

ORGAN REPERTOIRE RECITAL SERIES

presents

Monica Czausz Berney

Friday, March 13, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

Cannon Memorial Chapel ~ University of Richmond

1961 Rudolf von Beckerath organ, 2 manuals, 26 stops



A true star among young classical musicians, **Monica Berney**, née Czausz, has made a name for herself as one of the finest organists on the scene today. Known for her technical mastery, effortless musicality, and engaging stage presence, she has been inspiring audiences from coast to coast. Early in her career, she received first prizes in numerous competitions, including the 2015 AGO Regional Competition for Young Organists (Southwest Region), 2015 Schweitzer Competition (Young Professionals' Division), 2013 William C. Hall Competition, 2012 L. Cameron Johnson Competition, and 2011 Oklahoma City University Competition. At age 22, she was recognized by *The Diapason* magazine as one of the top 20 organists under 30.

Ms. Berney has performed at significant venues across the United States, including Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas, Merrill Auditorium in Portland, ME, the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia, and Spivey Hall in Morrow, GA. She has headlined at prominent music festivals in New York City, Salt Lake City, Albuquerque, and Fresno, CA. Her performances have been broadcast on radio stations nationwide, and her YouTube channel boasts well over 1.5 million views from around the globe.

She has played recitals at five Regional AGO Conventions in recent years, and her National AGO convention appearances include the online 2019 Organfest and the 2016 National Convention in Houston, where she gave "a fabulous performance that displayed artistic mastery far beyond her years" (*The American Organist*). She has performed at three National Conventions of the Organ Historical Society, and she also performed at the 2016 East Texas Pipe Organ Festival, where *The Tracker* magazine reported, "this young lady just blew us all away."

Ms. Berney graduated from The Curtis Institute of Music in 2019, where she studied with Alan Morrison. In 2017, she graduated Summa Cum Laude from Rice University's Shepherd School of Music in Houston, where she studied with Ken Cowan and, upon graduation, was awarded the Undergraduate Distinction in Research and Creative Work.

Ms. Berney served as Director of Music at St. Paul's Parish, K Street (Washington, D.C.) from 2023 until early this year, when she resigned to focus more on concertizing. Prior positions were at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Dallas, Christ Church Cathedral in Houston, and The Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena in New York City.

Monica Berney is under the exclusive management of Karen McFarlane Artists, Inc.

PROGRAM

Concerto in D Minor – Antonio Vivaldi, arr. J. S. Bach
Variations on 'Mein junges Leben hat ein End' – Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
Toccata No. 1, from Apparatus musico-organisticus – Georg Muffat
Prelude and Fugue in E minor ("Wedge") – J. S. Bach
Trio super 'Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr,' BWV 664 – J. S. Bach
Rondo, from Sinfonietta, op. 49 – Nikolai Kapustin, arr. Berney
Innig, from Sechs Studien in kanonischer Form, op. 56 – Robert Schumann
Variations on 'Ah, vous dirai-je maman,' K.265/300e – W. A. Mozart, arr. Berney

Friday, March 13

Organ Repertoire Recital Series (ORRS): Monica Czausz Berney

Cannon Memorial Chapel, University of Richmond

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Recital: 7:30 p.m.

Members will meet in the foyer of the Heilman Dining Center at the University of Richmond at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the all-you-care-to-eat dinner is \$14.75, payable at the dining center. Parking is suggested in the large lot behind

Cannon Memorial Chapel. Please RSVP to Paul Honaker at paul.honaker@comcast.net by Wednesday, March 11.

[Click HERE for Campus Map with directions to Dining Hall and Chapel](#)

DEAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS



Dean's Letter

March 2026

I hope everyone made it through the snow and ice with minimal fuss! We had to deal with a burst pipe (yes, before you ask, we were dripping the relevant faucet!) that fortunately got fixed before we hosted a pre-Members' Recital gathering, but that was the worst of it. Like a lot of area churches, St. Mary's canceled Sunday services two weeks in a row, and while it was rather nice to get those unexpected mornings off, it definitely disrupted my sense of time and made this year's early Ash Wednesday seem even more sudden!

Despite the icy weather, we had a lovely Members' Recital in February - many thanks to Joel Kumro and Saint Benedict Catholic Church for hosting the event, and to everyone who played (Joel, Judy Fiske, Timothy Hall, Grant Hellmers, Grant Holcomb, Gary Kunde, and me - although thanking myself seems a little odd!). I don't think I had heard Judy, Tim, or Gary play before, so that was really delightful! If you've thought about playing for one of these events but have never taken the leap, I hope you'll consider it the next time.

Coming up in March, we have the next ORRS recital with dinner before in the UR Dining Hall. If you haven't spent much time on the University of Richmond campus (and possibly even if you have - I'm teaching there this semester and I'm still making the occasional wrong turn!), I encourage you to review the map Bruce Stevens has provided, which lays out very clearly where to park and walk to dinner and Cannon Chapel for the recital. Monica Berney last played here before the pandemic, and I think the last time the Chapel's Beckerath organ was played for an AGO event was at the Regional Convention in 2017, so it will be exciting to hear both player and instrument again!

In April, Dong-ill Shin will play the final ORRS recital of the season at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Friday, April 24. Before that, on Wednesday, April 22, he will give a masterclass at 7:30 PM, also at the Cathedral, as our April Chapter event. I know Wednesdays are a choir rehearsal night for many of you, and we wish we could have avoided that, but that night was the only time that worked for both the presenter and the venue. More information and details about playing for the masterclass will be forthcoming, so if you might be interested, please keep an eye out for that!

Please have a look at the slate of nominees for Chapter officer elections included in this issue. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee, chaired by Stephen Henley, for assembling the slate and to everyone who's agreed to stand for election. If you would like to propose additional nominees, the procedure to do so is included with the slate. Nominations from the floor at the election are not permitted. The April and May issues will include candidate bios, headshots, and an absentee ballot for those who cannot attend the May meeting where the election will be held.

Finally, since the April meeting won't have an attached dinner, let's plan on a post-Easter Dean's Lunch on Wednesday, April 8 at 12 PM at MOSAIC (6229-A [River Rd, Richmond, 23229](#)). Please let me know by Wednesday, April 1 if you can make it!

Best wishes for your Lenten services and events, and I hope to see many of you at Monica Berney's recital on March 13!

Ryan Tibbetts, D.M., CAGO
rtibbetts@stmarysgoochland.org
804-784-5678, ext. 14

2026 CHAPTER EVENTS

Friday, March 13

Organ Repertoire Recital Series (ORRS): Monica Czausz Berney
Cannon Memorial Chapel, University of Richmond

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Recital: 7:30 p.m.

1961 Rudolf von Beckerath organ, 26 stops

Members will meet in the foyer of the Heilman Dining Center at the University of Richmond at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the all-you-care-to-eat dinner is \$14.75, payable at the dining center. Parking is suggested in the large lot behind Cannon Memorial Chapel. Please RSVP to Paul Honaker at paul.honaker@comcast.net by Wednesday, March 11.

[Click HERE for Campus Map with directions to Dining Hall and Chapel](#)

Wednesday, April 8

Dean's Lunch

MOSAIC, 6229 River Rd., Richmond

Noon

Since the April meeting won't have an attached dinner, let's plan on a post-Easter Dean's Lunch. [RSVP by Wednesday, April 1 to Ryan Tibbetts.](#)

Wednesday, April 22

Dong-ill Shin Masterclass

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Program: 7:30 p.m.

Details forthcoming.

Friday, April 24

ORRS Recital: Doug-ill Shin

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Recital: 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 18

Chapter Dinner and Scholarship Recital

Saint Bridget Catholic Church

Dinner: 6:00 p.m. (\$20)

Program: 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING CHAPTER ELECTIONS



Below is the slate of nominees for the May Chapter elections. Additional nominations may be made by petitions signed by at least five (5) Chapter Voting Members in good standing. Such petitions must be received by the Secretary (David Purdy, davidcpurdy1000@gmail.com) prior to April 1, or within 30 days after the notification of the members of the Chapter Nominating Committee's slate, whichever is later. Nominations from the floor at the May election are not permitted.

DEAN

Joel Kumro

SUB-DEAN

Grant Holcomb

TREASURER

Kenna Payne

SECRETARY

David Purdy

AUDITOR

Doug Brown

Mikey Fuller

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Grant Hellmers

Charles Lindsey

Jeannine Uzel

Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Executive Committee Meeting Notes

February 13, 2026 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Kenna Payne presented: Chapter Financial Statements through 1/31/2026 and ORRS Financial Statements through 1/31/2026

The investment account continues to perform very well, and good progress has been made on dues collection.

Fund raising for the ORRS has been very successful.

Kenna Payne encouraged members to submit their funeral plans from the "Cobbler's Child" project.

Joel Kumro reported that:

Seven members played at the February 9th Members' Recital to a very appreciative crowd.

On March 13, there will be a dinner at the University of Richmond Dining Hall prior to the recital by Monica Czausz Barney.

For April, a Master Class is planned with Dong-III Shin on Wednesday evening, April 22, 2026, prior to his concert on Friday, April 24th.

The annual scholarship recital will be held on May 18, 2026 at St. Bridget Catholic Church, with a catered dinner on site.

Ryan Tibbetts gave a nominating committee report.

An eighth-page ad for the 2026 National Convention booklet was approved.

Twenty-five boxes of music have been received from the David McCormick library, and plans are underway to offer the material to members.

A brochure is being drafted that will provide an explanation about membership as a 'Chapter Friend.'

Respectfully Submitted,
David Purdy

CHORAL AND ORGAN MUSIC: FREE TO A GOOD HOME



The Chapter received the extensive library of David McCormick from his widow. Mr. McCormick, died 2019, was a former Chapter Dean, professor at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and Music Director at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church, among many other roles around the country and in Richmond in his long career.

The extensive library consists of **organ music, choral music, instrumental music, and resource material**. As we do with other gifted music, we wish to

give Chapter members the opportunity to look through and take music they may wish to have, with donations to the Chapter's Student Scholarship fund suggested to be made at the time. We plan to also make the material available at our May meeting.

On **SATURDAY, APRIL 18**, we will have the materials out, sorted, and labeled at **ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**, 1101 Forest Avenue, Richmond, **from NOON to 4 PM**. Join Chapter leaders for this event – or if you're not interested in any music, come and have refreshments and enjoy fellowship with other Chapter members.

Many thanks to Donald Traser and the Church for the temporary storage space and use of the Parish Hall.

Kenna Payne
Treasurer

AROUND THE TOWN

Sunday, March 1, 4:00 p.m.

Vox Humana Choral Concert

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, [815 E Grace St.](#), Richmond

Hear Richmond's newest choral ensemble present "Lenten Pearls: Old and New," directed by William Bradley Roberts, featuring works by Alwood, Berger, Gibbons, Howells, Victoria, and others. The concert is free and open to all; a festive reception will be held afterwards. This promises to be a beautiful concert.

Sunday, April 26, 4:00 p.m.

Richmond Three Choirs Festival

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, [815 E Grace St.](#), Richmond

This Eastertide Lessons and Carols features music by Herbert Howells, John Bertalot, Gerald Finzi, Richard Shephard, Philip Stopford, and more. The Three Choirs Festival features the combined choirs from St. Paul's, St. Stephen's, and St. James's Episcopal Churches. A festive reception to follow.

Sunday, May 31, 4:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong for the Holy Trinity

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 815 E Grace St., Richmond

The St. Paul's Choir will present a service of Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Holy Trinity. The choir will present music that they will be performing in July when they serve as choir in residence at Lincoln Cathedral (UK).

RECAP: FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING

Richmond, February 9, 2026: Following a reception at the home of chapter Dean Dr. Ryan Tibbetts and Dr. Katharine Tibbetts in Richmond's Museum District, members met two blocks away at Saint Benedict Roman Catholic Church for a public concert of organ music played by seven chapter members (1996 Martin Pasi 2m, 24-stop, tracker residence organ relocated 2013 by Pasi to Saint Benedict's).

Grant Holcomb played Walther/Vivaldi Concerto in B Minor; Timothy L. Hall played Bach: Schmücke dich..., BWV 654; Judy Fiske played Katherine Wright: Nocturne on Conditor alme siderum; A. Grant Hellmers played three works by south German and Austrian composers Erbach, Murschhauser, and Muffat; Gary Kunde played Es ist das Heil uns kommen her by an unknown composer; Ryan Tibbetts played Buxtehude: Toccata in F, BuxWV 157 and Variations on "Jesu, dulcis memoria" by Jessica French; and Joel S. Kumro, chapter sub-dean and music director of St. Benedict's, played Rheinberger: Pastorale, Op. 156, No. 8, and Christa Rakich: Hommage à J. S. Bach: 11 Variations on "Heinlein."

(Report by Bill Van Pelt, Photography by Bill Van Pelt and Ryan Tibbetts)





Grants Available

The New York City Chapter will award grants of up to \$10,000 in 2026 from the Centennial Millennium Fund

Grant proposals (1 page, double-spaced maximum, in PDF format) are welcome for projects that will expand the general public's awareness of the pipe organ. Deadline for submission is December 31, 2025.



Please send your proposals to
Dr. Andrew Henderson, Chair
NYCAGO Centennial Millennium Fund Trustees
cmf@nycago.org

The Centennial Millennium Fund was created with proceeds from the 1996 National AGO Centennial Convention held in NYC.



Candlelight Concerts and Historic Organ Recitals March 2026

Candlelight Concerts at Bruton Parish

Saturday, March 7 @ 7:00 pm

Organ Recital

Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Thursday, March 12 @ 8:00 pm

Baroque Cello Recital: J. S. Bach's Cello Suites 1 & 6

Juliana Soltis, Baroque Cellist

Saturday, March 14 @ 8:00 pm

Youth Choral Concert

City Singers from Richmond, Virginia, Leslie Dripps, Director

Thursday, March 19 @ 8:00 pm

Harpichord Recital

Jonathan Schakel, Music Director of Grace Episcopal Church in Keswick, Virginia

Saturday, March 21 @ 8:00 pm

Organ & Harpsichord Recital: Music of J. S. Bach on the Anniversary of his Birthday

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist at Bruton Parish

Thursday, March 26 @ 8:00 pm

Organ & Harpsichord Recital

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, March 28 @ 8:00 pm

Chamber Cello Recital

Tidewater Cellos, Susan Hines, Director

Sunday, March 29 @ 5:30 pm

Choral Evensong for Passion Sunday: Stabat Mater of Emanuele d'Astorga

Choirs of Bruton Parish & Baroque String Quartet

Rebecca Davy, Director & JanEl Will, Organist

Tuesday, March 31 @ 8:00 pm

Choral & Organ Concert

Agnes French, Organist & Cantori Vocal Ensemble, directed by Agnes French

Historic Organ Recitals in the W&M Wren Chapel

Saturday, March 7, NO CONCERT

Saturday, March 14, 10:00-10:30 am – Rebecca Davy, Organist

Saturday, March 21, 10:00-10:30 am – Thomas Marshall, Organist

Saturday, March 28, 10:00-10:30 am – Norman Elton, Organist

Freewill offerings are gratefully received.

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist, Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Contact: bdavy@brutonparish.org or (757-645-3431) Website: www.brutonparish.org

The Richmond Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
ORGAN REPERTOIRE RECITAL SERIES

62nd Season 2025-2026



Thomas Sheehan

Cathedral Organist and Interim Director of Music
The National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church • 6000 Grove Avenue

1951/1968 Aeolian-Skinner organ, 4 manuals, 63 stops



Monica Czausz Berney

International concert organist and Director of Music and Organist
St. Paul's Parish, K Street, Washington, D.C.

Friday, March 13, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

Cannon Memorial Chapel • University of Richmond

COSPONSORED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND MUSIC DEPARTMENT
1961 Rudolf von Beckerath organ, 26 stops



Dong-Il Shin

International organ concert virtuoso. Winner of the Grand Prix de Chartres, the St. Albans International Organ Competition, and three other international organ competitions. Professor of Organ at Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea

Friday, April 24, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart • 823 Cathedral Place

COSPONSORED BY THE CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART
2024 and 2022 Juget-Sinclair gallery and choir organs, 3 manuals, 88 stops

Music for a Cathedral Space

2025–2026 Concert Season

The E. Rhodes and Leona Carpenter Series

Very Rev. Anthony E. Marques, Rector | Daniel Sáñez, Artistic Director



Continuing to Celebrate the Gallery Organ

Robert Gallagher

September 19, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.

Bálint Karosi

November 21, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.

Commonwealth Catholic Charities

Holiday Festival of Music

December 1, 2025 | 7:00 p.m.

Purchase tickets at cccova.org



Advent Lessons & Carols

December 12, 2025

7:00 p.m. Organ Prelude

7:30 p.m. Liturgy



Dong-Il Shin

April 24, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.

Alyssa Santos

May 22, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.



Nathan Laube

June 26, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.



Free concerts are generously made possible by the E. Rhodes and Leona Carpenter Foundation.
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart | 823 Cathedral Place, Richmond, VA 23220 | (804) 359-5651
Concert details and updates: www.richmondcathedral.org/concerts



EXCITING NEWS FOR 2025-2026!

Cantori is 20 years old this year!

As Cantori celebrates its 20th season of music-making, we are thrilled to announce our 2025 Christmas and 2026 Spring Concerts!

Our Christmas Concerts will be held:

Sunday, November 30, 2025 - 5:00 PM - Walnut Hills Baptist Church, Williamsburg

Sunday, December 7, 2025 - 5:00 PM - Abingdon Episcopal Church, White Marsh

Repertoire for both concerts will consist of some of our favorite pieces from the past 19 years, including the music of John Rutter, Morten Lauridsen, Harold Darke, and Norman Luboff. Some of the music will be accompanied by a professional string quintet, and some will be sung a cappella.

Our Spring Concerts will be held:

Saturday, April 25, 2026 - 4:00 - Historic Christ Church, Weems

This will be an a cappella concert sponsored by Historic Christ Church, including some of our favorite a cappella pieces from past spring concerts. A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert.

Sunday, May 3, 2026 - 5:00 PM - Walnut Hills Baptist Church, Williamsburg

This concert will include some of our favorite accompanied repertoire from past spring concerts, along with several a cappella pieces from the concert at Historic Christ Church. A gala celebration for present and past singers will follow at Ford's Colony Country Club. Contributor, Sponsor, and Benefactor Donors to Cantori will be eligible to purchase a special combination ticket to the concert and gala.

We are sure you will want to attend both the Christmas and Spring Concerts!

Do mark your calendars now! We look forward to seeing you there.

In honor of the 20th Anniversary, we invite you to make a special contribution to assist in marking this special year. We suggest a donation with 20 in its amount - \$120, \$200, \$220 or the like! You may send your donation to Cantori Choral Ensemble, Agnes French, Conductor, 3341 Derby Lane Williamsburg, 23185. As always, all monies received are used for the expenses of the organization.

Music Events

Pride Eucharist with Community Pride Choir

September 26, 2025 | 6:00 PM
(Livestream Available | Church)

Holy Eucharist with VCU's Vox Concordia Treble Choir & Vocal Chamber Ensemble

November 9, 2025 | 10:30 AM
(Livestream Available | Church)

Choral Evensong for Veterans Day and Day of Remembrance

November 9, 2025 | 4:00 PM
(Livestream Available | Church)

A Musical Offering: An Advent Organ Recital with Cheryl Van Ornam, Organist

December 10, 2025 | 12:00 PM
(Free Admission | Gibson Memorial Chapel)

Caroling in Monroe Park & Holiday Market

December 14, 2025 | 3:00 PM
(Music Begins at 4:15 p.m. | Monroe Park)

Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols

December 21, 2025 | 4:00 PM
(Livestream Available | Church)

Holy Eucharist with Greater Richmond Children's Choir

February 1, 2026 | 10:30 AM
(Livestream Available | Church)

Holy Eucharist with *Mass No. 3 in B-flat Major* by Franz Schubert

May 3, 2026 | 10:30 AM
(Livestream Available | Church)



Scan to Sign Up for the
Monthly Music eNews



Scan to Watch Music Ministry
on GHTC's YouTube Channel or visit
youtube.com/@ghtc



Scan to Listen to Music Ministry
on SoundCloud or visit
soundcloud.com/ghtcmusic

Music Ministry Staff

Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis
Choirmaster & Organist

Luke Brennan
Assistant Choirmaster & Organist

Abigail Stinnett
Children's Choir Director

Grace & Holy Trinity Church
8 N. Laurel Street • Richmond, VA 23220
(804) 359-5628
ghtc.org



Pride Eucharist with Community Pride Choir

September 26, 2025 | 6:00 PM

The Episcopal Churches of Greater Richmond and The Pace Center will gather at Grace & Holy Trinity Church on Friday, September 26th to host a Pride Eucharist celebrating our embrace and affirmation of the LGBTQIA+ community. The worship service will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the church and feature the Community Pride Choir.

Holy Eucharist with VCU's Vox Concordia Treble Choir & Vocal Chamber Ensemble

November 9, 2025 | 10:30 AM

Virginia Commonwealth University's Vox Concordia Treble Choir and Vocal Chamber Ensemble, conducted by Lisa Fusco, will sing anthems and lead the hymns and service music at the worship service.



VCU's Vox Concordia Treble Choir & Vocal Chamber Ensemble

Choral Evensong for Veterans Day & Day of Remembrance

November 9, 2025 | 4:00 PM

The Choral Evensong will include music by Casarella, Stanford, and Vaughan Williams sung by the Parish Choir.

A Musical Offering: An Advent Organ Recital

December 10, 2025 | 12:00 PM

Featuring the beautiful sounds of the chapel organ, Cheryl Van Ornam will perform works by Böhm, Carter, Dupré, and Guilmán. *Admission is free.*

Caroling in Monroe Park & Holiday Market

December 14, 2025 | 3:00 PM



All Choirs Singing during the Fourth Annual Caroling in Monroe Park & Holiday Market of 2024

The Greater Richmond Children's Choir, Hood Temple Music Ministry, RVA Street Singers, Grace & Holy Trinity Vocal Ensemble, and a brass quintet will lead Christmas carols for this fifth annual holiday event. There will be a holiday market, food trucks, and fun children's activities starting at 3:00 p.m. The brass quintet music will begin at 4:15 p.m. with caroling following at 4:30 p.m.

Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols

December 21, 2025 | 4:00 PM

This worship service, presented by the Parish Choir and brass quintet, will include music by Biebl, Clausen, Handel, Holst, and Stopford. There will be a reception following the worship service.

Holy Eucharist with Greater Richmond Children's Choir

February 1, 2026 | 10:30 AM

The internationally award-winning Greater Richmond Children's Choir, led by Artistic Director, Crystal Jonkman, and Associate Director, Roshan Chakane, will sing anthems and lead the hymns and service music at the worship service.

Holy Eucharist with *Mass No. 3 in B-flat Major* by Franz Schubert

May 3, 2026 | 10:30 AM

The Parish Choir will present Schubert's beautiful *Mass No. 3 in B-flat Major* with chamber ensemble and organ. Soloists for the worship service will include Keely Borland and Caroline Whisnant, Sopranos; Abigail Stinnett, Alto; David Maier, Tenor; and Chase Peak, Bass. The Mass will be accompanied by Luke Brennan, Organist, and conducted by Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis. The music will be sung within the context of the Holy Eucharist liturgy. There will be a reception following the worship service.



GHTC Parish Choir at the church's Centennial Celebration on June 2, 2024

LIST AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 2025-2026

Please contact any of member of the Executive Committee with questions or concerns you might have about the AGO or Richmond Chapter.

DEAN

Ryan Tibbetts, CAGO: ryan.tibbetts@gmail.com 302-354-2001

SUB-DEAN

Joel Kumro: jkumro@saintbenedictparish.org 804-254-8810, ext.112

SECRETARY

David Purdy, SPC: davidcpurdy1000@gmail.com 804-241-2472

TREASURER

Kenna R. Payne: kennajohnp@aol.com 804-512-5804

AUDITORS

Allen Bean (2024-2026): ahbean@aya.yale.edu 804-319-6174

Larry Heath (2025-2027): lwheath51@gmail.com 804-212-9861

MEMBERS AT-LARGE

Mary Campbell (2023-2026): maryecampbell@comcast.net 804-337-3935

Beth Davis (2023-2026): emelcherdavis@ghtc.org 804-754-5562

Judy Fiske (2024-2027): ericfiske@comcast.net 1-804-399-2798

Don Traser (2024-2027): donald.traser@gmail.com 804-644-0888

Gary Kunde (2025-2028): musicdirector@gracelutheranrva.org 912-320-8681

Grant Holcomb (2025-2028): grantholcomb@rrpcusa.org

MARCH RICHMOND AGO BIRTHDAYS

Mark Koontz March 8

Christopher Lindbloom March 8

Angelo Galarza March 12

William Van Pelt	March 15
Andrew Koebler	March 18
Ina Berkey	March 19
Marianne Crean	March 21
Laura Candler-White	March 23
Kathy Toole	March 24
Bruce Dersch	March 28
James Elder	March 30
Agnes French	March 30
Elizabeth Hargrove	March 30

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Listings in this column appear for a maximum of 90 days and then are removed unless an extension is requested. When a listing is removed, therefore, it does not necessarily mean that the position has been filled. To submit a listing, contact Betty Girardeau at bettyg@redfamiliar.com or 804-647-0825.

St. James Armenian Orthodox Church

834 Pepper Ave. Richmond, VA 23226

www.stjamesva.org

Seeking part-time Music Ministry Director (organist, choir director) to plan, coordinate, lead and direct the parish music program for weekly Sunday Liturgy and services on special Holy Days. Sunday morning matins runs from 10 AM-10:20 AM. Choir practice is held once per week on an agreed-upon day and time to be determined. Mixed volunteer adult/youth choir sings Sunday mass starting at 10:30 AM until about 12:15 PM. Other liturgical services throughout the year include Christmas services, 5 days of Holy Week, Lenten and special feast days according to the Armenian Church liturgical calendar. The position involves working closely with the parish priest to review the weekly music and liturgical schedule.

Other preferred but optional responsibilities may include:

- Music for baptisms, weddings, and funerals.
- Working with altar servers and deacons on musical aspects of their roles.
- Establishing a youth choir.
- Organizing other non-liturgical musical events throughout the year.

Organ: Rogers Model 610, 2 manual organ.

The Armenian Orthodox Church liturgy is one of the oldest in the world. Our Sunday Liturgy is almost completely sung, using mostly the same music week to week, with some variation for certain hymns and prayers depending on the week and time of year in the Christian calendar. The Armenian Church liturgical calendar and music is fixed year to year. The diocese provides all music, so the Director will not need to purchase any music using a book stipend. Knowledge of Armenian language is helpful but not required. The majority of the liturgy is conducted in the classical Armenian language with the lyrics transliterated in modern Latin letters.

Four weeks paid vacation plus memberships (AGO) and professional development are included. If needed, a stipend will be available to travel for training with diocesan sacred music staff. In the event the Director will be absent from a given Sunday mass, the Director shall be responsible for ensuring that a replacement organist is available.

Compensation between \$24-31k/year depending on experience, responsibilities, and availability. Interested candidates should have a Bachelor's degree in music or equivalent education and experience, as well as instrumental and/or vocal skills, and choir direction training or experience. One to three years of related experience in choral liturgical music and interest in learning orthodox sacred music is required. Interested candidates should contact the St. James parish office at (804) 282-3818, or via email at info@stjamesva.org to request an application or to ask questions.

Christ Church Episcopal

310 North High Street, Gordonsville, VA, 22942.

Seeking part-time organist for one Sunday morning service (11am). No weekday responsibilities. Special services Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. 15-rank, Lewis & Hitchcock organ, opus 275. Annual compensation between \$11,000 and \$16,500, commensurate with experience.

Students and commuters welcome to apply. Interested candidates should send contact information, a cover letter, resume or CV with 3 references and, if possible, links to a performance video to the Rev. Lachlan Hassam via email at lachanhassman@gmail.com.

SUBSTITUTES

The persons listed below have indicated a desire to be called for substituting at church services. No specific qualifications are implied by their inclusion on this list. The employer is responsible for determining that a substitute will adequately meet any needs. If you have questions or wish to add or remove your name, contact Betty Girardeau at bettyg@redfamiliar.com or 804-647-0825.

Substitutes Available for All Services and Events (including Sunday Mornings)

Ben Miller: 757-870-8010 Ben@TheMillerStudio.com

Carla Kay: 570 234-6544 (c) carlakaymusic@gmail.com

Cathy Grant: (Charlottesville) 434-293-0617 mclgrant@centurylink.net

Cheryl Van Ornam: 804-814-6677 ago.cheryl@gmail.com

David Sachs: 804-222-25494 psalm100pesach@comcast.net

Debbie Davis 804-921-8234 purerair@gmail.com

Diann Clark: 703-725-9571 cdiannclark@gmail.com

Don Moro: 804-652-9311 donmoro@gmail.com

Evelyn Kerschbaumer: 804-744-3147 elkersch@gmail.com

Jeannine Uzel: 804-932-961 juzel64@gmail.com

Margie K. Heath: 804-730-2196 (h), 804-387-6948 (c) mbtwig@aol.com

Marianne Crean: 804-360-2976 creanm@stcva.org

Mary Campbell: 804-337-3935 (c) maryecampbell@comcast.net

Peter Edison: 804-755-4828 judgepce@yahoo.com

Raymond Chenault: 404-368-7113 rchenaultduo@gmail.com

Sharon Freude: 804-353-4683 freudemusic@earthlink.net

Steve Henley: 804-647-1152 organscore9201@gmail.com

Teresa Hudson: 804-245-0827 hudsonrt@alumni.vcu.edu

Substitutes Available for Special or Non-Sunday Morning Events Only

Andrew Byrd: andrewdbyrd@gmail.com

Charles Lindsey: 804-370-7374 charleslindsey15@gmail.com

Crystal Jonkman: 804-330-9976 (h), 804-301-9976

(c) crystal.jonkman@verizon.net

Ed Schutt: 804-564-4887 e.schutt@comcast.net

Elizabeth Hargrove: 804-798-1776 or 804-339-5701 f.hargrovejr@comcast.net

Grant Hellmers: 804-878-4416 grant.hellmers@gmail.com

Joel Kumro: 716-803-4699 jkumro@saintbenedictparish.org

Larry Heath: 804-212-9861 lwheath51@gmail.com

Mikey Fuller: 804-896-2713 me@mikeyfuller.com

Robert Baird: 703-989-0502 rtbaird11@gmail.com

Ryan Tibbetts: 302-354-2001 (c) rtibbetts@stmarysgoochland.org

STAY CONNECTED

Please send submissions for the March issue of the *Stoplister* to [Demas Boudreaux](#) by
March 20.

MOVING? Be sure to notify us of any changes in your mailing or email addresses so that
you will continue to receive your copy of the *Stoplister* without interruption.

FOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND ORGAN SPECIFICATIONS OF
CENTRAL VIRGINIA CHURCHES,
PLEASE VISIT
www.ChurchesOfVirginia.org

Markus Organs

TUNING - MAINTENANCE - RELEATHERING - RELOCATION

WWW.MARKUSORGANS.COM (402) 215-7420

BEAUTIFUL CONTINUO ORGAN FOR RENT

The organ can be delivered to your performance venue two days prior to use. It is tuned the day prior to use and then picked up not later than the day after use. Renter is responsible for the safe keeping of the organ while in possession and arranging ready and easy access for delivery, tuning and pick up. Mileage for delivery is extra when outside Baltimore City.

C-d''' (51 notes) transposing keyboard

A - 392, 415, 440, 465 Hz

8' Gedackt

4' Flute

2' Principal

1. Organ is mounted on a stage dolly for easy moving
2. Blower is self-contained within the case
3. Volume controlled with opening panels
4. Equal Temperament
5. Unequal Temperament Tuning is available for additional charge
6. Set-up and Tuning included in rental
7. Gentle tone, perfect for chamber and choral music
8. Plugs into standard 110 volt outlet, extension cord included



To schedule an inspection or inquire about dates and rates please contact; **David M. Storey, Inc.**
Pipe Organ Builders and Restorers, Baltimore, Maryland, 410-889-3800 – davidmstoreyinc@gmail.com



R.A. Daffer Church Organs, INC.

ESTABLISHED 1977

A full-line representative for pipe,
digital, and hybrid organ solutions.

MASONIC HOUSE OF THE TEMPLE WASHINGTON, DC



Randy Sheets,
Sales Representative
540-842-4450
Rsheets@dafferorgans.com
www.DafferOrgans.com



Custom Rodgers console with Pau ferro
drawknobs and reverse color wood keys.
A hybrid instrument with a newly rebuilt
Schantz organ with 22 ranks of pipes

CH COPEMAN HART
Church Organ Builders

Fratelli Buffatti

RODGERS

JOHANNUS

Makin
Church Organ Builders



MUSICAL RESTORATIONS LLC

PRESERVATION, QUALITY, RESTORATION

EXPERIENCED PIPE ORGAN MAINTENANCE SERVICES, RESTORATION, EMERGENCY SERVICES

Robert H. Lent
Post Office Box 1
Dayton, VA 22821
540-292-8560

musicalrestorations@yahoo.com
www.musicalrestorations.com

Copyright © 2025 Richmond Chapter American Guild of Organists, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email because you are a member of the Richmond Chapter American Guild of

Organists and have shared your email address with the chapter for chapter correspondence.

Our mailing address is:

Richmond Chapter American Guild of Organists

PO Box 8644

Richmond, VA 23226

Add us to your address book

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.