April 2017

GIA 75th ANNIVERSARY GALA BANQUET AND CONCERT
FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017
6:00 PM – APPETIZERS and DINNER
8:00 PM - CONCERT
Sacred Heart Church, Shadyside – 310 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206
Host: Béla Pater

Join us as we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the GIA (Gregorian Institute of America) where it all began at Sacred Heart Church, Shadyside. We will begin at 6:00 PM with appetizers followed by the gala dinner banquet and presentation by GIA in the auditorium (lower level) of the church. The price of the dinner is $30.00 per person. GIA will provide a commemorative gift to each banquet attendee!

6:30 PM Dinner and Presentation
Catered by Myrna’s Catering, Inc.

Dinner Menu:
- Carved New York Loin of Beef
- Stuffed Shells in Marinara Sauce
- Parsley Potatoes
- Haluski
- Coffee, Tea, Punch
- Chicken Piccata
- Rice Pilaf
- Green Beans Almondine
- Tossed Salad
- Dessert

Reservations for the Gala Dinner must be received no later than Friday, April 28. Please mail the reservation form found on page 2 with your check payable to “Sacred Heart Parish” to:

GIA Gala Banquet
Office for Music Ministry
c/o Doris Anne Mercer
2900 Noblestown Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205-4227

Following the dinner and presentation, there will be a concert that demonstrates the eclectic repertoire that GIA publishes today. A reception will follow the concert.

NOTE: You are not required to attend the dinner banquet to attend this free concert.
LEADERSHIP TEAM NOMINATIONS NOW DUE

We are currently seeking nominations for our 2017-2019 Leadership Team to fill the following two-year term positions:

Secretary
Treasurer
Animator of Koinonia – Prayer Coordinator
Animator of Koinonia – Hospitality Coordinator

If interested, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairperson, Julianna Haag - jmdhaag@hotmail.com

Watch for our May Special Edition of “The Parish Musician” which will include our slate of nominees and the ballot for our election.
Meet our Vicariate 4 - District Liaisons

Vicariate 4, District 1 – Brenda Kostial

Brenda Kostial is currently the music director at St. James the Apostle Parish and Christ the King Parish in Lawrence County, where she plays organ and piano and directs 2 choirs, handbell choir and instrumental ensembles and was previously music director at St. Frances Cabrini in Center Township, Aliquippa. Throughout her life, she has taught elementary, middle school and high school music, as well as online classes. She has been an instructor and accompanist at the Henry Mancini Arts Academy and is currently piano accompanist for the choirs at Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School. She has accompanied musicals, recitals and concerts too numerous to list, but her passion has always been church music.

She started playing the organ in high school when her piano teacher needed a sub one summer and she has been playing ever since.

She has served in the Pittsburgh Diocese for over 25 years and her life has been enriched by the many wonderful musicians she has had the honor of working with.

Vicariate 4, District 2 – Alyssa Yealy

Alyssa Yealy has served Mater Dolorosa Parish in Chicora since June 2015, though she can also often be found at St. Wendelin (Butler) and St. John the Evangelist (Fenelton) parishes collaborating with her husband Steven. She enjoys teaching elementary band and playing for school Masses at St. Wendelin School, as well as teaching instrumental/piano lessons outside of school. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in music from Millersville University of Pennsylvania and is currently writing a master’s thesis on the music of Jane Austen film adaptations after completing coursework in musicology and clarinet performance at Western Illinois University. Alyssa and Steve recently moved to Chicora, PA, where they reside with their cat (Fritz), two coonhounds (Bella and Hank), and are excited to welcome a baby girl in July!

Vicariate 4, District 3 – Susan Cadwallader

Susan began working at St. Peter Church in Butler, PA in 1985. She has served as Director of Music for 25 years and Pastoral Associate for 22 years.

Her degrees include:
Music Theory – Slippery Rock University
BA in Religious Studies from LaRoche College
MA in Pastoral Studies from St. Joseph College in Maine

Susan has studied Voice with Claudette Sanzotti and is also a Handbell Director (Handbell Music of America).

Susan has three children and five grandchildren.
Vicariate 4, District 4 – (currently vacant)

Vicariate 4, District 5 – Dawn Pawloski

I am Director of Music for Transfiguration Roman Catholic Church in Russellton. I am an organist and sing for masses there. In addition, I direct the Traditional Choir at Transfiguration. I began taking piano lessons at age 6, and I occasionally played and sang for masses at Holy Souls Church in Carnegie, where my great-aunt was the organist. I joined Transfiguration nearly 30 years ago and shortly thereafter starting singing with the folk group. A few years later, I began playing and singing for masses.

Vicariate 4, District 6 – Mary Lou Bender

I have been the Director of Music Ministries at St. Susanna Parish in Penn Hills for nearly 24 years and have been involved in church music since grade school. At St. Susanna's I direct the Adult Choir and recently formed a Family Choir (four generations from one family and three from another) for those of all ages who love to sing but cannot come to weekday rehearsals. My previous positions were as the Director of Music Ministries at St. Thomas à Becket and the Choir Director at St. Pius X. I hold a Master of Music in Sacred Music from Duquesne, and an undergraduate degree in French.

I lost my husband, Pete, three years ago and a grandson, Ryan, five years ago. I am the proud mother of four grown children and ten grandchildren. In addition to family and church, I am a cancer survivor and a volunteer with the American Cancer Society and Bark For Life of the Pittsburgh South Hills.

As a veteran music minister, I am looking forward to what the next chapter of life will bring me.

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Walter Kenna. Walter was the former organist at Resurrection Church in Brookline for 62 years of service.

We are also very saddened by the passing of our colleague and friend, Henry Caruso. Henry was the Music Minister at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in the Southside of Pittsburgh.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.
CANDLEMAS 2017

What a glorious evening it was on Thursday, February 2 as we celebrated Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, at St. Winifred Church in Mt. Lebanon. Thank you to our host, Dianne Falvo for all of the work that she put into making the celebration so beautiful. Thank you to Fr. Peter Horton, Fr. Jim Chepponis, and Fr. Joe Mele for presiding at the liturgy. And a special thanks to the following music ministers for bringing their choirs to perform in the concert:

Brendan Lowery – St. Anne, Castle Shannon; Kevin Maurer – St. John Capistran, Upper St. Clair; Amanda Plazeck Bruce – St. Mary of the Mount, Mt. Washington; Béla Pater – Sacred Heart, Shadyside; Daniel Kovacic – St. Valentine, Bethel Park; and Dianne Falvo – St. Winifred, Mt. Lebanon.

The concert culminated with the combined choirs singing the beautiful anthem by John Rutter, “Candlelight Carol.”

IGNATIAN DISCERNMENT: TOOLS FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

Kathy Fletcher Wray offered an introduction to Ignatian Spirituality to our DMMD members on March 15, 2017 at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center. We look forward to continuing to explore Ignatian Spiritual Direction in the near future.

AN EVENING OF TAIZÉ

On Monday, April 3, 2017, our chapter celebrated a Lenten Taizé Prayer Service within the context of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. The setting was quite exquisite at St. John Fisher Church in Churchill as it has many beautiful icons. Thank you to our host, Jon Zellhart and to the pastor, Fr. Carl Gentile.

Mark your calendars now for our 2nd annual overnight retreat at Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center from Sunday, January 14 to Tuesday, January 16, 2018.
A sincere Thank You to Mr. David Dreher, our outstanding presenter for the “SATURDAY MORNING CANTOR WORKSHOPS” that were held recently in each of the four vicariates. We were pleased to have 84 participants that learned and practiced techniques to strengthen their skills. Thanks also to our four hosts for their hospitality – Susan Cadwallader, Brenden Griffey, Chris McCloskey, and Ted Rybka!

NPM NATIONAL CONVENTION

CONVENTION DISCOUNT INFORMATION:
NPM Pittsburgh is pleased to offer a special 20% discount to our members that are attending the Convention. This discount applies to those that are attending the full conference.

To take advantage of this discount, I must be notified by Friday, April 16. Please email me at music@diopitt.org to be placed on the "National Convention" list.

MOTORCOACH INFORMATION:
NPM Pittsburgh has chartered a motorcoach to transport us to and from the convention.
The "NPM Pittsburgh Bus" will pick us up at St. Margaret of Scotland (upper parking lot) in Green Tree, PA on Sunday, July 9, at 2:30 PM. We will make a dinner stop at approximately 5:00 PM and the bus will drop us off at the hotel in Cincinnati at approximately 8:00 PM.

The "NPM Pittsburgh Bus" will return to Cincinnati for pick-up on Friday, July 14 at 2:30 PM. We will make a dinner stop on the return trip as well and return to St. Margaret of Scotland Church between 8:00 and 8:30 PM.

We have a few spots left on the bus. If interested please notify me by Friday, April 16 at music@diopitt.org to be placed on the "NPM Pittsburgh Bus" list.

Kevin Maurer
NPM Pittsburgh
Chapter Director

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION
A GREAT SUCCESS!
The hall at St. John Capistran Church in Upper St. Clair was filled with the sounds and smells of New Orleans as over 100 guests of NPM Pittsburgh celebrated Mardi Gras complete with Jambalaya, beignets, King’s Cake, masks, beads and live music!

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS:
• Mary Lou Bender and St. Susanna Music Ministry, Penn Hills
• Anthony Milbower and St. Patrick Church Choir, Canonsburg
• Robin Schillo and St. Columbkille Music Ministry and Parish
• Shari Whitico and Dawn Pawloski on behalf of Transfiguration Parish, Russellton
• Amanda Plazek Bruce
• Dianne Falvo and St. Winifred Music Ministry
• The Adult Choir – St. Catherine of Sienna Church, Beechview
• Julianna Haag
• Theresa Borro, Dorothy Mancini, Ginny Ambrose, Randy Hutchinson, Deacon Tony Giordano, and Mary Rita Rossetti
• Kevin Maurer and St. John Capistran Music Ministry
• Assumption Music Ministry, Bellevue
• Neil Stahurski and various musicians in Vicariate 1, District 1
• Thomas Coyne and St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
• Linda Rossi & Troia Eye and Laser
• Don Fellows
• Victor Ruisi
• Fr. Daniel Sweeney
• Dr. Karen Pater
• Ginny and John Ambrose
• Rudy Bolea
Upcoming Events

Friday, April 7, 2017 and Saturday, April 8, 2017 – 15th annual presentation of the musical passion play “Make Us Believers.” The cast and stage crew consists of parishioners from 7 Catholic Churches in the Pittsburgh area. For more information, contact Mary Heagy. musicdirector@saintalphonsuswexford.org The play takes place in the Ryan Center (school gym). St. Alphonsus Church, 201 Church Road, Wexford, PA 15090

Sunday, April 9, 2017, 7:00 PM – The combined choirs of St. James Church (Sewickley) and Coraopolis United Methodist Church will present, “The Seven Last Words of Christ” by Theodore Dubois at Coraopolis United Methodist with piano/organ duets (Stout and Schaefer) beginning at 6:45 PM. The church is located at 1205 Ridge Avenue, Coraopolis, PA 15108. Alastair Stout, organ; Lou Valenzi and Sharron Schaefer, directing.

Sunday, April 9, 2017, 8:00 PM - Second Annual Tenebrae Service under the direction of Daniel Kovacic, featuring the Voices of the Spirit and St. Valentine Schola, at St. Valentine Church, 2710 Ohio Street, Bethel Park, PA 15102.

Friday, April 14, 2017, 12:00 Noon – The combined choirs of St. James Church (Sewickley) and Coraopolis United Methodist Church will present, “The Seven Last Words of Christ” by Theodore Dubois at St. James Church with piano/organ duets (Stout and Schaefer) beginning at 11:45 AM. The church is located at 200 Walnut Street, Sewickley, PA 15143. Alastair Stout, organ; Lou Valenzi and Sharron Schaefer, directing.

Friday, April 14, 2017, 7:00 PM – Tenebrae Service under the direction of Josie Merlino, at Mary, Mother of the Church, 624 Washington Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022.

Friday, April 14, 2017, 7:00 PM – The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John with Taizé Meditations presented by the St. John Capistran Music Ministry, Kevin Maurer, director with Tom Godfrey – flute, Cindy Anderson – oboe, Jeanne Tupper – cello. The church is located at 1610 McMillan Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241

Friday, May 5, 2017, 8:00 PM – GIA 75th Anniversary Concert at Sacred Heart Church, Shadyside featuring a combined choir, brass quintet, tympani and additional instrumentalists. A reception will follow. 310 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Sunday, June 11, 2017, 4:00 PM - Organ Concert featuring Kenneth Danchik, of St. Paul Cathedral. St. Paul Cathedral, 108 N. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Sunday, July 9, 2017, 4:00 PM - Organ Concert featuring Kevin Vaughn of Notre Dame University. St. Paul Cathedral, 108 N. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Sunday, July 16, 2017, 4:00 PM - Organ Concert featuring Jeanne Kohn, of Ascension Church, Pittsburgh. St. Paul Cathedral, 108 N. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
35th Anniversary Commemorative DVD

This 45 minute video features various choirs and NPM members singing a parody on the “Theme from Cheers” as well as congratulatory messages from Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Bishop David Zubik, Msgr. Rick Hilgartner, Fr. Virgil Funk, Fr. Jim Gretz, Fr. Jim Chepponis, former and current NPM members and more!

If interested in purchasing a copy of our DVD, send a $10.00 check (includes shipping & handling) payable to “NPM Pittsburgh” to:

NPM DVD
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Death could not hold him.
Rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Easter Blessings from NPM Pittsburgh!