



NEWSLETTER

LOCAL CHAPTER SURVEY ON YOUTH

Work with young people is one of the most life-giving ministries for pastoral musicians. It is so rewarding, as we encourage them, sing with them, help develop their talents and abilities, and we think about what the future may hold for their participation in the sung prayer of the Catholic Church.

It is also very challenging, as we struggle with new ways to reach out to the youth in our parishes and institutions, and keep them involved in the life of the Church.

The NPM local chapters want to help. We have prepared a survey for pastoral music leaders on youth involvement. In the survey we ask what your needs are and how can we help you achieve them. During the coming weeks, you will receive a link to the survey and we urge you to fill it out right away! Your responses will shape our programming in the next year, as we all seek to help our young people.

Annual Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 8

The Annual Lenten Retreat is coming up soon!

*This year we have a fantastic retreat director in Fr. Jim Greenfield, OSFS
See page 3 or www.npmdc.org for the flyer and registration form.*

You don't want to miss this!

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Another view on participation in communal singing:

"I've never sung anywhere without giving the people listening to me a chance to join in. As a kid, as a lefty, as a man touring the U.S.A. and the world, as an oldster. I guess it's kind of a religion with me. Participation. That's what's going to save the human race."

Pete Seeger, May 3, 1919 - January 27, 2014

DIRECTOR'S CORNER



What are we doing?

As pastoral musicians, what exactly is it we that we are doing? When we choose hymns for our liturgies, what really are we doing? When we train our choirs, and rehearse with our cantors and instrumentalists, what are we doing? When we teach our assemblies, when we meet with engaged couples and families of the bereaved, when we counsel and mentor our young people, what are we doing?

When we decide to join the choir, when we make it in on Easter Morning after a long Vigil, when we practice our music at home, when we bring lunch for the confirmation choir, when we bake for the concert reception, what are we doing?

If the gift of God's love and the deepening of our people's self-emptying, conversion and identification with Christ are what forms your decisions and actions as a pastoral musician...

If you can find where the genuine gift of yourself intersects with the raising of the voices of God's people as one in prayer, for the building of their holiness and for the glory of God...

Then you know exactly what you are doing!
Share, be, do the Gospel!

*David Mathers,
Director, Arlington, VA Chapter*

Day of Formation for Spanish-speaking Pastoral Musicians featuring Jaime Cortez

Saturday, February 15, 9:00am - 4:00pm
Cardinal McCarrick Center - 12247 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD

Price per person: \$20.00
(including lunch and materials)

This program is sponsored by the Archdioceses of Washington and Baltimore,
in collaboration with OCP Publications

For registration and information:

<http://tallerdemusica2014.eventbrite.com>

or call: Maria Hamm, 301.853.4499

Jaime Cortez is a talented and popular composer and pastoral musician, known for his compositions in both Spanish and English. He is the Director of Music at Holy Cross Parish in Mesa, Arizona.

Please note this program will be presented in Spanish.

† Lenten Retreat for Pastoral Musicians † with Rev. James Greenfield, OSFS

Saturday, March 8 – 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Theological College (at CUA)
401 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC



Fr. Jim, Provincial of the Wilmington-Philadelphia Province of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, is one of the most sought-after retreat leaders and preachers in the Mid-Atlantic and a true friend of pastoral musicians. He is a brilliant, pastoral leader and priest who fully appreciates the value of liturgical music and knows the struggles of those who implement and promote it.

Please use the form below to register by February 26.
Further information: 301-384-5796.

Registration for the Annual NPM/DC Retreat – March 8, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Name _____

E-mail (please print) _____

Phone number(s) _____

Address _____

Parish _____

_____ \$20/chapter (DC or Arlington) member _____ \$25/non-member (Lunch is included)

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, P.O. Box 42724, Washington, DC 20015

NPM Annual Shrove Tuesday Lunch

March 4, 12:00noon

Join us for this annual tradition

After a full eight weeks of Ordinary Time, Shrove Tuesday will descend upon us on **March 4, at 12 NOON**, at Brion's Grille. And that means it's time for Washington, DC and Arlington chapter members and friends to rush on over for the food and fun one last time before we usher in our much-needed period of penance, reflection and fasting!

Cost remains a very affordable \$15, which includes a sumptuous lunch buffet (plus delightful desserts), beverage, tax and gratuity.

For head-count purposes only, please email Arlington board member Bob Malinowski at bob.malinowski@verizon.net if you plan to attend.

Brion's – at 10621 Braddock Rd. in Fairfax and located near the intersection of Braddock Rd. and Rt. 123 – sits across the road from George Mason University. It's less than 10 minutes from the Braddock Rd. West exit off the I-495 Beltway. If you haven't traveled this part of the Virginia Beltway since the new 495 Express Lanes (euphemism for toll road) in 2012, pay close attention to road signs so you don't pay more for your lunch than you intended.

For more information about Brion's and for more precise directions, go to www.brionsgrille.com.

2014 Calendar

Details for all events will appear in future newsletters, early enough to get top billing on your calendars, of course!

**March 4, 12noon
Shrove Tuesday Lunch**
Brion's Grill, Arlington, VA

**March 8, 9am - 2:30pm
Lent Retreat with Fr. Jim
Greenfield, OSFS**
Theological College, Washington, DC

**April 1
An Evening With John Bell**
The DC Chapter and St. Camillus Parish in Silver Spring will co-sponsor an Evening with John Bell on April 1, 2014. Mark your calendars -- details next month.

**May 2, 7:30pm - 9:30pm
The Music of the Psalms with
Michel Guimont**
St. Luke Church, McLean, VA

**July 14-18, 2014
NPM Annual Convention**
America's Center
St. Louis, MO

Save These Dates!

NPM Arlington/Washington, DC are on the Web!

Be sure to visit the Washington, D.C. and Arlington Chapter Websites for the latest information on Chapter happenings, registration forms, and events.

www.npmdc.org
www.npmarlington.org



37th Annual Convention National Association of Pastoral Musicians

*July 14-18, 2014
America's Center - St. Louis Missouri*

Is an NPM Convention for you?

Yes – 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.

All of the details on how you can be part of this wonderful week are below!

<http://www.npm.org/EducationEvents/convention/ConventionBrochure.pdf>

Is there a local Chapter member discount?

BUT – 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 better than the \$295 early bird fee:

\$293 - for 10-19 members

\$286 - for 20-29 members

\$259 - for 30+ members

- Please note:
1. There is a new \$20 discount if you choose an Electronic Program Book
 2. Registrant must be a parish or individual member of both National & Chapter NPM
 3. Only one discount per registrant (e.g. cannot be combined with Clergy/Musician Duo)
 4. Chapter discount is not available on Youth, Daily, Companion, or Child registrations

Here's what you do:

1. Complete a registration form (available at www.npm.org)
2. Make a check payable to NPM/Arlington (\$293* - plus any extras you've chosen)
3. Mail both to Ms. Susan Trainor, 3217 Wildmere Place, Oak Hill, VA 20171 by May 15

**If more than 19 sign up with us, you'll receive a refund in the mail*

Questions? Please call 301-384-5796.

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 Jim Wickman directly at jaw249@georgetown.edu.



Upcoming Concert Opportunities

February 23, Sunday, 3:00p.m. • Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

9200 Kentsdale Drive, Potomac, MD

Joyce Lundy, soprano, will present a concert of spirituals and sacred songs. All are welcome to attend!

February 28, Friday, 7:30p.m. • Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community

1427 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA, more information: 703.998.6100 ext. 103

Haydn's oratorio "The Creation" will be performed by the combined choirs and Festival Orchestra, along with soloists, soprano Michelle Kunz, tenor Phil Pickens, and bass Rob Tudor. Donations will support the concert series.

March 16, Sunday, 3:00p.m. • The Music Center at Strathmore

5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, MD, more information: 301.581.5100

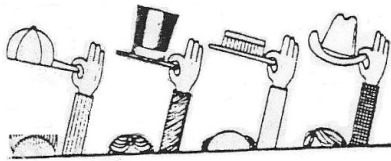
Featuring the *Escolania De Montserrat*, from Montserrat, near Barcelona, Spain. This famous boys choir will sing as part of their inaugural concert tour to the US. The aim of the Escolania is daily participation in the Prayer of the Church, for pilgrims from all over the world who visit the shrine.

April 1, Tuesday, 7:30p.m. • St. Paul's Episcopal Church

228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA, more information: 703.683.6040

This a cappella quintet from Germany returns to Alexandria for a second concert. Graduates of Leipzig's St. Thomas Church Choir School, their repertoire is wide ranging, from Palestrina, Bach, Verdi, and Machaut, to contemporary sacred composers.

Hosting a concert, performance, or special event at your parish, church or institution? For inclusion in this newsletter, send a note to Jim Wickman jaw249@georgetown.edu



HATS OFF!

As always, we are grateful to the musicians who generously provide music for the TV Mass for Shut-Ins, celebrated in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, and broadcast on WDCW TV each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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