A CELEBRATION OF CANDLEMAS AND CHOIRFEST
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017
6:30 PM
St. Winifred Church, Mt. Lebanon – 550 Sleepy Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228
Host: Dianne Falvo

Join us as we celebrate Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. It falls on the 40th day of the Christmas/Epiphany Season. We will begin with the Blessing of Candles, celebrate Mass together and then enjoy a concert of music featuring seven of the choirs in our region including: Sacred Heart - Shadyside, St. Anne - Castle Shannon, St. Damien of Molokai - Monongahela, St. John Capistran - Upper St. Clair, St. Mary of the Mount - Mt. Washington, St. Valentine - Bethel Park, and St. Winifred - Mt. Lebanon. At the conclusion of the concert, all choirs and NPM members will join together to sing the beautiful Christmas anthem by John Rutter, “Candlelight Carol.”

35th ANNIVERSARY MARDI GRAS BALL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017
6:30 PM – 10:30 PM
St. John Capistran Church, Upper St. Clair – 1610 McMillan Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241
Hosts: Kevin Maurer and Ginny Ambrose

We will conclude our 35th Anniversary Year on Shrove Tuesday with a celebration of Mardi Gras! The evening starts off with an opportunity to purchase tickets to win some fantastic baskets of all varieties! Proceeds from our basket raffle will go directly to funding future NPM Pittsburgh programs. At 7:00 PM you will be treated to a New Orleans Style Mardi Gras Buffet Dinner featuring Jambalaya, Cajun Chicken, Muffulettas, Shrimp Étouffée, Beignets, Pralines, King’s Cake and more! Musical entertainment by Jazz Guitarist John Bagnato and the 35th Anniversary Combo! A special video commemorating our 35th Anniversary will also be featured on the “big screen.” You won’t want to miss it!

More information can be found on our website www.npmpgh.org.
A registration form for this event is available on page 11 of this newsletter.
2017 NPM PITTSBURGH PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Monday, April 3, 2017:
- A Lenten Taizé Prayer Service including the Passion followed by a Lenten/Easter Choral Reading Session
- Location: St. John Fisher Church – Churchill, PA 7:00 PM
  (Vicariate 2, District 1) Host: Jon Zellhart

Friday, May 5, 2017:
- A GIA 75th Anniversary Celebration
- We will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Gregorian Institute of America where it all began at Sacred Heart Church, Shadyside
  (Vicariate 1, District 4) Host: Béla Pater
- Dinner at 6:30 PM followed by presentation by Dr. Fred Moleck and GIA

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LITURGY AND WORSHIP...
The new translation of the Order for Celebrating Matrimony went into effect on Friday, December 30, 2016. That means the ritual book and notes you have been using for weddings is now obsolete. New Rituals are available from five different publishers in seven different editions. Fr. Jim Gretz, director of the Department for Liturgy and Worship, recently presented five workshops on the changes in the text and the ritual, as did the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions/USCCB Committee on Divine Worship back in May. If you were unable to attend one of those sessions but would like to obtain a copy of the information presented, please contact the Department for Liturgy and Worship: 412-456-3041, email: worship@diopitt.org or USPS to 2900 Noblestown Rd, Pittsburgh, 15205. The cost for materials is $25.00 payable to the “Diocese of Pittsburgh” with “OCM Workshop” in the memo line. Included in your packet are: Father’s notes from his sessions, an overview handout, the text Guide for Celebrating Matrimony by Richard Hilgartner and Daniel Merz, and the text Gift of Love: A Bride and Groom’s Guide to Preparing the Wedding Liturgy by the FDLC. Packets are limited.
Meet our Vicariate 3 - District Liaisons

Vicariate 3, District 1 – Roberta “Robin” Schillo

29 years ago, Pat Morgan told me that St. Columbkille Church in Imperial, needed a music director. I responded: “I don’t do that; I am a singer.” Having sung in numerous choirs and churches in Philadelphia and in Pittsburgh, and also as a cantor, I did not feel equipped to handle that position.

I began piano lessons at 6 with Sr. Anne Jose, SSJ at St. Athanasius School in Philadelphia. Sister taught me organ at age 11 to 13, to play children’s masses, and then I continued into high school. At Cardinal Dougherty HS, I played viola in the 110 member girls’ orchestra for four years. As a senior, I sang the role of “Maria” in “Sound of Music”. I began voice lessons at Chestnut Hill College, majoring in German Language and Literature, minoring in Music. Carnegie Mellon University accepted me into the Graduate School of Fine Arts to study opera performance. Due to financial constraints, I dropped out, continued lessons with Lee Cass for 5 years while working as a Caseworker and finally, a Supervisor in the Public Assistance Department. Having performed in 16 musicals, including Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera and in different competitions, church music was always part of my schedule. After Civic Light Opera, it became apparent to me that marriage and children were more important than an attempt to break into show biz in New York. I learned so much from every church and choir director. Every teacher who taught me music was a blessing. My husband and four children made it possible for me to follow God’s call to audition for the position at St. Columbkille, after Pat Morgan encouraged me. I had finally found my true calling and National Pastoral Musicians has made it possible for me to grow in this ministry.

Vicariate 3, District 2 – Chrystal Shelvey

Chrystal Shelvey is currently Director of Music and Liturgy at Good Samaritan in Ambridge. She was educated as a music therapist long before it considered a “valid profession”. A native of Detroit she spent most of her adult life in Asheville, NC where she was a church music minister for 25 yrs. While living in Asheville she was musical director of many community and professional musicals. She and her husband Brad had a jazz duo and performed extensively over the years in many venues. She studied organ and conducting at University of Michigan. She enjoys her vibrant, energetic adult choir at Good Samaritan who are fundraisers extraordinaire with a Paczki Project that bakes 850 dozen Paczki (traditional Polish pastries similar to donuts) to be sold and consumed on “Shrove Tuesday.” Her congregation sings to the Lord with all their hearts. “It’s wonderful to have a congregation that sings with so much enthusiasm and joy. I am truly blessed.” Good Samaritan also has a youth choir and various instrumentalists who join in the liturgy.
Vicariate 3, District 3 – Jane Chmiel

Jane Chmiel has been the Music Minister at Ave Maria parish in Bentleyville, and St. Joseph’s parish in Roscoe since 2013. As the parishes combined with 5 local parishes to become St. Katharine Drexel parish, Jane remains at the Bentleyville campus. Chmiel has been involved in church music since her early adult life and continues to share her time and talents, as she coordinates musicians, children and adults to provide for weekend liturgies and annual special liturgies. Jane holds a degree in Medical Imaging from La Roche College and works full time as a diagnostic sonographer. In her free time, she enjoys singing with the Washington Festival Chorale, and spending time with her 3 children.

Vicariate 3, District 4 – Anthony Milbower

Anthony Milbower has been an assistant organist, choir member, and bell ringer at Saint Patrick’s, Canonsburg for the past 30 years and as of December 24, 2016, he is the director of music ministries. Previously, Anthony was co-music minister at Saint Hilary Church, Washington PA. He has been a member of NPM for 30 years and in the past has served NPM Pittsburgh as Director of Recruitment.

Vicariate 3, District 5 – Mary Rita Rossetti

Born on Palm Sunday and baptized at Easter Vigil (back when they had infant Baptisms at the Vigil) I like to think that I was destined for Church work. Did I mention that I love the fragrance of incense? My first Church job was at the Christian Science Church in Wilkinsburg followed by Saint Bartholomew in Penn Hills, Saint Bernadette in Monroeville, Saint Alexis in Wexford and Saint Frances Cabrini in Center Township. I must express my appreciation for two individuals who greatly influenced me. Mrs. Eileen Bartoli was the Director of Music at St. Bernadette Parish when I began as organist there. She mentored me and taught me so much about the "ministry" part of this position as well as so many organizational lessons. The other person I am so grateful to is Mr. John Romeri. John really introduced me to NPM and was a top notch organ instructor. Over nearly 30 years, I have been blessed to know and work with many dedicated clergy, choir members, cantors, handbell ringers and other instrumentalists. May God bless us all!
Leadership and Evangelization—The Words and Music for The Church Alive!

While most diocesan reorganizations may manage to slip by the average engaged Catholic, this one has caught the eye, and ear, of those engaged in ministering through music. One might even say that the words and music of The Church Alive! envisioned by Bishop Zubik are the work of leadership development and evangelization. We need leaders to evangelize, and we need evangelists to lead. The Department for Liturgy and Worship is now part of a much larger family, the Secretariat for Leadership Development and Evangelization, and we can’t wait to get to know you better. Why? Because worship literally is the center of the universe, and the way that you lead the congregation deeper into the act of worship makes all the difference in the world. The Sunday Mass is the single most important and influential evangelization experience that Catholics have—and we are wondering how we can make it even better. We propose that parish leaders engaged in the act of worship are more influential than they think. Do you realize that your contribution to the Sunday Experience sticks with people all week? Have you considered your giftedness beyond the music you play and the way that you lead?

We are your new partners in bringing this experience of liturgy and worship into new heights and depths at your parish, and in your own spiritual life. The Secretariat for Leadership Development and Evangelization places before you our resources, partnership, and support as you begin to think about the way that God created you—He created you in love, and to be On Mission for the Church Alive! What do you need from the Secretariat? Many of you are serving in professional roles. We offer professional coaching for ministry, leadership development, and skills workshops that may benefit the work that you are doing. A deeper connection with Pastoral Councils may afford your parish with new experiences of worship. The Department for Evangelization and Missionary Outreach offers consultation on expanding evangelization in the parish and in the community. We sponsor a spirituality collaborative learning environment in the small group setting, designed to set disciples On Fire.

For you, partners in ministry, we open our doors and welcome a closer relationship and a shared excitement about the work ahead of us. As our dear Bishop often says, “Nothing is impossible with God”.

Holly McIlwain, Diocese of Pittsburgh

Secretariat for Leadership Development and Evangelization
St. Paul Seminary 2900 Noblestown Road Pittsburgh, PA 15205
Saturday Morning Cantor Workshops

The Pittsburgh Chapter of NPM is sponsoring a Saturday Morning Cantor Workshop in each of our four vicariates. Cantors of all skill levels will benefit from this presentation by Mr. David Dreher.

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 10:00 AM – Noon, Vicariate 3, St. Margaret Mary, Moon Township
Saturday, March 11, 2017, 10:00 AM – Noon, Vicariate 2, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Pleasant Hills
Saturday, March 25, 2017, 10:00 AM – Noon, Vicariate 1, St. Teresa of Avila, Perrysville
Saturday, April 1, 2017, 10:00 AM – Noon, Vicariate 4, St. Peter, Butler

Presenter: Mr. David Dreher, Director of Music Ministries, St. Kilian, Cranberry Township
Accompanist: Mr. Kevin Maurer, Director of Music Ministries, St. John Capistran, Upper St. Clair

Cantors are called to be psalmists, song leaders, animators of the assembly and musical presiders for our Catholic assemblies. They fill essential roles for vibrant worship. Come to learn and practice techniques that will strengthen your skills, so that you can unleash the song in the hearts of your assemblies.

David Dreher has been leading cantor workshops for more than 34 years and is eager to work with beginning and experienced cantors and those who work with them. We encourage everyone to come prepared to sing a psalm or antiphonal communion song. Accompaniment will be provided to those who do not bring their own organists or pianists.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CANTOR WORKSHOP

Fee: $10 – for NPM Pittsburgh Chapter members; $15 – non-members (Please make checks payable to NPM Pittsburgh)

To receive individual attention, participants should bring two copies of a psalm or communion song. You may select whichever one of the four workshops that is convenient for you. The time for all four Saturday workshops is 10:00 AM – Noon.

Name: ___________________________________________________________
E-mail: ___________________________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Parish: ___________________________________________________________

☐ Vicariate 1 Workshop – March 25 ☐ Vicariate 3 Workshop – March 4
☐ Vicariate 2 Workshop – March 11 ☐ Vicariate 4 Workshop – April 1

If you wish to register for another person(s), please complete an additional form. Mail this form with the appropriate fee to:

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

Reflections of the January Pastoral Musicians Retreat

I found the NPM retreat to be a wonderfully refreshing time of reflection, meditation, and celebration through music and discussion. The Sisters of the Humility of Mary welcomed us so warmly to their relaxing grounds and their beautiful, modern chapel. It was great to continue to put faces with names of fellow NPM members and to hear so many stories of music making a difference in our lives and worship. I’m looking forward to future retreats and NPM events!
- Alyssa Yealy

The NPM Retreat was absolutely wonderful. I enjoyed every minute. - Frances Fotia

Our retreat for me was...

A time to REFLECT….what my call to pastoral music ministry means…

A time to LISTEN….listen to God the Father through Scripture….listen to God the Son speaking through our retreat presenters and with each other….listen to God the Holy Spirit in our silence and reflection…

A time to RENEW my commitment to our ministry….help to live God’s song within us and share that song with a wounded world…

A time to SHARE with colleagues….identify with each other through our experiences….rejoice, comfort, encourage…

CELEBRATED together a win with the STEELERS!! - Gene Fornish

Thank you so very much for such a rich, rewarding, refreshing retreat. The accommodations were so cozy. Fran’s presentations were so moving and Steve’s music planning was out of this world! I absolutely loved attending evening prayer and Mass without having to do all the planning. I felt immersed in the love of our Lord in the presence of my colleagues and dear friends. I literally laughed and cried….and I needed to do both! May God bless NPM Pittsburgh!
- Mary Rita Rossetti
Daniel Kovacic (Director of Music Ministry at St. Valentine, Bethel Park) and Isabelle Tomassoli were married overseas in Castillar, France on Thursday, December 29, 2016, and the Catholic Wedding Mass and Validation was celebrated on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at St. Valentine Catholic Church, Bethel Park with Rev. Victor J. Molka, Jr. as principal celebrant and Rev. Jeremiah T. O'Shea and Rev. Vincent J. Gigliotti as concelebrants. Musicians at the Mass included the St. Valentine Brass Quartet, the Voices of the Spirit, and Schola of the parish.

NPM NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 40th Annual NPM National Convention will take place in Cincinnati, Ohio from July 10 - 14, 2017. Please visit the website 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. The discount increases with the number of Chapter members who register as a group. A 15% discount is available if we have 10-19 members attending, 20% for 20-29 members and 25% for 30+ members. These are great savings on the full conference registration.

Stipulations to qualify for Chapter Discount:
1. I must submit all registration forms together with complete information for each and every NPM member registrant.
2. Each registrant must be a parish or individual member of NPM (national).
3. Each registrant must be a member of the Pittsburgh NPM Chapter.
4. Only one discount per registrant (i.e., Chapter Discount cannot be combined with Parish or Clergy/Musician Duo Discount).
5. No discount on Youth, Daily, or Companion registrations.
6. For new NPM members, a separate check will be required with a new member’s application form.

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 3, I need your commitment by Friday, February 24 to obtain the Chapter Discount. Once we establish our discounted price based on the number of attendees, I will email you at the end of February so that you can submit your check and registration form.

MOTORCOACH INFORMATION:
NPM Pittsburgh is currently in the process of chartering a motorcoach to transport us to and from the convention. Consider joining us to save even more $$ 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 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.
If you would like to take advantage of being transported to the convention by bus, please email me at music@diopitt.org to be placed on the "NPM Pittsburgh Bus" list. The deadline for being placed on the list is Friday, February 24 so that I can determine if our needs are for a 55 passenger bus or a 29 passenger bus.

PLEASE NOTE: You do not have to take the "NPM Pittsburgh Bus" to qualify for the chapter discount as outlined above.

I hope to see you in Cincinnati!

Kevin Maurer
NPM Pittsburgh
Chapter Director
Weekend Events:

**Friday, February 17, 2017, 7:30 PM** - St. Valentine Choral Scholars in Concert, Ms. Rebekah Poklemba, soprano, Mr. Dennis Gallagher, tenor at St. Valentine Church, 2710 Ohio Street, Bethel Park, PA 15102.

**Friday, February 17, 2017, 8:00 PM** – Organ Recital at St. Paul Cathedral - Organist Simon Thomas Jacobs, Winner of St. Alban’s International Organ Competition. This concert is co-sponsored with the Organ Artist Series of Pittsburgh. For free tickets, call or write: Don Fellows – Cathedral Music Office 412-621-6082 or donaldfellows@verizon.net

**Friday, March 31, 2017, 7:00 PM** - David Kauffman: Scripture, Song and Story, a Lenten Prayer Service at St. Mary of the Mount Church, 403 Grandview Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15211. Admission is free but a free will offering will be taken. For more info contact Director of Music, Amanda Bruce at abruce@smomp.org

**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

Positions Available:

**Organist**

Position: Part-time

Organist for Convent in North Hills area of Pittsburgh for one 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass per month and three to four 4 p.m. Saturday Masses per month, occasional funeral Mass. Mass schedule is subject to change, salary negotiable. Please contact Sister Anne Kull, 412-364-3000 ext. 235.

**Music Teacher**

Position: Part-time

Part-time music education teacher opening at North American Martyrs School, Monroeville. Currently, the position includes teaching vocal music to pre-K to 8th grade on Thursdays and Fridays and teaching the 3rd and 4th graders how to play recorder. This teacher would also prepare for and play the organ or piano at the School Liturgy every Friday morning at 9:00 am. In addition, the teacher would be in charge of the Drama Club with the upcoming Silhouette Stations of the Cross. Please contact Principal Nikole Laubham as soon as possible at 412-373-0889 or e-mail nlaubham@namschool.org
Ignatian Discernment:  
Tools for the Road Ahead

There is a large, unknown network of roads ahead of us all in our diocese, to be sure. Trusting that the Holy Spirit is at work, not only in our “On Mission...” process, but ALSO deep within each human heart, each of us has our OWN mission in Jesus to fulfill. How do I know? What will I do? What does God want of me?

St. Ignatius of Loyola has much to teach us.

Join us for this gathering to pray and to learn a bit about discernment and prayer as we navigate the coming months in our Church.

WHEN:  Wednesday, March 15  
       Luncheon Meeting  11:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
       Cost for lunch is $15.00  
       -or-  Dinner Meeting  6:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
       Cost for dinner is $20.00  
WHERE:  Martina Spiritual Renewal Center  
       5244 Clarwin Avenue  
       West View, PA 15229  
WHO:  NPM/DMMD Pittsburgh Chapter  
       Kathy Fletcher Wray, presenter  

RSVP to Bela Pater by Monday, March 6  847-620-9893 or BelaPater@aol.com

The Camino Santiago de Compostela, Spain

... that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call.  

Ephesians 1:17-18
NPM PITTSBURGH PRESENTS:

Reservation Form
(please mail before Sunday, February 19, 2017)

Name(s):______________________________________________________________ Phone #____________________

Email address:____________________________________________________________________________________________________

_____Enclosed is a check for $__________ for _____ guest(s) at $30.00 each.

Please seat me/us at the same table with______________________________________________________________

_____I wish to host_____table(s) of eight people. I will be responsible for inviting guests and submitting payment of $_________ ($240/per table of eight) along with my guests’ names by Sunday, February 19.

Please mail check payable to "NPM Pittsburgh" and reservation form to:
Shari Whitico
NPM PGH Secretary/Treasurer
3528 Countrywood Drive
Allison Park, PA 15101

Questions? Contact Ginny Ambrose at 412-389-9933 or Kevin Maurer at 412-922-8816.
NPM Pittsburgh Presents: A Mardi Gras Ball!

SHROVE TUESDAY: February 28, 2017 6:30 - 10:30 pm
St. John Capistran Social Hall + 1610 McMillan Rd. + Pittsburgh, PA 15241

Come! Celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the NPM Pittsburgh Chapter in grand New Orleans style!

Buffet Dinner at 7:00 pm B-Y-O-B. Entertainment: The 35th Anniversary Players

Enjoy traditional New Orleans fare as well as traditional New Orleans Cuisine:
Jambalaya, Cajun Chicken, Muffuletta, Shrimp Étouffée, King's Cake, Beignets, Pralines and More!

$30 per person includes mixers, snacks and a delicious buffet dinner!
Deadline: February 19, 2017
For more information, email or call
Kevin Maurer: 412-922-9916 kmcm@aol.com
Ginny Ambrose: 412-361-9533 ginnyambroseorganist@gmail.com

Suggested attire: Semi Formal/Mardi Gras Festive Attire/ Masks & Beads

View a video showcasing NPM Pittsburgh's 35 years of Pastoral Music!

Sinful & Couples welcome! Bring the whole choir or Tables hosting available!