WHAT a gift it is when the images and metaphors that enliven our sacred texts of late Lent and Holy Week are manifested right before our eyes in the gospel of our created world. My favorite gardening “moment” is when I first touch rake to chaff in early spring. Gently, and not so gently, pulling and tugging, I rescue the fragile new life hidden captive beneath the chaff. I can almost hear them groan “THANK YOU! I can BREATHE!!!”

AND then I think of our reflections from our Lenten scriptures this year. Pressing against all that keeps us from the Son. Tender plants and bulbs pressing against all that keeps them from the sun. What a beautiful image!

WERE you able to press against that which keeps you from communion with our Savior? Now, then, is the time to breathe in the fresh promise of new Spring air. Cries of “Hosanna!” – of hope in the One who will rescue us and walk with us as we ALL journey toward Jerusalem. Loving invitations to wash one another’s feet. Weeping with those at the foot of the Cross for loss of our Beloved. Re-telling, in the lap of our faith’s grandparents, the story of our beginnings in the Garden. And best of all, running to tell the others that HE IS NOT THERE! HE HAS BEEN RISEN!

THIS year, as so many of us pray our way through a Triduum of transition, of combined choirs and merged methods, may we take our cue from our Lord who emptied himself for those of us he loved, that we might have life. May each note and each effort be full of love and devotion, and may your Easter be richly blessed.

— Kathy Wray · Co-ordinator of Worship and Director of Spirituality
Sisters of St. Joseph | Baden
We are so pleased and excited to offer this special tour/meeting at St. Nicholas in Millvale to see the famous murals painted by Croatian artist, Maxo Vanka — to our membership. ALL ARE WELCOME! You do not need to be a DMMD member to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn about these evocative works of art, right here in our midst in Pittsburgh. This is a special invitation to anyone who would like to learn about this exceptional artwork!

After our (approx. 1 hr) guided tour, we will gather for lunch and fellowship at The Abbey in Lawrenceville. We hope you can join us!

The official website describes the tour in this way:

Croatan artist Maxo Vanka painted a one-of-a-kind masterpiece on the interior walls of St. Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church in Millvale, PA. The 25 murals—created in two intense periods in 1937 and 1941—are unique, evocative, and larger-than-life representations of faith and family; the immigrant experience in America; social justice and injustice and the horrors of war.

RSVP by APRIL 23 on our website: www.npmpgh.org
THE ABBEY
4635 BUTLER ST • PITTSBURGH, PA 15201
REQUESTS THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT A SPECIAL INFORMATIVE & POSSIBLY ENTERTAINING WEBINAR

“WEDDING JITTERS: YOURS, NOT THE BRIDE’S”

MONDAY
MAY 13, 2019
7:30PM to 8:30PM

Feeling nervous about the ritual? How do you deal with mothers-of-the-bride (or groom)? How do you suggest liturgical music when couples are getting their ideas from the internet or The Knot? What about worship aides? Ritual music suggestions?

Now is the perfect time to tune into this presentation on various wedding “issues” that may arise in planning a wedding liturgy with the bride and groom… and their mothers!

RSVP by May 13 … no later than 12 Noon

https://daviddreher.webinarninja.com/live-webinars/98502/register

No gifts, please. INSTEAD … PLEASE send questions and/or concerns from your own wedding planning experiences to music@diopitt.org, and our guest panel of colleagues will address them. For more info, visit our website at www.npmpgh.org.

Reception is BYO!

DAVE DREHER our NPM Pittsburgh Director of Technology and frequent newsletter contributor will facilitate this very practical webinar. He has also recorded several other instructional webinars on our NPM Pittsburgh YouTube Channel, teaching the many usages of technology in our ministry. If you haven’t already done so, please be sure to check them out in the near future. Stay up to date with everything NPM Pittsburgh through our active social media presence.

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NPMPGH YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV2Qh4A_vSa6JFS2LwMGsA/videos

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NEIGHBORS NORTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
St. Athanasius • Incarnation of the Lord • St. Sebastian • St. Teresa of Avila

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:
☛ Collaborating with the Director of Liturgy and Music Ministry under the overall direction of the pastor in planning, organizing, and overseeing all liturgies and other devotional activities.
☛ Coordination of art and environment, preparation of liturgical ministries
☛ Formation of parishioners in full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgical life of the Church.

REQUIREMENTS:
☛ Master’s degree in Liturgy, Pastoral Ministry, Religious Studies or Theology
☛ Knowledge of the content and norms of the Church’s principal liturgical books.
☛ (3) years or more experience working to coordinate liturgy in a parish
☛ Ability to work cooperatively with clergy, staff, and volunteers.

Schedule requires flexible work hours, working evenings and weekends.
If interested, please send your resumé with a cover letter to jflaherty@avilaparish.org.

AN EVENING WITH TONY ALONSO

WEDNESDAY | JUNE 5, 2019 | 7:00pm
Duquesne University Chapel of the Holy Spirit

We offer our deepest condolences to TERRY SKELLEY, long time NPM member and Director of Music at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, East McKeesport, on the passing of her father, DICK CHERRY. Please keep Terry and her family in your prayers. May perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

DATE: Tuesday • May 7
TIME: 12 Noon
PLACE: Sports Grill • Cranberry
UPCOMING HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

DAVID KAUFFMAN IN CONCERT | LENTEN MISSION NIGHT
"From One Generation to Another — A Celebration of the Psalms"
Friday · April 5, 2019 · 7:30pm
St. Plus X Catholic Church · Summit & South Silver Street · Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666
For more info, contact Eric | movieman27@hotmail.com or learn more at goodforthesoulmusic.com.

ST. PAUL EPISCOPAL MUSIC GUILD CONCERT SERIES
St. Vincent Camerata · Brahms — A German Requiem
Saturday · April 6, 2019 · 7:30pm
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church · 1066 Washington Road · Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228.
Suggested Donation: $10 For more info call 412-531-7153

ST. VINCENT CAMERATA 50th ANNIVERSARY SEASON
A German Requiem — Johannes Brahms
Sunday · April 7, 2019 · 2:30pm
St. Vincent Basilica · 300 Fraser Purchase Road · Latrobe, PA 15650-2690
Admission: $15 (advance) $17 (at the door)
The Camerata will be joined by the Schola Cantorum Franciscana of Steubenville, and the Khasma Piano Duo. Soloists are Lara Cottrill-McGill, Soprano, and Daniel Teadt, Baritone. Fr. Stephen Concordia, OSB, Director of the Schola Cantorum Franciscana, will conduct. For St. Vincent tickets and information, call 724-805-2579.

HEINZ MEMORIAL CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES
Women’s Choral Ensemble Spring Concert
Sunday · April 7, 2019 · 5:00pm
Heinz Memorial Chapel · Fifth Ave & S Bellefield Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15213

ONE VOICE CHRISTIAN VOCAL ENSEMBLE
“Wondrous Love” A Time of Worship and Reflection for Lent
Sunday · April 7, 2019 · 7:00pm
St. Mary Catholic Church · 608 High Street · Freeport, PA 16229
For more info on this and other performances, visit www.onevoiceforChrist.com.

MARTINA SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER: A NEW LENTEN SERIES
“Meeting the Mystery” | Stephen Steinbeiser
“Glory” Air filling us with the breath, the glory of God.
Tuesday · April 9, 2019 · 6:00pm to 8:00pm
Martina Spiritual Renewal Center · 5224 Clairwin Avenue · West View, PA 15229
6:00pm Simple Shared Meal · 7:00 to 8:00pm | Presentation and Night Prayer.

SHADYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: MUSIC IN A GREAT SPACE 2018-2019”
“Messiah” · George Frideric Handel | The Pittsburgh Camerata and Chatham Baroque
Saturday · April 13, 2019 · 3:00pm
Shadyside Presbyterian Church · 5121 Westminster Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232.
Donations will be accepted and appreciated. For more info call 412-662-4300.

HEINZ MEMORIAL CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES
Heinz Chapel Choir 80th Anniversary Concert
Sunday · April 14, 2019 · 3:00pm
Heinz Memorial Chapel · Fifth Ave & S Bellefield Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15213

EPIPHANY ACADEMY OF FORMATIVE SPIRITUALITY
Lenten Evening of Reflection: Following the Threefold Path
Sunday · April 14, 2019 · 7:00pm
Epiphany Academy Chapel · 820 Crane Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15216
An evening of prayer, silence, song, and meditative reflection following the “threefold path” of spiritual purification, illumination, and union elucidated by Christian spiritual masters over the centuries. Light refreshments will follow. Freewill offering will be accepted. To register call 412-341-7494 by April 6, 2019.
CATHEDRAL CONCERTS at EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
“The Arsenal Duo” | Edward Alan Moore, organist and Nathan Carterette, pianist
Sunday · April 14, 2019 · 3:00pm in the Church Sanctuary
East Liberty Presbyterian Church · 116 S. Highland Avenue · Pittsburgh, PA 15206
The Arsenal Duo returns to ELPC for a concert uniting their respective instruments in a unique and spectacular fashion. Feasted will be the first movement of Tchaikovsky’s First Piano Concerto and George Gershwin’s iconic Rhapsody in Blue. Freewill offering. For more info visit info@cathedralofhope.org or call 412-441-3800.

PITTSBURGH COMPLINE CHOIR
Compline Plus! | Pittsburgh Compline Choir & YOU
Sunday · April 14, 2019 · 8:00pm
Heinz Memorial Chapel · Fifth Ave & S Bellefield Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15213
Interested in singing with us? Then join us for our annual Compline Plus Sunday!
Just wear black and arrive at 6:15pm in the chapel, ready to make sacred sounds!

ST. JOHN CAPISTRAN and ST. THOMAS MORE TRADITIONAL CHOIRS CONCERT
“Requiem” · Gabriel Faure
Daniel Kovacic and Jeannie Nolan, conductors · Nicholas Capone, organist
Friday · April 19, 2019 · 7:00pm
St. Thomas More Catholic Church · 126 Fort Couch Road · Pittsburgh, PA 15241

HEINZ MEMORIAL CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES
The Bach Cello Suites | Eric Cyphers, cellist
Friday · April 19, 2019 · 7:00pm
Heinz Memorial Chapel · Fifth Ave & S Bellefield Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15213

ST. JAMES MUSIC PLUS CONCERT SERIES
RING PITTSBURGH · Jim Rossetti, Director
Sunday · April 28, 2019 · 3:00pm
Pre-schow 2:30pm to 2:50pm · The Silverstein Studio
Freewill offering will be accepted. For more info call 412-741-6650.

ST. PAUL’S EPISCOPAL MUSIC GUILD CONCERT SERIES
Pittsburgh Girls Chamber Choir · Kathryn Barnard, Artistic Director
Sunday · April 28, 2019 · 4:00pm
Suggested Donation: $10
For more info call 412-531-7135.

NPM PITTSBURGH 2018-19 PROGRAMS

TUESDAY · APRIL 30, 2019
DMMD MEETING “MURALS OF MAXO VANKA”
ST. NICHOLAS CROATIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
12:30pm
Lunch to follow at The Abbey · Lawrenceville

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Guest panel of colleagues

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More details will follow in the May Newsletter. Stay tuned!

THE PARISH MUSICIAN
MARDI GRAS 2019 MEMORIES

And boy did the good times ever roll — again — for our NPMPGH Mardi Gras Dinner and Fundraiser! Our heartfelt thanks to Tom Coyne, Fr. Dan Sweeney, and their outstanding volunteers who made our evening and our fundraising effort the best to date! Not to mention the absolutely crazy time everyone had — the pictures really do say it all! Our special thanks to the extraordinarily talented musicians in our Mardi Gras Dixieland Band, to the exceptional food made by the exceptional cooks of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, to DJ Kari for the fun music for dancing, to the incredible generosity of so many who donated baskets or items for baskets or money — the spirit of giving was simply overwhelming — making our Mardi Gras 2019 such a huge success! Our thanks go way beyond words.

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IN THE EVENING OF LIFE WE WILL BE JUDGED BY LOVE ALONE.
- St. John of the Cross

“Stations of the Cross” by Janet McKenzie