



NEWSLETTER

The monthly joint publication of the NPM Arlington and NPM DC Chapters.

Fostering the art of musical liturgy.

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*St. Cecilia,
pray for us!*

15th Annual Gathering of the Pastoral Musicians of Southern Maryland

Saturday, January 25 - 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Ann Duchesne's Home on Breton Bay

Topic - Encouraging Assembly Singing: the Challenges

Lunch is included & there is no fee.

Please call 301-475-6915 by January 20 for directions.

*There is no official registration for this gathering,
but your call tells us how many are coming.*

If you can, borrow a copy of your parish's hymnal or other worship aids for the afternoon.

Director's Corner

Wow, we just ushered in a new liturgical year on the 1st day of the 12th month. And now on the 1st day of this new calendar year, we set upon a new decade of opportunities and blessings.

2020 -- has a distinctive ring, yes? Remember "Y2K," the doorway to a bold new century that now seems antique as we embark now upon the third decade of the once-new millennium.

You hear the term 20/20 vision. Ophthalmologists will quickly chide you when you muse that a person with 20/20 vision has perfect eyesight. They say 20/20 is a marker for normal visual acuity. Many of us acquire that level only with glasses and contact lenses so that we can read – in our case – music. You see clearly how those notes fill the page and the space once you bring them to life with your voice or instrument.

Then there's 20/20 hindsight. That would be where we would go back and fix something that didn't turn out as well as one could have expected. Or according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary: "the full knowledge and complete understanding that one has about an event only after it has happened." So you would know how to fix that note or musical passage that has gone awry one time too many.

Oh, let's not forget the ABC network premier cutting-edge news show aptly titled, 20/20, where viewers can count on the best investigative reporting. But channel that to musical composition where you have completely

explored a musical notion – and brought it to life.

So what else could 2020 mean to you as a pastoral musician? Proceeding with great, confident vision on what's ahead for you in this new decade? Looking back and revising your music or your music program because you know what's needs fixing? Fully and actively investigating what's ahead before taking action?

Do all of the above: Get laser-focused on the view forward after you've reviewed your past practices, and have investigated fully your musical possibilities.

And call upon the Holy Spirit constantly in your 2020 musical endeavors. Pope Francis captured it greatly in his January 2016 Morning Meditation entitled *New Wineskins*. The pontiff expressed the hope that "the Lord give us the grace of an open heart, of a heart open to the voice of the Holy Spirit, which can discern what must not change because it is fundamental from what has to change in order to be able to receive the newness of the Holy Spirit."

Veni Sancte Spiritus and Happy New Year!

Eugene Harper
NPM Arlington
Chapter Director



*Canten al Señor un
cántico nuevo!*

*Sing to the Lord
a new song!*

REQUEST TO INCLUDE A FLYER IN THE NEWSLETTER

At times many chapter members wish to advertise their upcoming concerts, retreats, missions or other events in the NPM Arlington/DC Joint Newsletter. At a joint board meeting, the board developed a few guidelines to publish member advertisements.

- Submission deadline is the 15th of each month (i.e. September 15 for the October newsletter).
- Chapter members may submit a full page poster, half or quarter page advertisements at no cost.
- Events will either be listed under *Upcoming Concerts* or the poster will be included. In other words, each event will only be advertised once.
- Files should be sent via PDF, .jpeg, or .tiff format.
- Posters, ads, and other flyers can be included at no cost.
- Files should be submitted to the Newsletter Editor, Tim Lewicki (tlewicki@allsaintsva.org) by the 15th of the month.
- The Newsletter Editor reserves the right to include or not include materials, or edit for publication based on publication requirements/restrictions.

The Boards of your local chapters hope this avenue of advertising for your ministry and parish events will help grow your programs and community involvement.

Please do not hesitate to contact the [Newsletter Editor](#) or any member of either Board if you have any questions.



Watch for your January 2020 issue of *Pastoral Music* and information from the National Office about the 2020 National Convention in Louisville, KY!

Plan to register with our chapters early - the deadline for group registration is March 13!!

We hope to see many of you in Kentucky this summer!

Check out all Louisville has to offer - bourbon, baseball, good eats, and Churchill Downs!

Map of Louisville
Vacation Highlights



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

A Look Around the Chapters



The Combined Chorale and Gospel choirs of **St. Joseph parish**, Alexandria, VA, pose after their parish program, *O Come, Emmanuel: An Advent Service of Lessons and Songs* on Dec. 8. They took the standard menu of Advent scriptures and infused them with traditional African-American spirituals and contemporary sacred music by noted African-American Catholic composers, along with prayers by their Josephite pastor and diocesan deacon.

The choirs of **St. Veronica parish**, Chantilly, VA and **All Saints parish**, Manassas, VA, pose after their Service of Lessons and Carols on Dec. 9, held at All Saints Church.



2019 - 2020 CALENDAR of EVENTS

2019 - 2020 EVENTS at a GLANCE



January 25, 2020 – 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Southern Maryland Gathering

Ann Duchesne's Home on Breton Bay

Registration details next month

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Pre-Lenten Retreat for Pastoral Musicians

St. Camillus Church, Takoma Park, MD

led by Fr. Jacek Orzechowski, a Franciscan Father who works for Catholic Charities

February 25, 2020 12:00 NOON

Arlington Shrove Tuesday Luncheon

Brion's Grille, Fairfax, VA

March 13 & 14, 2020

Joint Arlington/DC Event - Peter Kolar

Save the date! Watch this space in future newsletters for more information!

Thanks to All Who Paid Their Chapter Dues This Year!

*Your membership keeps our chapters alive and helps fund our many events each season! **Invite someone new to join our local chapters!** See our websites (NPMarlington.org or NPMDC.org) for the membership forms. If you have questions, please contact a member of either the DC or Arlington Boards (details on the back page of the newsletter and on the websites).*



A Call for Photos

As we enter into a new calendar year, might you share your Advent and Christmas 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, tlewicki@allsaintsva.org.



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monday**

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Upcoming Events

SACRED MUSIC at ALL SAINTS CONCERT SERIES

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TRIO ILLUMINO

Friday, January 17, 2020 • 7:30 PM

A series favorite, **Trio Illumino**, returns to Manassas! The trio, Violoncellist **Stephen Czarkowski**, trumpeter **Neil Brown**, and pianist **Virginia Lum**, perform classical and contemporary works, written and arranged for this unique trio ensemble, including the *Lyric Trio* by Carson Cooman!

There's sure to be something everyone will enjoy!



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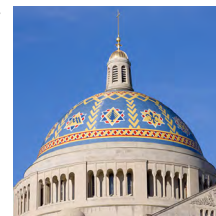
Send us your photos!

Please consider taking a few photos of your ministry, parish, sanctuary, other other music minstry event, and sharing them with us for possible publication in the Newsletter or on Social Media. Share JPEG or TIFF files with the newsletter editor, tlewicki@allsaintsva.org.

To submit a job posting, classified, or event posting, please send the information, formatted as seen on this page, to Claire Schweppe (clmcaruso@gmail.com) or Tim Lewicki (tlewicki@allsaintsva.org) by the 15th of the month for the following newsletter (i.e. by January 15 for the February newsletter). Please let us know when the position has been filled or your items have been sold/donated. Thank you.

**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. Veronica Parish Choir, Chantilly, VA

The Heights School Men's Chorus & Boys Choir, Potomac, MD

Holy Redeemer Parish Children's Choir, College Park, MD

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**KEEP
CALM
AND
LET US
PRAY**

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and
ever. Amen.

From Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

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