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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

Here are some January events to call to your attention ...

- ◆ Saturday, January 24 — The ***Southern Maryland Neighborhood Meeting*** in Leonardtown, MD.

Please join us as we peruse the Bishops' Document, ***Sing to the Lord***.

- How will it impact our ministry?
- How will we react to the changes that will come with the new Sacramentary?
- Can we consider the changes to be opportunities for **growth**?
- How will music ministers affect the way these *opportunities* are accepted by our assemblies?

As usual, Ann Duchesne will treat us to a wonderful lunch. We'll save time for sharing anything exciting that is happening in your parish. There will be time for singing.

Date: Saturday, January 24

Time: 11:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Location: 41024 Cryer Court on beautiful Breton Bay

Fee: None

R.S.V.P.: Please call Ann (301-475-6915) for directions and to tell her how many she's feeding that day.

- ◆ Saturday, January 31 — ***Cantor Workshop*** at the *Cathedral of St. Matthew* in Washington, DC. Back by popular demand, Jennifer Goltz and Tom Stehle will present Cantor Workshops that will cover basic skills in the morning, and in-depth study and practice in the afternoon.

Date: Saturday, January 31

Time: Session I - 9:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Session II - 1 - 3 p.m.

(Bring your lunch or visit one of the several eateries nearby.)

Location: **Cathedral of St Matthew** — 1725 Rhode Island Ave, NW

(Or Metro to Farragut North or Dupont circle. Some on-street parking is available, and there are several parking garages nearby.)

Fee schedule: One session - \$10, NPM member/\$15, non-member

Two sessions - \$15, NPM member/\$20, non-member

Registration deadline: JANUARY 23 – late fee - \$5

Please send your name, address, phone & e-mail with your payment to:
NPM/DC, 4727 Wexhall Terrace, Burtonsville, MD 20866

For further details, please contact Tom Stehle (tshehle@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-587-5141).

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Change We Can Believe In

As the quadrennial inauguration festivities get under way here in Washington, many of us throughout our nation are hoping for change of one sort or another. Times are already tough for many, and for all of us the road ahead looks challenging – so there is some looked for change. More importantly, I think many want to end the polarization that has us, in so many issues, in two camps split ever farther apart – both in the public arena and in the Church.

But each one of us has to change, and that change must arise from our total dependency on God. Many of us will celebrate the feast of the *Conversion of St. Paul* on Sunday, January 22 as part of the “Year of St. Paul” proclaimed by the Holy Father. Change of heart came fast and unlooked for by the Pharisee-leather worker who persecuted the Church. Paul was open enough to God’s call for him to make a radical change. That’s surprising when you think about it, but he knew his dependency on God. Are you open to as radical a change in yourself? Change me, Lord, because I need your help.

David Mathers
NPM/Arlington Chapter Director

NOT A MEMBER OF “NATIONAL NPM”

Then you may not know that information about the 2009 Convention is available at the website, www.npm.org. Information includes details on plenum speakers, workshop clinicians, Hovda lectures on Sing to the Lord, musical events, special events, hotels, and a registration form.

Not-yet-members receive a one-year membership with registration – and early birds can save \$80 by registering before March 3.

Date: July 6-10

Location: Stephens Convention Center,
Rosemont, IL (5 min. from
Chicago’s O’Hare Airport)

Make your plans now; you won’t be sorry!



YEAR OF ST. PAUL ...

How well do we know St. Paul? If your parish is named after him, if you are well versed in the New Testament, or if your own name is “Paul,” you’re probably acquainted with the man. Many of us, however, don’t know him beyond the letters we hear read at Mass.

Pope Benedict XVI declared a Year of St. Paul to be celebrated June 2008 through June 2009, so there’s still some time to join the celebration. You can check the many websites, including www.npm.org. NPM’s website has many suggestions for music including a hymn text by J. Michael Thompson. His text is set to the tune of THAXTED (aka O God Beyond All Praising) and is free to use simply by sending an email to him.

One can also do a generic internet search for “The Year of St. Paul.” The problem will be finding time in our busy schedules to make use of any of the material. One thought: Use bits of his writings or his life story as prayer at the beginning of rehearsals.

Please let us know if you come up with better ideas. E-mail the newsletter at mcdorrian@yahoo.com, and we’ll share your suggestions.

PRAYERS FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY...

Typing the above words on your “search line” will provide an abundance of sites for ideas and prayers for celebrating the Week of Christian Unity (January 18-25 each year) in your parish.

We all know the frustrations that recalcitrant computers can bring, but aren’t they wonderful when they work to our advantage?

LAST CALL FOR ... A CHILDREN'S CHOIR DAY

With Donna Kinsey

- Who:** Children's Choir members and other young singers in grades 3 through 8
- What:** Music Festival and Mass
- When:** Saturday, February 7, 2009
10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Where:** Saint Peter's Parish Hall and Church
2900 Olney Sandy Spring Road (Rte. 108)
Olney MD 20832
- Why:** To have fun, make beautiful music, and sing praise to God
- Cost:** \$30 per child (includes pizza lunch, snack, music packet with CD)
(Scholarships are available. Please inquire as necessary.)



Festival Choir Director: *Donna Kinsey*



Donna Kinsey is familiar to many who have attended an NPM Convention; she is a frequent presenter for conventions and institutes. A handbell teacher and conductor at the national level, Donna is also music specialist with the Monongalia County Schools in West Virginia. She is a sought-after teacher and clinician for children's voices, handbells, and music educators. She also serves as pastoral musician at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Morgantown. In 2001, Donna was named NPM Music Educator of the Year.

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ...

1. Send an email or call Mary Beaudoin to let her know how many children and adults from your parish are planning to participate. This is necessary so that we can order music from publishers and have packets ready to go when the registration form is received.
2. Complete the registration form (available at www.npmdc.org). Registration forms must be received by **Wednesday, January 7, 2009.**
3. Children must know the music before they arrive on February 7. We want to spend our time together making music and having fun, not learning notes.
4. Children should bring their music in a black binder (3-ring binder, choir folio)
5. Pizza lunch and snack are included in the registration fee. Children with special food needs or allergies should bring their own lunch and snack.
6. We need to keep an adult/student ratio of 1 adult per every 10 students. Please organize sufficient adults from your parish to accompany your students. If you register less than 10 students, you still must send at least one adult who will accompany the children for the entire day. At least one of the adults must have completed your (arch)diocesan Child Protection training.
7. Children should wear white shirt/blouse and black skirt/slacks for mass.
8. A music packet with practice CD will be sent to each registrant the week of January 12. This will allow three weeks to learn the music.

Please contact Mary Beaudoin A.S.A..P. with your intention to attend and the number of children and number of adults coming from your parish— mary.beaudoin@stpetersolney.org — 301-570-4952, ext. 5

We hope that you and your children's choir members will be able to participate in this special day. We know that the children will gain a greater love for music, their faith, and their Lord, and that you will leave with numerous suggestions to enhance and improve your children's choir program.

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN...

D.M.M.D. LUNCHEONS

The **Director of Music Ministries Division** (DMMD) includes professional pastoral musicians who hold or share the primary responsibility for music in a variety of settings - parish, diocesan, and other church institutions. For nearly twenty years DMMD has provided a network of support for professional directors and addressed their particular needs in the areas of education and professional concerns.

Local members of DMMD meet on the third Tuesday of each month to have lunch and discuss issues related to our profession.

If you are a person responsible for directing the music in a parish either full-time or part-time, you are welcome to join us.

Occasionally, speakers are brought in to talk to us about pertinent issues, e.g. new liturgical translations.

To receive information about luncheon meetings, email Henry Bauer at Hbauermus@aol.com

FROM THE MAILBOX ...

Dear Fellow Pastoral Musicians,

Merry Christmas to you all! What a glorious season it is and we are gifted with the privilege to share the beautiful music of Christmas with our congregations.

I would like to invite you all to join in the Festival Choir I am putting together for the Year of Saint Paul Mass that will be celebrated on January 25 at 2 p.m. with Archbishop Wuerl. ... The music has been chosen and music packets will be available to all in the choir. I look forward to hearing from you all soon so mark your calendars now for this wonderful celebration.

Thank you very much,
Maria Stanton
Director of Liturgy
St. Paul Catholic Church
Damascus, MD

All Musicians of the Archdiocese are invited to join in a Festival to Honor the Year of Saint Paul

Principal celebrant - Archbishop Donald Wuerl

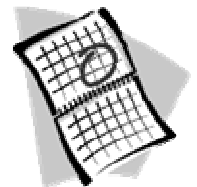
Mass on January 25 at 2 p.m.
Saint Paul Church
9240 Damascus Road
Damascus, MD 20872

Rehearsals: *Participants must make all rehearsals*
January 10 – 1-3 p.m.
January 17 – 1-3 p.m.
January 24 – 12-3 p.m.

To register contact Maria Stanton: 301-253-2027
or mstanton@stpauldamascus.org.

Please provide your name, phone number, the name of your church and the part you sing (soprano, alto, etc) or the instrument you play.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS...



- Sunday, January 11, 6:00 p.m. — **Organ Dedication**, by John Walker on the new 100 'rank' Walker Digital Organ at Church of the Resurrection in Burtonsville, MD.
- Friday, January 30, 8 p.m. — **Lessons and Carols**, presented by St. Jane Chantal Church's Adult and Children's Choir at the church, 9601 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD. For more information contact Henry Bauer, 301-530-1550.
- Friday, February 20, 8 p.m. — **Annual Orchestral Concert**: An Evening of Concerti - Henry Sgrecci conducts the Blessed Sacrament Festival Orchestra. Featured works are Beethoven's Triple Concerto with Triptych as soloists, the Concerto for Organ and Strings by Francis Poulenc with organist Ann Carney, and Cantata 51 by Bach with soprano Anastasia Robinson. Free admission; free-will offering. Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community, 1427 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA - 703 998-6100 ext. 13.

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UPCOMING NPM/DC CHAPTER EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDARS

Details in future newsletters

Saturday, February 7 10:30 am - 6 pm ... **Children's Choir Workshop** at St. Peter Church in Olney MD.
Saturday, February 21 ... An **Organ Event** at St. Patrick's in the City — French Liturgical Music
Tuesday, February 24 ... **Shrove Tuesday Lunch** in Arlington. Sponsored by NPM/Arlington.
Saturday, March 14, 9 am ... **Lenten Retreat**
Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 pm - **A Hymn/Song Festival** at St. Luke's in McLean, VA.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Our chapters depend on dues to function. The minimal fees charged for an event barely cover its cost. Please renew your membership today. It's only \$15 for an individual; \$55 for a parish.

For your convenience, we have included the membership forms in the newsletter again. If you haven't already done so, print it out and renew your membership!

Not sure if your membership has expired? Just e-mail jlo@umd.edu (DC) or trudychoir@dir@aol.com (Arlington) for confirmation.

REMINDERS:

... **Newsletter deadline** — 15th of the month, but it's never too early to submit an item. Please send them to mcdorrian@yahoo.com, mary.beaudoin@stpetersolney.org or dmathers@stmaryfred.org.

... **Electronic Newsletter** — Help us save a bit of \$\$\$ and subscribe to the newsletter electronically. Each month a PDF copy of the newsletter is emailed directly to you electronically, please e-mail your request to: jlo@umd.edu.

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