



# NEWSLETTER

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*Welcome to the new year for the Washington, DC  
and Arlington, VA Chapters of the  
National Association of Pastoral Musicians!*

## *Annual Mass and Dinner for the Arlington and Washington, DC Chapters*

*Join fellow pastoral musicians and friends at our  
annual worship and fellowship.*

Date: **Friday, September 25, 2015**

Where: **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
12975 Purcell Road  
Manassas, VA 20112

Mass: 7:30 PM  
Dinner: 8:30 PM in the parish hall

Directions: **From southbound I-95:** Exit 160 to Rt. 123. Immediate  
Left onto Old Bridge Rd., which in 5.5 miles merges  
with Prince William County Pkwy (Rt. 294). 1.5 miles to  
left onto Hoadly Rd. (7 miles total from I-95) to right on  
Purcell Rd.

**From northbound I-95:** Exit 152B to Rt. 234 north. In  
about 10 miles take right on Hoadly Rd to left on Purcell  
Rd.

**From I-66:** Exit 44 to Rt 234 south (by-pass). In about  
13.5 miles take a left on Hoadly Rd. to left on Purcell Rd.

**All:** Church driveway is first right from Purcell after  
crossing Token Forest Dr.

Cost of dinner: **\$25.00**

Menu: Gourmet salad with roasted pine nuts, sweet onions,  
and cubed feta cheese; cream spinach; sautéed  
carrots, herbed Israeli couscous; baked salmon; beef  
bourguignon; pasta primavera; and desserts baked with  
love by Rick Gibala!

Deadline to receive RSVP and payment is **Friday, September 18.**

Make checks payable to **NPM Arlington**, and mail to:  
NPM Dinner c/o Bob Malinowski  
7920 Lobelia Lane  
Springfield, VA 22152  
[bob.malinowski@verizon.net](mailto:bob.malinowski@verizon.net)



## Director's Corner

Refreshed – Renewed – Recharged – whatever you might have needed, I hope this summer has provided it for you, and that you are ready for an exciting fall. The region will surely be enriched by Pope Francis' visit this month. His mere presence in our part of the world should provide energy for pastoral musicians as we begin another year of leading our assemblies in sung prayer.

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It's time to mark our calendars – paper or otherwise – with the dates of this year's events. We are blessed in this region to be invited to offerings by both the Arlington and DC Chapters. All are welcome! (It sometimes seems that crossing the Potomac means traveling a long way, when cross-river events are often closer than sites in our own dioceses.) The dates to note are:

### 2015

**September 25** Arlington's Fall Mass & Dinner  
**October 10** Cantor Workshop (Arlington)  
**October 17** Day of Recollection (DC)  
**October 24** Handbell Workshop (DC)  
**October 31** Liturgy Day w/ NPM President  
 Msgr. Rick Hilgartner (Arlington)

### 2016

**February 9** Shrove Tuesday Luncheon  
 (Arlington)  
**February 13** Gospel Music Workshop (DC)  
**April 15/16** Friday Concert/Saturday Spiritual  
 Retreat with Christopher Walker  
 (joint event)

Details will be published in this and future newsletters and on the websites: [www.npmarlington.org](http://www.npmarlington.org) and [www.npmdc.org](http://www.npmdc.org)

I left this summer's NPM Convention with so many things to consider in my ministry. To name a few:

- + Do we love the singing of the assembly first and foremost? Don't be afraid of silence. (Tony Alonso)
- + We grow with moving from I belong to we belong. (Ronald Raab)
- + Remember the value of using one-sentence statements in liturgy, and the power of simple antiphons. (John Witvliet)
- + Really listen to the Eucharistic Prayers. They're about being the Body and Blood of Christ. (Kathleen Harmon)
- + Richard Fragomeini's sharing of the last days with his elderly mother and the words she requested be put on the prayer card at her funeral: *"If I had all the money in the world, I couldn't afford all the gifts I've been given, free of charge."*

Peace,  
 Charlene Dorrian  
 Washington, DC Chapter Director



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 Claire Caruso at [clmcaruso@gmail.com](mailto:clmcaruso@gmail.com).

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](http://www.npmdc.org)  
[www.npmarlington.org](http://www.npmarlington.org)

## Convention Report

This was the first national gathering in Grand Rapids, MI. It was also the first time many of us visited that beautiful city on the Grand River with its friendly, accommodating people. The 2015 Core Committee welcomed us to: *camaraderie, music, friendship, worship, learning, reconnecting, food, renewal, wonder, delight, sunshine, fresh air, bustling city life, fine hotels, comfortable surroundings, homebrewed beers, local wines, natural beauty, a community in love with the arts, and a vibrant Church!* And they delivered on all of it.

Highlights included:

- + Institutes, Master Classes, Clinics and Retreats
  - tailored to many specific ministries
- + Breakout Sessions - with leaders in every facet of music ministry and liturgy
- + Showcase opportunities - by publishers of liturgical music
  - the big ones and the small ones
- + Evening concerts - featuring music of all genres, including a concert with the Grand Rapids Symphony; our own DMMD (Director of Music Ministry Division) Institute Choir joined the orchestra after intermission.
- + An NPM Church Picnic with entertainment by a mariachi band; our Chapter Dinner at a renovated vegetable warehouse called The B.O.B. (Big Old Building); the Pastoral Musicians Breakfast (at which the Arlington Chapter was named "Chapter of the Year"!)
- + The always inspiring Convention Eucharist, where the nearly 2,000 voices singing the Mass raised goosebumps
- + And the Plenum Sessions - all engaging and challenging:
  - *Progressing the Reform: Less Pomp, More Prayer*
    - Fr. Richard Fragomeini
  - *Raising an Echo in the Christian Heart - Music That Names, Defines, and Unites Our Human Experience*
    - Rufino Zaragoza, Pedro Rubalcava, Diana Macalintal, and Barbara Tracey
  - *Joy & Hope, Grief & Anguish: Singing, then Sending*
    - Fr. Ronald Patrick Raab
  - *Liturgy in the Context of Joy & Sorrow: Music as Pastoral Care*
    - John Witvliet
  - *Inspiring Commitment to Participation in Liturgy & Life*
    - Sr. Kathleen Harmon

There is no way to put their messages into a short article, but the talks will be published in a future edition of *Pastoral Music* (the magazine sent to all who join NPM at the national level).

Finally, there is the value of spending five days with folks who share a love of the Church, a passion for fine liturgical music, and a determination to facilitate the full, active, conscious participation of the assembly. As that old TV ad put it: Priceless!



### Online Resources

Unable to attend the Convention?  
Want to hear a Plenum address again?

Thanks to St. John's College and Liturgical Press, the Plenum Addresses from the 2015 NPM Convention are available online via YouTube.

Simply type ***Pray Tell Live - NPM Convention***, and the list appears. The online videos include the plenum addresses and a variety of discussions and interviews between sessions. Or go directly to the [blog](#) for a complete listing of plenum addresses and interviews.

**Pray Tell**

NPM also has breakout session handouts, convention newsletters and the complete convention handbook available on their website. [Click here](#) to access these resources.

Mp3 recordings of the plenums and certain breakout sessions are available for purchase at [www.npm.org](http://www.npm.org)



### DMMD Winter Colloquium Heads South!

After nearly 20 years in the DC area, NPM's 2016 Winter Colloquium will be at the **Daytona Beach Resort Hotel** in Daytona Beach, FL **Sunday, January 31** (beginning at 7pm) to **Tuesday, February 2, 2016** (ending around noon). Sponsored by NPM's Director of Music Ministries Division (DMMD), the annual Winter Colloquium offers an in-depth focus on a topic touching pastoral music or liturgical studies. The session is open to members of DMMD, who are NPM national members with primary responsibility for pastoral music in a parish or other worshipping community.

Music Directors and their equivalent are encouraged to join DMMD to receive updates and an invitation to the colloquium and all the other benefits of DMMD membership. For info on NPM's DMMD, including how to join, go to [www.npm.org/Sections/DMMD/membership.htm](http://www.npm.org/Sections/DMMD/membership.htm).

## Scenes from the Convention



*Clockwise from upper left: Members of the Arlington and DC chapters at the Wednesday evening Chapter Dinner; Our welcome sign at the Grand Rapids Airport; Arlington members Bob Malinowski and Rick Gibala chat during the Chapter Dinner; Selfie with NPM President Msgr. Rick Hilgartner and "Flat Francis" during the opening event; main hall set for Morning Prayer.*

## AWARD WINNING ARLINGTON CHAPTER

*Richard Gibala*

On Thursday, July 9, during the NPM national convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the Arlington Chapter of NPM received the prestigious Chapter of the Year award. For 28 years, our chapter has worked consistently to fulfill the mission of NPM:

The National Association of Pastoral Musicians fosters the art of musical liturgy. The members of NPM serve the Catholic Church in the United States as musicians, clergy, liturgists, and other leaders of prayer.

This award has been earned by loyal chapter members, dedicated board members, and our supportive Bishop Paul Loverde. In a very special way we are indebted to David Mathers, who has served as chapter director for the past ten years. David has lovingly conducted meetings, presented workshops, kept board members on track, prepared liturgical services and worship aides, and conducted music for the national convention held in Washington, DC in 2013. David serves as Director of Music at Saint Mary Parish in Fredericksburg, with their pastor, Fr. Donald Rooney, who also serves as our Chaplain. How blessed the parish community of St. Mary's is to have such a great team!

We are deeply grateful to Eugene Harper, Pastoral Musician at Saint Joseph Parish in Alexandria, for taking on the role of director as David pursues his doctoral work at Catholic University.

Our chapter will gather in September for our annual Mass and dinner to celebrate this significant achievement. We hope that all of our members will come to celebrate our past, present, and future. SOLI DEO GLORIA!

(Next Month: *A History of the Arlington Chapter*)

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's that time of year again! Time to renew your local chapter membership. Forms for the Arlington Chapter and the Washington DC Chapter are found on pages 10 and 11 of this newsletter. ***Renew today!***

Are you a member of ***both*** your local chapter and of the national organization? There are great benefits to both:

***National membership*** supports the annual convention, institutes, etc.; *Pastoral Music* magazine; the bi-monthly on-line *Notebook*; and of course, the staff who make it all happen!

***Chapter membership*** makes possible the educational, musical, and spiritual support you receive close to home!

Consider a parish chapter membership. Both Arlington and DC offer a parish membership for groups of musicians, clergy, liturgists, or really every parishioner, to take advantage of our programming. It's a great way to stretch your music budgets and get more of your members involved! See each membership form for more details.

# Time . . .

Saturday, October 17, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Holy Redeemer, 4902 Berwyn Road, College Park MD 20740

\$25 for NPM/DC or NPM/Arlington Chapter members /\$30 for non-members

Lunch included

## A Day of Reflection for Pastoral Musicians

# Silence . . .



Is this time  
**Ordinary?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you wish to register others, please provide names and email addresses.*

*Registration due October 9*

Mail information and the appropriate fee (check payable to NPM/DC) to:

NPM/DC, 10406 Barrie Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20902

For more information: [m.beaudoin3@verizon.net](mailto:m.beaudoin3@verizon.net)

# Song

## *Handbell Workshop for Beginning & Intermediate Ringers Choirs or Individuals*



Saturday, October 24, 2015

9:00 am Registration and Setup

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Holy Redeemer Church - Fealy Hall  
(across the street from the church)

4902 Berwyn Road  
College Park, MD



Fee: \$25 per person

Parish Choir: \$20 each for groups  
of six or more

*Facilitator:* Donna Kinsey. nationally renowned clinician in the areas of children's voices, handbells, church music and music education.

Donna Kinsey has retired as Music Specialist for Monongalia County Schools, West Virginia, where she taught general music, and directed handbell and vocal choirs, a recorder consort and an African drum and dance ensemble. She directed the Western Pennsylvania Handbell Festival in April 2010, is Co-founder and Chair of the National Catholic Handbell Festival, and serves as a consultant for Schulmerich Carillons, Inc. Ms. Kinsey has served for over 30 years as Pastoral Musician for the Parish of St. Francis de Sales in Morgantown, WV as organist, liturgist, director of vocal and handbell choirs and cantor leader.

The workshop is an opportunity:

- for beginners and experienced participants to work on handbell techniques,
- for those considering a handbell choir for their parish to learn what's involved,
- and for all to see how best to utilize handbells in the Roman Catholic liturgy.

Please bring *handbells/tone chimes (if you have them)/table pads/pad covers/mallets/gloves/three-ring binder/music risers (if you use them)*. Six foot tables will be provided - see below.

Early registration is encouraged -- Deadline - October 12  
For more information, please call Henry Bauer - 301-924-2285, ext. 306

### *Handbell Workshop Registration*

Individual: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

***Mail completed forms and check to:*** NPM/DC, 10406 Barrie Ave., Silver Spring, MD, 20902

\_\_\_\_ I am part of a handbell choir that will attend. \_\_\_\_ I prefer to play bells.  
\_\_\_\_ I will be alone and need to join a group.

Attn. - Handbell Choir Directors:

\_\_\_\_\_ parish will send \_\_\_\_\_ ringers and will need \_\_\_\_\_ tables.

We have \_\_\_\_\_ octaves that we can/will bring.



# Liturgy Day 2015

**Saturday, October 31, 2015 • 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Saint Agnes Church**  
**1910 N Randolph Street, Arlington, VA**

## Keynote Address:

### *The Evangelizing Power of Music*



Msgr. Rick Hilgartner, NPM President, talks about the role of music in our mission to spread the Gospel.

## Schedule

9:00 AM Registration  
 9:30 AM Morning Prayer  
 9:50 AM Keynote Address - Msgr. Rick Hilgartner  
 11:00 AM Breakouts  
 12:30 PM Closing

Further details: [npmarlington@gmail.com](mailto:npmarlington@gmail.com)

***Watch your e-mail and the October Newsletter for more information about Breakout sessions and for the registration form.***

## Cantor Skills Improvement Workshop

**Saturday, October 10, 2015**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, Arlington, VA  
 3901 Cathedral Ave, near corner of Arlington Blvd. (Rt. 50) and N. Glebe Rd.

*Clinician **Janet Natale** will work with 15 cantor participants with experience beyond beginner's level. Each cantor should prepare two psalms, one chant style (e.g. Respond & Acclaim, Guimont, Gelineau), one through composed/melodic (e.g. Haugen, Haas, Joncas).*

*Please bring two copies of all music. Observers (up to 15) are welcomed.*

***Registration is limited to 15 singers and 15 observers - first come, first served.***

***Sign up now!***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Singer: \_\_\_\_\_

Observer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee: \$10.00 pp/participant; \$5.00 pp/observer; *Deadline: October 3, 2015***

*Mail form and fee (check payable to NPM/Arlington) to:*

**Bob Malinowski, 7920 Lobelia Lane, Springfield, VA, 22152**

## Congratulations

The Arlington, VA Chapter was awarded NPM Chapter of the Year at this year's Convention. The award reads, "Building on the Past, Gathered in Fellowship, Shaping the Future." The *Arlington Catholic Herald* wrote all about it; [read](#) the article here.



**Left:** Members of the Arlington Chapter at the Pastoral Musicians Breakfast with Cardinal Daniel DiNardo and NPM President Msgr. Rick Hilgartner. **Below:** The plaque awarded to Arlington as NPM Chapter of the Year.



NPM DC member Kathleen DeJardin was honored as DMMD Member of the Year at this year's Convention. Congratulations, Kathy!



**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church** in Silver Spring, MD is seeking a Part-Time Choir Director. Regular two hour choir rehearsals are three to four weeks per month and Sunday liturgies two to three weeks per month. Choir is off in the summertime after Corpus Christi. Salary meets AGO guidelines. Bachelor of Music preferred with choral conducting experience. Interested persons may send cover letter and resume to: [sjbofc@yahoo.com](mailto:sjbofc@yahoo.com)

### The DC Chapter seeks:

1. a photographer for chapter events
2. a webmaster
3. a computer-savvy person to occasionally assist with technology-based tasks

Please contact Charlene Dorrian (301-384-5796 or [mcdorrian@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdorrian@yahoo.com)) if you could help in any way.



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WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER  
10406 Barrie Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902

***Individual Membership Application*** Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ One year: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Three years: \$40

Please make check payable to NPM/DC and mail to the above address.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) *Please indicate preferred number to reach you.*

Home/Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Office use: Date received \_\_\_\_\_

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***Parish Membership Application*** Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ One year: \$55 (for up to 5 members; \$10 for each additional member more than 5)

\_\_\_\_\_ Three years: \$145 (for up to 5 members; \$20 for each additional member more than 5)

Please make check payable to NPM/DC and mail to the above address.

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

**Members to be registered – add additional names, as needed.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Office use: Date received \_\_\_\_\_



**National Association of Pastoral Musicians  
Arlington, VA Chapter  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & DUES NOTICE  
2015 — 2016 SEASON**

**DUES:**

Individual for one year: \$15.00 (Student [high school/college]: \$10.00)

Individual for three years: \$40.00

Parish for one year: \$55.00 (unlimited number of members from parish.)

Parish for three years: \$145.00 (unlimited number of members from parish.)

PARISH MEMBERSHIPS: Please include names and information for all members, including an indication of whether she/he would like to be included in the Directory. For more members, please list information on a separate sheet or copy this page and include the extra names and info there.

***Return this form by October 31 for inclusion in the directory.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry: *Choir Member • Cantor • Instrumentalist • Choir Director • Music Director • Other* \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I do ☐ I do not want my information included in the membership directory. ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

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Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail completed form and check, payable to NPM Arlington to:**

**NPM/Arlington c/o E. J. Cochran**

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

**12975 Purcell Road**

**Manassas, VA 20112**

**Hats Off!**

The following choirs have provided music for the TV Mass for Shut-ins, during the summer. 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.

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish Choir**, Potomac, MD  
**St. Mary's Parish Children's Choir**, Rockville, MD  
**St. Catherine Labouré Liturgical Choir**, Wheaton, MD  
**Our Lady Queen of Peace Gospel Choir**, Washington, DC  
**St. George Parish Choir**, Valley Lee, MD  
**St. Columba Voices of Praise Choir**, Oxon Hill, MD



God of glory,  
 your beloved Son has shown us  
 that true worship comes from humble and contrite hearts.  
 Bless our brothers and sisters,  
 who have responded to the needs of our Church  
 and wish to recommit themselves to your service as musicians.  
 Grant that their ministry may be fruitful  
 and our worship pleasing in your sight.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- from the *Book of Blessings, Blessing of Musicians* (alt.)

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