

# Pipeline

The Newsletter of the Nassau Chapter  
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## Upcoming Events

### Special Session by David Enlow on Hymnody

Mark your calendars! Renowned organist David Enlow will conduct a session on hymnody for the Nassau chapter on Sunday, September 19 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 40 W Nicholai St, Hicksville beginning at 3 PM. He holds two degrees from the Juilliard School of Music and is the Organist and Choir Master at the Church of the Resurrection in New York City. He has taught classes on improvisation, service playing and organ repertoire at numerous AGO events, for the Royal Canadian College of Organists, and at the Juilliard School. He served for two terms as the Dean of the New York City Chapter of the AGO. He will discuss and demonstrate aspects of hymnody such as articulation, phrasing, registration, reharmonization, introductions and interludes. He teaches service playing at the Juilliard School of Music; we are thrilled to provide Nassau chapter members with this chance to benefit from his expertise. We will have a reception following the session.

### Recital by Paul Byssainthe, Jr

Christ Episcopal Church, Manhasset is in the process of installing a new organ console. A series of recitals is planned to dedicate the new console. The artist for the first recital in this series will be Paul Byssainthe, Jr. This event will take place on Sunday, October 17 beginning at 4:00 PM. Mr. Byssainthe grew up in Nassau County and is presently studying organ with John Walker at the Peabody Institute in Philadelphia. This event will be jointly sponsored by the church and by the Nassau and Suffolk chapters of the AGO. Meredith Baker, Subdean of the Nassau chapter, is Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Episcopal Church, which is located at 1351 Northern Blvd, Manhasset.

## Chapter Calendar Upcoming Events

Sunday, Sept 19, 3:00 PM,  
Session on hymnody with David  
Enlow, Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Hicksville, with reception to  
follow.

Sunday, Oct 17, 4:00 PM, Recital  
by Paul Byssainthe, Jr, Christ  
Episcopal Church, Manhasset.

Sunday, Nov 14, Sunday, 3:00  
PM, Demonstration of  
Hauptwerk organ, Cathedral of  
the Incarnation, Garden City.

Monday, Jan 17, Martin Luther  
King Day Mini-Conference,  
Congregational Church of  
Manhasset & Church of Our  
Saviour Lutheran Church,  
Manhasset.

Sunday, Feb 13, 7:00 PM.  
Chapter social event by zoom  
featuring music trivia contest.

Sunday, March 13, 3:00 PM,  
Members' Recital, Trinity  
Lutheran Church, Hicksville,  
Reception to follow.

Friday, May 13, 7:30 PM, Concert  
by Peter Richard Conte, St  
Agnes Cathedral, Rockville  
Centre. Belated celebration of  
the Nassau chapter's 90<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary. Reception to  
follow.

Friday & Saturday, June 3 & 4.  
Pennsylvania Youth Choir,  
rehearsal and concert. Trinity  
Lutheran Church, Hicksville.

## Demonstration of Hauptwerk Organ

A Hauptwerk organ is temporarily located at the Cathedral of the Incarnation while the permanent organ is being repaired from lightning damage it suffered during a thunderstorm. Larry Tremsky, Canon Musician and Director of Music at the cathedral, will provide a demonstration of this instrument on Sunday, November 14, beginning at 3:00 PM. This event can be viewed in person or online. The cathedral is located at 50 Cathedral Ave, Garden City. Larry delighted us last year with a demonstration of the continuo organ at the cathedral. If you missed that event, you missed a treat. Don't miss this one!

## Martin Luther King Day Mini-Conference

The 2022 Martin Luther King Day Mini-Conference will take place on Monday, January 17. This year the mini-conference will be held at the Congregational Church of Manhasset, 1845 Northern Blvd, Manhasset and at the Church of Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1901 Northern Blvd, Manhasset. A committee consisting of the deans and subdeans of Nassau, Suffolk, Queens and Peconic AGO chapters are hard at work putting this event together. Hold the date; further details will be forthcoming.

## Chapter Social Event by Zoom

A Nassau Chapter social event featuring an organ music trivia contest will be held on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Since this event will be conducted using Zoom, you will be able to participate from the comfort of your homes even if it turns out that it is snowing on this date!

## Nassau Chapter Members' Recital

A Members' Recital will take place on Sunday, March 13 beginning at 3:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 40 West Nicholai St, Hicksville. Covid permitting, a reception will follow. **If you are interested in participating in this recital, please notify Elizabeth Bailey at [dean@nassauago.org](mailto:dean@nassauago.org). The deadline for indicating your wish to participate is Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.** After we know how many members

wish to take part, we will let the participants know how much time you will be allotted.

## Nassau Chapter 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

We will be belatedly celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nassau Chapter on Friday, May 13, beginning with a concert by Peter Richard Conte starting at 7:30 PM at, St Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre. Mr. Conte is the Grand Court Organist of the world-famous Wanamaker Organ at Macy's department store in Philadelphia. This concert is sure to be fabulous! Reception to follow the concert.

## Pennsylvania Youth Choir

The Pennsylvania Youth Choir will return on June 3 and 4 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 40 West Nicholai St, Hicksville. This talented group has given wonderful concerts for several years. The option to attend either a rehearsal or a concert will be available. More specific information will be forthcoming as we draw closer to these events.

## Our Thanks To David & Carol Schmidt

After approximately 10 years as a member of the Nassau Chapter Board and editor of the Pipeline, David Schmidt is retiring from these positions. David attended the Guilmont Organ School and the Juilliard School of Music. He is Organist and Choir Director at St John's Lutheran Church, 1 Van Roo Ave in Merrick, and has held this position for an amazing 43 years! He was also Organist and Choir Director at B'nai Israel Temple in Elmont for 17 years.

David reliably produced our Pipelines, member directories and programs for chapter recitals. He did many other things for the chapter behind the scenes; for example, he hosted our handbell workshop in 2019. And we certainly can't forget the contributions of his wife Carol Schmidt, AAGO. She was always ready to provide food and help out at chapter receptions.

We will miss David's presence on the Nassau Board, but hope that David and Carol will stay in touch and that we will see them at future chapter events.

## Welcome New Members

The Nassau Chapter extends a hearty welcome to the following people who have joined the chapter since last December:

Kenneth Friese  
Stephan Garamy  
Tori Iannacchino  
Shibin Joseph  
Cynthia Macias  
Joseph D. Martin  
Kenneth Richardson  
Joseph C. Scarpa  
Mahesh Tiwari  
Gabriel Wigutow

## Welcome New Board Members

The Nassau Chapter extends a hearty welcome to Ms. Judith Feuss and Dr. Eugene McCoy, Jr., who have joined the Nassau Board.

Judy Feuss, with degrees from Wichita State University, LI University and Queens College, studied Improvisation with Gerre Hancock at Juilliard. After serving as the organist for the Congregational Church in Manhasset for 38 years, she is now the Director of Music/Organist at Church of Our Saviour Lutheran in Manhasset. She studied with David Enlow in successful preparation for the CAGO and with Matt Koraus in preparation for the AAGO, half of which she has passed. She retired from Farmingdale Public Schools where she taught elementary general music and conducted chorus and a recorder ensemble. Judy maintains a studio of piano, organ and clarinet students.

Eugene McCoy is currently the Organist/Choirmaster at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Farmingdale, a position he has held for 27 years. Previous positions include St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Forest Hills, NY, and Brick Presbyterian Church, New York, NY. Gene has a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California as a student of Ladd Thomas. Other teachers have been: Marie-Claire Alain, Jean Langlais, Yuko Hayashi, David Boe, Eugene Roan, and Richard Bouchett. He has also

previously served as Registrar for the AGO's New York City Chapter. He is looking forward to working with everyone on the Nassau Board!!!!

## Condolences to the family of Russell Brand

Russell Brand, Nassau Chapter member, recently passed away. Our condolences go to his family on his passing. May he rest in peace. If you wish to express sympathy to Russell's family, condolences may be sent to

Larry Brand  
2508 Dickinson Court  
Edmond, OK 73013.

## Michael Bower Performs Organ Concert

Director of music at St Agnes Cathedral and Nassau chapter member Michael Bower performed a concert on July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco.



Michael Bower and Father Michael Duffy, Rector of St Agnes Cathedral, at the Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco.

This concert may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDAELnbIvYo>. Congratulations Michael on your fine performance.

While he was in California, Michael had another opportunity. He was a special guest on David Ball's radio show from Christ Cathedral, Orange County, California. Way to go, Michael!



Michael Bower at Orange County Catholic Radio

## Employment Opportunity at St Anthony's High School

A position available at St Anthony's High School as described below. Interested applicants should send their resume to me as soon as possible, as the interviews/auditions are this week.

Bruce Engel  
Director of Music, St. Anthony's High School  
Reply to: [Bengel@stanthonyshs.org](mailto:Bengel@stanthonyshs.org)

Full time Music Faculty Position  
Roman Catholic Franciscan High School  
Accompanist for 600 voice SATB Chorus  
Accompanist for 75 voice Gregorian Chant Schola  
Must be proficient as piano and organ accompanist.  
Repertoire ranging from Gregorian Chant, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical to Contemporary and Broadway Choral Literature.

Assistant Conductor of Concert Band  
Keyboard Class Instructor

Candidate must also be skilled in the traditional hymnody and liturgy of the Catholic Church. Applicant must be experienced in current computer technology as the school is fully operational, employing a wide variety of current educational platforms.

## Organ for Sale

The organ was built about 1875 by Hook & Hastings. It was rescued from the shop of Larry Trupiano last year, just before his building was sold. The instrument has been restored. The case is solid walnut. The specs are:

Manual:  
Viola Diapason 8'  
Gedeckt 8'  
Principal 4'  
Fifteenth 2'



Hook and Hastings Organ

All stops except for the 8' Viola Diapason divide between middle b/c. A Bourdon 16' is being added to the organ. The photo below shows the beautiful case. We are now in the process of mounting and voicing the 16' Bourdon pipe.



Width: 60"; Depth: about 72"; Height: about 109"

The asking price is \$110,000. The organ is located in Yonkers and should be ready in September. If you are interested in purchasing this instrument, contact Anthony Meloni at 914-843-4766 ([www.meloniandfarrier.com](http://www.meloniandfarrier.com)).

### Organ Available for Donation

A two manual and pedal Wicks 5 rank unit pipe organ in need of upgrade is available for donation.

#### SWELL

Lieblich Bourdon 16  
 TC Vox Celeste 8  
 Stopped Diapason  
 Principal 8  
 Dolce 8  
 Gedeckt 4  
 Dulciana 4  
 Twelfth 2 2/3  
 Oboe 8  
 Tremolo

#### GREAT

Dulciana 16  
 Gedeckt 8  
 Diapason 8  
 Echo Salicional 8 Flute 4  
 Octave 4  
 Dulcet 4  
 Dolce Fifteenth 2

#### PEDAL

Dulciana 16  
 Bass Flute 8  
 Dulciana 8  
 Cello 8  
 Oboe 8

Approximate cost to upgrade the instrument is \$20,000. Required upgrade includes: New stop tabs, new wiring, new solenoids new switching system and releathered reservoir

Removal, shipping and installation costs are not included. May be taken "as is". Removal and shipping costs are to be paid by parties receiving the donation. This organ is located in a home basement in Suffolk County. For information contact Mrs. McCarthy at 631-757-7573. Please leave a message if she does not answer.

### Condolences to the Family of Frederick (Rick) Tripodi

Fredrick (Rick) Tripodi, long time representative for Rodgers Organs, and more recently Walker Technical Organs has passed away.

He most recently assisted in the design and voicing of the instrument at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hicksville. Many may remember him for his fine work. May he Rest in Peeace.

# JOB OPPORTUNITY

## PIANIST

*Currently seeking a pianist to provide accompaniment for rehearsals and concerts*

### JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Weekly rehearsals on Mondays 7:30pm to 9:45pm
- Perform three concerts per year (holiday in December, classical in March, pops in June), plus an outreach concert in June
- Additional rehearsals include one Saturday rehearsal midway through each concert project, and a dress rehearsal the week of the concert
- Season runs September 13, 2021 through June 12, 2022
- Work closely with the Artistic Director
- Rehearsals are in Brentwood, concerts in West Babylon and Bay Shore

### COMPENSATION

\$100 per rehearsal / \$200 per dress rehearsal or concert

### HOW TO APPLY

- Submit a resume and links to videos of two (2) contrasting works via email to [info@babylonchorale.org](mailto:info@babylonchorale.org) by Monday, August 16, 2021.
- Please include "Pianist Search" in the subject line.

### ABOUT US

*We are a Long Island based intergenerational group of singers that fosters learning and excellence in performing a diverse repertoire of choral music. We value the traditions of our over seventy-year history of social connections among the singers and with the community while embracing change and growth.*

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