From the NPM Baltimore Board

We are so excited to offer many opportunities to learn about our craft as music ministers and network with others in our archdiocesan community. You can develop your skills as cantor, conductor or choral member.

At the 2019 convention, NPM National Office rolled out a new vision for NPM called NPM 2.0. In this new vision moving forward, membership in local chapters is even more important than ever. NPM 2.0 is a network of local chapters. NPM Baltimore is considered one of the best chapters in the network. NPM 2.0 designates chapters as the heart of NPM with more of a “ground up” than a “top down” approach to membership.

Did you know NPM has specific Interest Sections for Cantor, Choir Directors, Pianists, Ensembles and so much more? Find the interest sections that speak to your skill set https://npm.org/sections/

Please check out the many local opportunities that await chapter members during the upcoming year. We are emphasizing growth and skill development this year. We have cantor certifications planned, but if you’d like to pursue the piano, organ or DMMD certification, please let us know and we’ll see what we can do! The complete list is on the reverse. If you or your parish are not currently members of NPM and NPM Baltimore, now is the time to join!

We hope to see everyone at our events this year!

Sincerely,
Lyle, Joe, Marie, Teresa and Jean

NPM Baltimore Chapter Membership:

Did you know that a parish membership to NPM Baltimore is only $50 for a year? A Parish Membership is the best value as it entitles all pastoral musicians in your parish to attend Chapter events at the member rate (many events are free of charge for members). You can register up to 5 primary members on a parish registration. Get all of the details by visiting our website: Join today!

Who? Music Directors, Cantors, Choir Members, Organists, Contemporary Group Musicians, Clergy, Liturgists, Other Pastoral Ministers.

NPM National (membership) http://npm.org/join/

NPM Baltimore Chapter Membership:

Become a member and belong to our google group to keep up to date with current events and discussions within the chapter. And now like us on Facebook too!

You might be interested:
What is NPM and how do I join?
http://npm.org/join/

What is this NPM 2.0 you speak of?
https://npm.org/npm-2-0-shaping-the-future/

I have some opinions on the direction of NPM 2.0. To whom do I address?
http://npm.org/ask-the-president/
Contact Us:
www.npmbalt.org
joeorgan31@gmail.com

Archdiocesan Choir:
www.director@archbalt-choir.org

MAC Choir: If you are interested in joining contact Zack Stachowski to be placed on the mailing list:
Zack011@mac.com

NPM National Convention
Louisville, KY
July 7-10, 2019
www.npm.org

Programming 2019 - 2020

October 19, 2019: 9:00 am Cantor Workshop St. Bernadette Parish, Severn. Clinician: Berta Sabrio. Prep for Basic, Intermediate and Colleague Cantor Certifications. No cost to NPM Baltimore members. (see certification requirements on the NPM website Members Section) RSVP: Joe Organ joeorgan31@gmail.com

November 19, 2019: 7:00pm St. Cecilia Event St. Joseph’s Church, Eldersburg. Join us for this annual chapter event to celebrate the Patron Saint of Music and Musicians through prayer, scripture and song. The parish music ministry and choirs will lead this service which will be followed by a reception. All Pastoral Musicians from the Archdiocese are invited to join us. There will be a special collection taken, to benefit chapter programs and to establish a long-term reserve for the chapter.

December 13, 2019: 12:30pm Annual Holiday Chapter Luncheon – hosted by Former Chapter Director Thomas Bozek at his home in Timonium, MD. Join us for our annual Chapter Holiday Lunch. Here’s a chance to meet, greet and network with fellow Pastoral Musicians. (free for NPM Baltimore Members)

March 21, 2020: 9:00am Cantor Certification St. Vincent dePaul Church, 120 Front Street, Baltimore. Earn your Basic, Intermediate or Cantor Colleague Certification. Berta Sabrio, Clinician. RSVP: Joe Organ joeorgan31@gmail.com

April 2020 (date TBD): East/West Event Our Chapter covers a geographic area from the Baltimore Metropolitan Area, Harford, Anne Arundel Counties, out to Western Maryland. Some parishes in the western part of the state are closer to Pittsburgh than Baltimore. At this annual outing, members of all corners of the Archdiocese visit colleagues in the western part of the state for a Liturgical Space Tour and Organ Crawl. We begin with a train ride. Details to follow.

April 28, 2020, 7:00 – 8:30 pm: Liturgical Ensemble Leadership St Joseph, 100 Church Lane, Cockeysville. Whether you direct an ensemble from the organ/piano, lead from a guitar or other instrument, or conduct an unaccompanied vocal group, this session will identify ‘no nonsense’ techniques which will sharpen your skill as leader and player, and contribute to the musical potential of the group. Dr. Lynn Trapp, Presenter.

May 11, 2019: Year End Chapter Dinner Time and Place to be determined. Invite your clergy to join you, your parish musicians and NPM colleagues for dinner.

We do have more events that we are working on and will update in the winter once details are finalized.