

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
National Association of Pastoral Musicians - Newark Chapter
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Dear Pastoral Musicians:

I hope this letter finds you well as preparations continue for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. Before schedules get too busy, I wanted to write to you with information regarding an upcoming exciting event for singers in the Archdiocese.

The next Archdiocesan Choral Festival with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart (Newark) on Friday evening, May 11, 2018 at 8:00 pm. Registrations for interested singers are being accepted through January 18, 2018. This year's Choral Festival will feature Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's monumental GRAND MASS IN C MINOR. Rehearsals begin February 12th and will take place at the Cathedral on various Mondays through the spring.

Because of the challenging nature of this work, interested singers are expected to be able to read music and have choral experience. Space is limited -- only 25 sopranos, 25 altos and 25 men can be accepted - first come, first served. The Festival Choir will combine with the Cathedral Choir to provide a chorus of approximately 100 singers which will be accompanied by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra in the spectacular setting of the Cathedral Basilica! This has always been a thrilling experience for the singers, yet one which is always very challenging as well.

In an effort to have wide representation from the parishes of the archdiocese, we are asking each music director to send some of their very *best singers* (who have can read music) to participate in this event. The registration fee of \$35 per singer includes music and CD -- all texts will be sung in Latin. Many parishes are offering to cover the cost of sending singers to participate in the festival as an expression of gratitude for their dedicated service to the parish. The enclosed flyer contains rehearsal dates with the pre-registration form on the reverse side. Please post this flyer for your choir members to review.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for participation. This will allow adequate time to order music, prepare for seating, etc. Please duplicate the registration form as necessary and return it no later than **JANUARY 18, 2018** -- space is limited, register soon to avoid disappointment!

Even if many singers from your parish choir are unable to make the commitment to sing with the Festival Choir, please encourage them to attend the Choral Festival performance at the Cathedral Basilica on May 11th! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 973-484-2400 or email millerjo@rcan.org.

Sincerely,



John J. Miller
Director of Music Ministries - Cathedral Basilica
Chapter Director -- NPM Newark

Enclosures: Choral Festival flyer with registration form



The Cathedral Concert Series
and the Newark Chapter of the
National Association of
Pastoral Musicians present



An Archdiocesan Choral Festival

Friday, May 11, 2018 • 8:00 pm
Cathedral Basilica - Newark

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart GRAND MASS IN C MINOR

The Cathedral and Archdiocesan Festival Choirs and Soloists
Accompanied by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra
John J. Miller, conductor

*Interested singers with choral experience and ability to read music are invited to participate
in the Massed Choir of singers from parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark.*

2018 Choral Festival Rehearsal Schedule:

(Mondays at 7:30 pm in the Cathedral Basilica - park and enter via 89 Ridge Street door)

February 12, 26; March 12; April 9, 16, 30 (*only 1 absence permitted*)

Piano Dress Rehearsal - Monday, May 7th (*required*)

Orchestra Rehearsal with New Jersey Symphony - 7:30 pm, Thursday, May 10th (*required*)

All singers must pre-register -- deadline is **January 18, 2018**

Use the registration form on reverse side of this flyer or download the form
from the Cathedral Basilica website: www.cathedralbasilica.org

Cost of music included with registration - music will be available at the first rehearsal.

Questions? Call the Cathedral Music Office (973-484-2400).

For directions to the Cathedral visit: www.cathedralbasilica.org

Archdiocesan Choral Festival Pre-Registration Form



DEADLINE: JANUARY 18, 2018

please print clearly



Name: *(as you wish it to appear in the concert program)*

Mailing Address:

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email: _____

Parish _____ Parish Town _____

Voice Part (circle one):

Soprano I Soprano II Alto I Alto II

Tenor I Tenor II Bass I Bass II

Registration Fee per singer: \$35 *(includes music and CD)*

Singers are expected to be able to read music.

Parishes registering several singers may combine fees on one check -- please attach list of singers (indicating voice part). Checks payable to: NPM Newark.

Please check one: ___ Payment enclosed or ___ Bill parish

*Please send completed form and payment to:
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