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## from the dean...

## ♪♪Music Matters♪♪

Dear Colleagues –

What a wonderful time we had at the September Social yesterday! We had a section of Jonathan's Restaurant, two young servers took great care of us, and we shared an afternoon (about 3 hours, 4-7 pm) of chatting, sharing wedding stories, and just enjoying each others company. Eighteen members and guests had fabulous food offerings, there was a cash bar, but all soda was free...and some of us brought wine to raffle off. Everyone won something – and over all, the event was a huge winner.

I can't anticipate ever wanting to fix food to be shared in a pot luck again. When we were through, we all LEFT! We had no cleanup to perform!!! I'm so grateful for Martha Brincat's taking on making arrangements with Jonathans, and running the raffle – Carol Dort wrote the check to pay, as well as being sure to check in all that reserved and paid. The rest of us ate, drank, and truly were merry! So, a huge thanks to them both, and Liz, for also bringing along wine from a previous Chapter event. We had two pay and not show up – sorry for that, don't know what happened to them.



## Chapter Calendar Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM:  
Concert of spooky  
Halloween music, Christ  
Church, Manhasset.

Weekend with Christa  
Rakich. Sat. Jan 13:  
Masterclass or lecture;  
Sunday, Jan 14: Organ  
Recital, 4 PM. Christ  
Church, 1351 Northern  
Blvd, Manhasset. To be  
postponed to the next  
weekend in case of  
inclement weather.

Sunday, April 21, 3-5 PM:  
Tour & benchtime on 3  
organs in Oyster Bay:  
Christ Church, Church of  
St. Dominic and First  
Presbyterian Church.

Saturday, June 1, 9 AM – 4  
PM: Handbell workshops.  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church,  
Farmingdale.

OCTOBER FEATURES TWO MARVELOUS MEETINGS!!! Our next meeting is at the Cathedral on 15 October at 4 pm. Combined with Suffolk Chapter, 4 members from each chapter will play TRANSCRIPTIONS. We also are asking that you bring GOOD European scores of major works, to contribute to our drive to support young Ukrainian organists. They have wonderful players, but can not get scores delivered reliably, from other European countries. If you have Messiaen scores you purchased with great intentions, or Heiller, or Hindemith, or any other you don't need, please bring them to this event. Another BENEFIT – let's help!



Next, on October 29 at 4 pm, our Chapter members will present a HAUNTED ORGAN RECITAL (in the spirit of Halloween) at Christ Church, Manhasset. The day before, we will be featuring a Haunted Graveyard event in our Cemetery, so this (rather prompted by Raphael Vogl's Danse Macabre at last season's Cathedral recital) will be another opportunity to hear your friends in the chapter play seasonally frightening works, including the Saint Saens, Boellman Toccata, Langlais Epilogue, Bach's Toccata and Fugue in d, and Ich ruf' zu dir, Chopin's Funeral March, and Gounod's Funeral March of a Marionette. <https://vmirror.imslp.org/files/imglnks/usimg/4/41/IMSLP62420PMLP05016-Gounod-FuMarchMarionette.pdf> IF YOUR PIECE IS LISTED, please provide me with your timing (duration of play) so I can add more players or cut off the list where we are. Can you think of other bewitched repertoire we should add? I need titles NOW!

November 19 at 3 pm, we will be going to St Patrick's Huntington for an afternoon of works for the "Organ and \_\_\_\_\_" concert. Again, members from Nassau and Suffolk are joining together to create a wonderful program. (Fill in the blank with flute, or saxophone, or voice, or trumpet) Contact Chris Cusumano if you are interested in participating. I don't know if he's reached the time limit yet.

GREAT NEWS!!! I can finally share with you that our January recitalist will be Christa Rakich, presently visiting professor in the organ department at Oberlin. Please mark your calendar – Christa has agreed to hold two weekends for us – Saturday morning, January 13 we will have a Masterclass and or lecture, Sunday the 14th there will be a Recital at 4 pm – all at Christ Church, Manhasset. IN THE EVENT OF SNOW, HAIL, or ANY OTHER ACT OF GOD, these events will be moved to the next weekend (January 20/21).

If you'd like to see some of the compositions Christa has produced, look her up in IMSLP.org – she has improvisations on hymn tunes that you might be interested in learning. All free (but some are posted under the wrong names – check them out, and put them on your iPad, or print them out). Fun stuff.

[https://imslp.org/wiki/Category:Rakich,\\_Christa](https://imslp.org/wiki/Category:Rakich,_Christa)  
Do you have a youth choir? Suffolk is leading a Children's Choir Workshop late Jan or Feb. Stay tuned!





April 21 is an Open Bench event lead by our SubDean, Gene McCoy, starting with the Hook and Hastings at St Dominic's, Oyster Bay, at 3 pm.

We are working on a trip to Wanamaker or Longwood Gardens for May (5 th or 19 th )



And on June 1st, Katherine Shaw will be running beginner and more advanced workshops in HANDBELLS. Watch for announcements for time and place!

Our Board is making the impossible possible this year. Please come and participate in our meetings. We have a dynamic and collegial group of musicians in our Chapter. Come network, laugh, enjoy each other!

All best for your coming season!  
Meredith Baker, MA, FAGO, ChM  
Dean of the Nassau Chapter

## Chapter Events

**Sunday, October 29, 4 PM:** Christ Episcopal Church, 1351 Northern Blvd, Manhasset. A concert of spooky music for Halloween. Bring your children to this event, which should be very entertaining! For further information, contact Meredith Baker at [dean@nassauago.org](mailto:dean@nassauago.org).

### Weekend with Christa Rakich:

**Saturday, January 13:** Masterclass or lecture.

**Sunday, January 14, 4 PM.** Recital. Christ Church, 1351 Northern Blvd, Manhasset. For further information, contact Meredith at

[dean@nassauago.org](mailto:dean@nassauago.org). In the case of snow, these events will be postponed until the following weekend, January 20/21.

**Sunday, April 21, 3-5 PM:** Tour, organ crawl and benchtime on three organs in Oyster Bay: the Casavant at First Presbyterian Church, the Hook and Hastings at St. Dominic Catholic Church and the Wolf at Christ Church.

**Saturday, June 1, 9 AM – 4 PM:** St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Farmingdale. Handbell workshops with Kathleen Ebling Shaw. Several years ago, Ms. Shaw conducted a handbell workshop for the Nassau Chapter that was both fun and informative. We are very pleased that she will be returning to conduct another such workshop for members of the Nassau and Suffolk chapters. Contact Dr. Gene McCoy, Jr at [subdean@nassauago.org](mailto:subdean@nassauago.org) for further information.



## Other Upcoming Events

**Sunday, October 15, 4 PM:** Cathedral of the Incarnation, 50 Cathedral Ave, Garden City. This concert will feature organists from the Nassau chapter (Dr. Brenda Clark, Henry DeVries, Meredith Baker, Michael C. Haigler and Judy Feuss) and several organists from the Suffolk chapter playing music transcribed for organ. **Please note the change in time to 4 PM.**

**Sunday, October 15, 4 PM.** Choral Evensong at St John's of Lattingtown, 325 Lattingtown Rd, Locust Valley, featuring music of Thalben-Ball, Tallis, Walmisley and Kodály.

**Sunday, October 22, 3 PM.** Organ recital by Dr. Joseph Woo, Dean of the Suffolk AGO Chapter. Community Church of East Williston, 45 East Williston Ave, East Williston.

**Sunday, October 22, 7:30 PM:** Organ recital by Michael Bower. St Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre. A number of Mr. Bower's favorite organ works will be on the program. Contact Michael Bower at [mbower@stagnescathedral.org](mailto:mbower@stagnescathedral.org) for further information. Suggested donation: \$15 and \$10.



**Cancellation:** An Introduction to the Organ for Pianists class that Joseph Martin had planned to conduct on Friday, October 27 has been cancelled.

**Sunday, November 5, 4 PM.** Requiem by Gabriel Fauré, accompanied by an instrumental ensemble. St. John's of Lattingtown, 325 Lattingtown Rd, Locust Valley.

**Sunday, November 12, 3 PM.** St. John's Lutheran Church, Sayville, together with *Friends of America's Vet Dogs*, present **Michael Kaminski** in an organ concert to enjoy the music and raise funds to sponsor a future service dog. Freewill donation. See flyer in this newsletter.

**Sunday, November 19, 3 PM:** "Organ And" concert featuring music that involves an organ and another instrument or a vocalist. Church of

St Patrick, 400 Main St, Huntington. Contact Chris Cusumano at [chapelcus@optonline.net](mailto:chapelcus@optonline.net) for further information.

**Sunday, November 19, 4 PM.** Choral Evensong featuring the music of Willan, Tallis, Byrd and Beresford. St John's of Lattingtown, 325 Lattingtown Rd, Locust Valley.

**Late January or early February:** Children's choir festival. More information will be forthcoming.

**Sunday, March 3:** Pedals Pipes and Pizza, Church of St Patrick, 400 Main St, Huntington. An event intended to introduce young people to the organ. Contact Chris Cusumano for further information at [chapelcus@optonline.net](mailto:chapelcus@optonline.net).

## Welcome to Our New Chapter Members

We would like to welcome our new chapter members: Lawrence Bourguet, Dr. Brenda Clark, Jane Schatkin Hettrick and Walter T. Killmer, Jr. We look forward to meeting you at an upcoming chapter event!

## Job Opening: Pianist Needed at Bethany Congregational Church of East Rockaway

Bethany Congregational Church of East Rockaway, NY, a UCC member, is seeking a pianist to provide music for our Sunday morning church services and other services as needed (Holy Week...), and also direct our small but enthusiastic choir. The stipend is \$220 per service which includes choir practice before Sunday service (9:00 am with service at 10:30). For more information, please email us at [bethanyoffice@optonline.net](mailto:bethanyoffice@optonline.net) using the subject line

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All photos appearing in this issue were taken at our chapter social event.



**The Suffolk Chapter  
of the American Guild of Organists**

*presents an*

**Organ Concert of Transcriptions**

*at*

Cathedral of the Incarnation  
Garden City, NY

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**4:00 PM**

*Featuring*

**Meredith Baker**  
**Dr. Brenda Clark**  
**Henry DeVries**  
**Judy Feuss**  
**Michael C. Haigler**  
**Deanna Muro**  
**Raphael Vogl**  
**Dr. Joseph W. Woo**

**Performing works by Wagner, Copeland, Zimmer... and more...**

36 Cathedral Avenue  
Garden City, NY 11530





# A Spooky Organ Concert

29 October 2023

At 4 pm

Toccata and fugue in D minor

Bach

Monster Mash

Bobby Pickett

Pictures at an Exhibition

(Gnomus, Promenade, Il Vecchio castello) • Mussorgsky

Toccata

Boellmann

Funeral March of a Marionette

Charles Gounod

Ich Ruf' Zu Dir

Bach

Epilogue (Wedal Solo)

Jean Langlais

Prelude in F mi

Bach

Danse Macabre

Saint Saëns

Theme from the Munsters (fugue)

Peterson

Judy Feuss, Elizabeth Bailey, Stephan Garamy, Michael Haigler  
Ruairaidh Sutherland, Joseph Martin, Meredith Baker, Henry DeVries, Raphael Vogl  
Organists

Christ Church, 1351 Northern Blvd, Manhasset

Suggested Admission: \$20 General

\$15 Students and Seniors, \$10 AGO members





# MUSIC AT SAINT JOHN'S FALL 2023

We offer a variety of *free* events and  
*ticketed* events. For more information,  
please call or the email parish office,  
516-671-3226,

## CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, October 15 at 4 pm

*Music by Thalben-Ball, Tallis, Walmisley & Kodály*

## SOLEMN REQUIEM

Sunday, November 5 at 4 pm

*Requiem by Gabriel Fauré*

*accompanied by instrumental ensemble.*

## CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, November 19 at 4 pm

*Music by Willan, Tallis, Byrd & Beresford*

St John's of Lattingtown Episcopal Church  
325 Lattingtown Rd Locust Valley NY 11560 | [www.stjlat.org](http://www.stjlat.org)

# Veteran's Day Weekend Fundraising Concert for future Service Dog, "Livingston"

(honoring USMC Major General James E. Livingston, Medal of Honor recipient  
for his lifesaving actions at the Battle of Dai Do during the Vietnam War)

## *Organ Music for America's VetDogs*

*Michael Kaminski, organist*

Sunday, November 12 at 3:00pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

48 Greene Avenue

Sayville, NY 11782

Freewill Donation

In thanksgiving for our nation's veterans,  
Dr. Kaminski performs transcriptions, favorite hymn settings, Vierne's *Carillon de Westminster*  
and Max Reger's *Variations & Fugue on "America"* on the Peragallo pipe organ.

Learn about the work of *Friends of America's Vet Dogs*.  
A Meet & Greet Reception follows the concert.

To learn more or help sponsor future Service Dog "Livingston",  
Go to [www.stjohnsayville.org](http://www.stjohnsayville.org) or click the QR code below to donate.

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Saint John's Lutheran Church together with



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## Nassau Chapter Substitute List – August 2023

**DISCLAIMER – Please read: Below, please find the names of chapter members who have expressed an interest in being listed for substitute organ/church/temple work. The Nassau Chapter of the American Guild of Organists has not vetted these individuals, and makes no representation of their professional strengths/musical abilities, or their appropriateness for individual situations. If you have any specific concerns or requirements, please identify them with the candidate before hiring.**

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