Please note: The date for our March Meeting has been changed to Monday, March 12. Please register on our website, http://www.npmpgh.org no later than Monday, March 5 if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

MERGING MUSIC MINISTRIES
Plans for Implementation

Monday · March 12, 2018
7:00pm

ST CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH
Theresa Hammond, Host

PANEL DISCUSSION
Led by fellow musicians who are presently undergoing or who have previously gone through a merger process

ATTENTION: PASTORAL MUSICIANS
“The time of inevitable change is approaching...let’s support one another and share positive ideas for moving forward.”
- Kevin Maurer, Chapter Director

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2018 NPM PITTSBURGH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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

NPM NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 41st Annual NPM Convention will take place in Baltimore, Maryland from July 9-13, 2018. Please visit the website http://www.npm.org for information.

CONVENTION DISCOUNT INFORMATION:
NPM is pleased to offer a special discount to Chapters that send ten or more NPM members to the Convention. If you are planning on attending the convention, and would like to qualify for this discount, please email me at music@diopitt.org to be placed on the "National Convention" list. Since Early Bird Registrations for the convention are due by March 2, I need your commitment by Wednesday, February 28 to obtain the Chapter Discount. Once we establish our discounted price based on the number of attendees, I will email you so that you can submit your check and registration form.

MOTORCOACH INFORMATION:
NPM Pittsburgh will charter a full size motorcoach to transport us to and from the convention this year. Provided that we have 20 passengers, the price will be $190.00 per person. Consider joining us to save $5 from gasoline prices and parking fees! The "NPM Pittsburgh Bus" will pick us up at St. Margaret of Scotland (upper parking lot) in Green Tree, PA on Sunday, July 8, at 3:00 PM. We will make a dinner stop at approximately 5:00 PM in Breezewood and the bus will drop us off at the hotels in Baltimore at approximately 8:00 PM. The "NPM Pittsburgh Bus" will return to Baltimore for pick-up on Friday, July 13 at 2:30 PM and return to St. Margaret of Scotland Church between 6:30 and 7:30 PM.

To secure a seat on the bus:
1. Email me of your intentions to be placed on the "NPM Pittsburgh Bus" List.
2. Please send a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of $50.00 to lock in the price, (Check payable to "NPM Pittsburgh") to:
Office for Music Ministry, c/o Doris Anne Mercer
2900 Noblestown Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4227

PLEASE NOTE: You do not have to take the "NPM Pittsburgh Bus" to qualify for the chapter discount. If we do not obtain 20 passengers for the bus, your deposit will be returned to you. I hope to see you in Baltimore!

Kevin Maurer  NPM Pittsburgh  Chapter Director
NPM Pittsburgh’s First Webinar
David Dreher, Director of Technology

December 5, 2017 marked a groundbreaking event. Our NPM chapter held its first webinar titled “Clouds Are Not Just For Rain”. The 90 minute session was hosted by David Dreher with the help of Amanda Bruce, Shari Whitico and Bridget Jarsulic. The general subject matter involved how to use technology to make our lives as Music Directors, Cantors, Choir leaders, and all musicians a little more organized. Technology topics included various “cloud-based” storage products such as Dropbox, iCloud, Google Drive and OneDrive. Also discussed were various styles of microphones, how they should be used and placement for soloists, choirs and instrumentalists. Discussion continued with previewing several scheduling software tools such as Doodle and Ministry Scheduler Pro. And a very helpful way to cut down on the volume of accompaniment books needed for various services and masses was demonstrated by Shari and Bridget using the iPad Pro for scanning and organizing all of your music. We learned how to create “set lists” and how to digitally notate and send these scanned documents of music to fellow musicians. There were also demonstrations on how to record rehearsal tracks using GarageBand in conjunction with Dropbox and getting these recording tracks to cantors and various choir members. There was so much information packed into this 90 minute presentation! About 30 NPM members signed up to participate in the webinar and there were opportunities throughout the webinar to ask questions and make suggestions. Planning is underway now to present more of these webinars to our local NPM members in the coming year. Stay tuned!

A DMMD Day at the Strip
Daniel F. Kovacic, Director of DMMD

Our Pittsburgh Chapter of DMMD gathered together at St. Stanislaus Parish in the Strip District on Friday, December 15, 2017 at Noon for a prayer service and a presentation by Fr. Harry Nichols, Pastor of St. Stanislaus-St. Patrick. Fr. Nichols spoke on the history of one of the most beautiful worship spaces in our diocese along with the process on how hard the community worked for its renovation a few years ago. Thank you, Fr. Nichols, for your time and enthusiasm of your ministry. Following the prayer service and presentation, our members gathered at Pamela’s Diner for lunch. The weather was cold but it was a great time with friends.
NPM Pittsburgh Winter Retreat
At the Mouth of the Cave: A Guided Retreat
for Those in Search of God

Twenty-two of our members participated in this year’s Winter Retreat at the Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center. It was a prayer-filled and enlightened experience with delicious food and fellowship. Thank you to Kathy Wray our retreat director and to Stephen Steinbeiser, our music minister who inspired us all with thoughtful reflections and beautiful music.

Some personal reflections:

The Winter Retreat provided me a much needed opportunity for quiet prayer and reflection after the busyness of Advent and Christmas, not to mention a chance to center myself in preparation for Lent, Easter, and On Mission for the Church Alive. Villa Maria was the perfect setting to gather with fellow pastoral musicians for communal prayer, and the Sisters of the Humility of Mary were the perfect hosts. I can’t say enough good things about Kathy Wray and Steve Steinbeiser, too. Every musician in the diocese should take full advantage of these retreats in the future. I’m already looking forward to the next one! ~ Ted Rybka, Director of Liturgy and Music Ministries, St. Teresa of Avila, Perrysville

The Retreat was snowy beauty, pure fresh air full of fellowship, music and prayer. ~ Robin Schillo, Director of Music, St. Columbkille, Imperial

This retreat was a welcomed renewal of relationships with fellow church ministers, music ministers and my God. The calming faith-filled setting of this venue along with the delicious food and prayerful reflective experiences made this a perfect time to renew and refresh my faith. Kudos to all involved in making this a must-do for me each year. God bless you all.
~ Karen Maurer, Coordinator of Ministry, St. Margaret of Scotland, Green Tree
CANDLEMAS 2018

Many enjoyed a wonderful evening on Friday, February 2 as NPM Pittsburgh celebrated Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, at St. Bernadette Church in Monroeville. Thank you to our host, Josh Bandish for all of the work that he did in preparation for the beautiful liturgy and unbelievable reception! A special thanks to the following music ministers for bringing their choirs to perform in the concert: Josh Bandish – St. Bernadette, Monroeville; Julianna Haag – St. Catherine of Siena - Beechview; Timothy Ignatz – St. Januarius, Plum; Jon Zellhart – St. John Fisher, Churchill; David Dreher – St. Kilian, Cranberry Township; Norm Chapman – St. Maurice, Forest Hills; Mary Lou Bender – St. Susanna, Penn Hills; and Bela Pater – Sacred Heart, Shadyside.

Additional photos can be viewed in our Candlemas Photo Gallery on our website – http://www.npmpgh.org

MARDI GRAS 2018 CELEBRATION

Another spectacular night to remember - Mardi Gras 2018 Celebration! Our NPM Fundraiser was a smashing success! The New Orleans style buffet was phenomenal and the entertainment was top notch. Thank you to all who participated and to those that contributed baskets for the basket raffle and other monetary donations. Thanks also to our host, Julianna Haag, Director of Music at St. Catherine Beechview and her pastor Fr. Jim Bachner for allowing us to use the wonderful facility. Additional photos can be viewed in our Mardi Gras Photo Gallery on our website – http://www.npmpgh.org
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PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN CHORAL FESTIVAL

Watch your email for information regarding our Diocesan Choral Festival that is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30 PM. It will be held in the beautiful St. Bernard Church in Mount Lebanon. We are honored to welcome Dr. Caron Daly, Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music at the Mary Pappert School of Music, Duquesne University, as our guest conductor. Additional information is forthcoming as to how to register to participate and a schedule of regional rehearsals will be made available.

We express our deepest sympathy to Chaz Bowers, Director of Music Ministries at St. Bernard, Mt. Lebanon on the death of his mother, Donna Mae Bell.

We are also saddened to hear of the passing of longtime NPM Pittsburgh member, Marlene Holland. Marlene was organist and choir director at the Christ Presbyterian Church in Ellwood City, PA.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Saturday, February 24, 2018, 10:00 AM – Noon** The Sacred Music and Organ Students of Seton Hill University present a Workshop and Recital on the Organ Music of Dom Paul Benoit, O.S.B. at Seton Hill University in St. Joseph’s Chapel, Seton Hill University, 1 Seton Hill Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601 For additional information, email Chaz Bowers at abowers@setonhill.edu or call 412-531-7412.

- **Sunday, February 25, 2018, 3:00 PM** - University of Pittsburgh Symphonic Band Winter Concert with J.R. Daniels The University of Pittsburgh Symphonic Band will perform in concert with acclaimed organist John Ronald Daniels at the historic Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in the Polish Hill section of Pittsburgh. The concert will include a Fantasia on the Alma Mater and Wagner's masterpiece from Lohengrin, "Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral" and two organ works. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 3058 Brereton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219


- **Friday, March 23, 2018, 8:00 PM & Saturday, March 24, 2018, 7:00 PM** - The musical Passion Play (featuring a cast that represents 7 parishes), “Make Us Believers” will be performed in the Ryan Center, St. Alphonsus Church, 201 Church Rd. Wexford, Pa. 15101

- **Friday, March 30, 2018, 7:30 PM** – St. John Capistran Music Ministry presents Christopher Walker’s, The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. St. John Capistran Church, 1610 McMillan Road, Pittsburgh PA 15241