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MINI-SURVEY

As we prepare for Advent and before the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, would you kindly take a moment to fill out a brief survey? Our Leadership Team is currently involved in two initiatives for our chapter:

The Youth Initiative: A youth component to what we offer in music ministry. Please see page 3 for a better idea of the genesis of this initiative.

The Handbell Festival: A direct result of our recent Handbell Workshop – Is there enough interest to sponsor a Handbell Festival in the spring?

Thank you for taking time and interest in helping us to serve you better in your ministry!

Click on this link to fill out the survey form *before DECEMBER 6.*

https://saintkilian.formstack.com/forms/music_ministry_youth_initiative

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & NOTES

CELEBRATE the season with us on an amazing tour of this historic, Polish-style cathedral – one of Pittsburgh's oldest and largest churches – in all its Christmas splendor! We are delighted to have Fr. Nick Vaskov, Diocesan shrine administrator as our tour guide.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about this magnificent church. After the presentation, we will meet for a wonderful lunch in the Strip District at the …

Pennsylvania Market
108 19th Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

To make your reservation, please visit our website: npmpgh.org.

TOUR & LUNCH

PIZZA, PIPES, & PRAYER

A Night for the Organist: Accompanying the Choir

Tuesday January 28, 2020
6:30pm

Our Lady of Grace Church · Scott Twp.

Think about 'sponsoring' a young organist.

For more info, visit our website: npmpgh.org

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & NOTES

Quietly, behind the scenes of NPM Pittsburgh, the foundation of a very exciting project has been laid – more specifically, a YOUTH project, inspired and initiated by a talented, driven young girl with a strong desire to see a "youth branch/component" offered as an integral part of our local NPM chapter"…where young musicians can gather to share their talents and network with each other." (Hannah Bedeck) Please read on to learn more about Hannah and her proactive efforts to youthfully reinvigorate NPM Pittsburgh!

She had a desire to be a cantor in church since the 5th grade, when she joined the children's choir at St. Sebastian Parish in North Hills. Not long after that, she began to study voice, piano, organ, accordion, and violin, which would prepare her for a new role – that of cantor for weekend liturgies, under the direction of then music director, Tommy Hoffman.

MEET HANNAH BEDECK … our newest member of NPM Pittsburgh! Soon Hannah will be helping to organize a youth initiative for our chapter. When asked why she loves to volunteer as a cantor, she responded, "I believe playing and singing in church is important, because it allows people to use their creativity to worship God. I feel closer spiritually when I am singing in church."

"Playing music in any form is a way for me to spread God's love, the way God has given his love to me"

Hannah sees music as a tool that can unify communities. She believes that music reaches all ages, and young people like herself should be involved in their parish music programs because "they are the future of the parish." Hannah is hoping that this new youth initiative will inspire other young musicians to come forward and serve in a pastoral ministry.

When she is not singing in church, Hannah spends her time volunteering for "We Play Music for You", a program that connects musicians with nursing homes, convents, and anyone in need of some cheering up. On one occasion when Hannah was performing, a lady began playing along on her harmonica. "It touched me deeply to witness her passion as she played along with me." Not long after that, the lady passed away. Hannah is sure that her love of music was one of the last joys she encountered.

Hannah is a student at Vincentian Academy in North Hills, and a member of the Neighbors North Catholic Community of St. Athanasius, Incarnation, St. Sebastian, and St. Teresa of Avila.

UPCOMING EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

ST. VINCENT COLLEGE CAMERATA

- **SIXTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS**
  THURSDAY · DECEMBER 5, 2019 | 7:00pm
  St. Vincent Basilica · 300 Fraser Purchase Road · Latrobe, PA 15650
  Tickets: $12. For more info, please call 724-805-2177 or visit https://www.stvincent.edu/community-events/the-arts/saint-vincent-college-concert-series.

18th ANNUAL ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

- **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF WEXFORD (St. Alphosus & St. Alexis Churches)**
  FRIDAY · DECEMBER 6, 2019 | 7:00pm
  St. Alphonsus Church · 201 Church Road · Wexford, PA 15090

RING PITTSBURGH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

- **RING PITTSBURGH HANDBELL ENSEMBLE**
  FRIDAY · DECEMBER 6, 2019 | 7:00pm
  Saint Kilian Church · 7076 Franklin Road · Cranberry Twp, PA 16066

HEKIMA PLACE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT

- **SATURDAY · DECEMBER 7, 2019 | 7:30pm**
  St. Thomas More Church · 126 Ft. Couch Road · Pittsburgh, PA 15241
  Professional musicians performing solos, duets, and ensembles offering their interpretations of Advent and Christmas contemporary arrangements. FREE ADMISSION. Donations may be made to Hekima Place.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

- **PITTSBURGH YOUTH CONCERT ORCHESTRA**
- **CHAMBER STRINGS JUNIOR WIND ENSEMBLE · Pablo Ardiles | Conductor**
  SUNDAY · DECEMBER 8, 2019 | 3:00pm
  Sts. John & Paul Church · 2586 Wexford Bayne Road · Sewickley, PA 15143
  Featuring the Sts. John & Paul Choir. FREE admission … donations will be accepted.

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

- **ST. BERNARD & OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH CHOIR**
  SUNDAY · DECEMBER 8, 2019 | 4:00pm
  St. Bernard Church · 311 Washington Road · Pittsburgh, PA 15216

WESTMORELAND CHORAL SOCIETY presents "CHRISTMAS & COOKIES"

- **WESTMORELAND CHORAL SOCIETY & CHILDREN'S CHORUS**
  Thomas Octave | Director/Conductor · Nancy Finke Sheehan | Accompanist
  SUNDAY · DECEMBER 8, 2019 | 7:00pm
  First Presbyterian Church · 300 S. Main Street · Greensburg, PA 15601
  Adults: $15 | Students $5 Tickets can be purchased online or at the door. No reserved seating.

EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

- **"CHRISTMAS IN EAST LIBERTY" | ELPC CHANCEL CHOIR & THE BRASS ROOTS**
  FRIDAY · DECEMBER 13, 2019 | 7:30pm
  116 S. Highland Avenue · Pittsburgh, PA 15206
  Concert is FREE with a freewill offering being accepted.

HEINZ MEMORIAL CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES

- **CHRISTMAS WITH SHADYSIDE BRASS**
  SATURDAY · DECEMBER 14, 2019 | 7:00pm
  Corner of Bellefield & Fifth Ave · Pittsburgh, PA 15260
  Concert is FREE with a freewill offering being accepted for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT

- **UPPER ALLEGHENY VALLEY CHURCH GROUPING**
  SUNDAY · DECEMBER 15, 2019 | 2:00pm
  Holy Martyrs Church · 344 West 9th Avenue · Tarentum, PA 15084
  Musicians from Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Natrona Heights), St. Joseph (Natrona), Holy Martyrs (Tarentum), Holy Family (Creighton), St. Alphonsus (Springdale), and Our Lady of Victory (Harwick) will bring in the spirit of the season. Please bring non-perishable items for a donation to our local food bank.

UPCOMING EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

CARITAS CONCERT SERIES

- **NEIGHBORS NORTH MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**
  SUNDAY · DECEMBER 15, 2019 | 3:00pm
  St. Teresa of Avila Church · 1000 Avila Court · Pittsburgh, PA 15237
  FREE admission … with a free-will offering being taken. All proceeds benefit the Music Ministry of Neighbors North Catholic Community.

THE KRONOS DUO CHRISTMAS CONCERT

- **MATTHEW KORBANIC | Classical guitar · NOLAN PETOTE | Clarinet**
  St. John Fisher Church · 33 Lewin Lane · Pittsburgh, PA 15235
  SUNDAY · DECEMBER 15, 2019 | 3:30pm
  Jon Zellhart and Friends present Matthew Korbanic and Nolan Petote, the classical guitar and clarinet Kronos Duo in a diverse program of music. Jon Zellhart and St. John Fisher Cantors will sing seasonal favorites along with favorite Christmas selections with the congregation. A FREE WILL offering will be taken.

AMBROSE-ROMANO SINGERS of PITTSBURGH

- **SOLEMN SECOND EVENING PRAYER of the EPIPHANY of OUR LORD JESUS**
  SUNDAY · JANUARY 5, 2020 | 4:00pm
  Sacred Heart Church · 310 Shady Avenue · Pittsburgh, PA 15206
  Gregorian chant of the Solemnity, along with music of Thomas Tomkins, Richard Hillert, Luca Marenzio, and J. Michael Thompson. FREE WILL OFFERING.

CHORAL CONCERT

- **VOICES OF SPIRIT · Duquesne University Choral Ensemble | Dr. Caron Daley, director**
  SUNDAY · JANUARY 12, 2020 | 3:00pm
  St. John Fisher Church · 33 Lewin Lane · Pittsburgh, PA 15235
  In addition to the choir, several soloists will be performing, as well as Jon Zellhart and Matt Pienkowski, performing a trumpet duet in anticipation of their upcoming spring recital. A FREE WILL offering will be taken during the program to help raise funds for the Voices of Spirit and their upcoming tour.

NPM PITTSBURGH 2020 — MONTHLY MEETINGS/PROGRAMS

TUESDAY · JANUARY 28, 2020
PIZZA, PIPES, & PRAYER
A Night for the Organist:
Accompanying the Choir
Time: 6:30pm
Location Our Lady of Grace Church, Scott Twp.
Presenter: Aaron Sproul

SUNDAY · FEBRUARY 2, 2020
NPM PGH CELEBRATES CANDLEMAS
The 5th Annual Candlemas Mass & Invitational Choir Fest of Seasonal Music
Time: TBA
Location: St. Margaret Mary Church, Moon Twp
Host: Brenden Griffey

Congratulations

ALYSSA YEALY … Associate of Music Ministry at St. Bonaventure Church, Glenshaw (Grouping 101).

PAUL WHITE … Co-director of Music Ministry at the Catholic Community of South Pittsburgh (Holy Apostles, Holy Angels, and St. Sylvester).

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY **Choral Kaleidescope**

SATURDAY | JANUARY 11, 2020
8:30am — 4:30pm

- DR. DAVID FREGO · Guest Clinician
- DR. GREG MARCHETTI · Physical Therapist
- DR. CARON DALEY, DMA ·

$70 on-site | Act 48 credits available

Registration is now OPEN: https://form.jotform.com/72895573769176<https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fform.jotform.com%2f72895573769176&c=E,1,ntEVLW8HuM1mMrpl4dfIThhF8I_bxEcaBfBEC-lValA-Lh7mg74Nr_j5jjSJtYUpg-wfAcp7l87812KIAB10H5Bo4wMReFQBbSF-

Event details are here: www.duq.edu/choralkaleidoscope>

DMMD 2020 COLLOQUIUM

Creating Song from the Silence: Making Impactful Music in Liturgy

SAVE THE DATE
February 10 – 12, 2020
Washington, DC

Clinician: Peter Latona, DMA

Registration is open to **ALL**. Discounted rates available to NPM/DMMD members and NPM members who are not part of DMMD.

2020 Pittsburgh Pueres Cantores Choral Festival and Mass

SATURDAY | MARCH 21, 2020
12 Noon — 5:00pm Rehearsal
6:00pm Mass

St. Paul Cathedral
108 N. Dithridge St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Registration Deadline: FEBRUARY 21, 2020

QUESTIONS? Contact AFPC at 714.633.7554 or visit pcchoirs.org.

- BISHOP DAVID A. ZUBIK · Celebrant
- FR. KRIS D. STUBNA · Concelebrant
- DR. STEVEN SEIGART · Conductor

PUERES CANTORES, the national student choral organization of the Catholic Church, invites all parish and school treble and mixed choirs in the Diocese of Pittsburgh and neighboring dioceses, to participate in a Festival and Mass for singers in grades 4-12.

Upcoming NPM Annual Conventions

TECH TIME

Tech Time

PRAY TELL
Worship, Wit & Wisdom
https://praytellblog.com

Sing Amen!
https://singamen.giamusic.com

THE HYMN SOCIETY
hymnary.org
https://www.thehymnsociety.org

DAN SCHUTTE RE-CAP

In his typically gracious and humble spirit, Dan Schutte offered a day of gentle reflection on being "disciples of hope" to a group of Diocesan pastoral musicians on Saturday November 9, 2019 at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Baden. Dan blessed everyone with an inspiring talk grounded in Ignatian spirituality, slowly finding the tender spots in our hearts. His words of encouragement and hope, spoken and sung were a much needed healing balm to our spirits.

We are deeply grateful to the Sisters of St. Joseph, Baden for their magnanimous gift of this day of reflection and for their exceptionally warm and generous hospitality and welcome into the beautiful, sacred space of their Motherhouse and Chapel. To our host musician, Kathy Wray, we extend special thanks and appreciation for her own gracious hospitality and for playing such an integral part in making this day happen for NPM Pittsburgh.

The Motherhouse Chapel was packed for Dan's Sunday concert. Everyone sang with gusto on the many Schutte classics as well as on some of Dan's newer songs that he introduced. All in all, a glorious afternoon of music, prayer, and praise to our God!

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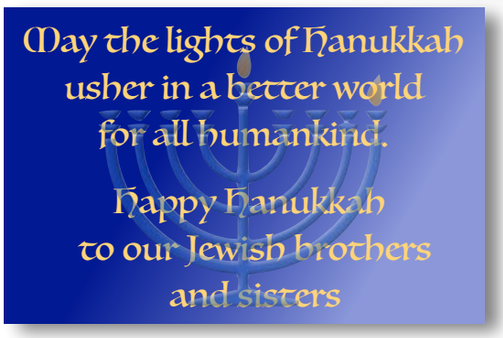

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FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU!

May the blessings of PEACE, the beauty of HOPE, the spirit of LOVE, the comfort of FAITH fill your homes & your hearts this Christmas and always!