

Lehigh Valley Chapter

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January Event

Chapter members Bob Riday and Gary Raish will host a Holiday Gathering at their home in Stroudsburg on January 2 at 4:00 PM (snow date, January 9). The event will purposely be held in January, after most of us have had our schedules slow down a bit! It will be a perfect time for us to get together and share stories of Advent and Christmas fun, frolics, and maybe even a few foibles from our organ benches and conductor's podiums. Or is that podia? (Hey, we're organists and choir directors!).



The gathering will be centered around Bob and Gary's three manual Allen theatre organ. Guest organist will be John Matthews, former organist at the Roxy Theatre in Northampton, PA. He is currently the Director of Sacred Music at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Hampton, NJ. John will talk to us about the theatre organ world, and demonstrate some of the different sounds and techniques on the theatre organ, compared to most of our experiences playing a church organ. He will play a concert of Holiday music, and possibly talk about some silent movie experiences. Following the concert, a buffet

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January Event

Theater Organ Night

Featuring John Matthews at the console

Sunday, January 2, 2022, 3:00 pm.

110 Meadow Run Lane
Stroudsburg, PA

February Event

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meal prepared by a favorite Pocono area caterer will be provided. A Christmas church mouse was heard whispering that there might be wine and beer at the party, and not just that sweet communion stuff from the sacristy. There will be plenty of time to hop on the console and perhaps take your first spin on a theatre organ.

Please reserve your place now by emailing Bob at bobriday@gmail.com. He will send further information, including possible weather-related decision on postponement to January 9.

January Jumpstart

New Year—New Friends—New Inspiration

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church (BMPC)

Registration and Refreshments starting at 8:30.

LVAGO ride-sharing arrangements: RSVP your interest in car-pooling from First Presbyterian, Allentown by emailing Dodd Lambertson (prdodd@gmail.com) with your best phone number. He will email details and keep your phone # handy to contact you in case of inclement weather.

The all-day affair will be \$40 for members of any AGO chapter, \$60 for non-members, and \$10 for full-time students. Coffee/tea, lunch, sheet music, and two receptions are included in the fee.

The Philadelphia Chapter is thrilled to open the day with a 9:00am hymn festival featuring Tom Trenney. Eileen Hunt, former VP of National AGO, will deliver a talk during lunch, and present a session on women as church musicians. Renée Anne Louprette will hold a master class, and end the day with a recital on the 59-stop, 89-rank Rieger Orgelbau.

Sessions led by other clinicians will include: SATB choirs (Jeff Brillhart), SAB choirs (Mark Miller), intro to the console (Shelly Moorman-Stahlman), and advanced console (David Story). A brief reception at BMPC will be followed by additional time of gathering at Gullifty's, 1149 Lancaster Avenue, Bryn Mawr.

COVID policies of the BMPC will be followed.

Registration is now available on the Philadelphia AGO website: www.agophila.org.

October Event Report

On Saturday, October 23 at 10am, Gwyn Michel, Assistant Director of the Moravian Music foundation, Director of Music and Organist at College Hill Moravian Church, and fellow member of the Lehigh Valley chapter, provided a workshop on copyright via zoom. Gwyn has a wealth of publishing experience, and was helpful in answering questions regarding church music and copyright, and how it relates to live streaming services. Luke DiGiacinto introduced Gwyn to the group of 8 participants. She presented a slideshow, and answered questions along the way. She stressed the importance of church purchases of the CCLI and OneLicense. Gwyn's PowerPoint presentation is available for download on the LVAGO website [Resource](#) page.



Pipe Organ Encounter Plus

June 12–17, 2022

We are growing ever closer to a major event for the Lehigh Valley Chapter—the POE+ in the 2022 season. The Pipe Organ Encounter Plus is a program of the national American Guild of Organists, to provide a positive experience on the organ for older students (age 19+) and adults with intermediate piano skills and interest in learning more about the organ.

Our Brochure and Budget have been submitted and approved by the national POE Committee. The contract with Muhlenberg College for housing and meals has been signed and delivered. The brochures are printed and available for distribution from Gloria Snyder. A sub-committee is working diligently to arrange the schedule for the week. A roster of possible faculty has been recruited and approved. The participants who had registered to attend the POE+ in 2020 have been contacted with the hope they will attend in 2022.

National Registration opens on December 1. Our Web site is ready for our part of the registration process. We have posted a Welcome letter, our Brochure and the Payment Form for registrants.

As a member of the Lehigh Valley Chapter, how will you be involved in this exciting event?

- As a **fully subscribed participant**, receiving daily organ instruction. Please note there is a local commuter registration fee for those who will not be using dormitory facilities at Muhlenberg College. A meal plan is available.
- As a **financial supporter** by offering a contribution toward the expenses of the event. Checks are payable to the LV American Guild of Organists and can be mailed to Michael Krentz marked POE+.
- As a **welcome/ hospitality/ information host** available at meals and other gatherings. Be the friendly face of the Lehigh Valley Chapter.
- As an **usher** at one or more of the nightly concerts that are open to the public.
- As a **provider of transportation** from the airport on Sunday, June 12 and the return to the airport on Friday, June 17.
- As an **attendee** at concerts, workshops and activities during the week.

Your assistance is needed and most welcome as we host this major event of our Chapter and represent the American Guild of Organists in this nationally recognized event. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Gloria Snyder via email at gloriasnyder22@gmail.com or 610.439.1933.

December Concerts

Sunday, December 12, 4:00 p.m. The Princeton Singers Concert "What Sweeter Music", Steven Sametz, Director. St. Anne Church, 450 East Washington

Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Free-will offering.

Event Calendar

Sunday, January 2, 3:00 p.m. (Snow date January 9) Theater organ social at the home of Bob Riday & Gary Raish in Stroudsburg featuring John Matthews at the console

Saturday, January 15. January Jumpstart at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter. An all-day workshop featuring Tom Trenney and Renee Ann Louprette.

Sunday, February 20, 4:00 p.m. Chapter members' recital at Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church in Catasauqua.

Sunday, March 20. Annual Bach Marathon. Location TBA.

Sunday, May 15, 4:00 p.m. Annual Young Artist's Recital, Banquet & Meeting. Location TBA.

Organist Substitute List

If you would like to be included in the Organist Substitute List please forward your Name, Contact Information (phone/email) and Availability (Sundays, weekdays, etc) to Stephen Bueker, 2520 Clark Place, Easton, PA 18040; sfbueker@rcn.com.

<i>Dale Bonenberger</i>	<i>Mon–Fri</i>	<i>917 328-9041</i>
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<i>Ellen Erb</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>570 350-0343</i>
<i>Charles Glandorf</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 416-1055</i>
<i>Eric Gombert</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 435-1641</i>
<i>Gail Hanzl</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 264-5859</i>
<i>Susan Hartney</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 360-6934</i>
<i>Bryan Holten</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>585 633-8705</i>
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<i>Joe Kaczmarek</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>484 433-4336</i>
<i>Jacqueline Kuba</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>570 386-4480</i>
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<i>Dodd Lamberton</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>484 935-3505</i>
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<i>Linda Maule</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 258-5006</i>
<i>John McEnerney</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>215 806-6588</i>
<i>Richard McIntyre</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>908 283-4691</i>
<i>Barbara Thomson</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>908 591-4499</i>
<i>Bruce Tonkin</i>	<i>Sun–Sat</i>	<i>610 220-5457</i>
<i>Michael Seroka</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>570 516-7207</i>
<i>Matthew Wary</i>	<i>Mon–Sat</i>	<i>610 743-0921</i>
<i>Stephen Williams</i>	<i>Mon–Fri</i>	<i>610 737-5196</i>
<i>Stephen Ziminsky</i>	<i>Mon–Fri</i>	<i>610 417-2669</i>
<i>Freda Zimmerman</i>	<i>Mon–Fri</i>	<i>610 381-3089</i>

Positions Available

Organist & Choir Director(1)

Church: Holy Family Catholic Church; 410 West Center Street; Nazareth, PA. 18064; 610 759 0870

Website: www.holyfamilynazarethpa.com

Contact: Deacon Tom Ely, elyt@holyfamily-edu.org, Office: 610-759-0870, Cell: 267-716-5048

Weekly services: 4 Masses

Ensembles: 3 Adult Choirs, 1 Handbells, Not responsible for handbells. Currently no Youth/ Child Choirs. We like to involve Children of the Parish to be active in choir. Due to COVID these Choirs do not meet. Would like them to start again.

Instruments: 3 manual digital organ, keyboard

Music budget: \$750

Weekly attendance: 150 each service

Position fill date: ASAP

Deadline: ASAP

Total hours per week: 29

Salary: \$30,000–\$35,000

Weeks vacation: 5 days, 5 days sick

Benefits: Eligible for these voluntary benefits (100% employee paid):

401K, Vision, Voluntary Life, Whole Life, Short Term Disability (STD), Hospital Indemnity, Critical Illness, Accident, FSA/DCA

Pension eligible after 2 years, Employee 3% Employer Match 5.25%

Unemployment—we participate in Diocesan Unemployment Compensation Central Fund Reimbursement program managed by Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. Claims administration consulting firm is Corporate Cost Control.

Notes: Our Parish is 113 years and served by Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Priests for 111 years. We have a Pastor, 2 Priests, and 3 Deacons. We have wonderful, faithful parishioners and a dedicated group of choir members desiring to return to providing music after COVID. We are looking for a director to recruit, nurture and grow talent. The position is available after our most recent director relocated to North Carolina to be closer to family and the director prior Retired after holding the position for 20 years.

Music Director(1)

Church: Saint Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 117 E. Arch Street, Fleetwood, PA 19522, 610-944-8338

Website: spelcfleetwood.com

Contact: Pastor Tom Lang, pastor@spelcfleetwood.com, 610-944-8338

Weekly services: 2, 3 during Lent

Ensembles: Adult Choir—15, Praise Choir—8, Sunday School Choir —5

Instruments: NA

Music budget: None listed

Weekly attendance: 100

Position fill date: January 1, 2022

Deadline: December 20, 2021

Total hours per week: 15

Salary: \$13,000

Weeks vacation: None listed

Benefits: None listed

Notes: St. Paul's is searching for a part-time Music Director. The music director in coordination with our church organist is responsible for our Sanctuary Choir and Praise Band/Chorus which sing weekly in our worship services and for the Children's Choir that sings occasionally for our services. A qualified candidate should exhibit excellent musicianship and have experience directing choirs. They should possess solid leadership skills and be proficient in voice as well as guitar and/or keyboard. They should also interact well with people of all musical abilities and age groups.

