When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock, The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among others,  
To make music in the heart.  

- Howard Thurman

"The Work of Christmas" from The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations

Pipes + Technology  ...What are the advantages of creating such a hybrid organ from an existing pipe organ?  Our presenter, George Pecoraro will enlighten us on the merits of such a project, and we hope you will join us, first for a “Pizza” dinner and then upstairs to the church to talk “Pipes”. As always, our evening concludes with “Prayer”.  
Hoping to see you for this very interesting and informative evening — all for only $10!  

Please register on our NPM Pittsburgh website by January 9, 2019!  
Click on the tab “JANUARY14: PIZZA, PIPES AND PRAYER REGISTRATION.

DIRECTIONS TO HOLY NAME CHURCH:  
goo.gl/maps/UpzE1Oth6diAz
A Celebration of Candlemas

Liturgy & Choir fest of Music for the Season

ALL are invited to celebrate the ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord, and share in the rich beauty and joy of this gathering.

As Candlemas Day brings the Christmas season to its liturgical close, festive Christmas anthems sung by choirs from neighboring parishes will fill the church as part of our festal celebration. The sharing of light and singing of the “Nunc Dimittis” will conclude our liturgy.

This event, an NPM PGH favorite, promises to be an uplifting time of prayer and music, gathering us together as a community of pastoral musicians and friends, one in spirit, one in voice, one in the Lord. Please come and join us, and let’s celebrate this feast together!

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 1, 2019

MASS 7:00PM

Saint Kilian Parish • Cranberry Twp.

Dave Dreher, Host Director

For choir registration and more info, please go to our website: www.npmpgh.org.
Click on the tab: “FEBRUARY: A Celebration of Candlemas”
SAVE THE DATE … for this very popular and extremely fun NPM Fundraiser Event! Keep an eye out for the Mardi Gras registration form and event details which will be forthcoming in our FEBRUARY newsletter. For now, just an early heads up on the date and location, so you can mark your calendar and plan your Mardi Gras outfit! By request of past attendees, we moved our event from Shrove Tuesday to Musician Monday, so you will have all day Tuesday to recover before Ash Wednesday liturgies. So, get ready to celebrate Mardi Gras - NPMPGH style - and along with having a great time, you will also be contributing to our one and only NPM Pittsburgh Fundraiser! Sounds like a win-win to us!

— NPM Pittsburgh Leadership Team

UPDATE: Details for our new idea for 2019 — informal gatherings at your favorite, local coffee shop — are being finalized and will be out in our FEBRUARY newsletter. But we need your help to make this work … NPM is about “we” not about them or they, and collegial hospitality comes in many different, sometimes unexpected, ways. This might be one of those ways. Locations and times will be posted next month. We especially welcome input on any favorite java joints.. and hope to see you soon at a coffee shop near you!
UPCOMING HAPPENINGS & EVENTS

RING PITTSBURGH
RING PITTSBURGH Handbell Ensemble
Saturday · January 5, 2019
6:30pm
St. Francis Cabrini Parish · 115 Trinity Drive · Aliquippa, PA 15001
Come and celebrate the holidays with RING PITTSBURGH, your community handbell ensemble, as they entertain you with popular and traditional Christmas music. For more info, visit www.RingPittsburgh.org.

SOLEMN EVENING PRAYER FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Ambrose Romano Singers - Dr. J. Michael Thompson, Director
Sunday · January 6, 2019
St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church · 1 Saint Therese Court · Munhall, PA 15120

PEDALS, PIPES, AND PIZZA! presented by AGO PITTSBURGH
Peter Luley, guest presenter
Monday · January 7, 2019
6:00pm-Hors d’oeuvres | 6:30pm Dinner
St. Anthony Chapel, Troy Hill

10TH ANNUAL WINTER CHANT CONFERENCE • ST. MEINRAD ARCHABBEY
Presented by 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

[fyi:]
Hey NPMers! It’s not too early to be thinking about attending this year’s National Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina !!! Could this be your first NPM Convention? Or are you a long time NPM Convention attendee? Either way, it’s exciting to think of what great experiences lie ahead at this year’s national event. Please stay tuned for more Convention info and for specific NPM PGH Chapter information coming in future newsletters.

2019 NPM NATIONAL CONVENTION
RALEIGH, NC    JULY 16 - 19, 2019
http://www.npm.org
**Congratulations!**

On December 15, our NPM President, **Steve Petrunak and his fiancé, Ruth Whitesell**, were joined together in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. NPM Pittsburgh extends its hearty congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Steve and Ruth Petrunak. May God shower them with abundant blessings all the days of their lives.

MARY ANN COOPER … Director of Music at Sacred Heart Parish, Shadyside

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**Requiescat in Pace**

We offer our deepest condolences to **Steve Yealy**, on the passing of his father, **PAT YEALY**. May he rest in the peaceful presence of our Loving God. Steve is the Director of Music at St. John the Evangelist, Coylesville and St. Wendelin, Butler/Carbon Center.

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**[job postings]**

**ASSISTANT MINISTER OF MUSIC**

St. Thomas More & St. John Capistran (Bethel Park/Upper St. Clair Grouping)

Part-time position  
Salary commensurate with experience.  
For a full job description, please email Mr. Daniel F. Kovacic, Minister of Music, at sjcmusic@comcast.net.

To apply, please email a cover letter to the Associate Minister of Music Search Committee, Curriculum Vitae, and three references to Daniel F. Kovacic, Minister of Music, at the previous paragraph. Applications will be reviewed immediately; the desired start time is January 2019.

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**CHECK OUR TECH . . .**

NPMPGH YouTube:  [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV2QhrA-v5aU5z2l5MgA/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCV2QhrA-v5aU5z2l5MgA/videos)  
Website:  [www.npmpgh.org](http://www.npmpgh.org)  
Facebook:  Pittsburgh NPM Musicians’ Forum

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**FEATURED CHOIR**

While we have been waiting and hoping, hoping and waiting … we still haven’t received any choir pictures for our “Featured Choir” section. So, here you go…the Highland Park Quartet!

Still plenty of time to send a photo of any of your groups for the February newsletter!
MONDAY · JANUARY 14, 2019

**Pizza, Pipes, and Prayer: A Night for the Organist**

“The Advantages of Creating Hybrid Organs from Existing Pipe Organs”

7:00pm

Location: Holy Name Church

Christ the Light of the World Parish · Duquesne

Presenter: George Pecoraro

Host: Greg Lesko

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**FRIDAY · FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

**A Celebration of Candlemas — Candlemas Eve Mass followed by an Invitational Choir Fest of Music for the Season**

7:00pm

Location: Saint Kilian Parish · Cranberry Twp

Host: David Dreher

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**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](http://www.pcchoirs.org)

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**APRIL 2019**

**A VIRTUAL MEETING** (Webinar)

Date and topic TBA

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**NPM Pittsburgh 2018-19 PROGRAMS**

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**Martin Luther King**

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**THE PARISH MUSICIAN**
If you could see the journey whole you might never undertake it; might never dare the first step that propels you from the place you have known toward the place you know not. Call it one of the mercies of the road; that we see it only by stages as it opens before us, as it comes into our keeping step by single step. There is nothing for it but to go and by our going take the vows the pilgrim takes: to be faithful to the next step; to rely on more than the map; to heed the signposts of intuition and dream; to follow the star that only you will recognize; to keep an open eye for the wonders that attend the path; to press on beyond distractions beyond fatigue beyond what would tempt you from the way. There are vows that only you will know; the secret promises for your particular path and the new ones you will need to make when the road is revealed by turns you could not have foreseen. Keep them, break them make them again; each promise becomes part of the path; each choice creates the road that will take you to the place where at last you will kneel to offer the gift most needed – the gift that only you can give – before turning to go home by another way.