



NEWSLETTER

The monthly joint publication of the NPM Arlington and NPM DC Chapters.

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St. Cecilia, pray for us!

14th Annual Gathering of the Musicians of Southern Maryland

Saturday, January 27, 2018

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Ann Duchesne's home on Breton Bay

*Topics: Repertoire for Lent and Easter/Antiphons at Mass
Lunch is included and there is no fee.*



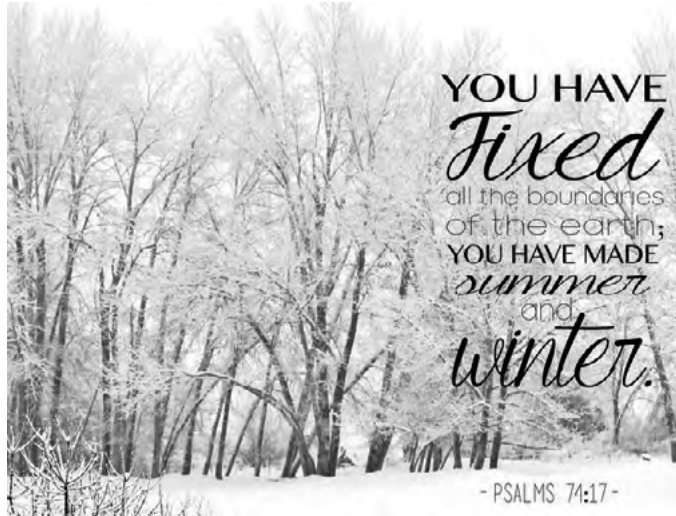
REGISTRATION: There is no official registration for this gathering, but please call 301-475-6915 by January 19 for directions and your call tells us how many are coming.

If you can, borrow a copy of your parish's hymnal or other worship aid for the afternoon.

Director's Corner

Well, we are in the midst of the Christmas season. I always look forward to this time between Christmas and the Baptism of the Lord. It is a time to relax a little bit and to spend time with our family and friends after the many Masses and special concerts that many of us sang and played this past year especially with the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve being on the same day. Hopefully, you have had a chance to see some Christmas decorations before the secular world takes them down and starts promoting Valentine's Day. Lent begins early this year so enjoy this time.

While the weather maybe iffy in January and February, your chapter boards have planned a few events in the next couple of months. Those in Southern MD will have their annual gathering at Ann Duchesne's house. Although, I have never had the opportunity to attend one of these gatherings, I know they look forward to getting together. The Arlington Chapter has their Annual Shrove Tuesday luncheon at Brion's Grille in Fairfax, VA on **February 13**. What a great way to celebrate before Lent begins by eating and enjoying each other's company. Then on **February 26**, the DC Chapter is hosting a cantor workshop. Cantor Workshops are our most popular events. Many cantors attend and always come away with useful tips to improve their skills. In the midst of Lent, we will have a Lenten Retreat with Fr. Dan Issing, CSC. A flyer with information is found in this newsletter. I am told that Fr. Dan is a great speaker and this promises to be a special time for prayer and reflection during this Lenten Season. Be sure to register for this event. It is at Mother



Seton Church in Germantown, MD, which is upper Montgomery County. It is a little bit of a drive for some people but hopefully the feeling of getting away from the city can be a draw.

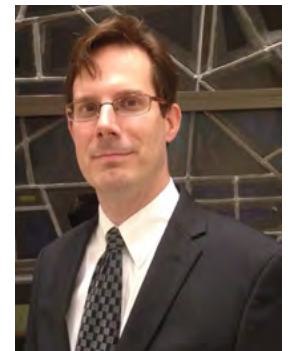
You are always welcome to participate in any event sponsored by either of the chapters regardless if you are member of the DC Chapter or the Arlington Chapter.

One of the wonderful things about being in is that in this area is that our chapters are so close and that there is so much collective knowledge and experience among us. Be sure to take advantage of the great programs and social opportunities available in both of our chapters. Being together helps us to know that we are not alone in our ministries.

We can offer support and advice to one another. This is probably the single, best thing that NPM offers to its members. I encourage you to take advantage in all that the chapters offer.

May the rest of the Christmas season be a time of celebration and rest for you.

Henry Bauer
NPM/DC Chapter Director



Watch for your January 2018 issue of *Pastoral Music* and information from the National Office about the 2018 National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland!

Future editions of this newsletter will include information about group discounts and our Arlington/ DC Chapter Dinner in Baltimore. We hope to see many of you just up I-95 this summer!

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Winner.com

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CONCERTS

GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL

M. Roger Holland, II
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CHORAL ARTISTS OF BALTIMORE

performing at America's
first cathedral under
the direction of
Ed Polochick

DMMD INSTITUTE

Jerry Blackstone,
Grammy award
winning clinician and
conductor, joins the
Director of Music
Ministries Division for
the culminating event
of their institute at the
Cathedral of Mary
our Queen

MEMBER BANQUET!

Immediately following
Convention Eucharist
with optional seating
by Chapter

Annual Shrove Tuesday Luncheon



Tuesday, February 13, 2018
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.

RSVP via our [Facebook event](#) or
E-mail us at arlingtonnmp@gmail.com

Going with the Flo

BY EUGENE HARPER

NPM is going with the Flo, so to speak.

It turns out that the character Flo from the popular Progressive Insurance TV commercials was created in part by a presenter at the summer 2017 NPM Board of Directors meeting.

NPM President Steve Petrunak described the session as a “very exciting presentation” on product branding that has resulted in a project over the next two years to identify the brand for NPM.

“I’m thrilled, but scared to death on what they’ll come back with. Just hang onto your hats,” Petrunak told attendees at the Oct. 21 Town Hall session co-sponsored by the Arlington and DC chapters the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA.

He said the summer presenter led the national board through an exercise. “By the end, we’re looking at each other going, ‘Oh my goodness,’” he said. “We could not get our heads around what was being presented to us. It was amazing.

“When you start looking at brand, who’s our target member? If you’re looking at NPM from a marketing perspective, who’s our market? Who do we serve? Parishes? Music directors? Choir members or musicians? Who’s our target audience?

“I’ve always considered NPM to be those involved in the music ministry,” Petrunak said. “I don’t know where this is going lead. We’re going to see what it does.

“But I’m excited, because once the brand’s been determined for an organization, everything flows out of that brand. Marketing, programming, projects – everything follows suit,” he noted. “So stay tuned.”



Embracing Diversity

BY EUGENE HARPER

NPM President Steve Petrunak is looking to expand the outreach and impact of the national organization.

He revealed at the Oct. 21 Town Hall session in Arlington, VA, that he and his staff have had conversations with Southwest Texas and Orange County, CA, on how NPM can better reach the Hispanic community. He called it “how to move NPM to the West.”

“We are encouraged wildly to the reactions, responses received,” Petrunak said, adding that he planned to travel to San Antonio, TX, and the Los Angeles area in the January/February timeframe “to further break open how NPM can become more relevant in those parts of our country.”

Petrunak also said he’s planning more outreach with Black Catholics “of our association and beyond to become more relevant.” It’s all “about moving us further along,” the NPM leader noted.



NPM/DC Cantor Workshop

Monday, February 26, 2018 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Saint Ambrose Church

3107 63rd Ave., Cheverly, MD 20785

Presenters: Amy Massey and Valerie Kopinski

Cantors are called to be psalmists, song leaders, animators of the assembly and musical presiders for our Catholic assemblies. They fill essential roles for vibrant worship. Come to learn and practice techniques that will strengthen your skills, so that you can unleash the song in the hearts of your assemblies.



Amy Massey has been working with liturgical musicians and training cantors in the Archdiocese of Washington DC for over 15 years. As a life long music educator, she looks forward to working with cantors of all levels. Amy is the director of music ministries at Mother Seton Parish in Germantown, MD.

Garnering praise for her “rich-voice, energetic stage presence and vocal grandeur,” dramatic soprano, **Valerie Kopinski**, has been a cantor and section leader at Mother Seton Parish in Germantown since 2015. Prior to joining Mother Seton, she was the soprano section leader and soloist at Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda for ten years. A native of Germantown, Maryland, Ms. Kopinski graduated as a Pressor scholar in Voice from the University of Maryland. She completed her Master’s degree at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York under the tutelage of Rita Shane. While in Rochester, Ms. Kopinski both cantored and directed an all-Eastman choir at St. Anne’s Church for three years.

We encourage everyone to come prepared to sing a psalm or antiphonal communion song. Accompaniment will be provided to those who do not bring their own organists or pianists.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CANTOR WORKSHOP

February 26, 2018 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saint Ambrose Church, 3107 63rd Ave., Cheverly, MD 20785

Fee: \$10 - members of either chapter; \$15 - non-members (Please make checks payable to NPM/DC.)

To receive individual attention, participants should bring two copies of a psalm or communion song.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ cell _____ home _____ work _____

Parish: _____

If you wish to register for another person(s), please complete an additional form. Mail this form with the appropriate fee to:
NPM/DC, 19951 Father Hurley Blvd., Germantown, MD 20874

Questions? Please call Amy Massey at 301-924-3838, ext. 215

Annual Retreat for Pastoral Musicians

with Father Dan Issing, CSC

The Mystery that Contains Us

Saturday, March 3, 2018

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Mother Seton Parish
19951 Father Hurley Boulevard, Germantown, MD 20874

In this Lenten retreat, we will contemplate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem recalled during the Palm Sunday Procession with Palms. "Fear not, O daughter of Zion! Your king approaches you on a donkey's colt" (Jn 12). What transpires next in the gospel is the mystery that contains and calls us to renounce ego and serve Jesus in the poor; that is, the mystery of Jesus' own descent into poverty, and his invitation to do likewise. Taking this journey with Jesus, we will consider how to evangelize today's world by being a church that is poor and for the poor.



Rev. Daniel J. Issing, C.S.C., is a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross. He is an associate professor of theology at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he teaches courses in moral theology and social ethics. Fr. Issing has a doctorate in theological ethics from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. His current research, speaking engagements, and retreats focus on Pope Francis' call to pastoral ministry in a missionary key.

Registration for the Annual NPM/DC Retreat – March 3, 2018, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Please register by *February 20*.

NAME _____

EMAIL (PLEASE PRINT) _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

PARISH _____

\$20/ chapter (DC or Arlington) member

\$25/ non-member

If you wish to register for another person(s), please provide their name(s) and email addresses.


Mail this form with the appropriate fee (check payable to NPM/DC) to:

NPM/DC, 1218 Duncan Place, N.E., Washington, DC 20002

Upcoming Events

Sacred Music at All Saints Concert Series
presents

Dr. William Atwood, organist
Friday, January 19, 2018
7:00 PM



As our Fifth Anniversary Season continues, All Saints welcomes back Dr. William Atwood to perform on the series he began five years ago. Dr. Atwood will perform works by Bach, Chapman, Daquin, Mulet, Murrill and others on our mighty Wicks pipe organ. All are welcome. A meet-the-artist reception will follow.

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Announcements of items of interest to Pastoral Musicians such as concerts, transitions, or special activities are welcome in the monthly newsletter. Deadline for articles, announcements, etc. remains the 15th of each month. Please email Claire Schweppe at clmcaruso@gmail.com.

2017 - 2018 CALENDAR of EVENTS



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Ann Duchesne's Home

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Arlington Shrove Tuesday Luncheon
Brion's Grille, Fairfax, VA

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DC Cantor Workshop
St. Ambrose, Cheverly, MD

March 3, 2018 **9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**
DC Lenten Retreat with
Fr. Dan Issing, CSC
Mother Seton, Germantown, MD

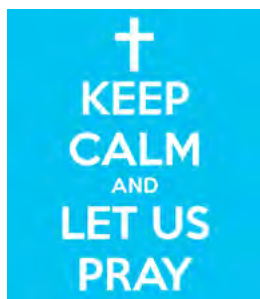
April 28, 2018
Joint Arlington/DC Event
Singing the Psalms Shapes Who We Are
Kathleen Harmon, SNDdeN, Ph.D.
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Vienna, VA




Hats Off!

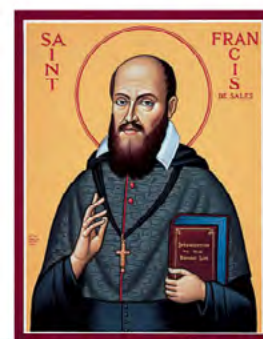
The following choirs have provided music for the Sunday TV Mass in December. Mass is celebrated in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, and broadcast on WDCW-TV (DCW50) each Sunday at 10:30 AM. Check your local cable or satellite provider's listings.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

St. Mary Parish Choir, Landover Hills, MD
St. Leo the Great Parish Adult Choir, Fairfax, VA



 God, who for the salvation of souls
 willed that the Bishop Saint Francis de Sales
 become all things to all,
 graciously grant that, following his example,
 we may always display the gentleness of your charity
 in the service of our neighbor.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
 Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

- Collect, St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (January 24)



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