



# NEWSLETTER

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## Annual Shrove Tuesday Luncheon

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**  
**12:00 NOON**



*Brion's Grille*

*10621 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22032*

*Join us for this annual tradition as Washington, DC and Arlington Chapter members and friends celebrate the end of Ordinary Time one last time before Lent starts! All are welcome to enjoy the lunch buffet (approximately \$15 with a beverage and tip) or to order off the menu.*

For head-count purposes, please email Arlington board member Bob Malinowski at [bob.malinowski@verizon.net](mailto:bob.malinowski@verizon.net) if you plan to attend.

## Look through this edition for information about:

- the annual Lenten Retreat (pg. 3)
- a Children's Choir workshop in April with **TOM SHELTON** (pg. 5)
- the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention in Cincinnati (pg. 7)

*It's not too late to register for With Hands Lifted Up: A Journey Through African American Sacred Music on Saturday, February 4. Contact [Charlene Dorrian](#) for your last minute registration!*



## Director's Corner

*"A bell is not a bell until you ring it. A song is not a song until you sing it. And love is not love until you share it."*

These words are inscribed on the tombstone of my greatest music mentor, Charles H. Flax, a humble, holy man who spent most of his life as student, teacher and pastoral associate at Hampton University. We'd recite them to end his twice weekly College Chapel Choir rehearsals – nine months a school year, through my four undergraduate years as accompanist.

These words probably originated in the theater version of *The Sound of Music*. I remain mystified how this mantra resonated from a Catholic-centric musical – through Mr. Flax, who received his early-life education from the Quakers – to our interdenominational college group. Decades later, I still hear his resounding baritone/bass voice booming, "A bell..." and we would chime in lock step "...is not a bell..."



*Bell. Song. Love.* This trilogy represents everything we do as pastoral musicians. Symbolism intact, back at Hampton we would start and end each rehearsal religiously when the campus chapel bell gonged at 6 and 7 pm. Many times the campus bell would alert Mr. Flax to invoke "A bell..." to end rehearsal.

*Bells.* They are part and parcel of our faith tradition. They signal our gathering song or entrance antiphon to begin. They announce the arrival of Christ in the Eucharist. They toll the passing of the faithful from earthly to eternal life. Handbell choirs beautifully enhance our liturgies.

*Songs* immerse us in our roles as pastoral musicians. We bring forth the notes from their inanimate presence in our worship aids, hymnals, octavos and accompaniment books, to give substance to our sacred liturgies.

And *love* embraces all we should do. From *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*: "As St. Augustine says, 'Singing is for the one who loves.' Music is therefore a sign of God's love for us and of our love for him."

Thank you, Mr. Flax, for passing along the bell, song, love mantra. It can guide us in our music ministries to bridge the gap between faith and life. We must connect that gap, newly installed Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, NJ, reminds us.

If not, "we risk losing Christ, reducing him simply to an interesting idea of comforting, nostalgic memory," he said recently.

"And if we lose Christ," he warned, "the world has lost the salt, light and heaven that could have transformed it."

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Eugene Harper  
Director, Arlington Chapter

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)

# Lenten Retreat for Pastoral Musicians

with Brother Ignacio González, OSB

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM

St. Anselm's Abbey  
4501 South Dakota Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20017

**“Lord, teach us to pray.”**

Brother Ignacio is a native of Austin, Texas and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He came to Washington, DC in the mid-1990s to work on Capitol Hill in the office of his local representative. After completing studies at the University of Houston, he returned to Washington to begin a career in both teaching and the foreign-exchange market. He entered St. Anselm's Abbey in 2008 and made his solemn profession in 2014. He currently teaches a religion course on the New Testament plus all levels of Spanish in the Abbey School while working on a Master's degree in Historical and Systematic Theology at the Catholic University of America.



Chapter 11 in the Gospel of Luke begins: One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." During the retreat we'll consider some traditional approaches to prayer: through Scripture (lectio divina), through the Rosary (active/contemplative), and in silence (contemplative). And, best of all, we'll take some time out of our busy lives to pray!

**Registration for the Annual NPM/DC Retreat – March 4, 2017, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM**

Please register by *February 24*. Further information: 301-384-5796.

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\$20 / chapter (DC or Arlington) member

\$25 / non-member

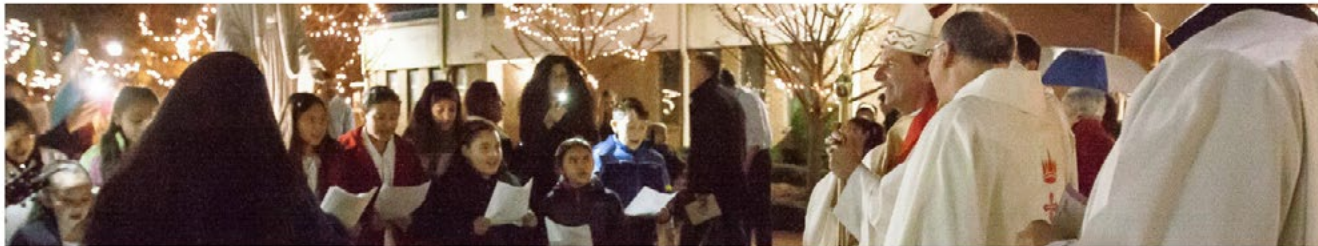
\*\*lunch included

**If you wish to register for another person(s), please provide their name(s) and email addresses.**

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

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

## A Look Around Our Chapters



*Members of the All Saints Music Ministry (Manassas, VA) lead sung prayer for a Deanery Mass to welcome newly installed Bishop Michael Burbidge, January 2017.*



*St. Patrick's Church (Rockville, MD) lead music for Christmas liturgies and their service of Lessons and Carols, December 2016.*

# WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHOIRS



**WHEN** Saturday, April 1, 2017, 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM **FEE** \$30 chapter member / student  
 \$40 non-member  
**WHERE** *Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church*  
 9200 Kentsdale Drive  
 Potomac, MD 20854 *Fee includes lunch.*

### SCHEDULE

**WHO** **MR. TOM T. SHELTON**, President of ACDA and professor at Westminster Choir College, facilitates a morning workshop for Children's Choir directors focusing on vocal techniques, repertoire, teaching techniques, and more. To learn more about Mr. Shelton, see his [website](#).



**9:00 AM** Registration, coffee and pastries  
**9:30 AM** **Children's Choir 101:** teaching techniques, warm up process, introducing new repertoire, working with various age groups  
**11:00 AM** **Demonstration with a Lab Choir**  
**12:00 NOON** **Lunch** (included in registration fee)  
**1:00 PM** **Music Reading session** (free octavos from various music publishers)  
**2:00 PM** **Wrap Up/Q&A**

Questions? Contact us at [TLEWICKI@ALLSAINTSVA.ORG](mailto:TLEWICKI@ALLSAINTSVA.ORG)

**Registration for Children's Choir Workshop – April 1, 2017 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM**  
 Please register by **March 24**. Further information: [TLEWICKI@ALLSAINTSVA.ORG](mailto:TLEWICKI@ALLSAINTSVA.ORG)

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## Upcoming Events

**Friday, February 17, 2017 7:30 PM**

**Benjamin LaPrairie, organist**

All Saints Catholic Church  
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[www.allsaintsva.org](http://www.allsaintsva.org) • 703-356-0670  
[tlewicki@allsaintsva.org](mailto:tlewicki@allsaintsva.org)

Benjamin LaPrairie serves as associate director of music at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. As an organist, he is regularly heard accompanying daily, Sunday, and many televised Masses throughout the year. Notable liturgies include the Canonization Mass of Junípero Serra, celebrated by Pope Francis, and the Funeral Mass of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Mr. LaPrairie will perform works by Bach, Mozart, Dupré, and Langlais on our mighty Wicks pipe organ.



**Music in McLean Concert Series**

**St. Luke Catholic Church**

7001 Georgetown Pike, Mclean, VA 22101  
[musicinmclean@gmail.com](mailto:musicinmclean@gmail.com) • 703-356-0670

**Sunday, February 19, 2016 4:00 PM**

Eric Himy, Piano

Tickets: Adults \$20

Youth (17 and under) \$10

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).

**Friday, February 24, 2017 8:00 PM**

**Daniel Sañez, organist**

Cathedral of St. Thomas More  
101 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA  
[musicministry@cathedralstm.org](mailto:musicministry@cathedralstm.org) •  
703-524-2815

Join Richmond Cathedral Director of Music Daniel Sañez for an eclectic organ recital featuring music from the early Baroque to the 21st Century; from Europe to the United States. Daniel is a graduate of the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music and Boston College. He is a Fulbright Fellow and studied in Leipzig, Germany. He has held positions at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, and the Church of St. Catherine of Sienna in New York City.



*To submit a job posting, classified, or event posting, please send the information, formatted as seen on this page, to Claire Caruso ([clmcaruso@gmail.com](mailto:clmcaruso@gmail.com)) or Tim Lewicki ([tlewicki@allsaintsva.org](mailto:tlewicki@allsaintsva.org)) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following newsletter (i.e. by August 15 for the September newsletter). Please let us know when the position has been filled or you items have been sold/donated. Thank you.*



**2016 - 2017**  
*Calendar of Events*

**February 4, 2017**

**African-American Sacred Music**  
(DC Chapter)

A continuation of the February 2016 workshop, with breakouts for pianists and singers.

*Saint Camillus Church, Silver Spring, MD*

**February 28, 2017**

**Annual Shrove Tuesday Luncheon**

Join friends old and new for a feast before Lent begins!

*Brion's Grille, Fairfax, VA*

**March 4, 2017**

**DC Annual Retreat**

"Lord, teach us to pray."

*Saint Anselm Abbey, Washington, DC*

**March 14, 2017**

**An Evening with John C. Walker,**  
past president of AGO (Co-Sponsored  
by NPM Arlington and NOVA AGO)

*Saint Thomas More Cathedral,  
Arlington, VA*

**April 1, 2017**

**Children's Choir Event** with Mr. Tom  
Shelton, President of ACDA and profes-  
sor at Westminster Choir College.  
(Joint Arlington/DC)

*Our Lady of Mercy Church, Potomac, MD*

**July 10-14, 2017**

**NPM National Convention**

*Cincinnati, Ohio*



*Formed as One*  
**UNION OF VOICES**  
**UNITY OF HEARTS**



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF PASTORAL MUSICIANS  
40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION  
CINCINNATI, OHIO  
JULY 10 ~ 14, 2017**

Check out the online [Convention Brochure](#) and NPM website for other information about the 2017 National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. Next month we'll have information about our group registration - the best (and biggest!) discount on convention registration fees. We hope to see many of you in Ohio this summer!

**Hats Off!**

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

**Church of the Nativity Youth Choir, Burke, VA**  
**St. John Paul II Seminary Choir, Washington, DC**



**In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**O God, whose saints and angels delight to worship in heaven:**

**Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by Your people on earth;**

**And grant to them even now a glimpse of Your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it forevermore.**

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos and of all the saints, have mercy on us. Amen.**

*A Prayer before Singing from the [National Forum of Greek Orthodox Musicians](#)*

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