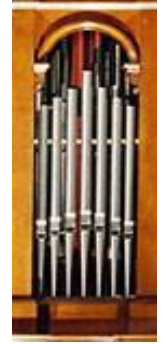




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January 2025

♪♪Dean's Message♪♪

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year everyone!! My sincere wish for everyone to have a happy and successful musical 2025.

There are some open church positions available, if interested, please read through the Pipeline for details.

On Sunday, January 19th at 3:00 PM (a time change), Ruaraidh Sutherland will present a lecture/recital on Alfred Hollins, the noted blind English organist, composer, and teacher. This should definitely be on everyone's 'to see/hear' list,

Looking ahead, on Saturday February 1st, there will be a Children's Choir workshop at Saint Patrick's in Huntington.

Look forward to seeing everyone on the 19th!!!

Best wishes,

Gene

Review of Movie Concert

Within the noble Gothic walls of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hicksville, on November 24th, nine organists participated in a concert devoted to the music of movie scores, transcribed for the organ. We could have only done this at Trinity because of the endless tonal resources of its magnificent 4-manual Walker digital organ.

Organists Gene McCoy and Stephan Garamy masterfully played selections from *Star Wars* movies, vigorous, atmospheric pieces that impressed our wonderful audience greatly.

Chapter Calendar

Sunday, January 19, 3 PM.
Ruaraidh Sutherland, Subdean of the Nassau Chapter, will present a lecture/recital on the music of blind virtuoso musician "Alfred the Great" Alfred Hollins. St John's Episcopal Church, Cold Spring Harbor. Please note the time change to 3 PM.

Saturday, February 1.
Children's Choir. Church of St Patrick, 400 Main St, Huntington.

Sunday, March 2: Hymn Festival. Church of St Patrick, 400 Main St, Huntington.

Saturday June 7 and Sunday June 8.
Pennsylvania Youth Chorale at Trinity Lutheran Church, 40 W. Nicholas St, Hicksville. June 7: Open rehearsal Sat Jun 7 at 9:30 AM, concert at 7:00 PM. June 8: Participation in Sunday worship service.

Terence Purtell favored us with selections from two movies: *The Theory of Everything*, by Johannsson, *How to Train Your Dragon*, by Powell. Their musical variety, and deft registrations made them a delight to hear.

Elizabeth Bailey followed with a fun rendering of the Main Theme from *The Pink Panther*, using quite appropriate stop choices, a most pleasing addition to our roster!

We then heard an impressive selection of short pieces from *The Lord of the Rings*, performed by Deanna Muro, performed so well, and registered with great care and attention, setting just the right mood for each.

Judy Feuss beautifully performed three classics from well-known movies: *Gabriel's Oboe*, from *The Mission*, by Ennio Morricone, *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* and *If I Only Had A Brain*, both by Harold Arlen. She really showed off the orchestral side of the Walker, even to making it sound like a Wurlitzer theatre organ, which it was eminently capable of doing!

In her comments, Judy mentioned that many girls, including herself, were named Judy after the Wizard of Oz was released. She took a class in college that had eight girls in it, all of whom were named Judy!

We then heard *Davey Jones' Organ* from *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*, played with such verve by Matthew Leone, a real pleasure to hear!

Joseph Martin played *Touch Her Soft Lips and Part* from the movie *Henry V* by William Walton. He gave us such a gentle loving rendering of it; it is like a love song, and a joy to hear.

Our gracious and wonderful host organist, Henry DeVries gave us two musical treats to end the program: the *Intermezzo* from the opera *Cavalleria Rusticana* by Mascagni, a magical piece which he interpreted brilliantly, and, one of the most often heard pieces of music in the entirety of organ literature: J. S. Bach's *Toccatina in D minor*, heard in countless movies!

Henry's powerful performance ended a really delightful concert, played by some truly dedicated very talented organists who I am proud to say are colleagues, and fellow members of the AGO.

Most grateful thanks to Henry DeVries for hosting us!

Submitted by: Christopher Cusumano

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Saturday, February 1. Children's Choir concert. Church of St Patrick, 400 Main St, Huntington. The conductor will be Maura Goodwin, Associate Director of Music at St Agnes Cathedral. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details. The contact will be Bill Margiotta, Dean of the Suffolk AGO Chapter, bill29@optonline.net.

Sunday, March 2: Hymn Fest. Church of St Patrick, Huntington. Further information will be forthcoming about this event. The contact will be Bill Margiotta, Dean of the Suffolk AGO Chapter, bill29@optonline.net.

Saturday June 7 and Sunday June 8. Pennsylvania Youth Chorale at Trinity Lutheran Church, 40 W Nicholai St, Hicksville. Saturday: Open rehearsal at 9:30 AM and concert at 7 PM. Sunday: Participation in worship service.

Other Events

Monday, January 13, 7:30 PM. The Harvard University Glee Club and the Cathedral Choirs of St Agnes Cathedral in Concert. The Harvard Glee Club is America's oldest collegiate choir. Location: St Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Pl, Rockville Centre.

Contact Michael Bower at mbower@stagnescathedral.org for further information.

Sunday, March 30, 4 PM. A concert featuring Anna Lapwood will take place at St Ignatius of Loyola Church in New York City. The church's children's choir will also perform. Check the church's website for further information.

July 1-10. Pilgrimage and concerts in France by the choirs of St Agnes Cathedral. See flyer in this newsletter and contact Michael Bower for further information if you are interested in participating in this trip.

Open Position at the Presbyterian Church in Garden City

The Presbyterian Church in Garden City is seeking a Director of Music.

- Presbyterian Church in Garden City
- 91 Chester Avenue, Garden City, NY 11530
- mclarrin.m@limpc.org
- Director of Music position
- 10:30 am service time
- Choir rehearses from 9:30-10:20 on Sundays
- 1984 Organ: digital Allen electronic organ
- Three manuals (great, swell, choir) and the standard 32-note pedal keyboard.
- Console complies with American Guild of Organist specification standards.
- The starting salary is \$18,000 per year.

Interested parties, please send a cover letter and resume to the email listed above to Pastor Magalene McClarrin. Thank you and happy new year; may you dive into God's promises just for you in 2025.

E. Magalene McClarrin
Church Business Administrator

Open Position at First Presbyterian Church, Northport

A part time organist position at First Presbyterian Church, 330 Main St, Northport, is available.

The organ is a Moller-Elsener 3 manual instrument. The salary range is \$20,000 - \$22,000 depending on experience, with additional pay for extra services (funerals, weddings) of \$250. but is negotiable. Duties include playing one Sunday service at 10:00 am with choir rehearsal at 9:15 am, and a Thursday Choir rehearsal from 7:00-8:30 pm

Contact: Kim Gilbert at kingil@hotmail.com or 631-261-6434.

Open Position at Christ Lutheran Church, East Northport

Christ Lutheran Church
187 Burr Road, East Northport 11731

Rev. Sarah Humphrey revsarah.clc@yahoo.com

Organist/Choir Director/Handbell

2 Manual Schlicker Organ
Service at 9:15 am on Sundays.
Please send a resume & cover letter to revsarah.clc@yahoo.com.

Salary: \$22K



Ruaraidh F. Sutherland

Presents a lecture/recital
Of the piano, organ, and vocal works of
Blind virtuoso

Alfred Hollins

‘Alfred the Great’

Sunday, January 19, 2025

3:00 pm

Saint John's Episcopal Church

1670 Route 25A, Post Office Box 266

Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

Sponsored by Nassau Chapter AGO

Announcing the Suffolk Chapter, American Guild of Organists
2025 CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL
MAURA GOODWIN, GUEST CONDUCTOR



Saturday, February 1, 2025 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

St. Patrick's RC Church, Huntington, New York

"Making all Things New"

You and your Children's Choir are invited to participate in the Suffolk AGO Children's Choir Festival with guest conductor Maura Goodwin

Maura Goodwin is the Associate Director of Music at St. Agnes Cathedral, in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY, joining the Music Team in 2018. Miss Goodwin is the Director of the Cathedral Junior and Senior Girls' Choirs, and the Cathedral Children's Choir, where she teaches nearly 100 girls from first to eighth grade, singing for Sundays, special liturgies and their annual concert. She also accompanies the various choirs at the cathedral, under the direction of Michael L. Bower.

As a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, Maura received degrees in Sacred Music and Theology, studying the organ under Nicholas Will. She obtained her master's degree in sacred music at Duquesne University, studying the organ under Dr. Ann Labounsky. She also received choral conducting from Dr. Caron Daley.

At St. Agnes Cathedral, Maura has been involved in the production of major performances including Mozart's and Faure's *Requiem*, Mahler's *Symphony No. 3*, as well as Handel's *Messiah* and Mahler's *Symphony No. 2*. Maura also loves early music and is the Director of the Metropolitan Catholic Chorale, a mixed choral ensemble that sings Gregorian Chant and Sacred Polyphony in the context of the Sacred Mass. She also directs a small schola once a month at Our Holy Redeemer Parish in Freeport. Maura is excited to share her love of Music with others!

Anthem List: All music is from the St. James Music Press and will be sent out to participants

Jubilate! - Michael Bedford

Come Thou, Redeemer of the Earth – Richard Shepherd

He Is Born, The Divine Christ Child – Arlen Clarke

What Wondrous Love

Sheep May Safely Graze – J. S. Bach

Lord, Speak to Me – Richard Shepherd

Alleluia! Alleluia! -arr. by Richard Shepherd

The festival rehearsals are from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm with a concluding festival service open to the public at 2:30 pm. Each church is asked to help fund this project with a registration fee of \$75.00. All choirs are invited, regardless of size! If you are interested in participating, **please return this registration form to:**

Eleanor Gould, 437 Ralph Avenue, Central Islip, NY 11722, by November 30, 2024.

More detailed information about the festival will be sent to you or you may call Bill Margiotta (516-841-6971) or Deanna Muro (631-361-3393).

Suffolk AGO 2025 Children's Choir Festival Registration Form

Name _____ Yes, we will participate in this year's festival.
 Please send info.

Church _____

Address for mailings _____ We are interested, send more information.

_____ Email address _____

Phone _____ Approximate number in choir _____

If you know of a church choir that might be interested in participating, please list the church, pastor or choir director, and their address, phone number and/or email address so we can send them festival information.

Concert at St. Agnes Cathedral

*With Organ & Voice
Music at St. Agnes Cathedral
Rockville Centre, New York*

The Harvard University Glee Club

**and the
Cathedral Choirs in Concert**

Monday, January 13, 7:30 PM



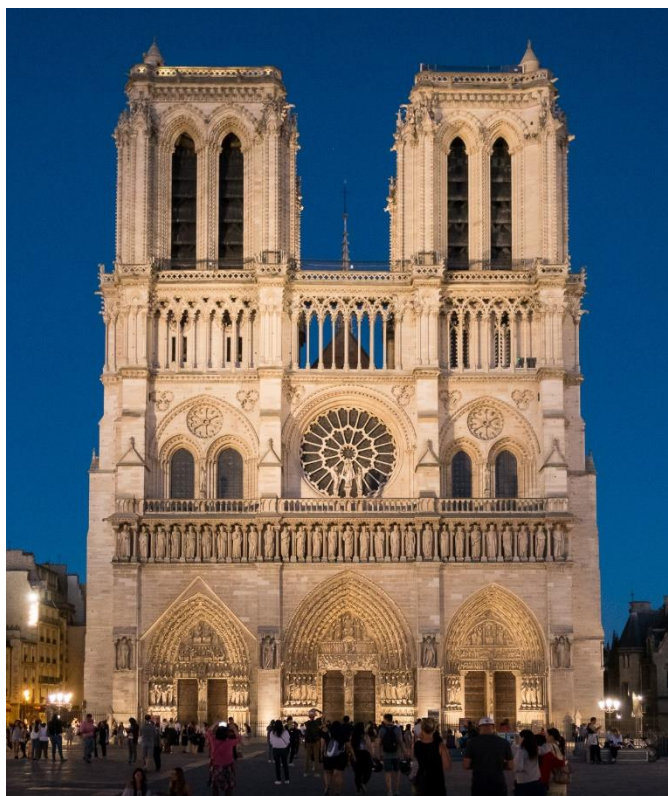
The Harvard Glee Club is America's oldest collegiate choir and has carried on the tradition of tenor-bass choral music since 1858. Guided by our four cardinal virtues of glee, good humor, unity, and joy, the Glee Club cultivates and sustains the art of tenor-bass choral music across centuries of tradition.

Suggested Donation of \$15 and \$10

**Concert in the Cathedral: 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, New York 11570
More information: Music Office 516.764.9578**

Pilgrimage to Paris, France

July 1-10, 2025



- *American Airlines Flight or Jet Blue from Kennedy Airport.
- *Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation in France, 4 Star Hotel Accommodations.
- *Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral, Tour of Versailles Palace.
- *Tour of the Eiffel Tower and Louvre Museum.
- *Optional Trips to Chateau Chambord or Normandy: D-Day Cemeteries or Euro-Disney!
- *Priority Seating in La Madeleine Church for our Performance of Gabriel Faure's "**Requiem**" presented by the St. Agnes Cathedral Choirs, Orchestra and the famous Cavaille Coll pipe organ (Miss Goodwin).
- *Tour of the Hotel Garnier Opera House (Phantom of the Opera!)
- *Seine River Dinner-Boat Cruise.
- *Free Time for additional sight-seeing, shopping, & cuisine!

**Please contact Michael L. Bower, Music Director
for a Trip Brochure and further information.**

(516) 764-9578, ext. 203; or mbower@stagnescathedral.org