### OCTOBER MEETING
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017**

**Developing and Maintaining a Children’s Choir**  
(and how to keep kids in choir!)

St. Frances Cabrini Church  
115 Trinity Drive, Aliquippa (Center Township), PA 15001  
Presenter: Linda Wallace

We are very fortunate to have Linda Wallace present on the topic of Children’s Choirs! Linda is a former public and private school music teacher and pastoral musician. She graduated from Alverno College in Milwaukee with degrees in liturgical music and music education. She was fortunate to have studied under the late Sr. Theophane Hytrek. Linda founded the Tri-County Choir Institute in 1991, conducting two children’s choirs as well as three other choirs. Seven years ago, she discovered the Estill methodology of Voice Training and became a qualified teacher.

Join us at 7:00 PM as she shares her wealth of information regarding Children’s Choirs, voice tips, and how to keep kids coming back year after year.

We will conclude the evening with a brief business meeting, evening prayer and Koinonia.

### A CHORAL WORKSHOP – A KEMP BOOSTER SHOT
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017**

**Presenter: Michael Kemp**  
Time: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Location: SS. John and Paul Church, Franklin Park

This is a workshop that you and your singers will not want to miss! Michael Kemp, renowned conductor, national clinician and author, will be with us to offer directors and singers invaluable tools as to how to lift one’s voice to its full potential. Michael has published two exciting resources with GIA and will share some “Innovative Warm-Ups” as well as tips for “Rejuvenating Senior Voices.”

If you were fortunate to attend his workshops at the recent national NPM conventions, you know what is in store for you! Copies of his resources will be available to purchase at the workshop.

The workshop will culminate with the participants singing at the 5:00 PM liturgy. We will rehearse anthems, hymns, and service music throughout the day. Breakfast, lunch and a packet of music are included in the registration fee. Registration for the Workshop must be received no later than **Friday, October 27** so that we can plan accordingly. The price of the workshop is $25.00 per person. Additional information on how to register is on page 4 of this Newsletter.
2017-2018 NPM PITTSBURGH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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
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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We are pleased to announce that we have added two familiar faces to our leadership team for 2017. We welcome David Dreher as our newly appointed Director of Technology. David is the Director of Music Ministries at St. Kilian Church in Cranberry Township. David has created our new YouTube Channel. You can navigate to the channel from our homepage at www.npmpgh.org. Our September Ensemble Workshop with Steve Petrunak can be found there as well as the newest addition, “Creating Worship Aids.” Be sure to “Subscribe” so that you can be notified of additions and updates to our YouTube Channel.

David will pair up with Amanda Bruce for our first Live Webinar Virtual Meeting to take place on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 PM. This presentation entitled, “Clouds Are Not Just For Rain!” will focus on the following topics:
1. Cloud services and uses of Dropbox, OneDrive, Google Docs and how they can enhance sharing files and music with cantors, choirs, and instrumentalists.
2. Using music writing software like Allegro, Finale, and ForScore and how they can be used with iPads and other digital platforms.
3. Scheduling software to aid you with weekly or monthly scheduling of cantors and having those schedules in the cloud.
4. Recording techniques for creating audio files (mp3) for use in rehearsal cantors and choirs.
5. Microphones - how to use them and what kind to use for specific purposes.

To sign up to participate in the Webinar, follow this link: https://daviddreher.webinarninja.co/my/wnwebinarlist/index?webinar_id=92157
This is an exciting new venture for our NPM Pittsburgh Chapter! We hope that you will participate!

We also welcome Dianne Falvo to our Leadership Team. Dianne was the former Director of Music Ministry at St. Winifred Church, Mt. Lebanon and recently retired from full time music ministry. We took that opportunity to appoint her as our Publicity Coordinator! Thank you Dianne. Dianne will be responsible in helping to get the word out in the Diocese as to what our Chapter is and does. You will begin to see some of our events and meetings publicized in the Pittsburgh Catholic as well as other publicity strategies as determined by the board. We will also tap into Dianne’s creativity as she produces brochures, flyers, posters, worship aids, etc. for our Chapter.

WELCOME DAVID AND DIANNE!

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If interested, contact John, jmiike52883@gmail.com.
ATTENTION: CHOIR DIRECTORS & CHOIR MEMBERS
All are welcome to participate and learn from this esteemed conductor, clinician, and author.

Workshop — 9:00am - 4:00pm
Liturgy — 5:00pm - 6:00pm (participating singers)
SS. John & Paul Church, Franklin Park

To register and for more info, please go to our website www.npmpgh ... click on the tab “November: Michael Kemp Choral Workshop”

- COST: $25
- Includes breakfast items, lunch & music packet
- REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

SS. JOHN & PAUL CHURCH · 2586 Wexford Bayne Rd. · Franklin Park, PA
Greetings Members of the Pittsburgh NPM Chapter:

My name is Daniel Kovacic, and I am excited to be serving my first term as our chapter DMMD Director. I have been involved with NPM more and more since I came to the Diocese of Pittsburgh over six and a half years ago. I am the Minister of Music at St. Winifred, Mount Lebanon, and recently, I completed a term on our board of directors as Director of Recruitment. Throughout the last year, we have seen a large number of not only music directors, but organists, cantors, choir members, and others involved in pastoral music come to our monthly events for evangelization, music education, and spiritual renewal thanks to the hard work of those who serve on our leadership team. I am blessed to work with such great people!

What is DMMD? DMMD stands for “Director of Music Ministries Division.” The group is for those in the parish who hold or share the primary responsibility for music in a variety of settings in the parish, diocese, and other church institutions. DMMD has provided a network of support for professional directors and addressed their particular needs in the areas of education and professional concerns. To become a member of the national DMMD, you can visit the NPM website.

I would like to invite you to please join our DMMD functions in the Chapter. Our next two events are in the process of being finalized, and as the events are finalized, they will be sent out via email and found on our Facebook page.

Mid-Day Prayer and Church Tour
Prayer Location: St. Stanislaus-Kostka Church, Strip District
Lunch Location: Lydia’s Restaurant, Strip District

The DMMD chapter will have the opportunity to not only pray in one of Pittsburgh’s beautiful worship spaces, but learn about the history of the building and the community. The prayer service and tour will begin at noon. Following the service and tour, we will gather at Lydia’s Restaurant for lunch. Reservations will be required.

A Day In Philly
Event Location: Macy’s Department Store, Philadelphia, PA
Dinner Location: TBD, Philadelphia, PA
Proposed Date: Spring 2018

We will have the opportunity to gather together for a one day bus trip to Philadelphia, PA to hear the Wanamaker Organ in concert at the Macy’s Department Store and a possible organ crawl of the instrument. Following the organ crawl, the group can have an opportunity to explore Philadelphia before the group will eat dinner together and return to Pittsburgh in the later hours of the evening. (This trip will be open to all members of NPM along with your music ministry members at your parish.)

I look forward to meeting everyone in our chapter, and if you have any questions concerning DMMD, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Blessings,
Daniel Kovacic
UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday, October 20, 2017, 7:30 PM – St. Paul Cathedral Fall Organ Concert Series presents Matthew Dirst.** 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.arslyricaustin.org](http://www.arslyricaustin.org), a Grammy-nominated ensemble that specializes in Baroque chamber and dramatic works.

- **Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 7:30 PM - St. Paul Cathedral Fall Organ Concert Series presents Giancarlo Parodi.** 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.

- **Sunday, October 29, 2017, 3:00 PM - The Avila Concert Series will open its 2017-2018 season with a performance by the Greater Harmony Chorus at St. Teresa of Avila Church; 1000 Avila Court; Pittsburgh, PA 15237.** The Greater Harmony Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a highly respected worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through performance, competition, and education. They sing four-part harmony in an a cappella style. 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 and the Greater Harmony Chorus. 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.

- **Friday, November 17, 2017, 7:30 PM St. Paul Cathedral Fall Organ Concert Series presents Margaret Hooper.** 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.

- **Sunday, November 19, 2017, 3:00 PM: Music Plus, the Concert Series at St. James Church in Sewickley, presents Cynthia DeAlmeida, oboe, and Rodrigo Ojeda, assisting artist, in a 50-minute concert celebrating THE INCREDIBLE OBOE. Preconcert at 2:30: Amato Music Studio students. Freewill. Reception follows with refreshments. St. James Church, 200 Walnut Street, Sewickley, PA 15143 Contact Sharron Schaefer with questions: [www.stjamesmusic.org](http://www.stjamesmusic.org)

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

- **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. Organ Prelude starts at 5:45 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 50-minute concert titled A CHRISTMAS CONCERT: MUSIC FOR MCGUIRE. All freewill proceeds from this concert will benefit McGuire 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. Reception with sandwiches and desserts. St. James Church, 200 Walnut Street, Sewickley, PA 15143 Contact Sharron Schaefer with questions: [www.stjamesmusic.org](http://www.stjamesmusic.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 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.
Congratulations

- Kyle Davies – recently appointed as Director of Music Ministry at St. Valentine, Bethel Park, PA
- Christopher Brewer – recently appointed as Director of Music at St. Alexis, Wexford, PA
- Ginny Ambrose – recently appointed as Director of Music at St. Maria Goretti Parish, Bloomfield/Friendship/Garfield
- Tom Octave – recently appointed as Director of Music at SS. Simon and Jude, Scott Township

SAVE THE DATE for our annual Retreat on Sunday, January 14 and Monday, January 15 (with an option this year to add Tuesday, January 16). At the Mouth of the Cave: A Guided Retreat for Those in Search of God will take place at the beautiful Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center. More details, including price will be forthcoming in the December Newsletter.

Thank You

We were very inspired by our NPM President and CEO, Steve Petrunak at our September Opening Mass and Dinner hosted by David Dreher at St. Kilian, Cranberry Township. We had over 75 folks in attendance! Steve writes, “It was WONDERFUL being with your chapter. Your hospitality, energy and enthusiasm was amazing!!” A total of $810.00 from our Chapter was raised that evening for the Mark C. Kulyk Fund to support music ministry and the future of NPM.

It is not too early to mark your calendars for the 41st Annual Convention in Baltimore, MD. The convention takes place from July 9-13, 2018.

Once again, we will charter a bus to the convention for our Pittsburgh chapter. Details will be forthcoming in the February 2018 edition of our Newsletter.
Positions Available

Director of Music and Liturgy - St. Ursula, Allison Park, PA
Position: Full or Part-Time
St Ursula Parish, located in Allison Park, PA, has an immediate need for a full- or part-time director of music ministry. Responsibilities will include playing at weekend liturgies (Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 7:30 am, 9 am, 11:30 am), parish weddings, parish funerals, and other liturgical functions as needed. This position also includes direction of parish choirs. The successful candidate will have an understanding of and experience in Catholic liturgical music, performance skills in organ and piano, and experience directing a choir. Compensation will be commensurate with experience and in line with diocesan compensation policies. Please forward inquiries and/or resumes to Fr. Larry Adams via email (LAdams@diopitt.org) or at the following address: St Ursula Parish, 3937 Kirk Avenue Allison Park, PA 15101 Attn: Fr. Larry Adams

Paid Cantor - Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Meadowlands, PA
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish is looking to fulfill a paid cantor position. The person must be available for 3-4 Masses per month on a flexible rotating Mass schedule. There is no prior experience necessary, but an audition will be required. Please contact Jennifer Derrick, Music Director via email (jennifermderrick@gmail.com) or by calling 724-344-7241 for additional information.

Organist - St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Pleasant Hills, PA
Position: Part-Time
Organist needed for 7:00 PM Sunday night Mass beginning October 29. For more information, please contact Christopher McCloskey, Director of Music, at 412-882-8436 or stelizabethmusic2@gmail.com.