

# NPM NEWSLETTER

## PARTICIPATION LITURGYLIFE MISSION

*You are invited to an evening of giving thanks and looking to the future...*

*To celebrate our successful 2013 NPM Convention and hear from two distinguished presenters*

### Liturgy in a Franciscan Pontificate Where is the Spirit Leading Us? Panel Discussion with Q and A



**Rita Ferrone**

A specialist on the liturgical implications of the pontificate of Pope Francis, Rita is a regular contributor to Commonweal and PrayTellBlog. Her recent book, *Liturgy: Sacrosanctum Concilium*, will be available for purchase.



**Cynthia Serjak, RSM**

Many of you will recognize Sr Cynthia as one of the Opening Event readers. She actually designed and composed the texts for the entire event. She is a composer, author, and frequent lecturer on liturgy and music.

**Friday, October 18, 2013**  
**Our Lady of Mercy Church**  
**9200 Kentsdale Drive**  
**Potomac MD 20817**

#### *Program*

7:00pm Preprandials • 7:30pm Pasta Buffet Dinner\*, Salad, Rolls  
8:00pm Dessert and Presentation

#### *RSVP and Cost*

Please RSVP as soon as possible but no later than October 13 to  
[volunteernpm2013@gmail.com](mailto:volunteernpm2013@gmail.com)

Pay what you can at the door - *Suggested Minimum Donation - \$10.00*

*\*Catered, with gluten-free and lactose-free options available for anyone who pre-registers.*

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### EVENT BONUS!

**Free copy of  
*Give Us This Day*  
prayer book given  
to the first  
80 participants!**

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Our Holy Father Francis is turning heads asking us to reexamine what is most basic about being a Christian. In that spirit, it's a good time to take a step back and reexamine what is most basic to our liturgical gatherings as Christians. Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, whose 50th anniversary we celebrate this December, states: "In the restoration and promotion of the sacred liturgy, [the] full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else." (#14)

That's pretty clearly put. We should all mount it on our walls, mirrors, computer screens. Is everything you plan - hymns, anthems, psalms, instrumentals - calibrated for maximum participation? And what does liturgical participation look like. Interior prayer in a community worship - that might be trickier than you think! Or maybe just multivalent. Something to think about.

If you like thinking about this kind of thing - how our liturgical and musical practice meets up with the dreams of a renewed Christian liturgy - you need to be a member of NPM, both your local chapter (Washington, DC or Arlington, VA) and at the National Level. Chapter membership forms are included in this month's newsletter and can be found on our chapter websites. To join at the National level, go to [www.npm.org](http://www.npm.org). And while you are there, consider all the opportunities for study, service and fellowship provided by NPM. Join us as we continue to "foster the art of musical liturgy."

*David Mathers,  
Director, Arlington, VA Chapter*

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



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 Jim Wickman directly at [jaw249@georgetown.edu](mailto:jaw249@georgetown.edu).

# A Workshop for Cantors

**Saturday, October 12, 9:00am - 12:30pm**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**

**Lexington Park, MD**

**Facilitator: Mary Beaudoin\***

*A Morning for Cantors, Psalmists & all who work with them.*

Since the workshop will focus on the needs and experience of the participants, pre-registration is important. Those who want personal evaluation will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. (Please bring two copies of a psalm you wish to use.)

\* Mary is a pastoral musician and liturgist with more than 30 years of experience in parishes and dioceses. She holds degrees in music and liturgy and is past President of NPM/DC. In addition to her work as a voice teacher, Mary has led cantor workshops and provided individual coaching to cantors for many years.

*Further details: Please call Charlene Dorrian - 301-384-5796.*

## **Registration Form for the Cantor Workshop**

**October 12, 2013, 9:00am - 12:30pm**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, 22375 Three Notch Road, Lexington Park, MD**

*Fee: \$10 - members of either chapter; \$15 - non-members*

*Participants are invited to bring two copies of a psalm.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

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

New cantor? \_\_\_\_\_ Experienced cantor? \_\_\_\_\_ Years of experience? \_\_\_\_\_

*If you wish to register additional participants, please list below with email addresses*

Additional participant:

Email address:

*Mail this form with the appropriate fee to (Check payable to NPM/DC):*

**NPM/DC, P.O. Box 42724, Washington, D.C. 20015**

## Membership Renewal Time

*Membership forms for renewal or new members are found on pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter*

Is your membership in the local chapter up-to-date?

Have you encouraged anyone else to join?

Your support is what keeps us going. You can use the membership form included in this issue, or download on from our websites. Any suggestions on how the chapter can better serve you and your parish? Please contact a member of either the DC or Arlington Boards; we are eager to hear from you.

Please note

1. *The Arlington Chapter has amended its Parish Membership option.*
2. *The DC Chapter now has “rolling membership.” Rather than working within a specific September-August frame, your renewal date depends on your enrollment date. The Chapter Treasurer keeps email newsletter recipients informed of their status; hard copy recipients can find the date at the top of their mailing label.*

## Which Hat Are You Wearing?

*Why cantor workshops are important*

It's common for a parish to have just a single person “leading” the singing at Mass, and few parishioners would be aware that he or she is wearing more than one hat. Yet that single person is, in fact, switching hats throughout the Mass – sometimes he or she is a psalmist, sometimes a cantor, sometimes a leader of song.

Sing to the Lord, the bishops document on Music in Diving Worship, describes the role of the psalmists, noting that they are proclaiming the Word (STL 34-36). The skills and preparation required are similar to what is expected of lectors. Psalmists can be separate from the choir, and may or not be the cantor at the Mass. It's a special and honorable hat to wear.

The role of cantors is addressed in the bishops' document (STL 37-49), and assumes that all cantors are leaders of song – as most are. But there may be instances where a person who is not comfortable with the usual role of a cantor (e.g. singing solo on verses) could excel as a song leader, bringing in the assembly on time, etc. The song leader's hat sometimes goes unrecognized in parishes.

The point is that our assemblies thrive with good leadership, and there are different roles to be played. Learning about those roles and ways to effectively play them are the basis of our cantor workshops. And that is why cantor workshops are important!

# October Concert Opportunities

## October 25 (Friday), 2013, 8:00p.m. • Blessed Sacrament Church

1427 W. Braddock Rd. Alexandria, VA, contact 703 998-6100 ext 103

An Evening of Brahms - The concert features two motets for choir and organ, the Variations on a Theme of Handel for piano, and the second set of Love Song Waltzes for vocal quartet and piano duet. Free; donations support the concert series.

## October 25 (Friday), 2013, 8:00p.m. • Blessed Sacrament Church

1427 W. Braddock Rd. Alexandria, VA, contact 703 998-6100 ext 103

Service of Remembrance - The deceased of our community will be remembered in prayer and music at this annual service. The Blessed Sacrament Adult Choir and Festival Orchestra will present the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré. The Bells of Blessed Sacrament will also be featured.

*Hosting a concert, performance, or special event  
at your parish, church or institution?  
For inclusion in this newsletter,  
send a note to Jim Wickman  
[jaw249@georgetown.edu](mailto:jaw249@georgetown.edu)*

## 2013 Calendar

See this newsletter for more information on these events

### October 12, 9:30am - 12:30pm

#### Cantor Workshop

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lexington, MD

### October 18, 7:00pm

#### 2013 Convention Celebration

Our Lady of Mercy Church, Potomac, MD

### November 22, 7:30pm

#### 75th Anniversary of Cathedral St. Cecilia Celebration

Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington, VA

## 2014 Calendar

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

### January 25, 11am - 3pm

#### Annual Gathering of Southern Maryland Musicians

Breton Bay, Leonardtown, MD

### March 4, 12noon

#### Shrove Tuesday Lunch

Brion's Grill, Arlington, VA

### March 8, 9am - 2:30pm

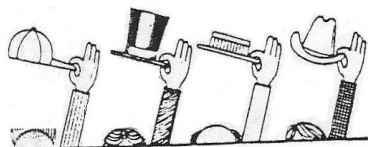
#### Lent Retreat with Fr. Jim Greenfield, OSFS

Theological College, Washington, DC

### May 2, 7:30pm - 9:30pm

#### The Music of the Psalms with Michel Guimont

St. Luke Church, McLean, VA



## 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.

\* St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill Schola Cantorum, Washington, DC

\* St. Mary of the Mills Chancel Choir, Laurel, MD

## WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

The Washington, DC and Arlington, VA Chapters of NPM officially welcome Rita Thiron to her new position as the Executive Director of the FDLC. We have hope that she will continue the excellent work begun by Lisa Tarker. The following is from the announcement issued by Msg. John Burton, chair of FDLC Board:

*The Board of Directors of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions is happy to announce the appointment of Rita Thiron as Executive Director of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions.*

*Rita comes to this new position from the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan where she served in the Office of Worship since 1993. Her pastoral liturgical service has provided rich and diverse experiences in her home parish, through her diocesan office work and in significant national liturgical organizations. She received a Masters in Liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame.*

*Rita has extensive experience at the national, diocesan and parochial levels. She has been a member of the Federation since 1993 and has been a familiar voice, a passionate advocate, and a generous contributor to the Federation's work. In addition to an impressive service record as a Board member, Rita has served as Vice Chair of the Board from 2006 until 2010.*

*From this experience, Rita has come to know firsthand the mission and structures of the FDLC. She comes to the position of Executive Director with a deep appreciation of the many gifts of the members and a vision of what the Federation can become.*

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**National Association of Pastoral Musicians  
Washington, DC Chapter  
Membership Application/Dues Notice  
2013-2014 Season**

*Please return this form with your dues payment (checks payable to NPM/DC) to:*

NPM/DC  
P.O. Box 42724  
Washington, DC 20015



**Dues:**

Individual for one year: \$15.00 (Student: \$10.00)

Individual for three years: \$40.00

Parish for one year: \$55.00 (up to 5 newsletters - \$8.00 each additional member)

Parish for three years: \$145.00 (up to 5 newsletters - \$20 each additional member)

*Parish memberships: Please list additional names and addresses of those who should receive newsletters, and whether they should be sent electronically, via regular mail, or in both formats.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer my newsletters be sent: \_\_\_\_\_electronically \_\_\_\_\_regular mail

*If a member of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, please check the type of national membership you hold.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parish - Single (one person)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parish - Regular (two persons)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parish - Group (three or more)

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





**National Association of Pastoral Musicians  
Arlington, VA Chapter  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & DUES NOTICE  
2013 — 2014 SEASON**

**DUES:**

Individual for one year: \$15.00 (Student: \$10.00)

Individual for three years: \$40.00

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

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

Parish memberships: Please include names and information for all members, including an indication of whether he/she 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 there.

*Please note: Effective last year, only the September and October Newsletters will be mailed; all others will be e-mailed. The hard copy option is no longer available.*

Return this form by November 1 for inclusion in the directory.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**Mail completed form and check to:**

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