



NEWSLETTER

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Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

NPM Arlington and NPM DC wish you an Advent full of hope and joy, a merry and holy Christmas, and a blessed New Year!

CLERGY-MUSICIAN APPRECIATION NIGHT

Whether you were new to the role of Pastoral Musician or one of those celebrating 60+ years in the ministry, your service to the liturgy of the Church was well applauded at the Clergy & Musician Appreciation Night on November 7. The DC Chapter and the Archdiocese of Washington co-sponsored the event at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center in Hyattsville. Mother Nature provided a perfect autumn evening.

One of the highlights was the appearance of our new Auxiliary Bishop, Mario Eduardo Dorsonville-Rodríguez. He greeted us with words of welcome and appreciation, noting that he is happy to be here in Washington, and eager to visit with us in our parishes.

The evening began with a sung Call & Response Prayer and a chance to visit with friends, old and new, while enjoying a selection of finger foods, wine and iced tea. It closed with a recognition of attendees' length of service in music ministry, and a re-commitment to the role of Pastoral Musician.

If the volume and enthusiasm of the voices raised in song was any indication, sung liturgy in our part of the world is in good hands.



For more photos from the appreciation night, see page 5.



Director's Corner

With apologies to the author, screenwriters and director for tweaking the title of that once-popular secular book and movie *Eat, Pray, Love* to a sacred imagery of *Eat, Love, Pray*.

Here we are, at this all-too-familiar juncture: starting a new liturgical year, ending a calendar year – anticipating and reminiscing. Act upon these words – *Eat, Love, Pray* – in your pastoral musician roles during the next few weeks. They constitute all you need to survive and thrive in the season.

Eat. The Advent Prayer after Communion refers to us being “replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment.” As we await the coming of the Lord, how can we better focus on the Eucharistic banquet when we are otherwise so consumed by the stress and work to prepare to sing, play, and direct music for the season? Consider this: Add at least one Mass any day this season to your Advent journey – at which you can fully engage and take part as a pew parishioner. In one Advent Prayer over the Offerings appears the phrase “nourished by these divine gifts.” In it we ask God to “grant our desire” to “shine like bright torches before your Christ when he comes.” There’s a spotlight shining down on an empty pew space emblazoned with your name. Take some time to consume the Lord at the Eucharistic Table without musical strings attached.

Love. That word abounds in our secular world drowning in holiday commercialism. But *Love* appears infrequently in the spoken and sung prayers and scriptures in Advent and Christmas liturgies. In the hustle and bustle of the season, let’s pause often to show that love to choir members, to choir directors, to musicians as we ramp up to the birth of Christ. A loving thought, a kind word,

a meaningful deed can go a long way on the way to see Baby Jesus. The season is guided by Our Father’s total love for us by sending his Son. Ponder these Advent hymn lyrics: “People, look East, the time is near of the crowning of the year... People, look East, and sing today: Love, the Guest/the Star/the Lord, is on the way.”

Pray. I repeat what I wrote in this space last December: It’s all about Mary, God’s vessel to the first coming of the Son of Man. Take special interest among the many solemnities and feasts (Dec. 8, 12, 25, 30; Jan. 1) honoring Mary during Advent and Christmas. Pray the rosary often, reciting each *Hail Mary* as if it were your last. After all, the *Hail Mary* is where you turn for success when all else has failed – you know, like that *Hail Mary* pass down the football field to win the game in those last few seconds.

“For all the oracles of the prophets foretold him, the Virgin Mother longed for with love beyond all telling,” the Advent Preface reads. “John the Baptist sang of his coming and proclaimed his presence when he came.” In anticipation of the

coming of the Lord in this new liturgical year and with thanksgiving for God’s grace through the year soon ending: *Edamus* – *Let us Eat* of his Precious Body for spiritual nourishment. *Amemus* – *Let us Love* the Lord through everyone. *Oremus* – *Let us Pray* to God for everything.

Eat, Love, Pray.

Eugene Harper
Director, Arlington Chapter



Thanks to All Who Paid Their Chapter Dues!

Your membership keeps our chapters alive. Haven't signed-up/renewed yet? It's never too late. Just go to our websites: NPMarlington.org or NPMDC.org. Contact a member of either the DC or Arlington Boards (details in the newsletter and on the websites).

Be sure to visit the Washington, DC and Arlington, VA Chapters' websites for the latest information on Chapter happenings, registration forms, and events:
www.npmdc.org
www.npmarlington.org

2016 - 2017 CALENDAR of EVENTS

February 4, 2017

African-American Sacred Music (DC Chapter)

A continuation of the February 2016 workshop, with breakouts for pianists and singers.
Saint Camillus Church, Silver Spring, MD

February 28, 2017

Annual Shrove Tuesday Luncheon

Join friends old and new for a feast before Lent begins!
Brion's Grille, Fairfax, VA

March 4, 2017

DC Annual Retreat

"Lord, teach us to pray."
Saint Anselm Abbey, Washington, DC

March 14, 2017

An Evening with John C. Walker, past president of AGO (Co-Sponsored by NPM Arlington and NOVA AGO)
Saint Thomas More Cathedral, Arlington, VA

April 1, 2017

Children's Choir Event with Dr. Tom Shelton, President of ACDA and professor at Westminster Choir College.
(Joint Arlington/DC)

13th Annual Gathering of the Musicians of Southern Maryland

Saturday, January 28, 2017

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Ann Duchesne's home on Breton Bay



As usual, the primary focus of the Gathering is the sharing of experiences in pastoral music in this beautiful part of the Archdiocese. We'll also take a look at the revised Order of Celebrating Marriage.

FEE: None – includes Ann's delicious lunch

REGISTRATION: Call Ann (240-577-1236) or Charlene (301-384-5796) by January 25 to give her a head count and to obtain directions.

WITH HANDS LIFTED UP: A JOURNEY THROUGH AFRICAN AMERICAN SACRED MUSIC



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



SAINT CAMILLUS
1699 ST. CAMILLUS DRIVE, SILVER SPRING, MD

PRESENTER: LYNNÉ GRAY

*At the end of last year's workshop, many asked for another one.
This time there will be two breakouts, one for singers, another for pianists.*

- + *Explore the history of African American Sacred Music*
- + *Understand that, while its origins are from another time and place, it speaks to all today*
- + *Discover ways to incorporate the genre into our parish repertoires*
- + *Breakout session: for Singers and for Pianists*

Lynné Gray, Music Director at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Washington and Faculty Member (Piano Theory & Music History) of Duke Ellington School of the Arts.

 With Hands Lifted Up:
 A Journey Through African American Sacred Music
 February 4, 2017

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

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PARISH _____

NPM/DC CHAPTER MEMBER? Yes No Singer Pianist

Fee: Chapter members pay \$10; non-Chapter members pay \$15.
*The registration deadline is January 27. Return this form with your payment (Please make checks payable to: NPM/DC). Return this form with your payment to:
 NPM/DC, 10406 Barrie Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902*

Liturgy Day 2016



Clockwise from top left: images from the panel discussion; Rev. Michael Witczak presents about the new marriage rite; Tim Lewicki shares new music for weddings; Claire Caruso and Tim Lewicki discuss music repertoire; Rev. Michael Witczak explains changes to the marriage rite.

Clergy-Musician Appreciation Night



Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 4, 2016 7:30 PM

Lessons and Carols

St. Thomas More Cathedral

3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA 22203

www.cathedralstm.org • 703-524-2815

The beauty of this traditional service is in its simplicity. The service holds its beginnings at Kings College Chapel, Cambridge, and has been celebrated throughout the world. The service contains seasonal scripture readings followed by choral and handbell carols retelling the story of salvation from the fall of Adam to the birth of the Christ Child. Come and join the Cathedral clergy, lay readers, combined Cathedral Choirs, in this cherished and prayerful Cathedral tradition. Admission is free.



Music in McLean Concert Series

St. Luke Catholic Church

7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean VA 22101

musicinmclean@gmail.com • 703-356-0670

Sunday, December 4, 2016 4:00 PM

Mozart and More

Eclipse Chamber Orchestra, Abel Pereira, *Music Director*

Tickets: Free Event with suggested \$30 donation.

Friday, December 9, 2016 7:30 PM

Messiah Sing

Saint Luke Festival Choir, The Falls Church Choir,
Paul Skevington, Artistic Director

Jule Huang Tucker, Conductor

Tickets: Adults \$20, Youth (17 and under) \$10

Sunday, December 4, 2016 3:00 PM

Family Lessons and Carols

Saint Luke Choristers and Women's Choir

Tickets: Free-will offering

SAVE THE DATE!

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JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
HOLIDAY SING-ALONG!

ADMISSION IS FREE!
*DONATIONS
GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED*

**HANDEL'S
Messiah**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
13600 MINNIEVILLE ROAD, WOODBRIDGE, VA
RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE CONCERT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016
GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
9750 WELLINGTON ROAD, MANASSAS, VA

Performances are at 7:30 PM

The All Saints Parish Choir (Manassas) will be featured in the above Handel's *Messiah* on Sat., Dec. 17 at Grace United Methodist Church.

Bring your score to sing along!



To submit a job posting or classified, please send the information, formatted as seen on this page, to Claire Caruso (clmcaruso@gmail.com) or Tim Lewicki (tlewicki@allsaintsva.org) by the 15th of the month for the following newsletter (i.e. by August 15 for the September newsletter). Please let us know when the position has been filled or you items have been sold/donated.
Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 4, 2106 7:00 PM
Advent Service of Light
Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church
 46833 Harry Byrd Highway, Sterling ,VA 20164

All are invited to join CTR's Adult and Children's choirs for a festival of Advent hymns, songs, and readings. Come join the choirs in preparing our minds and hearts for the coming of the Christ child!



Voce Chamber Singers: In Deepest Midnight
Friday, December 16, 2016 8:00 PM
St. John Neumann Catholic Church
 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston VA 20191

Sunday, December 18, 2016 4:00 PM
Church of the Holy Comforter
 543 Beulah Rd., Vienna VA 22180

Voce joins forces with the players of Ensemble Gaudior, a period-instrument ensemble based in Oakton, to present one of the true gems of the Christmas repertoire: the exquisite Messe de Minuit (Midnight Mass) by the French baroque composer, Marc-Antoine Charpentier. Based upon traditional French carols, Charpentier's masterpiece captures the many moods of the season from joyful exuberance, to awestruck wonder, to peaceful contemplation. The first half of our program offers seasonal a cappella works by composers from the 16th century to the present, and the concert closes with a festive audience sing-along accompanied by baroque orchestra!

Tickets: \$25 General Admission, \$10 Students, \$20 Senior (62+)

Annual Shrove Tuesday Luncheon



Tuesday, February 28, 2017
12:00 NOON



Brion's Grille
 10621 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22032

Share a meal and relax with friends, old and new,
 before we plunge into our Lenten preparation for Easter.

Questions? E-mail us at arlingtonnpm@gmail.com



Hats Off!

The following choirs have provided music for the TV Mass for Shut-ins recently. Mass is celebrated in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, and broadcast on WDCW-TV (DCW50) each Sunday at 10:30 AM. Check your local cable or satellite provider's listings.

Church of the Resurrection Adult Choir, Burtonsville, MD
St. Bartholomew Parish Choir, Bethesda, MD



Lord our God,
 we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
 he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
 he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
 he is the Savior of every nation.
 Lord God,
 let your blessing come upon us
 as we light the candles of this wreath.
 May the wreath and its light
 be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
 May he come quickly and not delay.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
 - Blessing of an Advent Wreath: *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

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