Ye Weekly Blurb
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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

CHORAL and HANDBELL MUSIC
SR = Spirit Ringers   SS = Spirit Singers   TR = Treble Choristers   *= Trebles Off

2015 Lent and Holy Week

22 Mar.   The Fifth Sunday of Lent
SS/TR  Create a Pure Heart in Me, O God  S. Matsui

29 Mar.   Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
SS/TR  Christus Factus Est  G. Carissimi
SS/TR  Ave Verum Corpus  [NEW]  C. Saint-Saëns

02 Apr.   Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord’s Supper
SR  Ubi Caritas  M. Duruflé
SS/TR  Drop, Drop, Slow Tears  S.B. Owens
SS/TR  I Give You a New Commandment  P. Aston
SS/TR  Ave Verum Corpus  [NEW]  C. Saint-Saëns

03 Apr.   Good Friday: The Passion of the Lord
SS  The Reproaches  T.L. Victoria

04 Apr.   Holy Saturday: The Great Vigil of Easter
SS/TR  Christ Our Passover  W.C. Macfarlane

05 Apr.   Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ
SR  Hearts to Heaven and Voices Raise  L.R. Lamb
SS/TR  Christ Our Passover  W.C. Macfarlane

08 Apr.   Easter Wednesday
NO REHEARSALS!

12 Apr.   The Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
SS/TR  Doubting Thomas  M. Schweizer

19 Apr.   The Third Sunday of Easter
SS/TR  Lead Me, Lord  S.S. Wesley

26 Apr.   The Fourth Sunday of Easter
SS/TR  The King of Love My Shepherd Is  J. Scavone

Holy Week Choir Schedule

Palm Sunday — 3/29
9:15 am call; 10 am Mass

Holy Week Wednesday — 4/1
Rehearsals at normal times

Holy Thursday — 4/2
5:30 pm call; 6 pm Mass

Good Friday — 4/3
5:30 pm call; 6 pm Liturgy

Holy Saturday — 4/4
8 pm call; 8:30 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday — 4/5
9:15 am call; 10 am Mass

Easter Wednesday— 4/8
NO REHEARSALS!

Choir Binder Contents

Your choir binder should contain the music listed below. Anything other than that listed is to be turned in.

B-I Hymns, Psalms, Canticles
Eight Choral Introits
Six Table Anthems
The Reproaches  NEW
Psalms for Holy Week  (in pocket)

B-II Service Music
Mass of St. Francis
Festival Alleluia

B-III Choral Anthems
Create a Pure Heart in Me O God
Christus Factus Est
Ubi Caritas
Drop, Drop, Slow Tears
Christ Our Passover
Doubling Thomas
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

THE BASICS

General Information for Everyone to Know

Unless otherwise indicated, all rehearsals take place in the church choir loft.

Wed. Rehearsals
Treble Choristers
2:35 p.m.—3:45 p.m.
Spirit Ringers
6:15 p.m.—7:10 p.m.
Spirit Singers
7:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass
Spirit Ringers (ringing days) 9:15 a.m. warm-up
Spirit Singers & Trebles
9:30 a.m. warm-up
10 a.m. Mass

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Please remember that the Rotunda/Colonnade doors lock automatically at 8:15 pm on Wednesdays, and at 7:30 p.m. all other days. If you arrive after 8:00 pm, please use the wooden church doors on the east side, facing Cannons Lane. ONLY those doors will be open throughout rehearsal.

Grateful and Hearty Thanks to All Choirs for the beautiful music on Laetare Sunday!

Spirit Ringers—Meditation on Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence was rung so beautifully and with real reverence for the associated hymn text.

Spirit Singers & Trebles—many thanks for the sensitive and heart-felt rendering of the gospel text in the choral anthem, God So Loved the World. Indeed, all of the hymnody was equally well sung!

We Rejoice with Our Brothers and Sisters at St. Margaret Mary Church!

After several delays due to both the organ’s construction and the church’s preparation, on Monday the first of two semi-trailer loads from the Schantz Organ Company in Orrville, Ohio arrived. Along with the Schantz crew, several parishioners, parish staff members, and Pip Hines, who is their consultant, helped unload the many, MANY parts! The second truck load will arrive next week.

Assembly has begun in the church and will take about two weeks to complete. After the organ is fully assembled and tested, it will sit for a couple of weeks to “settle in.” The voicers from Schantz will then arrive to begin the process of tonal finishing, which will take another two to three weeks.

The parish plans to have the formal blessing during Mass on Saturday, 16 May. Plans are still in place for Dr. Jennifer Pascual, Organist & Music Director of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, New York City, to perform the dedicatory recital at a date yet to be determined, later this year.

St. James Catholic Church in the Highlands presents a Lenten Organ Series

Thursday, 19 March @ 7:30 p.m.
Organist Dan Stokes and Friends
(Christ Church United Methodist)

Thursday, 26 March @ 7:30 p.m.
Organist Margaret Dickinson
(Emerita, Calvary Episcopal Church)

The Church’s historic Pilcher pipe organ, with pipework from a much earlier Marshall Bennett organ, has been fully restored and expanded by Webber-Borne Organbuilders, LLC. Experience one of Louisville’s many historic organs brought back to life, in the astounding acoustic of this historic Highlands parish. This event is in partnership with Bellarmine University, and is free and open to the public.

The clock is ticking down towards Holy Week and Easter Sunday! We are in pretty good shape for Holy Week music, but we also need to start adding music for the Sundays AFTER Easter. We need everyone to attend every possible rehearsal so we stay ahead of the game!

Spring Arrives Friday, 20 March 2015 at 6:45 pm Eastern Daylight Time!

WELCOME, SPRING!