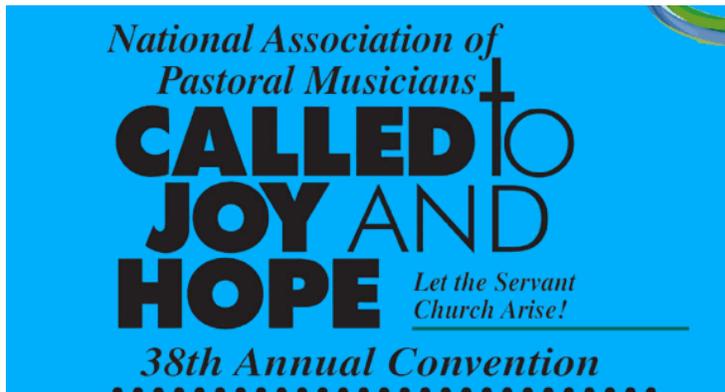


NPM NEWSLETTER



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Looking Ahead to the Convention Dinner

Don't forget our invitation to dinner on Wednesday, July 8. It's tempting to put off making a reservation until the last minute, but we need a count for the restaurant.

Please note:

- * the cost is lower than recent years
- * the meal includes soup or salad, choice of five entrées, a dessert, coffee, tea, or soda
- * a cash bar is available. (keeps the cost down for all.)

The restaurant was recommended to us by locals; the food should be good; the company, superb; and the chance to mingle with others folks from our area, priceless! Hope you can join us.

Final Newsletter for 2014-2015

This is the final newsletter for this year. Many thanks to all who contributed to our newsletter and to the many events of the DC and Arlington Chapters. September will find us with a new Editor (see page 5 for more information), do be on the look out for that! In the meantime...

Have a happy and restful summer!

DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Don't Go Changin'...

With apologies to Billy Joel, I want to let you know of some important changes to our Arlington Chapter Board. I will be stepping down as Chapter Director. The Chapter Director calls and chairs the chapter board meetings, helps find members of the board, and is the visible face of our board, especially in communicating with members and at chapter events. I have enjoyed so much filling that role and working with my music ministry colleagues in providing resources and social opportunities for NPM chapter members and friends over the past nearly ten years, and I sincerely thank all who have attended events and helped spread the mission of NPM over those years. But it is long time for new leadership!

We are extraordinarily blessed that Eugene Harper, Organist and Choir Director of St. Joseph Church in Alexandria will serve us as our new chapter director. Gene is a great friend to all who come to know him and a deeply talented and holy man who understands the role of music in the liturgy and our lives. Our excellent board will work with Gene in developing programming and events over the coming years. Thank you Gene and many thanks also to Cora, your lovely wife, for sharing you with us a little more for a time! You can learn more about Gene from this excellent article that appeared last year in the Arlington Catholic Herald: <http://catholicherald.com/stories/Music-sets-tone-for-faith,25383>.

We also are thankful for Claire Caruso, the new director of music ministries at Christ the Redeemer in Sterling, for agreeing to join our Arlington chapter board. Claire is a recent graduate of Indiana University with a degree in organ and we welcome her to our diocesan music family and to our NPM chapter and board!

Other changes include: Tim Lewicki, director of music at St. Agnes in Arlington, will be taking on our monthly chapter newsletter, which we publish jointly with the DC chapter. Assisting Tim, Claire Caruso will receive Arlington Chapter member events which we will include in the newsletter and in our additional monthly emailing. Look for more information on that over the summer in preparation for our September newsletter. Remember that you can always reach us at npmarlington@gmail.com.

And we want to express our very great thanks to Jim Wickman for so beautifully editing and producing our newsletter for the past three years. The newsletter is a lot of work and we thank Jim for not only taking on this challenge but producing such an attractive and easy to use newsletter – a new standard to live up to!

Finally, as this is my last Chapter Director's column, I want to share with you something Saint Augustine wrote 1600 years ago:

“There can be no religious community...without some visible sign or mystery to serve as a bond of union.” (Contra Faustum 19.11).

For Augustine, then, participation in the rites of the church is THE means of membership in Christ's Body, the sacramental community of the faithful, and the way to salvation. How are our liturgies and our liturgical music contributing to this reality?

*David Mathers,
Arlington, VA Chapter Director*

NPM Chapter News!

Chapter Events for 2015-2016

Arlington Mass/Dinner (all are welcome!) – September 25, 7:30pm, Sacred Heart Church, Manassas

Arlington Cantor Workshop – October 10

Liturgy Day, featuring Msgr. Rick Hilgartner – November 7

Shrove Tuesday Luncheon – February 9, 2016

Easter Celebration with Christopher Walker, April 15

Be sure to check the NPM Arlington/DC Chapters Newsletters this Fall for more information and registration on these events and more!

New Newsletter Editor

Many thanks to the outgoing newsletter editor, Jim Wickman, who served our joint chapters for the last three years. Also, welcome aboard to the new editor, Tim Lewicki. Maintaining a monthly newsletter is a challenge – especially when it comes to getting the rest of us to honor deadlines. Best of luck, Tim!

Choir to sing for Papal Mass

More than 350 men and women auditioned for an Archdiocesan Choir that will participate in the Papal Mass on September 23. The smaller venue has limited the choir to 90 voices (in contrast to 250 at the 2008 Papal Mass at Nationals Park), but there was no limit to the enthusiasm and expertise of the applicants. Hats off to all!

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

Convention Chapter Dinner
Washington, DC and Arlington Chapters
Wednesday, July 8, 5:45pm
Bobarino's Restaurant, Grand Rapids, MI

Place: Bobarino's at The BOB, 20 Monroe Ave. NW

Date: Wednesday, July 8, 5:45 p.m. (before the special Symphony Concert at 8 p.m.)

Cost: \$32 (includes tax & tip)

Menu: Salad or soup; Choice of Entrée (Pot Roast - Classic Mac & Cheese - Chicken Marsala
Falafel "Meatballs" & Linguine - Grilled Wild Alaskan Sockeye Salmon)
Dessert (Strawberry Shortcake - Chocolate Brownie), Coffee, Tea or Soda

Details of each of these dishes can be found on the restaurant's website - www.thebob.com. Click on "food," then "Bobarino's. Because they pride themselves on fresh food, some ingredients may vary as local produce comes in. They will accommodate special needs on site.

Pre-registration is necessary and should be mailed by June 22

While it's wonderful to meet folks from near and far at the Convention, there's nothing like getting to know musicians from our own region.

Please mail this form with a \$32 check payable to NPM/DC to:
Charlene Dorrian, 15300 Graaf Place, Silver Spring, MD 20905

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Reservation for the Chapters Dinner
Bobarino's at the BOB, Grand Rapids, MI - July 8, 2015

Name _____

E-mail address (please print) _____

Cell phone number _____

Parish _____

_____ Enclosed is my check for \$32

**Piano Accompanist
Needed**

St. Mary of the Mills Catholic Church in Laurel, MD is looking for a piano accompanist for its Adult Choir.

Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings with additional rehearsals on Tuesday evenings in preparation for Christmas and Easter. The choir sings on Sunday mornings at 10:45 am from September through June.

Applicants must be able to play a variety of musical styles and be able to sight-read well. Knowledge of Catholic liturgy and prior experience is preferable.

Send resume to Director of Music & Liturgy, 114 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, MD 20707 or GMlampieri@stmaryofthemills.org. For more information call (301) 725-3080, ext. 212.

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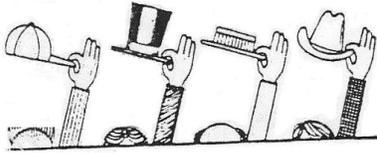
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Musician Wanted: Contemporary Music Leader

Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City, MD is looking for a Contemporary Music Leader. We seek a talented pianist or guitarist with strong vocal skills to plan, rehearse and lead the Contemporary Ensemble at our 9:00am Sunday Mass; encouraging and supporting an energetic and singing assembly. The ensemble consists of a choir of approximately fifteen voices (SATB), piano, guitar, bass, drums, flute and violin.

Send both a cover letter and resume to Dr. Stephen Lay, Music Director, Church of the Resurrection: slay@res-ec.org. Position available starting June, 2015. Church of the Resurrection, www.res-ec.org



HATS OFF!

The following choirs have provided 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.

- * St. John Neumann Parish Choirs, Gaithersburg, MD
- * Family of the Institute of the Incarnate Word, St. Cecilia Choir, Washington, DC
- * St. Andrew Apostle Parish Choir, Silver Spring, MD
- * St. John Paul II Seminary Choir, Washington, DC
- * Holy Redeemer Parish Children’s Choir, College Park, MD

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