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National Association of Pastoral Musicians, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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OPENING MEETING – A PITTSBURGH WELCOME TO OUR NEW NPM PRESIDENT AND CEO – STEVE PETRUNAK FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

Mass and Dinner at St. Kilian Church, Cranberry Twp.
7076 Franklin Road, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066



6:30 PM Mass

Celebrants: Fr. Jim Chepponis—Diocesan Director of Music
Fr. Jim Gretz—Director of Department for Liturgy and Worship

7:30 PM Dinner

Appetizers: Veggies and Dip, Assorted Cheeses

Dinner Menu: Pork Loin and Meatloaf
Roasted Potatoes
Green Beans
Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea
Assorted Desserts

Checks are payable to “NPM Pittsburgh.” Reservations are due by **Friday, September 1, 2017**.
The Reservation form can be found on our website, <http://www.npmpgh.org>.
Send reservation form and \$22.00 check per person to:

Office for Music Ministry
c/o Doris Anne Mercer
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PASTORAL MUSICIAN ENSEMBLE WORKSHOP - PLAYING AND SINGING TOGETHER AS ONE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

Presenter: Steve Petrunak
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
Location: St. Kilian Church, Cranberry Township
Address: 7076 Franklin Road, Cranberry Twp. PA 16066

As instrumentalists and singers who play and sing in liturgical music ensembles, the primary aim for our music making is eliciting the response of the singing gathered community. How can we more fully embrace this primary aim? What are the dangers and pitfalls that we can avoid? What strategies will help us better achieve this goal? Come and learn more about what the bishops of our Church call us as ensemble musicians. Discover ways of improving our ensemble music making.

Registration for the Workshop must be received no later than Friday, September 1 so that we can plan accordingly. The price of the workshop is \$25.00 per person and will include pastries and beverages.

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2017-2018 NPM PITTSBURGH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Monday, October 16, 2017

Developing and Maintaining a Children's Choir
7:00 PM
Location: St. Frances Cabrini – Aliquippa (Center Township), PA (Vicariate 3, District 5)
Presenter: Linda Wallace
Host: Mary Rita Rossetti

Saturday, November 4, 2017:

A Choral Workshop: A Kemp Booster Shot
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Location: SS. John and Paul Church - Franklin Park/Marshall Twp., PA (Vicariate 4, District 4)
Presenter: Michael Kemp
Host: Adele Scherer

Tuesday, December 5, 2017:

NPM Pittsburgh Presents Clouds Are Not Just For Rain! – A Virtual Meeting (Technology Webinar)
Presenters: Amanda Bruce and David Dreher

Sunday, January 14 & Monday, January 15 with optional Tuesday, January 16, 2018:

At the Mouth of the Cave: A Guided Retreat for Those in Search of God
Location: Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center
Villa Maria, PA (Vicariate 4, District 1)
Retreat Director: Kathy Wray

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 (Vicariate 1, District 3)
Back by popular demand!
A Pittsburgh NPM Fundraiser!
Event Coordinators: Ginny Ambrose and Kevin Maurer
Host: Julianna Haag

Monday, March 12, 2018:

Merging Music Ministries: Plans for Implementation
7:00 PM
Location: St. Cyril of Alexandria, Brighton Heights (Vicariate 1, District 2)
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



2017-2018 Vicariate Coordinators and District Liaisons

Vicariate 1 Coordinator/ Director of Recruitment
Amanda Bruce
St. Mary of the Mount, Mt. Washington

District 1 Liaison – Ted Rybka
St. Teresa, Perrysville
District 2 Liaison – Theresa Hammond
St. Cyril of Alexandria, Brighton Heights
District 3 Liaison - Julianna Haag
St. Catherine of Siena, Beechview
District 4 Liaison - Béla Pater
Sacred Heart, Shadyside

Vicariate 2 Coordinator/ Director of Recruitment
Norm Chapman
St. Maurice, Forest Hills

District 1 Liaison – Joshua Bandish
St. Bernadette, Monroeville
District 2 Liaison - Dianne Falvo

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/St. Agnes, West Mifflin

Vicariate 3 Coordinator/ Director of Recruitment
Anthony Milbower
St. Patrick, Canonsburg

District 1 Liaison - Robin Schillo
St. Columbkille, Imperial
District 2 Liaison - Chrystal Shelvey
Good Samaritan, Ambridge
District 3 Liaison – (currently vacant)

District 4 Liaison – Maria Dougherty
Holy Rosary, Muse
District 5 Liaison - Mary Rita Rossetti
St. Frances Cabrini, Center Township

Vicariate 4 Coordinator/ Director of Recruitment
Shari Whitico
St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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 – David Dreher
St. Kilian, Adams/Cranberry Townships
District 5 Liaison - Dawn Pawloski
Transfiguration, Russelton
District 6 Liaison - Mary Lou Bender
St. Susanna, Penn Hills



New Beginnings



As we begin the 36th year of our Pittsburgh Chapter, we congratulate and thank the following members in their new roles:

Vicariate 1 Coordinator/Director of Recruitment – Amanda Plazek Bruce

Vicariate 2 Coordinator/Director of Recruitment – Norm Chapman

Vicariate 3 Coordinator/Director of Recruitment – Anthony Milbower

Vicariate 4 Coordinator/Director of Recruitment – Shari Whitico

The role of the Vicariate Coordinator/Director of Recruitment is to oversee the work of the District Liaisons in his/her Vicariate and to keep an up-to-date roster of all of the musicians that serve the Vicariate for the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Vicariate 1 - District 1 Liaison – Ted Rybka, St. Teresa of Avila, Perrysville

Vicariate 2 - District 1 Liaison – Josh Bandish, St. Bernadette, Monroeville

Vicariate 3 - District 4 Liaison – Maria Dougherty, Holy Rosary, Muse

Vicariate 4 - District 4 Liaison – David Dreher, St. Kilian, Adams/Cranberry Townships

As a result of our election this past spring, we also congratulate our new Members of the Board:

DMMD Director – Daniel Kovacic

Secretary – Ginny Ambrose

Treasurer – Béla Pater

Animator for Koinonia – Adam Fehrenbach

Congratulations

- Alyssa Yealy – Director of Music Ministry at Mater Dolorosa, Chicora; Vicariate 4, District 2 Liaison; and her husband Steve, on the birth of their daughter, Violet Elizabeth
- Dianne Falvo – recently retired from full time music ministry
- Daniel Kovacic – recently appointed as Director of Music Ministry at St. Winifred Church, Mt. Lebanon, PA
- Tom Franzak – recently appointed as Director of Music at St. Benedict the Abbot Church, Peters Township, PA
- Kathy Wray – recently appointed as Director of the St. Joseph Spirituality Center and Coordinator of Worship for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden, PA
- Sr. Pat Baker, CDP – Director of Music/Bereavement Ministries at St. Scholastica Church, Aspinwall on the celebration of her 50th Jubilee!



Announcing the Lay Ecclesial Minister Leadership Collaborative

The Church of Pittsburgh needs your leadership.

This Fall, the Secretariat for Leadership Development & Evangelization is sponsoring a Collaborative for all those who serve in parish LEM roles, certified or not. As the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* planning process continues, leaders throughout the Diocese are being called to embrace new strategies for vibrant parishes and to equip themselves as leaders in the new parish groupings. Working in facilitated collaborative groups, over the course of 8 months, participants will:

- Gain new leadership tools that will equip you to manage transition.
- Reflect upon, process, and understand the changes that *On Mission for The Church Alive!* will bring about, both personally and for the people you serve.
- Be renewed in your perspective in ministry.
- Discover new ways to build up parish teams under the guidance of your pastor.
- Have the opportunity to share your experience and hear from other LEMs throughout the diocese.

Save these dates on your calendar.

Online registration for the LEM Collaborative will open on August 1st at www.diopitt.org and participants will be admitted on a first come, first served basis.

Transformational Leadership

Being a Change Agent
October 18, 2017 | 9:00 – 5:00

Shifting the Paradigm

Leaning into Your Strengths
November 14, 2017 | 1:00 – 5:00

Building Bridges

Remembering the Past, Building the Future
December 6, 2017 | 9:00 – 5:00

Leading in Transition

Managing Big Change
January 9, 2018 | 1:00 – 5:00

Spiritual Gifts & Roles

Releasing the Gifts of Christ's Body
February 6, 2018 | 1:00 – 5:00

The Great Commission

Making Disciples
March 13, 2018 | 1:00 – 5:00

Snow day (only in the event of a cancellation)
April 9, 2018 | 1:00 – 5:00

Spiritual Multiplication

Raising Up New Leaders
April 17, 2018 | 1:00 – 5:00

Sanctifying the World

Going Forth
May 22, 2018 | 9:00 – 5:00

The collaborative is made possible by a grant from *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!* and there is no cost to participants. The program is carefully designed to be helpful to you in your work and ministry but it is completely voluntary. If you have any questions, please contact the Institute for Pastoral Leadership at 412-456-3110 or via email.

Sharon Hachman: shachman@diopitt.org | Mimika Garesché: mgaresche@diopitt.org

**Saint Paul Cathedral
2017 Fall Series of Organ Concerts
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

**Matthew Dirst – Friday, October 20, 2017
7:30 pm**

Matthew is Professor of Music at the Moores School of Music, University of Houston, where he teaches courses in music history and performance practice. He is also Founder and Artistic Director of Ars Lyrica Houston www.arslyricahouston.org, a Grammy-nominated ensemble that specializes in Baroque chamber and dramatic works.

**Giancarlo Parodi – Tuesday, October 24, 2017
7:30 pm**

Giancarlo's immense career emanates from the following institutions: The Vatican; the Milan Conservatory; the Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta of Gallarate; the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome; past- president of the Italian Association of Church Organists; he has recorded over fifty CD's and LP's, and has performed in over 20 International sites.

**Margaret Hooper – Friday, November 17, 2017
7:30 pm**

Meg was a stipendiate at the 2012 Arp Schnitger International Organ Competition. In the same year, she was the inaugural recipient of the James B. Cochran Prize, which is awarded annually for the best organ degree recital at the Eastman School of Music. In 2014, she was a semifinalist in the National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance. Margaret has presented academic papers at national conferences of the American Bach Society and the American Guild of Organists.

Meg is the Director of Music and Liturgy at St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, NH. She is on the faculty and the board of the Young Organist Collaborative and is the director of the chamber music series Concerts on the Hill.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GIA PRESENTS **Pittsburgh** 2017
Summer Choral Reading Session
for Choir Directors

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Sacred Heart Parish
310 Shady Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Clinician: David Anderson



As always, each session features:

- Free registration
- A complimentary music packet worth over \$40.00
- Choral music in a wide range of styles, difficulty, and voicing
- Music from each season of the church year
- A top-notch clinician

Note: Check-in takes place 15-30 minutes before the workshop

For free registration visit www.giamusic.com/srs or call 1-800-GIA-1358



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Nunc Dimittis....

We are very saddened by the August 3 passing of our colleague and friend, Richard Moser. Rich was the former Director of Music at SS. Simon and Jude in Scott Township. Rich was also one of the founding members of our NPM Pittsburgh Chapter. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord.

REFLECTIONS OF THE 2017 CINCINNATI NPM NATIONAL CONVENTION



I have participated in NPM conventions for the past ten years, and every time I attend, it becomes a new and joyous experience to connect and network with people who are excited about ministry as I am. This year, my highlight was meeting a lady from Baltimore who was in one of my breakout sessions. I mentioned that my wife is French and I am learning the language each day. The entire week, we were able to bond through sharing about our ministries, praying together, and yes, speaking French to one other. The Holy Spirit always brings something exciting to my life during my time at the NPM convention. I would encourage anyone reading this to go and find out for yourself! Dieu te bénisse! (God Bless You!) ~ Daniel Kovacic

Some random thoughts from this year's NPM Convention in Cincinnati ... **Steve Petrunak** ... is a born leader, a visionary ... eloquent, inspiring, passionate, energized, engaging, genuine, driven ... we are blessed to have him at the helm of NPM. **The Chapter Dinner** ... is without a doubt one of my favorite memories of this Convention, as it is just a wonderful time to break bread and sip some vino with good folks who embrace and share the same ministry ... lots of joyful noise, happy conversations, stories, laughter ... good for the soul. Thanks Kevin for making this dinner happen ... a lot of work on your part. Blessed again to be with these fine people who are all fine music ministers. The new **NPM Bell** ... very monastic, simple, elegant, beautifully crafted by Verdun ...very moving each time its deep, rich, warm tone resonated throughout the hall, calling us to prayer. Just a wonderful week in every way ... and memories galore ... and how about Anne Steinbeier's colorful cane ... forever to be remembered !!! ~ Dianne Falvo



This was my third NPM Convention, and I have found all of them to be informative, inspiring, and uplifting. The most powerful experience of the Cincinnati convention for me was, without a doubt, the concert at the Cathedral in Covington. The Schaefer family and all of the other participants in that concert had poured so much love and respect for the Schaefers and their music into the event that I could feel it in every note...I was moved nearly to tears with reverence and awe at the event, and was practically speechless afterward. I wish everyone could have that type of experience at least once in their life (and hopefully many times more!)

~ Susan Harry

MORE REFLECTIONS OF THE 2017 CINCINNATI NPM NATIONAL CONVENTION



I enjoyed my time at the Cincinnati convention, though maybe not in the way you might think. The plenums were fine; the breakouts OK. However, for me, my favorite part was seeing the people that I only get to see when I attend a convention. Of course, it's a role of the dice if people I know from other parts of the country come to that particular convention. When they do, it's so nice to chat with them and see what's up in their worlds. One "convention friend" is Sallie from North Carolina. When we see each other we'll end up chatting a couple of times during the week. She is



an inspiration to me. I think it a couple years since I last saw her. I couldn't recall the details, but I said I remembered something about her and her son. She was so touched when I asked how she was doing. She reminded me that the last we saw each other, he had just died from a drug overdose. She now works trying to raise awareness of addictions in young adults as well as her Church position. For me, that kind of interaction is always the best part of the conventions. ~ Fr. Jim Gretz

I have not attended a convention for a few years so I was excited to be able to go this year. I decided to register for the Pastoral Liturgy Institute (something new this year) so that I may revisit the core themes of what we do and why we do it, since I have recently entered a new phase of my ministry. I was very inspired and rejuvenated by revisiting what I had learned more than 30 years ago. Sometimes in day to day life we lose sight of what our true mission is. This Institute really inspired me to continue to educate myself on what I want to do and where I want to go. Thank you NPM! ~ Anthony Milbower

My experience at the Cincinnati NPM Convention was a good one for me. It has been a few years since my last NPM convention- and, this year, 'it was time'... There is something to be said about sitting in a ballroom with close to 1,000 church musicians, or at the NPM Breakfast sitting next to, and meeting for the first time- colleagues from around the country, or at the publishers 'showcase' sight-reading a packet of choral music to take back home for ideas to use in our parishes and hear 4-part harmonies from every corner of the room- with 'no rehearsal'- just 'spontaneous'! Lines of people waiting for food, break-out sessions that compassed the entire length of the convention center, ambient 'live' music in hallways, boarding buses to attend evening events, plenum speakers from all across the United States, vendors' exhibits. Experiencing 5 days of a national convention gave me the sense that I belong to an organization that is greater than myself, but our mission is the same no matter where we are...to bring hope and comfort to the parishes that we minister to through music. I am...connected to NPM members around the country- we are in this together- and with our new president, Steve Petrunak, - we have a great network of support that can make a difference in peoples' lives.

~ Mary Beth Barsh





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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Organist - SS. Simon & Jude, Scott Township, PA

Position: Part Time (open to negotiation for Full Time music ministry)

Organist needed for 4 weekend masses, holy days, Christmas and Easter
Must be willing to work as part of a team with other ministers. Salary negotiable.
Send resume to Fr. Jay Donahue: jdonahue@diopitt.org

Organist- Accompanist - St. Benedict the Abbot, McMurray, PA

Organist/Accompanist needed for one Sunday Mass (10:00 am), and a Thursday evening rehearsal (7:00 pm). The schedule extends from September-June at St. Benedict the Abbot, McMurray. Other special liturgies negotiable. Contact tomf@sbapeters.org

Director of Music Ministry - St. Alexis, Wexford, PA

Position: Full-Time

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