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A HYMN FESTIVAL

Tunes through the Centuries, Words for Today
Exploring hymnody for the 21st century Church

Come and lift your voice in texts of today using treasured tunes to create fresh songs of praise and prayer. The event will feature the texts of modern hymn writers set to well-known and well-loved melodies. Familiar tunes will make it easy for everyone who loves to sing—including folks who do not read music—to experience hymnody for the 21st-century church. Robert Batastini will lead and narrate the event, offering insights into the world of congregational song.

Original and creative settings of familiar tunes will be presented by two of our finest local musicians in Paul Skevington, playing Saint Luke’s renowned Steiner-Reck organ, and Phil Snedecor, adding his incredible trumpet virtuosity and artistry.

Robert Batastini recently retired after forty years as vice president and senior editor of GIA Publications, Inc., Chicago. He has also been a parish music director for more than fifty years. As a hymnal editor he coordinated the compilation of a number of Catholic hymnals, including Worship, Gather, and The African American Heritage Hymnal; he was an editorial contributor to The Presbyterian Hymnal and Evangelical Lutheran Worship; and he served as consultant on several other denominational hymnals.

Bob is past-president and a Fellow of the Hymn Society in the U.S. and Canada. He maintains an ongoing relationship with the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. Bob retired to Fennville, Michigan, and is active in the music ministry of St. Francis de Sales Church. A free will offering of \$5 is suggested.

WHO: All Are Welcome!

*This event is open to Clergy, Musicians,
Choir Members and anyone who likes to sing!*

CLINICIANS: Robert J. Batastini, *Leader & Narrator*
Paul Skevington, *Organist*
Phil Snedecor, *Trumpeter*

WHEN: **Tuesday, April 28, 2009, 7:30 PM**

WHERE: St. Luke Catholic Church
7001 Georgetown Pike
McLean VA

DIRECTOR'S CORNER *from VA*

Père Joseph Gelineau, S. J.



Fr. Joseph Gelineau, S.J. was one of the great visionaries of the liturgical renewal that came to fruition at Vatican II. His method of singing the psalms, his compositions and his direct participation in the committee entrusted with the reform of the Mass are just some of his con-

tributions to our worship, contributions we encounter almost daily. God took Père Gelineau home last August 12 at the age of 87.

In his book *Voices and Instruments in Christian Worship*, published as the council was in its early stages, Gelineau eloquently writes:

“Union of voices expresses union of hearts. It is singing together which both manifests and constitutes a community. For salvation, in very

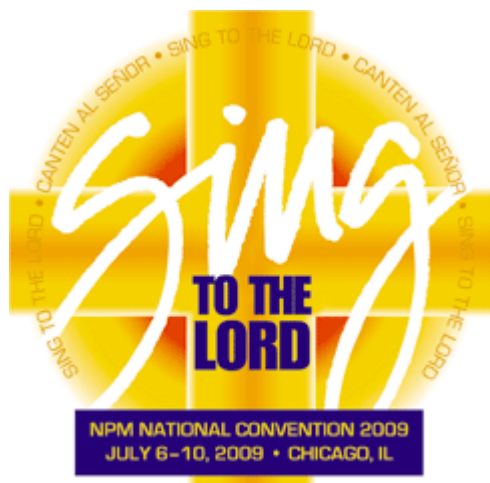
truth, was sent by God, not to each man in isolation, but to a people, to Israel, to the posterity of Abraham, community of the Covenant, a chosen race, a royal priesthood. For the choruses of the Church are not just the sum-total of the voices of the baptized, nor mere human music, but the praise which ascends to the Father from the Son in the Spirit.”

If you are interested in the understanding of Church and worship that is realized in the Constitution on the Liturgy, get yourself a copy of this very special book (it's out of print, so it can be hard to find). As we continue the work of realizing the vision of Vatican II, we can learn a little more about that vision by getting to know those who formed it and now entrust it to us.

David Mather
NPM/Arlington Chapter Director

NPM NATIONAL CONVENTION & CHAPTER DISCOUNTS

*July 6-10 at the **Stephens Convention Center** in Rosemont, IL
(5 min. from Chicago's O'Hare Airport)*



Complete information (including a registration form) is available on the website - www.npm.org.

Chapter discounts are available for ten or more members attending from the same chapter.

(DC & Arlington are considered one chapter for the convention).

Simply send your form with a \$248 check, payable to NPM/DC (plus whatever extras you may have chosen) Mary Beaudoin, 10114 Portland Place, Silver Spring, MD 20901-2116 **before May 15**.

N.B. If many register and fee is less than \$248; overpayment will be refunded.

ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT — MARCH 14TH

With Msgr. Ray East

The annual NPM/DC Lenten Retreat provides pastoral musicians with the time, space and inspiration to re-commit and be re-energized. Make time for this important event. You and your parish will be rewarded.

We are delighted to have **Msgr. Ray East** as our retreat leader this year. Msgr. East, nationally known inspirational speaker and revivalist, is Executive Director of the Office of Black Catholics, and Vicar for Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Washington. He is also pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in southeast DC, a vibrant African American Catholic community deeply engaged in a plethora of ministries for its members and for its surrounding neighborhood.

Come prepared to have your mind and heart opened.

When:	Saturday, March 14, 2009 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	9 a.m. ... Gathering and Danish 9:30 ... Sung Morning Prayer 10:00 ... 1st Conference: "Lord, help! I'm losing my grip!"
Where:	Saint Mark the Evangelist 7501 Adelphi Road Hyattsville, MD 20783 301-422-8300	10:30 ... Short Discussion and Break 11:00 ... 2nd Conference: "Worship and Community in the Real World Parish and School." 11:30 ... Short Reflection and Break Noon ... Sung Grace and Lunch 12:45 ... Hymn Sing 1:00 ... 3rd Conference: Shaped like Christ (Discipleship), Serving like Christ and sent forth by Christ (Evangelization)
Cost:	\$ 25 NPM DC Members, \$ 30 non-member	1:30 ... Short discussion and mini-break 1:45 ... 4th Talk: Your S.H.A.P.E. - Finding the Right Balance 2:15 ... Chapter Announcements and Rededication Prayer 2:30 ... Closing
Deadline:	March 6, but don't delay. This event usually fills up early.	

NPM/DC LENTEN RETREAT REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Chapter Member _____ YES _____ NO

Please send this form to : NPM/DC * 14727 Wexhall Terrace * Burtonsville MD 20866

Deadline: March 6

PROGRAM RECAPS...

Children's Choir Day

On February 7, sixty-five young pastoral musicians gathered for a day of music-making and liturgy at Saint Peter's Parish in Olney, MD. They came from nine parishes.

Holy Trinity (DC)
 St. Agnes (Alexandria, VA)
 Christ the Redeemer (Sterling, VA)
 Holy Redeemer (Kensington, MD)
 St. Andrew the Apostle (Silver Spring, MD)
 St. Mark the Evangelist (Hyattsville, MD)
 St. John Neumann (Gaithersburg MD)
 St. Patrick (Rockville, MD)
 St. Peter (Olney, MD)

Donna Kinsey brought her wild and wonderful West Virginia charm to lead the singers and to demonstrate rehearsal techniques for their directors; she also gave them a quick introduction to handbells, which, according to one fourth grader, were "the coolest thing ever." MaryLu Hartsell lent her talents serving as organist and pianist for rehearsal and liturgy.

Musical selections included: All the Earth Sing Forth by J.S. Bach, arranged by Hal Hopson; God of Earth and Sky and Sea by Maggie Tucker; and This Little Light of Mine arranged by Ken Berg and featuring cello soloist, Annika Kushner, a sixth grader from St. Patrick.

The people of St. Peter's were delighted by the heavenly music the children contributed to the 5 p.m. Saturday liturgy.

The French Connection

Ronald Stolk gave us a new appreciation of the organ repertoire in the 16th and 17th century France at the Organ Event on February 21 at St Patrick's in the City. Long, elaborate organ renditions of traditional chant were interspersed with short, simple choir verses. Organs were the stars of worship in France! While much could be used to enhance certain celebrations. And some of it is available **for free** on the internet. For more details feel free to contact Ronald at rstolk@saintpatrickdc.org

Southern MD Neighborhood Meeting

The weather couldn't have been better for the fourth annual gathering at Ann Duchesne's home on Breton Bay on January 24. Ann served her usual delicious lunch, and the discussion of the Bishops' Document, Sing to the Lord, was lively. The sing-along that has become a tradition for the last hour of these meetings used hymns and songs with "Sing" in the titles.

The three and a half hour gathering flew by!

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

MUSIC FOR THE SEASON

Everyone has favorite hymns and carols to associate with the feast of Christmas, but we wondered if there were pieces that are specific to the feasts of the Holy Family, Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord. It doesn't help that our culture begins to play Christmas music before the leaves are off the trees, so that singing the traditional carols into January can be a challenge.

Your responses indicate that you make good use of the selections in your parish worship aids when they are grouped for these special days. They include ...

Holy Family

- *God of Eve and God of Mary*
- *God of Adam, God of Joseph*
- *Of the Father's Love Begotten*
- *Once in Royal David's City*
- *The Aye Carol*

Epiphany

- *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
- *As with Gladness Men of Old*
- *Behold That Star*
- *Brightest and Best*
- *Child of the Poor*
(sung with *What Child Is This*)
- *Epiphany Carol*
- *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*
- *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*
- *In the Bleak Midwinter*

- *Lord, Today*
- *Rise Up in Splendor*
- *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*
- *The First Nowell*
- *To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came*
- *We Three Kings*
- *What Child Is This*
- *What Star Is This*

Baptism of the Lord

- *Of the Father's Love Begotten*
- *To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came*
- *What King Would Wade*
- *When Jesus Came to Be Baptized*
- *When John Baptized by Jordan's River*

Music for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God seems to be readily available in the Marian sections of our hymnals. For Epiphany one Children's Choir used Francis Heilmann's *Camels and Kings* and David Haas' *Child of Mercy*.

Loren Smith traveled to England to sing Lessons and Carols with the Exeter Camerata as part of an effort to save a 15th century. Here are some pieces they sang that you might not know: *The Crown of Roses*, *The Lord at First Did Adam Make*, *Hear the Voice and Prayer*, *A Babe Is Born I Wys*, *Bethlehem Down*, *A Great and Mighty Wonder*, *From the Eastern Mountains*, and *A Sound of Angels fills the Air*.



SUMMER INSTITUTES

For more information... www.npm.org/EducationEvents/institutes/

CANTOR EXPRESS

June 19–21 • Dallas (Plano), Texas @ Prince of Peace Catholic Community

July 17–19 • Lakewood, New Jersey @ Georgian Court University

July 24–26 • Gaylord, Michigan @ Gaylord Diocesan Pastoral Center

July 31–August 2 • Clarion, Pennsylvania @ Clarion University

24TH ANNUAL CHOIR DIRECTOR INSTITUTE

July 20–24 • Houston, Texas @ The University of St Thomas

INSTITUTE FOR MUSIC WITH CHILDREN

July 27–29 • Lansing (DeWitt), Michigan @ The Bethany House at St. Francis Retreat Center

GUITAR AND ENSEMBLE INSTITUTE

July 13–17 • Erlanger, Kentucky @ The Marydale Retreat Center

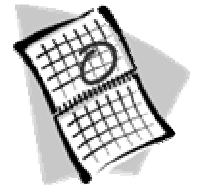
PASTORAL LITURGY INSTITUTE

July 27–31 • Greensburg, Pennsylvania @ the Bishop William G. Connare Center

PASTORAL LITURGY EXPRESS: BILINGÜE

August 14–16 • Albuquerque, New Mexico @ Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Community

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



- Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m. — **Violin Recital** by Josef Spacek and assisted by Audrey Andrist, piano at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church, 9601 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD. For more information contact, Henry Bauer at 301-530-1550.
- Every 2nd Monday of the month, 8:15 p.m. - St. Mary Parish in Fredericksburg, VA (1009 Stafford Ave.) holds an **Ecumenical Taizé Service** to pray for Christian unity. All are welcome. Please call David Mathers at 540 373-6491 x217 for more info.

SERVING THE HOMEBOUND

Music for the Mass for Shut-Ins

This month we start a new feature ... In response to a member's request, we are giving a tip of the hat each month to the choirs who provide music for the Sunday Mass, broadcast on Channel 32 at 8:30 a.m. These masses are taped in advance in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

- * January 25 & February 8 — St. Leo the Great Youth Choir, Fairfax, VA
- * February 1 & 15 - Blessed Sacrament Youth Cantors, Washington, DC

CONGRATULATIONS ...

To Mary Beaudoin, Chapter Director for the DC Chapter on her election to NPM National's Council

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED

National Pastoral Musicians exists to serve us – the pastoral musicians on whom sung worship depends. It serves best when the needs and interests of its members are known and addressed. So – what's on your mind? How can your local chapter better serve you? Any of the Board Members listed on page two will be glad to receive an e-mail with your comments and suggestions.

PRAYER SERVICES ONLINE ...

From Taizé to Notre Dame de Paris

- * **Saturday evening prayer broadcast from Taizé** — Every Saturday the evening prayer (*A Celebration of Light of the Resurrection*) from Taizé is retransmitted at 20:00 GMT (**3 pm EST**) Apr.-Oct.; 21:00 GMT (**4 pm EST**) Nov.-Mar. on Domradio, <http://www.domradio.de> a Catholic radio station in Cologne, Germany. ("Live Horen" on the left of domradio's page is the link for the live internet stream.) You can also subscribe to the "Podcast" version with this link <http://www.domradio.de/audio/podcast/taize/taize.xml> ... this page also has the mp3 files for direct download/listening.
- * **Sunday Evening Mass from Notre Dame de Paris** — Every Sunday, the 6:30 pm (Paris Time) (**12:30 EST**) Mass is broadcasted (AUDIO) on Radio Notre-Dame, http://www.radionotredame.net/rnd_player.php You can also watch the LIVE OR "On Demand" Video feed of the Mass http://www.ktotv.com/cms/emissions/fiche-emissions.html?idP=401_1
- * **Weekly Vespers from Notre Dame de Paris** — Every Monday to Friday, the cathedral's Vespers service is broadcast LIVE http://www.ktotv.com/video_data.php3?numero=1728 on KTO, French Catholic television Monday to Friday at 5:45 pm, Paris time (**11:45 AM EST.**) Or "On Demand" http://www.ktotv.com/cms/emissions/fiche-emissions.html?idP=401_2 by clicking on the video picture.

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UPCOMING NPM/DC CHAPTER EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDARS

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Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 pm - **A Hymn/Song Festival** at St. Luke's in McLean, VA.

Come and lift your voice in texts of today using treasured tunes to create fresh hymns of praise and prayer with ...

Robert Batastini, conductor & retired senior editor for GIA Publications

Paul Skevington, organist & Minister of Music and Liturgy at St. Luke's

Phil Snedecor, trumpeter, member of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra & co-founder of the Washington Symphonic Brass

\$ 5 or a free will offering.

MEMBERSHIP

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.

Not sure if your membership status? Just e-mail jlo@umd.edu (DC) or trudychoirdir@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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