



NEWSLETTER

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Fostering the art of musical liturgy.

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Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

May this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.



*St. Cecilia,
pray for us!*

Now Thank We All Our God,
Text: Martin Rinkart (1636),
translated by Catherine Winkworth
Held in the public domain.

Director's Corner

November is such an *All Saintly* month! The Nov. 1 kickoff is as holy a day as can be for humankind with all these saints petitioning to God on our behalf. These holy men and women have stood the test of time, have been the penultimate good and faithful servants whose reward is heaven. The lyrics for All Saints hymns have been so richly constructed through the centuries.

One local priest, Msgr. Charles Pope, pastor of Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian parish in Washington, DC, has blogged eloquently about his all-time favorite, *For All the Saints*, calling it “one of the greatest English hymns ever written.”

“Its imagery is regal and joyful, its poetry majestic and masterful,” the monsignor wrote. “A vivid picture is painted in the mind as the wondrous words move by.”

“If you ask me,” he continued, “it is a masterpiece. Many people know the opening line, but most have never sung it all the way through and thus miss its wondrous portrait. A number of years ago I committed words of this hymn to memory, very much like my father, who loved to memorize things that moved him.”

Msgr. Pope encouraged his blog’s readers to reflect even on the mechanics of this hymn, whose Anglican roots he acknowledged. “I love to play this hymn at the organ,” admitted the priest-musician, “since it has a challenging but exciting ‘walking base’ played by the feet and big rich chords in the hands.”



The All Saints “chorus” line conjures up other venerable hymns: *Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea...* begins the second verse to *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

And the second verse in *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* echoes more tributes to those who intercede for us

from above: *Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest: ‘Alleluia, Alleluia!’ Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant raise the song...*

This month includes the feast day of my Confirmation saint, Martin de Porres. I recall that he was canonized in 1962, just in time for my reception of the sacrament, and how happy I was, even way back then, to commemorate a saint who looked like me.

Along the pathway of an estimated 50 saints honored in November, we give homage to St. Cecilia, patroness of pastoral musicians, on Nov. 22.

All in all, we toil week in and week out, fostering the art of musical liturgy, calling on our wide array of saints to bless us in our work. And when our days are done, we can only hope and pray in the words of the song that includes its title: *O Lord, I want to be in that number When the Saints Go Marching In!*

Eugene Harper
NPM Arlington
Chapter Director



Fall Liturgy Day



On August 6, 2019, Bishop Michael Burbidge issued new liturgical documents for the Diocese of Arlington. Come learn what they are, what they contain, and how they affect the singing Church in Arlington.

Dr. James Starke, Director of the Office of Divine Worship, leads the morning workshop.

Date: Saturday, November 9, 2019

Schedule: 9:00 AM Breakfast & Registration

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Presentation

11:15 AM Panel Discussion

12:00 PM Closing

Where: **St. Bernadette Catholic Church**
7600 Old Keene Mill Road
Springfield, VA 22152

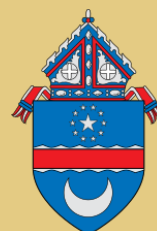
Cost: **Free!** (for NPM Arlington members)
\$20.00 per person (non-member)

Please register no later than **November 4, 2019**
(scan or click the QR code to RSVP)

Payment (cash or check) accepted
at the door!



Co-sponsored by NPM Arlington and the
Diocese of Arlington Office of Divine Worship.



A Weekend with Fr. Ricky

Being Christ to One Another

Intercultural Skills for Liturgical Ministers

Presented by Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP

November 15 & 16, 2019

Our Lady of Mercy School

9200 Kentsdale Drive, Potomac, MD 20854



Friday, November 15 ~ an evening for Musicians

7 p.m. ~ Catered buffet dinner & 45 minute presentation & prayer

Cost: \$25

Saturday, November 16 ~ A full day for All Liturgical Ministers

Cantors, Choir Members, Ushers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers,

Readers, Sacristans, Youth, Clergy & Assembly

10:00 a.m. (registration at 9:30)- 3:30 p.m. ~ Light Breakfast Fare & a Box Lunch are included. Cost: \$50

To register – go to <https://www.npmdc.org/events-1/a-weekend-with-fr-ricky-manalo>

Registration deadline - November 8

Today every parish is composed of a diversity of cultural groups based on ethnicities, races, generations, social classes, ideologies, etc. How do we balance our unity in Christ in the context of such diversity while welcoming all around the table?

Join us for a sequence of dynamic presentations, music, and prayer as we explore how we may better celebrate our liturgies in increasingly diverse communities.

Topics will include:

- * intercultural competence in liturgical ministry
- * parameters for interacting with other cultural groups
- * leadership styles and approaches
- * inter-cultural music-making
- * ecclesial integration versus assimilation.

Come and be renewed in spirit, heart, and voice!

Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP, is a Paulist priest and a liturgical composer, currently teaching at Santa Clara University. He studied composition and piano at the Manhattan School of Music, theology at the Washington Theological Union, and liturgy, culture, and sociology at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA. He also serves as the main facilitator of the Cultural Orientation program for International Ministers/Priests of Loyola Marymount University and is an official consultant for the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Fr. Ricky's best known hymns include *Ang Katawan Ni Kristo*, *Beyond the Days*, *Many and Great*, *Spirit and Grace*, *With One Voice*, and *Worthy Is the Lamb*. He is the recipient of the 2018 Pastoral Musician of the year Award by the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. When he is not traveling throughout the world, he resides at Old St. Mary's Cathedral in Chinatown, San Francisco, CA.

*** Musicians: Please invite all the Liturgical Ministries of your parish to the Saturday event!**

2019 - 2020 CALENDAR of EVENTS

2019 - 2020 EVENTS *at a GLANCE*



November 9, 2019 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Arlington Liturgy Day
Dr. James Starke, presenter
St. Bernadette Church, Springfield, VA

November 15 & 16, 2019
DC - Being Christ to One Another:
Intercultural Skills for Liturgical
Ministers, with Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP
Our Lady of Mercy Church, Potomac, MD

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).*

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception TV Mass for Shut-Ins

The TV Mass for Shut-ins weekly broadcast. This Mass has been on air for over 55 years, and area parish choirs are always needed to serve in this important ministry. We are in need of choirs to record Masses in the coming months. Will you consider volunteering? But what do you need to know before you bring your choir to sing for the TV Mass?

- Two Masses are recorded on select Thursday nights, 27 times a year.
- Each Mass is exactly 28 minutes and 30 seconds long.
- Musical details are left up to area music directors.
- There are time limits for each part of the Mass.
- Choirs are scheduled about several months in advance, and it is hoped that every parish choir will be able to sing for the TV Mass every few years.
- The Sunday TV Mass airs every Sunday morning: 10:30 AM on WDCW Ch. 50, Washington DC. It also airs in Duluth, Minnesota, and nationally on Catholic TV.

Please consider bringing your choir to record a Mass or two!

This is such a wonderful opportunity for our choirs and community, and a fantastic opportunity for evangelism. Contact John if you are interested, or have any questions, at 301-593-1066 or john@lifeaftersunday.com.

Upcoming Events

Anniversary Concert

November 15th, 2019

7:30pm



Come celebrate the 50th and 20th Anniversaries of the Cathedral and Diocesan choirs in a tribute choral concert, featuring the acclaimed Dr. Mary Beth Bennett, guest organist and composer, and premiering a commissioned piece, "My Heart is Ready," by Charles Thatcher, famed musician and composer.



CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS MORE
3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA 22203

WWW.CATHEDRALSTM.ORG

Sunday, November 3, 2019

4:00 PM

The New Dominion Chorale

St. Luke Catholic Church

7001 Georgetown Pike

McLean, VA

www.musicinmclean.org

Music in McLean presents the New Dominion Chorale's concert, **Biblical Scenes and Sacred Canticles**, on Sunday, November 3 at 4:00 at Saint Luke Catholic Church.

For tickets and information, please visit www.NewDominion.org or call 202-244-7191.

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 Schwappe at clmcaruso@gmail.com.

Make a
Joyful noise
Unto The
Lord!

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**SAINT CECILIA DAY
ORGAN RECITAL**

Friday, November 22, 2019 • 7:30 PM

*Celebrate the feast day of the patron saint of music, Saint Cecilia, with an organ recital given by All Saints' Music Director, **Timothy Lewicki**. Mr. Lewicki plays works by Dietrich Buxtehude, Flor Peeters, Jean Langlais and others. The evening will also feature the All Saints Parish Choir.*

This concert event is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken to off-set the cost of this and other performances.

A meet-the-artist reception will follow!

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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. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Choir, Arlington, VA
St. Joseph Gospel Choir, Largo, MD



 Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

- *Celebrating Faith: Year-round Activities for Catholic Families*, by Mary Cronk Farrell



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