DAY OF REFLECTION • NIGHT OF CELEBRATION

Monday • September 24, 2018 • St. Teresa of Avila Parish • Perrysville

Join us as we kick off our 2018-19 NPMPGH year with a “Day of Reflection” and “Night of Celebration” for being named the NPM 2018 Chapter of the Year. Our day begins with lunch, followed by reflective conferences led by Father Joe Mele. If you can only join us for the evening festivities, please meet us in church at 6:15pm for the Opening Mass. Following Mass, we will gather in Schoppel Hall for a delicious buffet dinner and fellowship. After dinner, we will have a brief business meeting and also welcome our new Director of the Department for Liturgy and Worship, Father Nick Vaskov.

Directions to St. Teresa of Avila Parish: https://goo.gl/maps/bCAJ481uNDE2

DAY OF REFLECTION

12 Noon · Lunch
1:00pm · Conference: Scrutinize Me, O Lord (Psalm 139)
1:30pm · Quiet time for Reflection
2:00pm · Conference: My Co-Workers, Do You Still Have A Heart That Desires Something Great?
2:45pm · Group Sharing
3:15pm · BREAK
3:45pm · Conference: Called To Be the Prophetic Voice of the Father, Firmly Set on the Face of the Lord
4:15pm · Quiet time for Reflection
4:45pm · Closing Conference: Twelve Principles for Ministry in the New Evangelization by Turning to Mary
5:30pm · Confessions
6:15pm · Mass prep

NIGHT OF CELEBRATION

6:30pm · Mass
  Fr. Joe Mele
  + Vicar for Leadership Development & Evangelization
  Fr. Jim Chepponis
  + Diocesan Director of Music
  Fr. Nick Vaskov
  + Director of the Department for Liturgy and Worship (incoming)
  Fr. Jim Gretz
  + Director of the Department for Liturgy and Worship (outgoing)

7:30pm · Dinner
  Fr. Jim Gretz and Fr. Nick Vaskov, speakers


DINNER — 7:30pm — SCHOPPEL HALL

Wine & cheese - Mixed Field Green Salad with Fresh Veggies
Pasta Primavera - Parmesan Crusted Chicken with Lemon, Capers & Tomato Concasse - Herb Rubbed Roast Beef with Mushroom Demi Glace - Oven Roasted Potatoes with Butter & Parsley - Green Beans with Red Peppers and Pine Nuts
Celebration Cake · Coffee · Tea · Lemonade

— Catered by: “Just in Thyme Catering”
And now a word from our Chapter Director . . .

Dear Music Colleagues of the Diocese of Pittsburgh,

As we begin another year, I reflect on this past summer’s NPM National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. Twenty members have come back to Pittsburgh refreshed and renewed to take on the challenge to “fulfill the mission of Jesus and his Church through vibrant parishes and effective ministries.” As stated in the document *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*, “Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration. Good celebrations can foster and nourish faith. Poor celebrations may weaken it.”(#5) Through our participation in the various liturgies, institutes, plenum addresses, mega breakouts, and music industry showcases, we are inspired and charged to minister to our communities of faith.

Of course, the highlight for me at the convention was accepting on behalf of all of you, our 2018 NPM Chapter of the Year Award. We are very fortunate to have the support of each of you and the Music and Worship Offices of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Kudos to our Leadership Team, for it is in your planning and executing the many programs and events of the last year, that we received this award. We have grown and developed under exceptionally talented, dynamic leaders for over 35 years, making the Pittsburgh Chapter one of the strongest in the country. With this award, we, the membership of NPM Pittsburgh, are proud to celebrate our past and present, and with a passionate commitment, we move forward, seeking more opportunities to serve and minister to the people of our Diocesan parishes as true servant leaders.

I invite each and every one of you to become involved in our chapter by attending the many meetings and events that we have planned for you this year. These are challenging times in our Diocese. We need to work collaboratively with our new administrators and clergy teams to help build this Church Alive, to become the best that we can be, and to support each other as we strive to do just that. For new members, please join us at our opening retreat and liturgy on Monday, September 24 at St. Teresa of Avila Church in Perrysville to find out what we are all about!

By now you have noticed our new “The Parish Musician” e-Newsletter. We hope that this new monthly format will be easier to navigate and access regarding our meetings and events. It is interactive, so that you can click on a link to register directly on our website and to explore our many offerings. Another reason for the new format is to cut down on the number of emails that you receive from the Music Office. In order to efficiently produce this monthly e-newsletter, we ask that you submit your information each month by the last day of the month for the following month’s newsletter. Therefore, now is the time to submit any information that you would like to consider for publication in the October e-newsletter by Sunday, September 30. This can include photos of your choir, services, recitals, and concerts that are being held in your parish, as well as personal accomplishments, announcements, etc. that you find to be newsworthy. Please send your information to music@diopitt.org.

If you have photography skills, we welcome your expertise! We would like to have someone that is willing to take photos at our meetings and events. As we continue to make a more digital presence through technology, we would like to chronicle our events through pictures in our e-newsletter and our website. If interested in being a part of this project, please contact our Publicity Coordinator, Dianne Falvo at dmf653@verizon.net or our Director of Technology, David Dreher at ddreher@saintkilian.org.

Blessings for a great year and we hope and pray to see you at our meetings.

Sincerely,

Kevin Maurer

**MESSAGES | Farewell Fr. Jim | From Our Chapter Director**

**Thank you, Father Jim!**

Many blessings to Fr. Jim Gretz, Director of the Department for Liturgy and Worship as he leaves his position to become Administrator of the parishes within the Etna-Glenshaw-Millvale grouping, namely All Saints Parish, Etna, St. Bonaventure Parish, Glenshaw, Holy Spirit Parish, Millvale, and St. Nicholas Parish, Millvale/North Side. We sincerely thank you for your years of service to the Worship Office and your support of our NPM Pittsburgh Chapter. We wish you much success in your new endeavor.
Let nothing disturb thee;
Let nothing dismay thee: All things pass;
God never changes.
Patience attains all that it strives for. He who has God finds he lacks nothing: God alone suffices.

— Saint Teresa of Avila

SEPTEMBER MEETING
ATTENTION CHILDREN’S & YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTORS!

WITH fall, we begin to train our Children’s and Youth choirs in liturgical music along with teaching them to sing with good technique. Just in time to help you with that task, NPM PGH offers a “2 for 1” golden opportunity to observe and absorb practical, successful vocal techniques for children, grade 3 and above. Conductor Angela Machi-Evans has 1) graciously agreed to open her Troubadour Choir rehearsal to us, and 2) to remain afterwards for a “Q & A” session. You don’t want to miss this chance to gain more knowledge on Children/Youth choral training techniques. We’ll save you a seat!
MONDAY • OCTOBER 22, 2018
A combined Meeting of NPM Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Chapter of AGO presents “The Life and Work of Rudolf von Beckerath”, a lecture by Dr. Russell Weismann.

6:00pm Hors d’oeuvres
6:30pm Dinner
7:30pm Lecture
Location St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland
Presenter Dr. Russell Weismann
Host Don Fellows

MONDAY • NOVEMBER 5, 2018
DMMD Tour of St. Anthony Chapel
12:30pm Tour
1:30pm Lunch
Location St. Anthony Chapel · Troy Hill

FRIDAY • NOVEMBER 16, 2018
Merging Music Ministries II: The Diocesan Perspective
7:00pm
Location St. Thomas More Parish · Bethel Park
Presenter Fr. Sam Esposito · Episcopal Vicar for “On Mission for the Church Alive”
Host Nathan Bellas

TUESDAY • DECEMBER 4, 2018
Music Software Tips for the Pastoral Musician
A Virtual Meeting (Technology Webinar)
7:30pm
Presenter David Dreher
NPMPGH Director of Technology

MONDAY • JANUARY 14, 2019
Pizza, Pipes, and Prayer: A Night for the Organist
Creation of hybrid organs from existing pipe organs and their advantages
7:00pm
Location Holy Name Church/Christ the Light of the World Parish · Duquesne
Presenter George Pecoraro
Host Greg Lesko

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 St. Kilian · Cranberry Township
Host David Dreher

MONDAY • MARCH 4, 2019
Mardi Gras Celebration
6:30pm - 10:00pm
Location St. Maximilian Kolbe Church · Homestead
Back by popular demand! An NPM Pittsburgh fundraiser!
Host Tom Coyne
Event coordinators Ginny Ambrose and Kevin Maurer

SATURDAY • MARCH 30, 2019
PUERI CANTORES Festival for Mixed Voice Choirs [Grades 4-12] and Festival Mass
12 Noon - 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
DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH

NPM/AGO COMBINED DINNER, MEETING AND LECTURE

LOVE LETTERS — “Letters of Wartime” — Premiere Performance

Nicole Keller
Friday · September 28, 2018
7:30pm
St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland

Nurturing the Song of the Assembly
Steve Janko, nationally known composer and educator
Saturday · October 13, 2018 · 9:00am - 12 Noon
St. John XXIII Pastoral Center · Charleston, WVA

Sunday · October 14, 2018 · 3:00pm - 6:00pm
DWC Chancery Building · Wheeling, WVA

A FREE workshop for parish music ministers, choir directors, cantors, choir members, instrumentalists, and anyone responsible for music in a parish or school. Registration info: www.dwc.org/musicworkshops or call (304) 233-0880 ext. 289.

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL FALL ORGAN RECITAL SERIES
Nicole Keller
Friday · September 28, 2018
7:30pm
St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland

Nicole is a professor of music at Baldwin Wallace Conservatory, and also serves at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland. The program includes music of Bach, Buxtehude, Sweelinck, Rorem, Hindemith, and Price. Admission is FREE; a free-will offering will be gratefully accepted. For more info, call (412) 621-6082.

ST. BERNARD FALL 2018 CONCERT SERIES
Notre Dame Glee Club
Sunday · October 14, 2018
4:00pm
St. Bernard Church, Mt. Lebanon

Admission is FREE; a free-will offering will be most gratefully accepted
For more info, please visit www.stbernardmusic.org

LOVE LETTERS — “Letters of Wartime” — Premiere Performance

Donna Groom · pianist, featured vocal artist, and vocalist with the Skyliners
Sunday · October 14, 2018
5:00pm | Doors open · 6:00pm | Show starts
Location: The Bible Chapel of South Hills, McMurray

A theatrical concert pairing wartime correspondence with music of the era and historic images and exploring the heartfelt observations and emotions of these very personal letters, highlighted by a backdrop of meaningful music and pictures. “Love Letters” was developed in collaboration with NY Times best-selling author, Andrew Carroll, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum, Pittsburgh and donations from Veterans’ personal unpublished collections. Tickets, https://www.itickets.com/events/403089.html More info, www.donnagroom.com/shows .

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Dr. Russell Weismann, guest lecturer
Monday · October 22, 2018
Hors d’oeuvres · 6:30pm
Dinner · 7:30pm
Location · St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland
Host · Don Fellows

NPMPGH and the Pittsburgh Chapter of AGO will gather for a combined dinner/meeting and lecture. Dr. Russell Weismann, guest lecturer and recitalist, will offer an historic narrative on the American pipe organs of German organ builder, Rudolf von Beckerath, as well as insight into the organ that was built for St. Paul Cathedral. For dinner reservations, please visit https://pitago.org/register-for-chapter-event-or-dinner-2/. Dinner cost: $20 Deadline - October 12. Dinner cost: $25 (after October 12).

What’s happening with you?
Get the word out to a larger “audience” about your extraordinary music events by advertising here in our monthly NPMPGH newsletter. We ask that you kindly submit your information no later than the 10th of the month of publication to Dianne Falvo dmf641@verizon.net or Kevin Maurer music@diopitt.org.

THE PARISH MUSICIAN
St. Anthony’s Chapel houses the largest collection of publicly venerated relics outside of the Vatican, numbering 5,000. We will be given a guided tour of the church and the explanation of the various relics. Following the tour, we will gather together for lunch at a nearby restaurant, yet to be determined. The sign-up information will be published on the DMMD section of our NPMPGH website. I look forward to seeing all of you, and if you are new to the Diocese, we extend a special invitation to you to join us on this exciting music adventure, right here in our own backyard.

Daniel F. Kovacic
Director • Pittsburgh Chapter of DMMD

Congratulations!

… twice over to Daniel and Isabelle Kovacic on the baptism of their son, Gabriel … and also to Daniel on his new position as Director of Music at St. John Capistran Parish, Upper St. Clair.

… to JR Daniels on his new position as Director of Music at Holy Apostles Parish.

[ job postings ]

Position: Director of Liturgy and Music
Church: Mother of Sorrows Church, Murrysville
Primary Responsibility: The Director of Liturgy and Music oversees and coordinates liturgies and music for all parish celebrations and events in collaboration with the pastor and parish staff.
Reports to: Pastor of Mother of Sorrows Church
Salary: Commensurate with education and pastoral-liturgical experience
Status: Full-time
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Dear NPMPGH Members,

WE NEED YOU! Yes, we do! We need help in two areas of our organization.

1) **Photographer** - This should be someone who is comfortable taking pictures and willing to serve in this capacity at our meetings and events. You need not be a professional, just someone who enjoys photography.

2) **Vicariate Liaisons** - are NPMPGH’s main outreach communicators who are the “face and voice” of NPMPGH to members in their Vicariates. They reach out by phone, email or text to insure a personal style of communication and shared information. So, if you feel that you would like to volunteer for our Chapter in either of these specific areas, please contact us. We would be most grateful for your time and talents, offered for the greater good of our Pittsburgh Chapter.

—NPMPGH Leadership Team

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— Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship

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