules
- Recording techniques
  ... how to create audio files (mp3) for extra “rehearsal time” with cantors and choirs
- Microphones
  ... how to use & what kind to use for specific purposes

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Click on the tab DECEMBER: “Clouds Are Not Just for Rain”
2018 NPM PITTSBURGH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Friday, February 2, 2018:
A Celebration of Candlemas
Location: St. Bernadette Church – Monroeville, PA
(Vicariate 2, District 1)
Host: Joshua Bandish
Candlemas Mass at 6:30 PM followed by an Invitational Choir Fest of Music for the Season

Tuesday, February 13, 2018:
Mardi Gras Celebration
6:30 PM
Location: St. Catherine of Siena Church – Beechview, PA
Back by popular demand!
A Pittsburgh NPM Fundraiser!
Event Coordinators: Ginny Ambrose and Kevin Maurer
Host: Julianna Haag

Monday, March 5, 2018:
Merging Music Ministries: Plans for Implementation
7:00 PM
Location: St. Cyril of Alexandria Church – Brighton Heights, PA
A Panel Discussion with Local Musicians
Host: Theresa Hammond

Monday, April 23, 2018:
Pizza, Pipes, and Prayer: A Night for the Organist – Practical Suggestions for Service Playing
7:00 PM
Location: Assumption Church – Bellevue, PA
(Vicariate 1, District 1)
Host: Neil Stahurski

Tuesday, May 15, 2018:
Pittsburgh Diocesan Choral Festival
7:30 PM
Location: St. Bernard Church – Mount Lebanon, PA
(Vicariate 2, District 2)
Guest Conductor: Dr. Caron Daly, Duquesne University
Host and Accompanist: Chaz Bowers

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District 6 Liaison - Mary Lou Bender
St. Susanna, Penn Hills

SAVE THE DATE
The Pittsburgh Chapter of NPM will once again celebrate Mardi Gras in style on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 with a dinner dance and basket raffle from 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm. The price of admittance for this, our major fundraiser is $35.00 per person. Come and enjoy a fun-filled evening with your choir members and colleagues! All proceeds from the evening will benefit our local chapter programming.
OUR ANNUAL WINTER RETREAT
Register today for our annual retreat! NPM Pittsburgh cordially invites you and your pastoral staff to take some time for yourselves. Oftentimes we become so wrapped up in our ministry that we fail to nourish our own spirituality. This is your opportunity to do just that…to relax, to grow your own prayer life, and to join others on your staff after the hectic seasons of Advent and Christmas in a relaxed, stress-free environment!

NPM PITTSBURGH 2018 presents …

Retreat Schedule

SUNDAY · January 14
• Arrive 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

MONDAY · January 15
• Depart 5:00 pm (2-day)

TUESDAY · January 16
• Depart 11:30 am (3-day)

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“What are you doing here, Elijah?”
— 1 Kings 9:1-13

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Come to the quiet and take the nourishment God offers to enter the cave,
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Upcoming Events

- **Friday December 1, 2017, 7:30 PM Annual Advent Lessons and Carols.** Adult and Children's Choir, Handbells, and instruments. St. Alphonsus Church, 201 Church Rd., Wexford, Pa. 15090.

- **Sunday, December 3, 2017, 3:00 PM** The Ambrose-Romanos Singers will lead the singing of the Solemn Second Vespers of the First Sunday of Advent. This will be sung at the Saint Anthony of Padua Chapel on Harpster Street on Troy Hill in Pittsburgh, PA. The entire service is sung! Welcome Advent by attending this time of psalmist, hymnody, and Advent peace. For more information, please call Michael at 412-498-6076.

- **Sunday, December 3, 2017, 6:00 PM Song and Verse for the Season.** A Traditional Lessons and Carols Service with the inclusion of poetry in celebration of the Advent and Christmas Seasons at Incarnation of the Lord Church in Observatory Hill. NOTE NEW TIME: 5:00 PM Wassail Bowl Reception to follow.

- **Sunday, December 3, 2017, 6:30 PM** Music Plus, the Concert Series at St. James Church in Sewickley, presents The Pittsburgh Symphony Brass in a seasonal concert titled A Christmas Concert: Music For McGuire. All freewill proceeds from this concert will benefit McGuire Memorial Home of New Brighton, a ministry committed to caring for the weakest of the weak. Preconcert at 6:00: Quaker Valley Schools Musicians, Chris Burgh, Director. A light finger-foods reception will follow in the Gathering Space. St. James Church, 200 Walnut Street, Sewickley, PA 15143 Contact Sharron Schaefer with questions: s.schaefer@comcast.net

- **Sunday, December 3, 2017, 7:00 PM** A Circle of Friends Concert will be held at Holy Sepulcher Parish, 1304 E. Curikshank Road, Butler. ACOFC is a non-profit organization which is composed of many denominations to share their faith in God with others through Christian and secular music and to support those in need in all communities. There is no admission fee, but a free will offering will be taken to distribute to the Patzun Mission Group and the Chimbote, Peru ministry.

- **Saturday, December 9, 2017, 7:30 PM** A Christmas Concert will be presented at St. Thomas More Church, 126 Fort Couch Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241 to benefit the Hekima Place orphanage in Kenya. The concert is primarily instrumental and features musicians from the Opera and Ballet orchestras. There is no fee for this concert but a donation is welcome.

- **Sunday, December 10, 2017, 3:00 PM** The combined choirs of St. Clare of Assisi Church, Clairton and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Pleasant Hills will present a Christmas Concert and Sing-A-Long featuring sacred and secular favorites at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 1 Grove Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 For more information, please call 412-882-8436.

- **Sunday, December 10, 2017, 3:00 PM Annual Christmas Celebration** presented by the Music Ministry of the Church of the Assumption, Bellevue featuring the Adult and Children's Choirs and Brass Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Neil Stahurski. A free will offering will be taken. 45 North Sprague Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202 For more information, call 412-766-6660 x110 or email DrStahurski@comcast.net

- **Sunday, December 10, 2017, 4:00 PM A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** In celebration of the beliefs that unify our Christian faiths, the St. Bernard Parish and Children's Choirs will welcome The Chancel Choir of Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church in a thoughtful and inspiring service of readings, anthems, and favorite carols. A reception will follow the service. St. Bernard Church, 311 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15216 www.stbernardmusic.org

- **Sunday, December 10, 2017, 6:00 PM** The Pittsburgh Youth Concert Orchestra will perform a Christmas Program at Saints John and Paul Parish, 2586 Wexford Bayne Road, Sewickley, PA 15143. The orchestra will be joined by the choirs of Saints John and Paul Parish. The program is from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, please call 724-935-2104, or email us at mailto:info@sts-jp.org.

- **Sunday, December 10, 2017, 7:00 PM** Our Lady of Victory in Harwick presents “Excerpts from the Messiah.” Admission is free, but canned goods will be collected for the Lower Valley Food Bank. Our Lady of Victory Church, 1319 Low Grade Road, Harwick, PA 15049
Upcoming Events

- **Friday, December 15, 2017, 7:30 PM** Saint Kilian Parish presents “*Sounds of the Season,*” a concert featuring the saint Kilian Music Ministry. Plan to attend this joyful celebration of the Season of Advent/Christmas. This free concert, held in the church, is open to all and a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the wonderful work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society as they help the needy in our area.

- **Sunday, December 17, 2017, 3:00 PM** The second concert in the 2017-2018 Avila Concert Series will feature the choirs and musicians of St. Teresa of Avila Music Ministry at St. Teresa of Avila Church; 1000 Avila Court; Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Performing for this concert will be the Adult Choir, Children’s Cherub Choir, Joyful Noise Youth Ensemble, Handbell Choir, Spirit Band, and instrumentalists. The concert will conclude by 4 PM. There is no admission, but a freewill offering will be taken to benefit St. Teresa of Avila Music Ministry. Questions, contact Dr. Kathy Melago, director of the Avila Concert Series, at kathymelago@hotmail.com, or contact the music office at 412-367-9001 x 514.

- **Sunday, December 17, 2017, 7:00 PM** The *St. James Christmas Concert*, featuring a cantata sung by the Adult Choir, with soloists and narrator, The Bells of St. James, Children’s Choir and orchestra. Louis Valenzi, Director and Conductor; Sharron Schaefer, Director of Bells and Children; Donna Amato, Assisting Artist. A cookie reception will follow. St. James Church, 200 Walnut Street, Sewickley, PA 15143 Contact Sharron Schaefer with questions: s.schaefer@comcast.net

- **Friday, December 22, 2017, 7:00 PM** St. Andrew Parish located at 1660 N Main Street Extension in Butler, PA will present “*A Rockin’ Christmas*” with the CCM band, St. Andrews Cross. Traditional Christmas songs are arranged with a pop beat to give them a more contemporary feel and sound. Arrangements come from sources like B.E. Taylor, Tom Petty, Bruce Springsteen, and Christian artists, Chris Tomlin, Casting Crowns, 3rd Day, and Sidewalk Prophets. This show will have you laughing, singing, and clapping along! A free-will offering will be taken.

- **Friday, January 5, 2018, 7:30 PM** A *Christmas Festival of Scripture and Song* presented by the St. John Capistran Music Ministry under the direction of Kevin Maurer at St. John Capistran Church, 1610 McMillan Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241. The St. John Capistran Traditional Choir, Contemporary Choir, and Children’s Choir will perform carols and anthems with scriptural meditations celebrating the Christmas Season. A reception will follow. All are welcome to attend this free event.

- **Sunday, January 7, 2018, 4:00 PM** Music at St. Bernard presents, *Pittsburgh Youth Chorus: Come, Share the Joy!* On the Feast of the Epiphany, carry the joy into the New Year with a program of familiar carols, the stirring South African Folk Song “Hamba Nathhi,” classics like “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring,” and other favorites performed by Pittsburgh’s best young choristers. St. Bernard Church, 311 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15216 www.stbernardmusic.org

- **Sunday, January 7, 2018, 7:00 PM** *Festival of Lessons and Carols* The Ministry of Music at St. Winifred will present its first annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. The service will feature soloists, instrumentalists, and the Living Spirit and One Voice choirs. The Women’s Guild will provide a social following the service. Admission is free!

- **Saturday, January 13, 2018, 7:00 PM** Music at St. Bernard presents, *University of Notre Dame Chorale.* The Concert Choir concludes its annual Winter Tour to present a program that features a mix of sacred music, Christmas favorites, and selections dear to the heart of Notre Damers everywhere. St. Bernard Church, 311 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15216 www.stbernardmusic.org

- **Thursday, January 18, 2018, 7:00 PM** Saint Mark Parish in Liberty Boro is hosting a series called “*The Life of Christ*” that will be presented in four different portions. The first portion will take us from the Annunciation to the Transfiguration and is slated for January 18 at Saint Eugene Church/Saint Mark Parish. This is the story of the life of Jesus in word and song. St. Eugene Church, 3210 Liberty Way, Liberty Boro, PA.
NPM PITTSBURGH proudly presents …

A Celebration of Candlemas

Liturgy & Choirfest of Christmas Music

“Now Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word…” - Luke 2:32

ALL ARE WELCOME on this blessed night to celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, and share in its rich beauty and meaning. We will begin with the Blessing of Candles, celebrate Mass together and continue with joyful Christmas music, sung by local parish choirs. The sharing of light and Simeon’s serene canticle, the Nunc Dimittis, will bring the Christmas season to its liturgical close. So, keep your Christmas choral music out until February 2 — come and share in the communal spirit of our ministry — one in spirit, one in voice, one in the Lord! Let’s celebrate this holy feast together!

Interested choirs, please RSVP by Friday, January 19, 2018.

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 2, 2018

MASS  6:30PM

Saint Bernadette Parish • Monroeville

Josh Bandish, Host

To register and for more info, please visit our website: www.npmpgh.org

Click on the tab “FEBRUARY: A Celebration of Candlemas”
2018 Pastoral Musicians Directory

A new 2018 Pastoral Musicians Directory for all pastoral musicians that wish to be included will be printed in early January. Please take a few minutes of your time to log onto our website http://www.npmpgh.org and submit your information. Please select the tab on the left side of the home page that says "Submit your info for the 2018 Pastoral Musicians Directory." Thank you for your cooperation in this project!

RING PITTSBURGH, your community handbell choir, announces its concert schedule for the 2017 Christmas season. We cordially invite all NPM musicians to come to one of our concerts and enjoy the sounds of the season. Let us entertain you with our mix of seasonal favorites as we “ring” in the joy of Christmas. For more information, visit us at www.facebook.com/RingPittsburgh and www.ringpittsburgh.org.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 6:00 PM – The Benedum Center for the Performing Arts, 237 7th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Ring Pittsburgh will perform before The Nutcracker and during the intermission. A ticket to The Nutcracker is required for entry.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM – Northland Library, 300 Cumberland Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15237. Due to space limitations, you must reserve your seat online at https://www.northlandlibrary.org/ or by calling 412-366-8100 x113. Free admission.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 3:00 PM – St. Bernadette Church, 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146. Free admission.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 6:00 PM – St. Frances Cabrini Parish, 115 Trinity Drive, Aliquippa, PA 15001. Free admission.

PERFORMERS NEEDED

Saint Mark Parish in Liberty Boro is seeking cast members (particularly male) of all ages to perform in a series called “The Life of Christ.” Rehearsals are currently on Tuesday evenings at the Saint Eugene Church/Saint Mark Parish, 3210 Liberty Way, Liberty Boro, PA. The music rehearsals are from 6:00 until 7:00 PM, and the entire presentation is rehearsed from 7:00 until 8:00 PM. The schedule for the series is:

Part 1: The Annunciation through the Transfiguration – Thursday, January 18, 2018 7:00 PM
Part 2: The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem through His Crucifixion – Tuesday, March 20, 2018 7:00 PM
Part 3: The Living Stations – Tuesday, March 27, 2018 7:00 PM
Part 4: His Crucifixion through His Resurrection and Dispersing of the Apostles – Tuesday, May 1, 2018 7:00 PM

For more information contact: Brandy Irish-Gerjuoy at 412-426-0008 or email brandyorganist@gmail.com

We will charter a bus to the Baltimore convention for our Pittsburgh Chapter. Look for details in the February 2018 edition of The Parish Musician Newsletter.
**Director of Music and Worship Ministries - St. Irenaeus, Oakmont, PA**

**Position: Full-Time**

We seek a skilled musician and leader, competent in organ and keyboard, whose gifts will inspire parish members to receive Christ fruitfully in the Sacraments. Responsibilities include playing at weekend liturgies (Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 8 AM and 11 am), parish weddings, parish funerals, and other liturgical functions as needed. This position also includes direction of parish choirs and coordination of liturgical ministries. Compensation will be commensurate with experience and in line with diocesan compensation policies. For inquiries, or to send resumes, contact Fr. George Dalton at: 412-828-3065 or gdalton@diopitt.org or Saint Irenaeus Parish, 637 Fourth Street, Oakmont, PA 15139

**Organist/Keyboardist - St. Mary, Aleppo Township, PA**

**Position: Part-Time**

We are looking for a part time organist and keyboard player. Responsibilities include playing keyboard Saturday evening at the 5 pm mass for an ensemble of 4-6 and a guitar player; an occasional wedding or funeral; playing the organ for major liturgical celebrations for the director; and occasionally substituting for Sunday masses. The position could also include assuming the position of bell choir director. For inquiries, please send resume to: Cathy Niebel c/o Ruth Dolan, rdolan@saintmaryaleppo.org or call 412-741-6460.