



NEWSLETTER

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Annual Shrove Tuesday Luncheon

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

12:00 NOON



Cost: \$16 per person

(checks made payable to NPM Arlington)

Brion's Grille

10621 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22032



Share a meal and relax with friends, old and new, before we plunge into our Lenten preparation for Easter.

RSVP via our [Facebook event](#) or

E-mail us at arlingtonnpm@gmail.com



St. Cecilia, pray for us!

National Association of Pastoral Musicians

41ST ANNUAL CONVENTION

PRAISE

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BUILDING ON OUR HERITAGE

Baltimore, MD • July 9-13, 2018

Click on the Convention Logo (left) for information about a new initiative - NPM Emerging Leaders Institute!

See page 5 of this newsletter for complete Convention information: Chapter Registration (the best discount available!) and the Convention Chapter Dinner.

Make your plans for Baltimore today!

*The Glory of these forty days,
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ by whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.*

Director's Corner

In the midst of our post-Advent/Christmas smattering of Ordinary Time, up jumps the shortest month in 2018 AD. Mid-month, along comes Feb. 14 – this year all about a bow and arrow, a saint – and ashes.

Visions abound of mythical Cupid flying around stirring up romance. Spiritually we have a choice of three saints from the early Church, all named Valentine, all martyred for their Christian beliefs and practices. Lastly, and most importantly, Ash Wednesday starts our Lenten journey.

This convergence most recently occurred in 1945, some 73 years ago when World War II ended. Next times: 2024 and 2029, followed by a long hiatus till 2170. Turns out that Feb. 14 lands on Ash Wednesday two or three times every century.

And it's serendipitous that Valentine's Day is not a major holiday, and Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation. Yet each commands a gob of attention: one secularly, one religiously – both popularly. Flowers and restaurant reservations surround friends and loved ones. The faithful fill the pews to receive ashes to set the penitential tone for Lent.

One way for us Catholics to maneuver through this *yin/yang* of celebration and somberness would be to enjoy Valentine's Day the day before, on Shrove Tuesday, already firmly entrenched as our last *hoorah* before Lent. (And what better venue to celebrate than attending our Arlington chapter's annual Shrove Tuesday luncheon. See page 1 for details.)

But if you're a purist and must somehow combine the start of almsgiving, praying and fasting with heart-pounding acts of love on the designated date, consider this:

Christ commanded that our love for him be connected to our love for one another. And our love of the Lord and love of music combine to make us who and what we are as pastoral musicians. After all, many of us found (or are still discovering) our way to the Lord through music in the Church. Plus, we are charged with connecting parishioners to the Lord through our music in the liturgy.

So on this Feb. 14, we get to hum melancholy show tune *My Funny Valentine*. We can even croon a few lines from Sam Cooke's soulful serenade, *Cupid*.

Perhaps too we can find a place in our Ash Wednesday liturgy for the venerable hymn, *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, whose apropos lyrics include: *Jesus, source of all compassion, love unbounded, love all pure. Visit us with your salvation, let your love in us endure.*

Happy Valentine's Day! And may you have a meaningful beginning to your Lenten journey!

Eugene Harper
Arlington Chapter Director



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

www.npmarlington.org

NPM/DC Cantor Workshop

Monday, February 26, 2018
Saint Ambrose Church
3107 63rd Ave., Cheverly, MD 20785

Presenters: Amy Massey and Valerie Kopinski

Cantors are called to be psalmists, song leaders, animators of the assembly and musical presiders for our Catholic assemblies. They fill essential roles for vibrant worship. Come to learn and practice techniques that will strengthen your skills, so that you can unleash the song in the hearts of your assemblies.



Amy Massey has been working with liturgical musicians and training cantors in the Archdiocese of Washington DC for over 15 years. As a life long music educator, she looks forward to working with cantors of all levels. Amy is the director of music ministries at Mother Seton Parish in Germantown, MD.

Garnering praise for her “rich-voice, energetic stage presence and vocal grandeur,” dramatic soprano, **Valerie Kopinski**, has been a cantor and section leader at Mother Seton Parish in Germantown since 2015. Prior to joining Mother Seton, she was the soprano section leader and soloist at Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda for ten years. A native of Germantown, Maryland, Ms. Kopinski graduated as a Pressor scholar in Voice from the University of Maryland. She completed her Master’s degree at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York under the tutelage of Rita Shane. While in Rochester, Ms. Kopinski both cantored and directed an all-Eastman choir at St. Anne’s Church for three years.

We encourage everyone to come prepared to sing a psalm or antiphonal communion song. Accompaniment will be provided to those who do not bring their own organists or pianists.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CANTOR WORKSHOP

February 26, 2018 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 Saint Ambrose Church, 3107 63rd Ave., Cheverly, MD 20785

Fee: \$10 - members of either chapter; \$15 - non-members (Please make checks payable to NPM/DC.)

To receive individual attention, participants should bring two copies of a psalm or communion song.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ cell ___ home ___ work

Parish: _____

If you wish to register for another person(s), please complete an additional form. Mail this form with the appropriate fee to:
NPM/DC, 19951 Father Hurley Blvd., Germantown, MD 20874

Questions? Please call Amy Massey at 301-924-3838, ext. 215

Annual Retreat for Pastoral Musicians

with Father Dan Issing, CSC

The Mystery that Contains Us

Saturday, March 3, 2018

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Mother Seton Parish
19951 Father Hurley Boulevard, Germantown, MD 20874

In this Lenten retreat, we will contemplate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem recalled during the Palm Sunday Procession with Palms. "Fear not, O daughter of Zion! Your king approaches you on a donkey's colt" (Jn 12). What transpires next in the gospel is the mystery that contains and calls us to renounce ego and serve Jesus in the poor; that is, the mystery of Jesus' own descent into poverty, and his invitation to do likewise. Taking this journey with Jesus, we will consider how to evangelize today's world by being a church that is poor and for the poor.



Rev. Daniel J. Issing, C.S.C., is a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross. He is an associate professor of theology at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where he teaches courses in moral theology and social ethics. Fr. Issing has a doctorate in theological ethics from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. His current research, speaking engagements, and retreats focus on Pope Francis' call to pastoral ministry in a missionary key.

Registration for the Annual NPM/DC Retreat – March 3, 2018, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Please register by *February 20*.

NAME _____

EMAIL (PLEASE PRINT) _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

PARISH _____

\$20/chapter (DC or Arlington) member

\$25/non-member

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, 1218 Duncan Place, N.E., Washington, DC 20002

2018 National convention

#NPM41

We hope to see many of you in Baltimore this summer! For full convention details see the digital [Convention Brochure](#). Details about the Chapter Dinner are found in this newsletter!

The Chapter Discount is the **best available**, even better than the \$310 early bird fee:

- 10-19 Members (15% off): \$306 (\$355 w/ dinner)
- 20-29 Members (20% off): \$288 (\$337 w/ dinner)
- 30+ Members (25% off): \$270 (\$319 w/ dinner)

Is an NPM Convention for you?

Yes! If you are a pastoral musician: director of music ministries - psalmist - cantor - bishop - priest - deacon - seminarian - choir director - ensemble leader - organist - keyboardist - guitarist - player of another instrument - youth pastoral musician - music educator - or anyone seeking time away in a retreat environment filled with prayer, filled with music, filled with the support of other ministers.

Is there a local Chapter member discount?

Yes! Before you send in that registration form, we hope you will consider registering through the local chapters (Arlington & DC are considered as one).



Please note:

1. Again this year there is a **\$20** discount if you choose an Electronic Program Book.
2. Registrant must be a parish/individual member of both National **AND** the local chapter (Arlington/DC).
3. Only one discount per registrant (e.g. cannot be combined with Clergy/Musician Duo)
4. Chapter discount is not available on Youth, Daily, Companion, or Child registrations

Here's what to do:

1. Complete a [registration form](#).
2. Make a check payable to NPM/Arlington (\$306 - plus any extras you've chosen)
3. Mail both to **Anne Shingler, 3146 Woodland Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309** by **Friday, April 13, 2018**.

Questions, including how to join your local chapter?

Please email arlingtonnpm@gmail.com (Arlington) or npmdcmembership@gmail.com (DC)

Convention Chapter Dinner - Something New!



At this year's **#NPM41** Convention, the Core Committee and the National Office have implemented some new and exciting schedule changes. One of these is the Pastoral Musicians' Dinner - a family-style banquet immediately after the Convention Eucharist on **Thursday, July 12**, see page 33 of the [Convention Brochure](#). As such, your local chapter leadership wants to support this effort. We will attend this dinner as our Chapter Dinner and arrange for tables for our chapter attendees.

This dinner requires pre-registration. Please mark your [registration form](#) (on page 2) to attend the dinner. Cost is \$49 per person.



SPANISH CHOIR DIRECTOR

St. Bernadette Catholic Church
 7600 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, VA
www.stbernapar.org

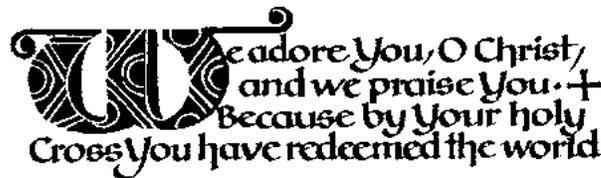
Seeking director/pianist of Coro Hispano for large multi-cultural and pastorally aware parish in suburban Northern Virginia. Coordinate with pastor, music director, and choir leadership team on music choices and logistics for 1pm Mass each Sunday and several annual bilingual liturgies. *Flor y canto, tercera edición.* Music budget; some weddings and funerals; part-time compensation negotiable. Send resumé indicating music and church experience to David Mathers at dmathers@stbernapar.org.



A Call for Photos

As we enter into this Lenten season, many of us have increased schedules of liturgies, concerts, and rehearsals. An ongoing feature in these newsletters is *A Look Around Our Chapters*. Please consider taking a few photos of your ministry, parish, and sanctuary and sharing them with us. Share JPEG or TIFF files with the newsletter editor, tlewicki@allsaintsva.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 Claire Schweppe at clmcaruso@gmail.com.



DC CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETINGS

On the second Monday of the month, the chapter executive board will hold an open meeting for the members to discuss the work of the chapter. This is an opportunity for our members to offer suggestions and to volunteer your time and talent. The meeting time will alternate between lunch time and evening so that members may be able to come to attend at least some of the meetings. Locations will be announced prior to each meeting. Check the newsletter, your email, and facebook for information about each upcoming meeting. Below is the meeting schedule for the 2017-2018 year.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
February 12, 2018	12:30-2:30 pm	St. Patrick Church, 4101 Norbeck Road, Rockville, MD
March 12, 2018	12:30-2:30 pm	TBA
April 9, 2018	12:30-2:30 pm	TBA
June 11, 2018	12:30-2:30 pm	TBA

Singing the Psalms Shapes Who We Are
 Kathleen Harmon, SNDdeN, Ph.D.

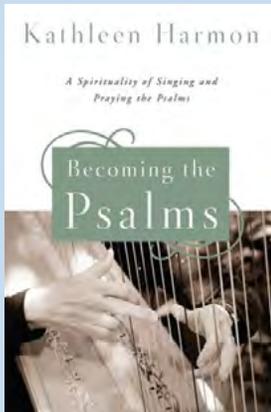


Saturday, April 28, 2018
 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
 (registration begins at 9:00 AM)

Our Lady of Good Counsel
 8601 Wolftrap Road,
 Vienna, VA 22182

Cost: \$15 chapter member
\$20 non-member

There is a reason why the community of the Church has sung the psalms as part of the liturgy from earliest days. These songs of praise and cries of lament lead us to encounter God and ourselves at the deepest level of faith and discipleship. Singing the psalms shapes who we are as people of faith, as music ministers, and as leaders of the liturgy.



To RSVP click [here](#).

Questions? Contact us at arlingtonnpm@gmail.com (Arlington) or npmdcmembership@gmail.com (DC)



Upcoming Events

Friday, February 9, 2018 8:00 PM
Choir from The Heights
St. Thomas More Cathedral
 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA 22203
www.cathedralstm.org • 703-524-2815

The Men's Chorus began with only five singers. In the past 20 years the Chorus has expanded to 60 members. They have won numerous awards and performed for various dignitaries and organizations including a performance at The White House for President George W. Bush. They have sung with the Washington Men's Camarata under the direction of Frank Albinder and have been invited to sing with the Harvard Glee Club. These young men have fifteen or more performances per year.

2017 - 2018
CALENDAR of EVENTS

Decorative flourish

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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. Ambrose Parish Adult Choir**, Annandale, VA
- St. Peter Parish Choir**, Olney, MD



Prompt our actions with your inspiration,
 we pray, O Lord,
 and further them with your constant help,
 that all we do may always begin from you
 and by you be brought to completion.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity
 of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

- Collect, Thursday after Ash Wednesday



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