MARDI GRAS
REGISTRATION INFO
Convenient online registration and Pay Pal option can be found on our website … REGISTER NOW!

Questions? Please call or email …

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Directions to St. Maximilian Kolbe Church Hall  https://goo.gl/maps/iwByQjdPGbw
MORE ABOUT MARDI GRAS

How YOU can help to make 2019 a huge success!

☛ REGISTER NOW…and plan to attend!
☛ SEND A MONETARY DONATION
☛ SEND A GIFT CARD…for use in the Basket Raffle
☛ DONATE A BASKET OR ITEMS…for the Basket Raffle
Create a basket with or without a theme..Ex. Italian Basket = bottle of vino with glasses, pasta, jars of sauce, gift card to Italian restaurant.
☛ HOST A TABLE…bring your choir(s), a group of friends or co-workers, etc. and reserve a table…or two!
☛ SPREAD THE WORD…about this fabulously FUN event—our ONE AND ONLY NPM PGH fundraiser!!!

IF MAKING A MONETARY DONATION OR GIFT CARD DONATION

✦ Send a monetary donation payable to “NPM Pittsburgh” to:

    NPM Pittsburgh Mardi Gras 2019
    Music Office
    c/o Kevin Maurer
    2900 Noblestown Road
    Pittsburgh, PA  15205-4227

✦ Send a gift card donation for use in our Basket Raffle to the same address.

IF DONATING A BASKET

✦ Please notify Kevin Maurer by email (music@diopitt.org) that you will be making a basket donation and when you plan on dropping it off.
✦ List the contents in a separate email to (music@diopitt.org) no later than FRIDAY, MARCH 1, and make note as to who the donation is from so we can credit the donor.
✦ Please drop the basket off to Karen Maurer at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Office, 310 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh (Green Tree) 15220 on SATURDAY, MARCH 2 between 10:00am - 1:00pm.
PIZZA, PIPES AND PRAYER ...

our January 2019 meeting was held at Holy Name Church/Christ the Light of the World Parish in Duquesne.

(Right) GEORGE PECORARO, a representative from Johannus Organs, presented a very informative program on the advantages of hybrid organs ... digital technology added to the organic beauty of pipework. The organ at Holy Name Church is a Johannus Ecclesia D-470 with 24 ranks of Reuter pipes.

Our deepest thanks to George for his insightful presentation, and to Greg Lesko for hosting our January Meeting.

(Above) Approximately 30 folks came out for a delicious pizza dinner, including a great opportunity for rousing dinner talk and fellowship. After the presentation, everyone was invited to the choir loft to play the organ.

(Right) Ken Danchik takes the organ for a spin.

From the choir loft: A bird’s eye view of the worship space and sanctuary of Holy Name Church. Night Prayer brought the evening to a close.
UPCOMING HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

10TH ANNUAL WINTER CHANT CONFERENCE • ST. MEINRAD ARCHABBEY
St. Basil’s School of Gregorian Chant • University of St. Thomas • Houston, Texas
February 4 - 8, 2019
St. Meinrad, Indiana

An experience of Chant in the pastoral liturgy for Parish Choir Directors and Singers.
For the full program, schedule, tuition and registration, go to www.chantschool.org/wcc19.
Contact Lowell Davis, Executive Director Ph. 281-855-2358 or lumen@chantschool.org

AGO PITTSBURGH FEBRUARY MEETING
“Westminster Cathedral: The Organist’s Viewpoint” | Martin Baker
Monday • February 25, 2019
First Presbyterian Church • 320 Sixth Avenue • Pittsburgh, PA 15222
6:00pm Hors d’oeuvres | 6:30pm Dinner | Business meeting and presentation to follow

ST. JAMES MUSIC PLUS CONCERT SERIES
“Heavenly Pipedreams” | Donald K. Fellows
Sunday • March 3, 2019 • 3:00pm
St. James Catholic Church • 200 Walnut Street • Sewickley, PA 15143
A 50 minute concert showcasing Don’s musical artistry playing on the Rogers Trillium organ in St. James
Church. Pre-concert at 2:30pm will feature the Sign Language Choir of Sewickley, directed by Nelia Matthews.
All proceeds from the goodwill offering will benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Dessert reception
afterward to greet the artists. Questions to Sharron Schaefer at s.schaefer@comcast.net.

SPANISH MASS - FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
Grotto Chapel (Dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe)
Sunday • March 3, 2019 • 6:00pm
SS. John and Paul Church • 2586 Wexford Bayonne Road • Sewickley, PA 15143
Fr. Jay Donahue, Presider | Music Ministers: Shari Whitico and friends
On the first Sunday of each month, a Spanish Mass will be celebrated. The next date is Sunday, April 7.

MARTINA SPIRITUAL RENEWAL CENTER: A NEW LENTEN SERIES
“Meeting the Mystery” | Stephen Steinbeiser
Tuesday evenings • March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 9, 2019 [No program on April 2]
Martina Spiritual Renewal Center • 5224 Clarwin Avenue • West View, PA 15229
6:00pm Simple Shared Meal • 7:00 - 8:00pm Presentation and Night Prayer. Come experience the mysteries
of the rosary revealing essential elements of your life.

TUESDAY - MARCH 5
“Rosary”
Mystery and Mardi Gras
Meeting the Mystery

TUESDAY - MARCH 12
“Joy”
Water flooding us with hope

TUESDAY - MARCH 19
“Luminous”
Fire revealing the passion
of our faith

TUESDAY - MARCH 26
“Sorrow”
Earth finding and binding us
to what we love and live for

TUESDAY - APRIL 2
Spring Break! No program.

TUESDAY - APRIL 9
“Glory”
Air filling us with the breath,
the glory of God!
Welcome on Board

We are most delighted to welcome GLENN SCHILLO to our team as our official NPM Pittsburgh Chapter Photographer. You will be seeing Glenn’s photographic work on our website as well as in our monthly newsletters! Thanks Glenn, for stepping up!

[ job postings ]

ST. PHILIP PARISH COMMUNITY · CRAFTON/INGRAM | Organist

St. Philip Parish Community, in the Crafton/Ingram area of Pittsburgh, is looking for an organist to play the 9:30am mass every Sunday as well as holydays (as needed) at Ascension Church 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA. Cantors and music are provided. Stipend is $125/mass.

For more information, please contact Beth Barsh, Music Director, at mbbar5@gmail.com or 412-979-1880.

VICARIATE 4 “COFFEE TALK”

DATE: Tuesday · February 19
TIME: 12 Noon
PLACE: Sports Grill · Cranberry 1294 Freedom Road

RSVP to Shari Whitico shariwhitico@gmail.com

No agenda … just time together for coffee and a chat!

COULDN'T MAKE IT TO A MEETING OR A WEBINAR?
HERE’S WHAT YOU CAN DO ➤➤➤➤

✔ CHECK OUR TECH . . .

NMPMGH YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV2Qtbi4vSa6JF5zMGsAV/videos
Website: www.npmpgh.org
Facebook: Pittsburgh NPM Musicians' Forum

Just get on over to our NMPMGH YouTube channel to catch up on what's been happening with NPM PGH. Monthly meetings and educational webinars are available to you, literally at your fingertips! Don't feel left out...stay in touch with us even when you can't be with us in person!
MONDAY · MARCH 4, 2019

Mardi Gras Celebration
6:30pm to 10:30pm
Location: St. Maximilian Kolbe Church · Homestead
A popular NPM Pittsburgh fundraiser!
Host: Tom Coyne
Event coordinators: Ginny Ambrose · Kevin Maurer

SATURDAY · MARCH 30, 2019

PUERI CANTORES Festival for Mixed Voice Choirs
[Grades 4-12] and Festival Mass
12 Noon to 5:00pm (Registration and Rehearsal)
5:30pm Choral Prelude
6:00pm Festival Mass
Location: St. Paul Cathedral · Oakland
Host: Don Fellows
To register, please visit: www.pcchoirs.org

APRIL 2019

A VIRTUAL MEETING (Webinar)
Date and topic TBA

2019 NPM NATIONAL CONVENTION
RALEIGH, North Carolina
JULY 15 - 19, 2019

The brochure and registration form for the 2019 NPM National Convention is now available on the national website — http://www.npm.org. We will be using the Chapter Discount form to register our Chapter members at a registration fee that is significantly less than the “Early Bird” rate.

NPM Member “Early Bird” registration (by MARCH 1) is $280.

Chapter group discounts will be between $12 - $44 per person, depending on how many register together using the Chapter Discount Form! Last year we got a 10% discount for our participants.

To take advantage of our Chapter Discount, you will need to email Kevin Maurer (kmcm1@aol.com) of your intentions to be placed on the “National Convention” list by THURSDAY · FEBRUARY 28.

FAQ

How do I find out who is going and might be willing to share a room and/or ride?

You can go to our NPM Facebook page (Pittsburgh NPM Musicians’ Forum) and advertise for a roommate and/or to share a ride — a sure way to save some money.

Should I submit my Convention Registration Form to the National office?

No. To be eligible for the Chapter discount, all forms must be submitted together. You will be notified by email from the Music Office as to what the discount will be, and will mail check and registration form to the Music Office.

NPM MEMBERS ... are you aware of this?

Premium Choral Tracks offer a guided tool that helps singers practice complex vocal parts at home. They can practice their part solo, or with our virtual choir. The NPM Digital Conservatory Practice Tracks are different and better than other practice tracks you can find online because they feature real singers who are actually singing the words. Additionally, for each song a 3-step practice process for each voice is provided.

Your membership email address and password allow you access to this special members-only area of the NPM website. Take a listen!
We love celebrating YOU and your choirs and ensembles, so let’s keep it going for MARCH … just pick up your phone, take a picture, formal or informal, and send it to us.

Dianne Falvo  dmf653@verizon.net
Kevin Maurer  music@diopitt.org

So we have gone from famine to feast with our “Featured Choirs”, but no complaints from us!

A very happy group photo of the St. Thomas More and St. John Capistran Combined Choirs after their first collaborative Epiphany Concert. A very talented and “colorful” group for sure! Kudos to one and all, and to Music Minister Daniel Kovacic.

And a great “action” shot of the St. Titus Choir from Aliquippa taken after singing the “Hallelujah Chorus” for their Christmas Eve Mass. Yes, you certainly deserve to be smiling after that performance! Congrats on a job well done, and to Nick Bell, Music Director and Rich Shyan, organist.
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- Hildegard of Bingen