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March - April 2025

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Director's Corner

Katie Evans

DC Chapter Director

To all my pastoral musicians, I hope you enjoyed that loooooong Ordinary Time because now Lent is upon us! When I think of the word “Lent” I am reminded that its root means to “lengthen” into the days of spring. This Lenten season, we will surely feel that pull towards spring and a joyful Eastertide!



As we near the climax of our liturgical season, there are many offerings around our two dioceses from parishes, schools, and institutions. Please make sure you save the date for the nearest NPM On the Road 2025 on Aug. 6-7 in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. Only a few hours away from both our chapters, it is a great way to spend time reconnecting with colleagues, continuing professional development, and reading through choral pieces. We are interested in having a joint Chapter lunch or small event before registration begins. Please let us know if you would be interested!

If you cannot journey to Philadelphia, we hope you will attend a chapter event or a parish offering. The Annual Shrove Tuesday Lunch is planned for March 4 (page 2), while the DC Lenten Retreat is March 29 (page 5). We are also showcasing parish events, concerts, and university programs that may be of interest to you. We appreciate your feedback from any of these offerings. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your Chapter Directors. As we spring into Lent, please know our Chapters are busy planning meaningful events for our two regions. Thank you!

Annual Shrove Tuesday Luncheon

Scan the QR code
to RSVP and the
view the menu!



Tuesday, March 4, 2025
12:00 NOON

Cost: \$23 per person

(includes: choice of lunch from the menu,
non-alcoholic drink, tax, and tip)

Carrabba's Italian Grill

5805 Trinity Pkwy, Centreville, VA 20120



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

RSVP via QR code above or
E-mail us at arlingtonva@npm.org

LUDENS CORAM EO OMNI TEMPORE:

An evening of music and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament

When: Sunday, March 30th, 6 - 7pm

Where: St. Bernadette Catholic Church,
70 University Blvd. E, Silver Spring, MD 20901

Deepen your Lenten prayer with an evening of music and reflection before our Lord in adoration on Lætare Sunday, March 30th, at 6pm. While the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until benediction at ten, the first hour of adoration will include music for flute, viola, and organ interspersed with time for silent adoration. Not a concert, not a prayer service, just time to adore our Lord amidst the aural splendor of his creation.

Lenten Prayer Night

Music of Taize with the JGS Choir
Thursday March 13, 2025
7:00pm in the church



Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community
1601 West Mount Harmony Road
Owings, MD 20736

MAKING A JOYFUL SOUND IN THE WILDERNESS

MARCH 29TH | 8:30 AM REGISTRATION

JOIN FELLOW PASTORAL MUSICIANS FOR A DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND REFLECTION DURING THIS LENTEN RETREAT. LISTEN TO FR. NEPI'S WISDOM AS WE EXPLORE HOW TO MAKE A JOYFUL SOUND IN THE WILDERNESS OF THE LENTEN SEASON.

COME AND REJUVENATE AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER IN FAITH, MUSIC, AND FELLOWSHIP.

COST: \$15 FOR NPM MEMBERS | \$30 FOR NON-MEMBERS

REGISTER AT [NPMDC.ORG/EVENTS](https://npmdc.org/events)

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FR. ROLF "NEPI" WILLEMSSEN, O.CARM.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024-2025 SEASON

- March 4th - Shrove Tuesday Lunch, hosted by NPM Arlington
- March 29th - Lenten Retreat, Whitefriars Hall, Washington, DC, hosted by NPM DC
- May 19th - DC General Chapter Meeting, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- August 6-7 - NPM on The Road 2025, Rosemont College, Philadelphia, PA

Sacred Music at All Saints Concert Series

2024-2025

ABIGAIL JOHNSON, PIANIST

Friday, October 25, 2024 • 7:30 PM

Local pianist Abigail Johnson opens our Tenth Anniversary season with an eclectic program of Chopin and contemporary works. It is an evening not to be missed!



THOMAS SHEEHAN, ORGANIST

Friday, November 15, 2024 • 7:30 PM



Dr. Thomas Sheehan is Cathedral Organist and Interim Director of Music at the National Cathedral, where he plays for weekly worship and high-profile civic events, such as services for Presidential inaugurations and state funerals. Dr. Sheehan performs a varied program of organ works and transcriptions.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 • 7:30 PM

Members of the All Saints Music Ministry present this beloved service of Scripture readings, hymns, and choral anthems to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas.



All events are free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken to support current and future programming for this annual concert series.

Located just a few minutes from Old Town Manassas and its many restaurants and shops, All Saints has plenty of free parking adjacent to the church.

SEIPP/FICKLEY DUO

Friday, February 21, 2025 • 7:30 PM



The Seipp/Fickley Trumpet & Organ Duo is unlike any ensemble performing today. Custom musical arrangements of virtuoso, beautiful, entertaining, humorous, and patriotic



selections enhance the exquisite blend of their instruments. Trumpeter Chuck Seipp and organist Todd Fickley are two performers at the top of their craft.

BLUE RIDGE SINGERS

JEFFREY ALBAN, *conductor*

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 • 7:30 PM

We welcome back the Blue Ridge Singers, who have appeared on the series each year, to present a concert



of choral music. This dedicated group of musicians under the direction of Dr.

Jeffrey Alban presents their Spring program.

OLD BRIDGE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

DAVID KIRVEN, *conductor*

Saturday, May 24, 2025 • 8:00 PM

We welcome the Old Bridge Chamber Orchestra, with guest organist Lisa Mitchell Tyler, to conclude



our anniversary season. Among other works, the orchestra and organist

present the exciting Symphony No. 3, Op. 78 (Organ Symphony) of Camille Saint-Saëns.



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CATHOLIC CHURCH

3:00 PM CONCERT SERIES 2024-2025

Andres Cardenes, Violin
Martin Labazevitch, Piano

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Washington Master Chorale*

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Agata Miklavc, Violin
Jason Solounias, Piano

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Amit Peled, Cello
Martin Labazevitch, Piano

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Mount Vernon Virtuosi,
Amit Peled, Conductor
Washington Master Chorale
Christmas Concert*

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Nikita Fitenko, **Katerina Zaitseva**,
& **Anastasia Fitenko**, Piano
Josu De Solaun Soto, Piano

Thursday, December 19, 2024,
7:30 pm

Members of the Washington National Opera
Chorus AGMA Relief Benefit Concert

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Mount Vernon Virtuosi,
Amit Peled, Conductor
Alexander Kobrin, Piano

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Nathan Laube, Organ

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Mount Vernon Virtuosi,
Amit Peled, Conductor

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Sunday, May 25, 2025

* Tickets Available: nparks@washingtonmasterchorale.org

Art music is an expression of the soul, and through the God-given gifts of a performer, can bring the listener closer to the source of all that is, Our Lord. Gifted artists, performing in our church, provide an opportunity for people who might not otherwise have the chance to experience this music performed live to do so in an environment that inspires the human spirit to seek a closer connection to God.

**ALL CONCERTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC,
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
FREE-WILL OFFERING GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT **WWW.STANNDC.ORG**

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WELCOMING
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THE CATHOLIC
UNIVERSITY
OF AMERICA



A PROGRAM FUNDED BY LILLY ENDOWMENT INC.

"Beauty, Music, and Faith"
An Evening Conversation with Sir James MacMillan
and special performance by CUA Chamber Choir



April 9, 2025 @ 7 pm – 8:30 pm
Heritage Hall
The Catholic University of America

Please register [here](#)

Hosted by Welcoming Children in Worship
Jem Sullivan, Ph.D., principal investigator
A collaborative initiative
School of Theology & Religious Studies
Rome School of Music, Drama, and Art

Conversation hosted by Peter Kadeli, DM
Head of Sacred Music & Director of Choral Activities

Sir James MacMillan is the pre-eminent Scottish classical composer and conductor of his generation. MacMillan's music is infused with the spiritual and his Catholic faith inspires many of his works. He first attracted attention with the acclaimed BBC Proms premiere of ***The Confession of Isobel Gowdie*** (1990). His percussion concerto, ***Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*** (1992) has received over 500 performances worldwide by orchestras including London Symphony Orchestra, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, New York and Los Angeles Philharmonics and Cleveland Orchestra. Other major works include the cantata ***Seven Last Words from the Cross*** (1993), ***St John Passion*** (2007), ***St Luke Passion*** (2013) and ***Symphony No. 5: 'Le grand Inconnu'*** (2018). He was commissioned by the Bishops' Conferences of England & Wales and of Scotland to write a new Mass setting for liturgies celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI during his apostolic visit to Great Britain in 2010. Recent highlights include MacMillan's ***Stabat Mater*** for The Sixteen streamed from the Sistine Chapel, the anthem ***Who Shall Separate Us?*** commissioned for the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II in 2022, and premieres of ***Timotheus, Bacchus and Cecilia***, a choral work for choir and orchestra. The annual Cumnock Tryst festival was founded by the composer in 2014 in his childhood town in Scotland.

For disability accommodation, please contact Jem Sullivan at Sullivanj@cua.edu



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Is accepting applications for their graduate sacred music degrees for fall 2025:

Doctorate of Music in Sacred Music (organ and choral conducting concentrations)

Master of Music in Sacred Music (organ and choral conducting concentrations)

Master of Music in Choral Conducting

Master of Music in Organ Performance

Learn more about the sacred music offerings and how to apply at
<https://music.catholic.edu/sacred-music/index.html>

Please direct all questions to Peter Kadeli, Head of Sacred Music and Director of Choral Activities
(kadeli@cua.edu).



Additional information for all 6 locations is now available!

NPM On the Road is coming to a city near you! Click [here](#) to learn more about each city for this summer's 2-day regional event.

LOCATIONS

Chicago, Illinois
June 17-18, 2025

Oakland, California
July 24-25, 2025

**San Antonio,
Texas**
June 27-28, 2025

Portland, Oregon
July 31-August 1, 2025

Atlanta, Georgia
July 7-8, 2025

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
August 6-7, 2025

PRICING

Early Bird Pricing (through April 2, 2025)

NPM members: \$100
non-NPM members: \$125*

*Includes a 6-month NPM membership
from the date of the event

Regular Pricing (after April 2, 2025)

NPM members: \$125
non-NPM members: \$150*

*Includes a 6-month NPM
membership from the date of the
event

Pricing does not include fees for Extra Beats (optional).
The first 40 people to register in each city receive a free gift!

NPM National



The Director of Music Ministries (DMM) Forum has prepared a revised version of the NPM resource, “Hiring a Director of Music: A Handbook and Guide,” first published in 1991 and later revised in 2006. This resource will live publicly on the NPM website and all are invited to use it as a resource. We thank the DMM Forum for their work on this document!



THE SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION OF PSALMS: A LENTEN RETREAT

In this webinar we will reflect on this question and the psalms we will be proclaiming during these special liturgies. It will break open the texts of the psalms, starting with the original scripture and psalm as a whole and offer suggestions of how music ministers might engage the scripture in prayer, study, and personal reflection. This presentation is an opportunity for psalmists, proclaimers of the Word, to enrich their biblical and spiritual preparation in sharing the psalms with the community and to develop their own spiritual practices. Participants will explore ways to be a conduit for the Holy Spirit to allow for spiritual conversion.

Date/Time:

Monday, March 10, 2025 8:00–9:30 pm ET/5:00–6:30 pm PT

Pricing: Free for NPM Members; \$20 for non-members

[Register Here!](#)



MUSIC DIRECTOR WANTED

NPM DC Board is seeking a Music Director to lead the Choir for the NPM DC Annual Mass & Dinner at the Pastoral Center in Sept/Oct 2025. Date still to be determined, but the director would have a say along with the ADW. The director would bring his or her own choir and have them prepared to lead the event. If Bilingual or Spanish option, this is even better.

The Board will be seeking applicants until July 1.

EMAIL TO APPLY

washingtondc@npm.org



NPM DC Chapter

ALL MEMBERS
WELCOME!

GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY MAY 19, 2025

JPII HALL
BENJAMIN T. ROME SCHOOL OF MUSIC

348 UNIVERSITY DR NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20064

6:30PM REFRESHMENTS, 7:00PM START

REGISTER AT: [NPMDC.ORG/EVENTS](https://npmdc.org/events)

Parking and Transportation:

Street parking available on Harewood Road

Some parking available in front of Music School, please RSVP so we can assist you with a parking pass.

Metro Stop: BROOKLAND/CUA on the RED Line

Questions or Accommodations: WashingtonDC@npm.org



WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR PARISH?

Do you have an event going on at your parish?
Do you have something to say or would like to share
about your ministry and/or formation?

The newsletter is published every other month.

Please give all submissions to Katie Evans at
WashingtonDC@npm.org and they will be accepted
for social media/communications ASAP, no waiting
for the newsletter!

MEMBERSHIP ALERT!

The local Chapters only receive membership dues through the National Office. When you renew or join you **MUST** elect which local Chapter, or the local Chapters will not receive the funding. This makes programming events and workshops hard for our local area, so **PLEASE PLEASE** designate your local Chapter when renewing Membership at www.npm.org. If you are unsure, please contact Keisna Sosa membership@npm.org and she will help you!



Renew or Become a
Member? Use QR Code!

**IMPORTANT! Your Chapter relies
HEAVILY on your Renewals!**



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