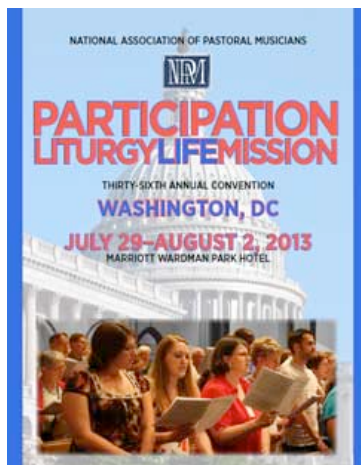




NEWSLETTER



It's not too late to volunteer!

If you are still interested in volunteering at the convention, there may be an opening for you. Please email the Volunteer Coordinator, Remi Bauer at volunteernpm2013@gmail.com

Please note that volunteers do not register via the Chapter or the National Office. ***All volunteer registrations go through Remi.***

**See Pages 3 and 4 for complete
details and needs!**

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Note from the Editor:

This issue of the Newsletter, for the month of June, serves as our "Summer Issue". The next issue will be out before the beginning of September, including detailed offerings for the next year. In meantime, have a great summer and see you at the Convention!

- Jim Wickman, Newsletter Editor

DIRECTOR'S CORNER



A Year to Celebrate - As the 25th anniversary year of the Arlington NPM Chapter comes to a close, we remember all the great events we had over the past months. In September, 135 people attended our annual September Mass and Banquet at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More with Bishop Loverde presiding at Eucharist. Great music, great food and a visit by Fr. Virgil Funk, retired NPM President, made for an extra special evening.

In November, the Arlington and Washington, DC Chapters together hosted Bro. Mickey McGrath. Brother Mickey presented his latest work, including an illustrated discussion of Dorothy Day and St. Kateri Tekakwitha. In February, about 30 attended the Arlington Chapter's annual Shrove Tuesday Luncheon.

April saw two major events. First, again with the DC Chapter, we presented a choral workshop with John Romeri. 70 singers experienced rehearsal and vocal techniques and sang in a prayer service commemorating this 50th anniversary year of the Liturgy Constitution. A week later, at St. Thomas More Cathedral, we presented a 25th Anniversary Concert featuring several parish ensembles and solo musical performances by Chapter members. To cap the 25th Anniversary Year, the Concert ended with a new composition for choir and assembly by Jim Chepponis, "Deo Gratias" commissioned specifically for the occasion.

Also this year we launched the Arlington Chapter Website - www.npmarlington.org - and created a chapter logo for Arlington. We continue to celebrate the cooperation between the Arlington and Washington, DC Chapters to publish our joint monthly newsletter, an important resource for our members that looks better than ever! The newsletter should be the first place you turn to for NPM news, upcoming events, and just being 'plugged in' to what's happening for pastoral musicians in the DC/Northern VA area. Remember, all newsletters, including the most current, are archived on both Chapters' websites.

A Year to Look Forward- All these things are what your NPM Chapter membership supports!! So remember to look for the September Newsletter to renew your membership and find out about the great events we have planned:

Workshop on Spanish Music Ministry. John Miller and Olfary Gutiérrez, both of the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark, NJ will be with us the morning of September 28 at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More to present for all involved in Spanish music ministry. Music directors, please talk to your Spanish ministry team NOW about this important event!

Psalms of Michel Guimont. Watch for more info on a presentation by Canadian composer Michel Guimont, to take place in the first part of 2014.

And... It's still not too late to register to attend the NPM 2013 Convention, in Washington DC. I hope to see you all there!!

*David Mathers,
Director, Arlington Chapter NPM*

The Time is Near!

NPM National Convention 2013

July 29- August 2, 2013 • Marriott Wardman Park Hotel • 2660 Woodley Road, NW, Washington, DC

Last Call for the Convention discount registration

You have until the 9th of June to register with the local Chapters Discount!
(DC & Arlington register jointly).

It's a simple process ...

- Complete a registration form (available as www.npm.org).
- Make a check payable to NPM/Arlington (\$268* plus any extras you've chosen).
- Mail both to Ms. Susan Trainor, 3217 Wildmere Place, Oak Hill, VA 20171.
- Deadline: June 9.

***If more than 19 sign up with us, the fee is less. You'll receive a refund in the mail.**

Please note: You or your parish must be a member at the national level, as well as the chapter level. – and you can join at the time of registration.

Questions: Please call 301-384-5796.

Be Part of the Opening Event with a cast of hundreds!

Consider Being a Participant

♪ ...in the Opening Event – 1 p.m., July 29, at the Wardman Park Hotel – Needed: 100 Processional Singers & 50 symbol bearers! Yes, that's not a typo – 150 people will participate in the Opening Event as we remember the Opening of the Second Vatican Council.

♪ The Convention Opening Event is being designed to illustrate the Convention theme of participation, and you can help make that happen! Anyone who sings in the Opening Event Procession Choir is also welcome/encouraged (but not required) to sing in the Eucharist Procession Choir – 10 a.m. July 31 at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For the liturgy (i.e. after the procession) you will sit scattered among the assembly. The Processional Choir is a group distinct from the Opening Event Choir and the Convention Eucharist Choir.

Please indicate your willingness to participate with an email* to Mary Beaudoin, Coordinator of Liturgy for the Convention, at m.beaudoin3@verizon.net. Details will be sent to you.

*To anyone who, for whatever reason, would rather not go the cyber-route: Please don't hesitate to participate for that reason. Just call 301-384-5796. We want to hear from you.

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Hosting Major Speakers

**July 29 - August 2
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The Hospitality Committee is seeking volunteers to “host” our major speakers. These volunteers provide hospitality such as rides to and from the airport, helping with check in and speaker registration, meeting them before their talk and taking them to the hall (as needed) and in general providing a warm welcome for our convention VIPs.

Is there one of the major speakers that you have always wanted to meet or talk to? Here is your opportunity to make someone feel welcome to our area. For more information please contact Jim Wickman, Major Speaker Hospitality Committee, jaw249@georgetown.edu.

**For Complete Convention
information**

see the NPM Website

www.npm.org

We Need Your Talents at the Convention

One of the things that makes NPM conventions so much fun is the “musical environment.” While attendees are waiting in line, getting a bite to eat, relaxing before their next workshop, or hanging out with friends, they are serenaded by local musicians. This “musical environment” makes a great deal of difference in the sheer pleasure of being at the convention.

Scheduling high quality musical performances that are interesting and fun to listen to takes some organization and planning. That’s why the convention planning includes a **Musical Environment Committee**. This committee is tasked with providing musical environment throughout the convention, in the open spaces, such as halls, registration area, hotel lobbies, and more.

Kathy Fitzpatrick, committee chair, is looking for **local ensembles and solo musicians** to sing and play during registration time, during all the breaks of the convention schedule, in bars or lounges. What kinds of music are we looking for? All kinds of music that is interesting and fun to listen to: music of various genres (e.g., baroque, madrigals, jazz, local sounds, etc.); music of voices, instruments, solos, and ensembles.

**Musical Environment Coordinator:
Kathy at katfitzoo@yahoo.com or
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LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT “YEAR” PLANS FOR 2013-2014 FOR NPM DC AND ARLINGTON

As we enter the summer, we look ahead to what is in store for our local NPM Chapters after the National Convention:

- Arlington’s Annual Fall Mass & Dinner (September 20)
- Day of Presentations & Sharing for Spanish-speaking Ministries with John Miller (September 28) - Cantor Workshop at a parish in Southern Maryland
- Cathedral of St. Thomas More 75th Anniversary Concert (November 22 - Feast of St. Cecilia)
- Annual Gathering of Musicians of Southern Maryland (January 25)
- DC’s Annual Lenten Retreat
- Evening with Composer Michel Guimont (in the spring at St. Luke’s in Great Falls)

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

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

or

www.npmarlington.org

HATS OFF!

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 radio each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

*Blessed John Paul II Seminary Choir, Washington, DC

* Mt. St. Mary's University Chapel Choir, Emmitsburg, MD



Announcements of items of interest to Pastoral Musicians such as concerts, transitions, or special activities are welcome in the monthly newsletter.

The next deadline is August 15 for the September Newsletter.

Please email Jim Wickman directly at jaw249@georgetown.edu.

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