



Newsletter

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Fostering the art of musical liturgy

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St. Cecilia, pray for us!

FALL LITURGY DAY IN PERSON!!



NOTE: Due to technical difficulties this newsletter was delayed for this month. We apologize for the lateness in its production. Thank you.

Do you have an event, article or idea to share with other Chapter Members? Please submit all articles and inquiries by the 20th of the month to: Katie Evans at music@ccjgs.org. All submissions subject to review. Thank you.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER



“In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices the Lord is near.”

Here we are again, at the end of another liturgical year. The scriptures at Mass, the hymns we sing, and the prayers of the Church focus on the End Times and the second coming. We joyfully celebrate our Savior as King of the Universe before the joyful expectation of Advent. But before we make that shift, we pause to be thankful.

Thanksgiving this year will take on a renewed appreciation. In 2020 most people were unable to gather with family and friends. (Anyone do a virtual turkey carving??) Our churches still had restrictions on capacity, with masking and social distancing requirements. Many of us were unable to encourage the faithful to sing. While still enduring the pandemic, things are different this year. People can safely gather; we’re praying together in church; we’re so much better at Zoom meetings!

The Taizé chant, “In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful,” has been running through my mind lately. If you don’t know it, a quick Google search will provide plenty of beautiful recordings. Like most music of Taizé, the simple, repeated melody is a wonderful tool for prayer. There’s much to be thankful for this year, especially in our NPM chapters as we’ve just had our first in-person events since early 2020!

Take time this month to reflect on the blessings of your ministry, your family, and our chapters. Truly how good it is to make music with one another, to give thanks to God, and to lift up our voices in praise.

- Tim Lewicki, Arlington Chapter President

“IN THE LORD I’LL BE EVER
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FALL LITURGY DAY - IN PERSON!

Fall Liturgy Day: Approaching the 60th Anniversary of Sacrosanctum Concilium. This annual liturgy day for the joint DC Arlington Chapters focused on revisiting the intentions of the Second Vatican Council and whether we as a church have fulfilled those intentions. In the second half, they explored some creative ways to further realize the intent of this groundbreaking document. By time of this publication, an opinion or review was not yet established. If you attended the workshop and would like to give your input and insight on this event, please send to the **Newsletter editor by Nov. 22.**

These are photos from members who sent in for our first IN PERSON event since 2020
Many thanks to the members who sent pictures to the editor for this newsletter from both DC and Arlington Chapters!



Jon Romeri, Speaker for Liturgy Day 2021



Patti Sullins and Remi Bauer, DC Members



DC president, Amy Massey, leading song.



Eugene Harper, former Arlington Chapter Director



The day started with breakfast!



Slides depicting the Vatican II Council.



An NPM Member and Anne Shingler in fellowship.



Rick Gibala, Arlington Chapter, and Patti Sullins.



Center, Erin Bullock and Tom Opfer discuss.
Foreground, Bob Malinowski



NPM Members gathering in person.

A CARDINAL ON THE ROAD

Cardinal Gregory has been pasturing to his flock at many parishes recently! Some have waited over a year for special blessings of stained glass that were postponed. Others for commemorations of parish anniversaries, others simply for Mass of Thanksgivings for the Cardinal's Appeal. In any case, Wilton Gregory has made every effort to get back to in person with his Archdiocesan community in a big way.

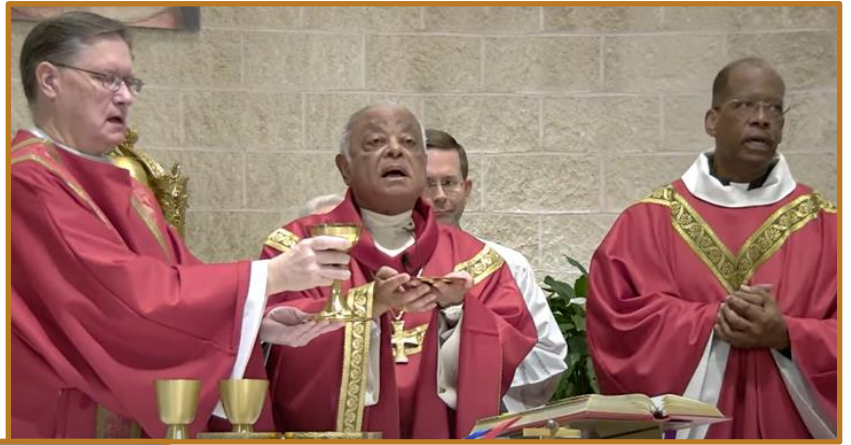


St. Mary's Church & Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Barnesville, MD on August 1st



Saint Rose September 5, 2021, to bless the Prayer Room, the Evangelists and Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass of Thanksgiving and Appreciation for donations to the 2021 Annual Appeal and the Ave Maria Legacy, held on the Feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude, Mother Seton Parish in Germantown, October 28, 2021



The Mother Seton Choir

Mass of Thanksgiving and Appreciation for donations to the 2021 Annual Appeal and the Ave Maria Legacy from Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Owings, MD, September 9, 2021



The Jesus the Good Shepherd Choir

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 14, 2021
4:00 pm
The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More
3901 Cathedral Lane
Arlington, Virginia

CONCERT From Darkness to Light



The ongoing Coronavirus pandemic continues to present unprecedented challenges.

Take some time this Sunday afternoon to reflect on the impact the Pandemic has had on all of us by experiencing a special concert for these uncertain times. The Cathedral choir, instrumental ensemble, and Dr. Mary Beth Bennet, guest organist, will lead us on a musical journey of reflection, healing, and hope.



RESCHEDULED!! DC Chapter Happy Hour November 19, 5:30-7:30pm Not Your Average Joe's.

10400 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814
Come for a night of merriment and networking! Some special guests will be joining us! **Free Appetizers** provided by the Chapter first come first served! Please RSVP so we can plan for you!

RSVP Here: <https://forms.gle/FQeyTiCuXZ66mszY7>

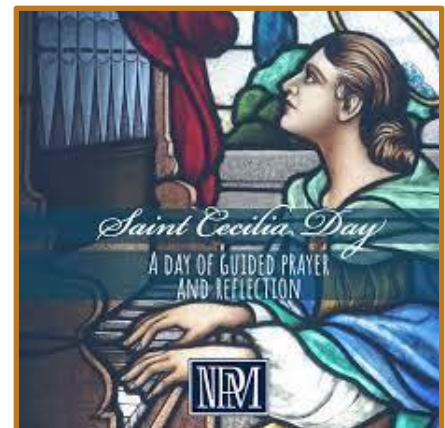
St. Cecilia Feast Day: November 22

Spend some time on our Patron Saint of Music in thanksgiving for all the music that has come back to life this year!

Current NPM National Members will receive a **FREE 2021 PDF Guide with Prayers and Meditations** in their email box by November 14th

Be on the look out from the National Office!

[Pray on your own the St. Cecilia Novena Here.](#)



NPM NATIONAL

In the Midst of Our Storms

A Virtual Retreat for Cantors

Through music, art, poetry, and reflection, Roc O'Connor, SJ, leads cantors in a three-part retreat exploring who they are in the presence of God, the cantor's invitation to encounter the risen Christ, and finally how through their ministry they grow to become contemplative disciples who accompany others on the journey of faith.

Presenters: Roc O'Connor and Timothy Johnston

Dates: November 9-11, 2021

[Register Here](#)



MEMBERSHIP



Which membership is best for you?



BASIC The BASIC membership is \$39. This is also a good option for those who feel philanthropic about our organization and want to continue supporting us.

STANDARD The STANDARD membership is \$119. For those planning liturgies, professional growth opportunities, receive *Pastoral Music* magazine, and are likely to want a discount on attending conferences.

PREMIUM The PREMIUM membership is \$169. For Directors of Music Ministries Division (DMMD). They receive all the above-mentioned benefits, as well as access to more premium content and the colloquium, among other professional events.

It is vital that you choose your local chapter in order for us to be notified of your registration and receive a portion of your dues to support local events.

We encourage you to take the leap and register for your national membership at

www.npm.org/membership.



Prayer to Saint Cecilia
O glorious St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr, you won the martyr's crown without renouncing your love for Jesus, the delight of your soul. We ask that you help us to be faithful in our love for Jesus, that, in the communion of the saints, we may praise Him twice in our song of rejoicing for the Blood that He shed which gave us the grace to accomplish His will on earth.
Amen.

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