

DC & Arlington

Bimonthly Newsletter

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Director's Corner

Dear DC and Arlington Members,

We are busy preparing for the [48th Annual National Convention](#) on the campus of The Catholic University of America. With over fifty breakouts for fifty years of membership, this is an exciting time for NPM! Both local chapters have been busy on the convention's core committee: on-campus housing is sold out, the Organ Crawl and Cantor Institute are sold out, and the Handbell Festival is almost at capacity! What an amazing time it will be on the campus as close to 600 musicians gather together for formation, fellowship, prayer, and performance!



Katie Evans
DC Chapter Director

I am excited to welcome our new Newsletter Editor and Board Member, Marcela Aguilar! Originally from Guatemala, Marcela lives in Gaithersburg, MD, where she has been a parishioner at St. Rose of Lima since 2008. Her background is in public health and international development and she currently works with Georgetown University on their Expert Vaccine Analysis Team. In addition to singing with the St. Rose adult choir, Marcela also regularly participates in choral institutes hosted by Montgomery College and the University of Maryland. Welcome, Marcela!

As we transition to our new editor, we also congratulate Alberto Cortez on his graduation and new job as the Advancement Office Manager for the Pontifical North American College in Washington, DC.

As with both local chapters, we need new members on our local boards to maintain programming, membership, funding, and promotions. Please consider becoming a Board Member and inquiring about board seats needed in each chapter by emailing WashingtonDC@npm.org or Arlingtonva@npm.org.

Tim and I would like to thank the core committee for their tireless efforts in coordinating this National Convention. From Zoom meetings to onsite visits to spreadsheets to equipment and liturgy rehearsals, this has been a true labor of love. We hope to make our local chapters proud and know this is a volunteer effort of enormous proportion. Please thank a committee member when you are at the Convention!

There are still opportunities to volunteer; even one to two hours will help! Email Amy Massey at music@mothersetonparish.org or check out the hours still needed on our VSP link for Volunteers.

I look forward to seeing you all in person at the convention this summer as we celebrate the 250 years of the United States in the nation's capital!

Katie Evans
Co-chair, 2026 NPM Convention
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Calendar of Events

JULY
19 – 24

48th National Convention
Washington, DC

TBA

Annual Mass and Dinner
Arlington Chapter

TBA

Annual Mass and Dinner
DC Chapter



FOREVER
WE WILL SING

NPM ANNUAL CONVENTION **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Volunteers make the music happen!

Your time, talent, and joy will help make this year's gathering an unforgettable one. Passionate volunteers who meet a minimum number of hours receive discounted and free registration fees.

For more information, contact Amy Massey:
music@mothersetonparish.org



INTERESTED?

Sign up using the QR code or visit the volunteer registration site:

<https://bit.ly/NPM-2026-volunteer>



FOREVER
WE WILL SING

NPM 48TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA | WASHINGTON, DC

Can't join us for the full convention? You can still be a part of the experience!



DAY PASS

Experience a single day of inspiring worship, workshops, and community. Perfect for local musicians and ministers who can't attend the full event. Pricing starts at \$221.



VIRTUAL REGISTRATION

Join us from anywhere! Livestream the opening ceremony, all plenum addresses, and all showcase events. View recordings of select breakouts at your own pace. Pricing starts at: \$170.



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TODAY!**

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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

ST. JOSEPH'S ON CAPITOL HILL - 313 SECOND STREET NE - PARKING AVAILABLE - FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC -

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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 bimonthly newsletter. To be included, please submit your content by September 21. Submissions should be sent to Katie Evans at WashingtonDC@npm.org and Tim Lewicki at tlewicki@allsaintsva.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.

DC Hospitality Coordinator Open Position

We are searching for a new DC Hospitality Coordinator. This person plans and oversees refreshments and hospitality for chapter meetings and events, drawing on the assistance of other chapter members and members of the host venue, as appropriate. The current board member serving in this position is willing to help transition the role to the new Coordinator and to advise and assist as needed. If you are interested, please reach out to WashingtonDC@npm.org.

Membership Alert

The local DC and Arlington 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 your membership at www.npm.org. If you are unsure, please contact Keisna Sosa at membership@npm.org and she will help you!

IMPORTANT: Your chapter relies **HEAVILY** on your renewals!

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