

NEWSLETTER

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Group registration deadline is March 13!

Look through this edition for information about the 2020 NPM Convention in Louisville, KY!

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See page 3 for dinner details!

The glory of these forty days We celebrate with songs of praise; For Christ, through whom all things were made, Himself has fasted and has prayed.



St. Cecilia, pray for us!



May your Lenten journey lead to the joys of the Easter Season!

Consider making NPM part of your Lenten experience - check out information on joint Arlington and DC events with **Peter Kolar**.

Director's Corner

nd so it begins: our march through Lent and our March through Lent. Remember how December 1 marked the first Sunday of Advent 2019? Well, now March 1 is the 1st Sunday of Lent with a little help from February's extra leap year day to push March 1 from Saturday to Sunday.

What can this mean to us as pastoral musicians? We in the liturgical music world annually move smoothly in and out of our seasons, sometimes on autopilot. We have our many weeks of Ordinary Time – or

"Jesus Time," as visiting Deacon Steve Morello used to preach to our parishioners. Advent Lent intervene. and Advent is four Sundays' countdown to the birth of Christ. Lent travels through 40 days of many phases of Our Lord's life, leading to the doorstep of his suffering, death and resurrection.

RETURN to the LORD FORTY DAYS of LENT GOD

Advent starting the first Sunday on the first day of the month brought forth for me an enlightened "packaged" view of preparing for the coming of the Lord. The allencompassing December Advent experience made it easier to transport the full musical experience – through the Sundays of Advent to the Lessons and Carols service.

In a similar manner, Lent this year is packaged nicely within five Sundays of March. Our portrayal of music representing praying, fasting and almsgiving starts with Jesus overcoming the devil's temptation during 40 days in the desert. It progresses through Christ forgiving the sins of the woman at the well and curing disease and foretelling of his own death and resurrection by bringing Lazarus back to life. In some fashion, compressing all these events into the framework of a single calendar month might help

foster a fresh focus on musical approach to the Lenten experience. And this could also apply to the scrutinies, Stations of the Cross and Lenten Missions.

I'm often reminded during the Lenten season of the fullness of becoming and remaining Catholic. Throughout our liturgies, remarkably proclaimed this month, the richness and gifts of our faith include purposeful opportunities for entry, renewal, repentance and reconciliation, all which take precious time and thoughtful preparation. May the March

music we provide be the food for that journey.

During our March through Lent, we have yet another chance for musical enrichment: We are sponsoring **Peter Kolar**, editor for Spanish and Bilingual Resources at GIA Publications and gifted composer and pianist, to do a concert

and workshop on Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14. Peter will be in concert on Friday evening at St. Ambrose Church in Cheverly, MD, and will lead a workshop on Saturday at Christ the Redeemer Church in Sterling, VA. If you are involved in any aspect of Spanish music ministry, you will find his presentations to be outstanding and meaningful! Get

details on Many Rhythms, One Prayer on page 4.

Eugene Harper NPM Arlington Chapter Director



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2020 National Convention

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Te hope to see many of you in Raleigh better than the \$295 early bird fee: this summer! For full convention details see the digital Convention Details about the Chapter Dinner Brochure.

are found in this newsletter!

Is an NPM Convention for you?

If you are a pastoral musician: director of music ministries ~ psalmist ~ cantor ~ bishop ~ priest ~ deacon ~ seminarian ~ choir director ~ ensemble leader ~ organist ~ keyboardist ~ guitarist ~ player of another instrument ~ youth pastoral musician ~ music educator ~ or anyone seeking time away in a retreat environment filled with prayer, filled with music, filled with the support of other ministers.



10-19 Members (15% off): **\$280**

20-29 Members (20% off): \$264

30+ Members (25% off): **\$247**

Please note:

- **1.** Again this year there is a \$20 discount if you choose an Electronic Program Book.
- **2.** Registrant must be a parish/ individual member of both National *AND* the local chapter (Arlington/DC).
- 3. Only one discount per registrant (e.g. cannot be combined with Clergy/Musician Duo)
- 4. Chapter discount is not available on Youth, Daily, Child Companion, or registrations

Here's what to do:

1. Complete a <u>registration form</u>.

(This year, the form is a fillable PDF, fill it out on your computer, print and send to us!)

- **2.** Make a check payable to NPM/Arlington (\$280 - plus any extras you've chosen)
- **3.** Mail both to **Anne Shingler**, **3146 Woodland** Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309 postmarked by Friday, March 14.

Is there a local Chapter member discount?

Before you send in that registration form, we hope you will consider registering through the local chapters (Arlington & DC are considered as one). The Chapter Discount is the best available, even

Questions, including how to join your local chapter? Please email arlingtonnpm@gmail.com (Arlington) or npmdcmembership@gmail.com (DC)

Convention Chapter Dinner



The Pastoral Musicians' Dinner at this year's #NPMLouisville Convention, will be held after the Convention Eucharist. See page 35 of the Convention Brochure. All are welcome to participate. This dinner requires pre-registration. Please mark your registration form (on page 2) to attend the dinner. Cost is \$54 per person.

In addition, we will have a separate **Arlington/DC Chapter Dinner** on Wednesday evening. More details to come - but know that we can have meals together at least twice!

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FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020 VIERNES 13 DE MARZO, 2020

@ 8:00PM

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CONCIERTO DE MÚSICA SACRA

with/con: Peter Kolar

COMPOSER/PIANIST/MUSIC EDITOR

Compositor/Pianista/Editor de Música

"Come experience the love of God through sacred music"

"Ven a experimentar el amor de Dios a través de la música sacra"



TALLER: DÍVERSOS RÍTMOS, UNA ORACIÓN WORKSHOP: MANY RHYTHMS, ONE PRAYER Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica Cristo Redentor

46833 HARRY BYRD HWY. / STERLING, VA 20164 (10:00AM - 3:00PM)

Costo/Cost: \$25.00 (Includes lunch/almuerzo incluido) - Info @ 301-924-3838 ext 215

EN ESTE TALLER TENDRÁS LA OPORTUNIDAD DE:

- 1. Compartir diferentes puntos de vista y 1. Share different views and experiences experiencias a través de un dialogo entre through a dialogue among Spanish and English músicos de habla hispana y de habla inglesa.
- 11. Aprender repertorio bilingüe.
- 111. Aprender a interpretar diferentes estilos y géneros dentro de la música hispana. Están invitados a traer sus instrumentos!

Este taller está dirigido a todos los ministros de música (Directores, coros, cantores, instrumentistas, etc)

THIS WORKSHOP WILL GIVE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- speaking musicians.
- 11. Learn bilingual Repertoire.
- III. Learn the proper performance styles and interpretation of different genres in Hispanic music. You are welcome to bring your instrument (s)!

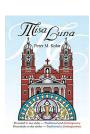
This workshop is addressed to all music ministers (Directors, choirs, cantors, instrumentalists, etc)



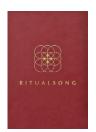










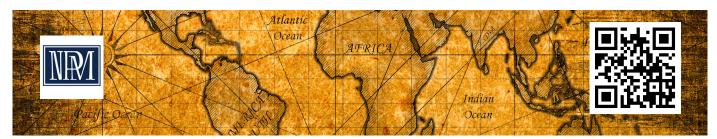






Registration/Registración:

https://qrgo.page.link/VN6BM



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Southern Maryland Gathering 2020



Ann Duchesne (1st row, left) with some of this year's participants

Pastoral musicians (including a pastor) gathered on January 25 to address the topic: Encouraging Assembly Singing: the Challenges. Nine parishes were represented. After welcoming old and new friends, everyone enjoyed lunch and began the day's discussion.

Being surrounded by people they felt sure would understand, participants readily shared the challenges of music ministry in their parishes. This was followed by a sampling of articles from various periodicals, which shed some sympathy and some light on concerns most pastoral musicians face - no matter the size or location of a parish. The concerns could be consolidated in the following statements:

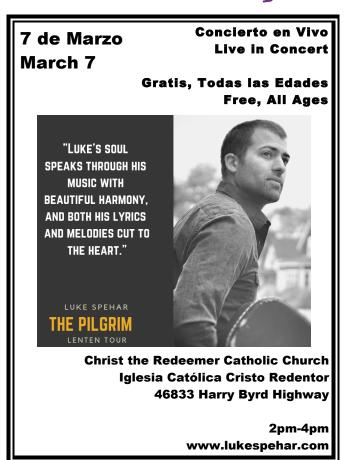
- 1. People don't sing when they don't understand their role or the place of music in liturgy.
- 2. Effective leadership is necessary, including singing by the priest and other liturgical ministers.
- 3. Good repertoire, with strong melodies in singable keys, is vital.

Everyone agreed that its easier to name the challenges than it is to face and overcome them. But it can be done – with patience, education, and a strong sense of teamwork in the parish. That teamwork goes beyond parish musicians to include leaders of other departments, ministries, support staff (e.g. bulletin editors), and clergy. The first step is to make it a priority.

In 2004, Ann Duchesne offered to host a Saturday lunch and meeting of Southern Maryland musicians in her home on Breton Bay. The event continues as a tribute to her dedication to making music in the liturgy.

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Upcoming Events







MINISTRY MONDAY

is the podcast for today's parish minister. Weekly episodes provide opportunities for anyone engaged in pastoral ministry to learn, engage, grow, and be renewed.

Content includes interviews with featured guests alongside a treasure-trove of articles, presentations, plenum addresses, workshops, and recordings from NPM publications, conventions, and events. Ministry Monday is a service of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.

To subscribe, <u>click here</u> To learn more, <u>click here</u> Monday, March 23, 2020 7:30 PM Rising Stars Organ Recital St. Thomas More Catholic Cathedral 3901 Cathedral Lane Arlington, Virginia 22203

Featuring Peabody Conservatory Organ Students Wendy Johnson, Valentina Huang and Christian Cang Cuesta.

Sponsored by the <u>Northern Virginia Chapter</u> of the American Guild of Organists.

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A Call for Photos

As we enter into this holy season of Lent, would you share your Lenten and Easter celebrations with us?

An ongoing feature in these newsletters is *A Look Around Our Chapters*. Please consider taking a few photos of your ministry, parish, and sanctuary and sharing them with us.

Share JPEG or TIFF files with the newsletter editor, <u>tlewicki@allsaintsva.org</u>.

Be sure to visit the Washington, DC and Arlington, VA Chapters' websites for the latest information on Chapter happenings, registration forms, and events:

www.npmdc.org

Introductions, Modulations, and Cadences

As a regular feature of the newsletter, we will recognize those who begin new positions, are new chapter members, or retire from positions. If you, or someone you know, begin a new position, retire, or move away, let us know.

Welcome . . . new members!

Holy Family Catholic Church (parish membership)

Janet Mumford, Music Director

Allan Chan

Aileen Uy

Mrs. Michelle Jacobeen, Director of Music at Queen of Apostles Church in Alexandria, VA.

St. Francis de Sales (parish membership)

Mr. Michael Galdo, Music Director

Mr. Michael Langlois, Director of Music at Saint John the Apostle in Leesburg, VA

Mr. Joseph Ciskanik, Choir Direcotr at St. Patrick Church in Fredericksburg, VA

Jason Bowles, Assistant Organist at St. Timothy Church in Chantilly, VA

St. Thomas à Becket (parish membership)

Mrs. Trudy Maher, Director of Liturgy and Music

Dr. Kimberly Hess

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DAVID KAUFFMAN

Song & Story Lenten Mission



Date: March 19, 2020 Time: 7:00 pm

Place: St. Joseph Church 750 Peachtree St., Herndon, Va. Learn more at: GoodfortheSoulMusic.com 2019 - 2020
EVENTS at a GLANCE

March 13 & 14, 2020 Joint Arlington/DC Event with Peter Kolar

Friday 8:00 PM Saint Ambrose Catholic Church, Cheverly MD

Saturday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, Sterling, VA

July 7-10, 2020 NPM 43rd Annual Convention Louisville, KY

Hannah Masson, Director of Music at Precious Blood Catholic Church, Culpeper, VA, has music she would like to give away to a new home! Interested, contact her directly, hmasson@pbcconline.com

17 *Choral Praise Comprehensive hymnals* for free (just shipping costs or we can arrange a pick up). Nine of these have the readings and there are 8 without the readings. All are good to very good condition.



Psalms for the Church Year (Celebration Series), GIA, Volumes 1 & 2 (11 copies).

Awake, Arise Go Forth in Faith (SATB), Eugene Englert. GIA (36 copies). Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella (SATB). Howard Helvey. Beckenhorst Press. (18 copies) Christmas Night (SATB), Paul Nienaber & Robert Schaefer, WLP (11 copies) God's Holy Family (SATB) John Schiavone. OCP (28 copies).

O Holy Night (SATB), Craig Courtney. Beckenhorst Press. (32 copies).

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune (SATB), R. Vaughn Williams, Oxford University Press (34 copies). Ubi Caritas (SATB), Brian Childers, WLP (12 copies).

Who Calls You By Name (SATB), David Haas, GIA (27 copies)

Wisdom Flowers Upon the Cross (SATB), Maureen Briare, WLP (11 copies).

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Hats Off!

The following choirs have provided music for the Sunday TV Mass recently. 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. Paul VI Catholic High School Choir, Fairfax, VA St. Peter Parish School Chamber Choir, Olney, MD



Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care. 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.

- from Morning Prayer, March 19, Solemnity of St. Joseph



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Amen.

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