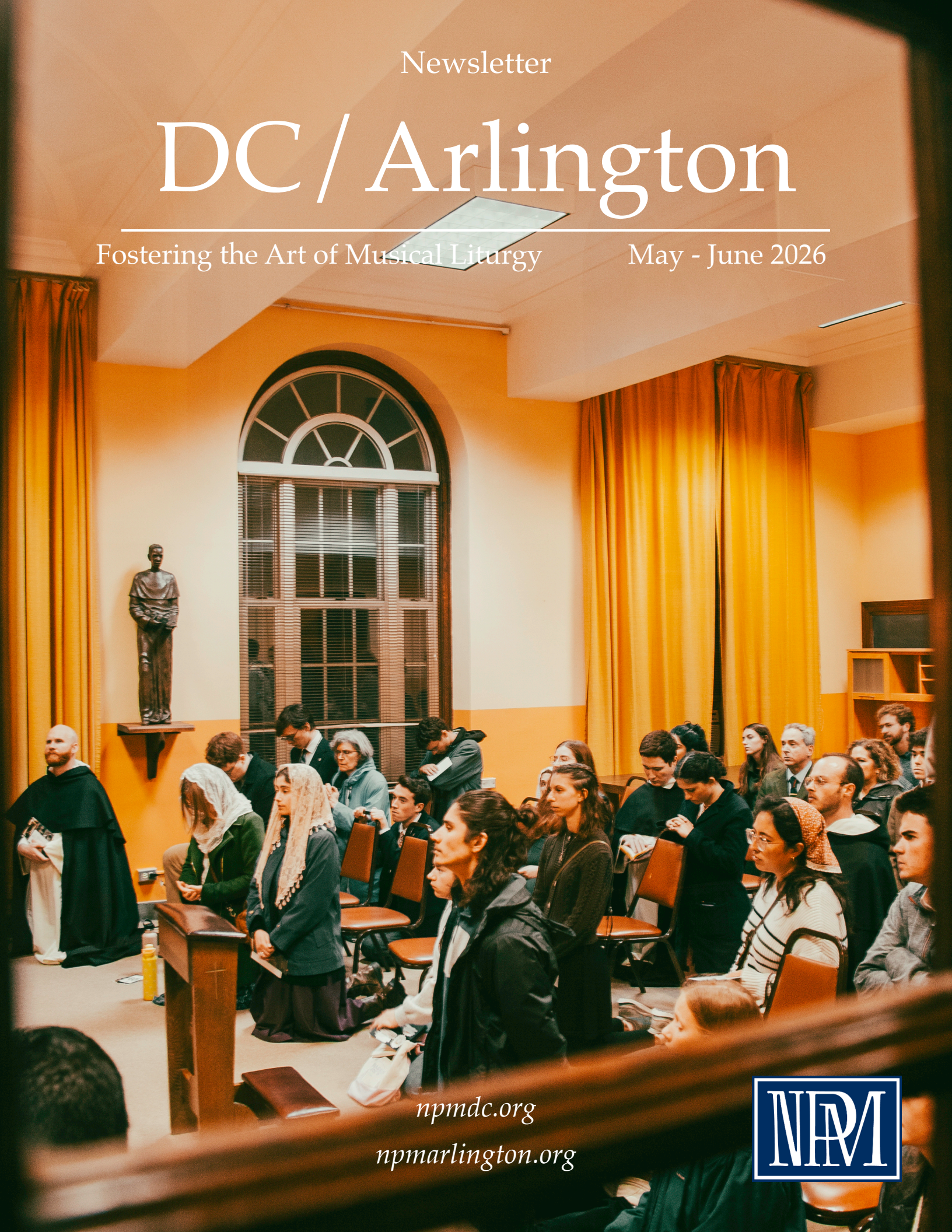


Newsletter

# DC / Arlington

Fostering the Art of Musical Liturgy

May - June 2026



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# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

**H**appy Easter! As we enter May, we are close to the halfway point of the Easter season – so let the Alleluias continue!

With May we're also only a few months away from our association's 50th Anniversary Convention. This summer, when we gather as NPM, we remember and rejoice in the history of this association and look to the future with hope for the Church and her musicians. There is a great deal of music making, learning, praying, and fellowship planned – if you haven't registered yet, please do! We're still in need of volunteers to help before and during the convention. If you're interested, let us know!

The climax of the convention week is the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist together. Praying and singing with more than 700 musicians is an incredible experience! We are recruiting singers to participate in the choir for the Convention Eucharist. This group will rehearse several times leading up to the convention and lead the singing for the Mass itself at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For a listing of rehearsal times and other requirements, and to sign up, click [here](#). If you have questions, please let me know.



**Tim Lewicki**  
*Arlington Chapter Director*

The opportunity to host a national convention comes with a great amount of planning and preparation and behind the scenes work. Our Core Committee is working hard to make this special convention a success. But we're also working on our regular programming for our local chapters. Did you attend our Choral Festival in November? Or the Lenten retreat? Maybe Arlington's Liturgy Day? Are there other resources you'd like to see in our local chapters? As we plan for future programming, please let us know how we can help your ministry.

Tim Lewicki

Chapter Director, NPM Arlington

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2026 - 2027 SEASON

- July 19-24<sup>th</sup>, 48<sup>th</sup> National Convention, Washington, D.C.
- Arlington Annual Mass & Dinner TBA
- DC Annual Mass & Dinner TBA

**More events to come!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **St. Ignatius Catholic Church**

*Port Tobacco, MD*

St. Ignatius Catholic Church is looking for a part time Music Director who can provide keyboard/organ accompaniment for Sunday liturgies and who can lead a small, all-volunteer choir. One Mass/week (9:30am on Sundays); holy days, including Christmas and Triduum and Easter Sunday; and occasional weddings, funerals, and non-Eucharistic celebrations.

St. Ignatius is a small, historic (founded in 1662), Jesuit-sponsored parish in rural southern Maryland, about 45-50 minutes south of DC. They encourage a variety of liturgical music, and place a priority on lively congregational singing. Salary is negotiable.

Interested persons can contact Fr. Mark Horak SJ at: 301-934-8245 or [pastor@chapelpoint.org](mailto:pastor@chapelpoint.org)

## **Holy Cross Catholic Church**

*Garrett Park, MD*

Holy Cross Catholic Church seeks an experienced organist/accompanist for Sunday 9:30 AM Mass year-round and Traditional Choir rehearsal Thursdays 7:00–8:45 PM (Sept–June). Duties include accompanying choir/cantor/congregation and supporting additional liturgies (weddings/funerals paid separately).

To apply send resume and cover letter to Dr. Mariana at [music@hccrosschurch.org](mailto:music@hccrosschurch.org)

## **Note from the Editor**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with a grateful heart that I write to inform you of my departure from the position of Newsletter Editor and from the NPM DC Board of Directors.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for your steadfast encouragement, your generous contributions, and your gracious patience—particularly when deadlines pressed, details multiplied, and the demands of ministry required our attention in many directions at once. I am equally thankful for the friendships cultivated through our programs, our liturgies, our meetings, and our common endeavor to offer nothing less than our finest efforts for the greater glory of God.

Though my service in this capacity has come to its close, I shall continue to hold you and your ministries in my prayers. I humbly ask that you remember me in yours, that wherever providence may call me next, I may serve with the same spirit of faith and generosity I have been privileged to witness among you.

May God bless and sustain your good work.

Soli Deo gloria,

Alberto M. Cortez

Forever We Will Sing:

Celebrating 50 Years of 

**The National Association of  
Pastoral Musicians  
48<sup>th</sup> National Convention  
July 19-24, 2026  
Catholic University of America  
Washington, District of Columbia**

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH  
HILBORNE L. ROOSEVELT ORGAN  
OPUS no. 290, 1885  
REDEDICATION CONCERT



**Friday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**featuring internationally renowned organist**  
**Nathan Laube**

*Laube has the perfect blend of imposing technique and refined musicality. His interpretative skills are impressive as is his range of expressions. A very articulate and perceptive artist who brings depth and perspective to his performances and makes the music come alive.*

**6:00 pm Solemn Vespers**  
**Break**

**6:45 pm Presentation by Michael Hart: “The Roosevelts, America's celebrated nineteenth-century Organ Builders”**  
**Break**

**7:30 pm Concert by Nathan Laube**  
**8:30 pm Conclusion & Reception**

630 E St SW, Washington, DC 20024  
Use Metro: L'Enfant Plaza, Exit B

For more information, contact Noah Lovold:  
[music@stdominicchurch.org](mailto:music@stdominicchurch.org)

# SACRED MUSIC ON THE HILL



JOHN HENDERSON, ORGANIST  
SAINT BERNADETTE CHURCH, SILVER SPRING, MD

MUSIC OF J.S. BACH, NADIA BOULANGER, DEMESSIEUX,  
GUILMANT, AND LAURIN

17 MAY 2026, 3PM  
SAINT PETER'S CHURCH ON CAPITOL HILL  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

WE ARE INVITING YOU!

# *The Convention Eucharist Choir*

Join us as we sing praise and give thanks for  
50 years of NPM!

July 23, 2026

4:30 pm Festive Prelude

5:00 pm Convention Eucharist

Rehearsals are held on selected Mondays in June and  
July at St. Luke Catholic Church in McLean, VA.

To register for the choir and for more information, click  
or scan:





FOREVER  
WE WILL SING

**The NPM Convention is coming to  
Washington, DC!**

**Where: The Catholic University of America**

620 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20064

**When: July 19-24, 2026**

Pre-convention events will begin on July 19,  
with the full convention scheduled to begin on July 20.



[Full Convention Brochure](#)



[Convention Registration Page](#)



[Commute or take advantage of the housing options for the convention.](#)

Join us for the 50th anniversary of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians in 2026! This year's theme, "Forever We Will Sing," takes its inspiration from Psalm 89. NPM's work to foster the art of musical liturgy has shaped Catholic worship since the Second Vatican Council – and our work is not done yet.

NPM 48TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



## Interested?

Sign up using QR code or [HERE!](#)



**Volunteers needed to assist  
with various areas!**

Discounted and free  
convention registration fees  
are available to those who  
donate a certain amount of  
hours!

July 19-24, 2026

Catholic University of America  
Washington, D.C.

# ST. JOSEPH'S ON CAPITOL HILL ORGAN CONCERT SERIES 2026

*featuring the fully restored 1891 Hook & Hastings Op. 1487*

*by the David E. Wallace & Co. LLC Pipe Organ Builders*



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026 - 4PM**

**REDEDICATION CONCERT**

*Maria Balducci, director of music, St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill  
with the St. Joseph's Festival Choir & Brass*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 - 4PM**

*Ben LaPrairie, associate director of music, Basilica of the  
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026 - 4PM**

*Richard Spotts, organist, Doylestown, PA; author of  
"Charles Tournemire's L'Orgue Mystique: La Haute Mission"*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 - 4PM**

*Ronald Stolk, organist, St. Patrick's Church, Washington, DC*

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026 - 4PM**

**Annual Marian Concert**

*Maria Balducci, organist, with the St. Joseph's Choir*

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026 - 4PM**

*Todd Fickley, organist, National Presbyterian Church,  
Washington, DC; founder of "The Bach Project"*

**SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026 - 4PM**

*Kevin Birch, organist, St. John's Catholic Church, Bangor, ME;  
Director, St. John's Organ Society; Faculty, University of Maine*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026 - 4PM**

*Paul Hardy, organist, Cathedral of St. Matthew,  
Washington, DC*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 - 4PM**

*Adam Chlebek, assistant director of music, Basilica of the  
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026 - 4PM**

*Samuel F. Rowe, director of music, Basilica of the  
Assumption, Baltimore, MD*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026 - 4PM**

*Daniel Sáñez, director of music and organist,  
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond, VA*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2026 - 4PM**

**Annual Lessons & Carols Concert**

*Maria Balducci, organist, with the St. Joseph's Choir*

*\*for program information, please visit the St. Joseph's sacred music website\**

# What's Going on At Your Parish

Do you have an event coming up at your parish? Would you like to share something about your ministry or formation experience? We welcome your contributions to our bi-monthly newsletter. To be included, please submit your content by the 21st of the month prior to publication. Submissions should be sent to Katie Evans at [WashingtonDC@npm.org](mailto:WashingtonDC@npm.org). In addition to the newsletter, your content may be shared on our social media and communications channels right away—no need to wait for the next issue!

## MEMBERSHIP ALERT

The Local Chapters only receive membership dues through the National Office. When you renew or join you **MUST** elect which local Chapter, or the local Chapters will not receive the funding. This makes programming events and workshops hard for our local area, so **PLEASE PLEASE** designate your local Chapter when renewing Membership at [ww.npm.org](http://ww.npm.org). If you are unsure, please contact Keisna Sosa at [membership@npm.org](mailto:membership@npm.org) and she will help you!

**IMPORTANT! Your Chapter relies HEAVILY on your Renewals!**

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### NPM DC Hospitality Coordinator Open Position

Plans and oversees refreshments and hospitality for Chapter meetings and events, drawing on the assistance of other Chapter members and members of host venue as appropriate. Current board member serving in this position is willing to help in transition to the new Coordinator, and to continue to advise and assist as needed. If interested please reach out to [WashingtonDC@npm.org](mailto:WashingtonDC@npm.org).

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