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# Special Music & Concerts

## During the 2019 - 2020 Season

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*With Organ & Voice*  
*Music at Saint Agnes Cathedral*

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Michael Bower, Director of Music



Maura Goodwin, Associate Director of Music



Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts  
Rockville Centre Chapter  
of the National Pastoral Musicians  
American Guild of Organists  
Present

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Dear Friends,

We are on the verge of completing two decades of special concerts and services of music at St. Agnes Cathedral! While there have been concerts in St. Agnes for many, many years (under the direction of Mrs. Bertha Reilly, Msgr. Williams, Mr. Paul LaMedica, and Mr. Christoph Tietze, to name a few past directors), the present organization of these events came about in 2000, when our magnificent new pipe organs were built. In addition to hundreds of liturgies, the musicians of St. Agnes, along with outstanding visiting artists, present concerts and special music to enhance the musical and spiritual life of our community. Many of the concerts feature our wonderful pipe organ and at least one of our choirs. Please plan to attend these wonderful events, which are designed to appeal to a variety of ages and musical tastes. Last June, Members of the Cathedral Chorale, Choir of Men and Boys, Diocese Boys/Teens Choir, MasterChorale2013, and the Chamber Choirs, presented Mozart's "Requiem." The wonderful performance was met with great success and critical acclaim.

We are especially grateful to all who have collaborated on presenting these events: The Nassau Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Rockville Centre Chapter of the National Pastoral Musicians, and the Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts.

The year will open with Dr. John Walker, Peabody Conservatory faculty member (and my past teacher at Manhattan School of Music) presenting an organ concert on Friday, October 25. We will follow this up with the recognition of the ENTIRE music ministry team of St. Agnes Cathedral Parish on November 10. Following this event, we'll have our Annual Girls Choirs Investiture and St. Cecilia Concert on November 22, her Saint Day-The Patron Saint of Music and Musicians! December will again see our memorable Christmas Concert and Christmas Pageant. On March 15, we'll have the Choir of Men and Boys' annual Investiture Ceremony and Mass. The Girls Choirs' Closing Mass and Recognition Luncheon will take place on May 31. We will finish off the year there with a performance of Saint Saens's "Symphony No. 3" (Mr. Bower, organ soloist) on June 7.

As well as these special presentations, the choirs, cantors, organists and musicians prepare and help us to pray with BEAUTIFUL music throughout the year, each and every Sunday, holy days (Christmas and Easter), Thanksgiving, Confirmations, First Holy Communions, etc.!

I look forward to seeing you at many of these liturgies and events, and having the opportunity to thank you for your support to our Music Ministry!

All the Very Best,  
Michael L. Bower, Director of Music

Friday, October 25, 7:30 PM

*Organ Concert*

John Walker, Guest Organist in Concert

Suggested Donation of \$20 and \$15

Sunday, March 15, 10:45 AM

*10:45 Investiture Ceremony, 11:00 AM Mass,  
and Festive Luncheon*

Choir of Men and Boys

Michael L. Bower, Director

Free-will Offering

Sunday Morning, November 10, 11:00 AM

*Recognition Mass*

ALL CHOIRS, MUSICIANS, AND PLAYERS!

Cathedral Chorale, Choir of Men and Boys,  
Diocesan Boys/Teens Choir, MasterChorale 2013

Junior and Senior Girls Choirs

Children's Choir, Resurrection Choir

Spanish Choir!

Free-will Offering

Sunday, May 31, 11:00

*Final Mass and Graduation Luncheon*

St. Agnes Junior & Senior Girls Choirs

Maura Goodwin, Conductor

Free-will Offering

Friday, November 22, 7:30 PM

*St. Cecilia Concert and Investiture*

St. Agnes Junior & Senior Girls Choirs

Maura Goodwin, Conductor

Free-will Offering

Sunday, June 7, 7:30 PM

*The South Shore Symphony,*

*Michael Bower, Guest Organ Concerto Soloist  
Saint Saëns Symphony No. 3 (The Organ Symphony!)*

Scott Jackson Wiley, Conductor

Suggested Donation of \$25 and \$20

Friday, December 13, 7:30 PM

*Christmas Concert*

Cathedral Choirs, Soloists, and Orchestra

Special Guests

Michael L. Bower, Conductor

Suggested Ticket Donation of \$25 and \$20

Special Patron Level Donations Available as well



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## John Walker, Guest Organist in Concert Friday, October 25, 7:30 PM



John Walker, an international organ recitalist, has performed throughout North America, Europe, and Asia, three times at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and at other cathedrals and churches in Europe and the U.S. In Taiwan he has performed frequently at the National Concert Hall in Taipei and as soloist with the National Symphony Orchestra. In April, 2019, the American Guild of Organists presented its Distinguished Artist Award to John Walker "for his illustrious career as a church musician, educator, and performer and for his faithful service to the American Guild of Organists."

A Fellow of the American Guild of Organists, Walker is professor of organ performance at Baltimore's Peabody Institute of Music, and previously the head of the Organ Department of Manhattan School of Music. He holds the doctor of musical arts degree from Stanford University as well as two master of music degrees cum laude from The American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. In 1999 he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to teach and to perform in Taiwan. In 2015 he was visiting professor at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music, and in 2017 he adjudicated international competitions in organ performance in both Taipei and Shanghai. His return to Shanghai in November, 2019 to adjudicate the Second Shanghai International Competition in Organ Performance will mark John Walker's eighteenth professional visit to Asia.

His varied concert program for St. Agnes is SURE to please all will attend!

**SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20, \$15**

### The Entire Music Ministry Team:

Diocesan Boys (and Teens) Choir of Rockville Centre, Choir of Men and Boys, Cathedral Chorale (Adult and Teen Choir), Master Chorale 2013, Children's Choir, Junior and Senior Girls Choirs, The Resurrection Choir, The Spanish Choir, 10:30 Lower Hall Mass Ensemble, Sunday 5:00 PM Music Ensemble, Mr. Steve Mazzitelli, Mr. James Murano, Holly Haynes, Christina Buxton. Tom McNicholas, Peter Garrity, Maria Pokorny (our guitar players), Schola Cantorum, and the Cathedral Singers.

## Recognition Mass Sunday, November 10, 11:00 AM

St. Agnes Cathedral Parish is truly blessed to have hundreds of singers and players who give freely of their time and talent for the glory of God in our liturgies throughout the year. Our more formal choirs have an impressive history:

The Men and Boys' Choir was founded in 1960, the Chorale in 1980, the Girls' Choir in 1985, and our Children's Choir in 1994. All of these musicians will join together to sing and play for this Mass, and ALL will be recognized for their service to the liturgies.



Michael L. Bower, Director  
Maura Goodwin, Associate Director

**FREE-WILL OFFERING**

## St. Cecilia Concert & Investiture of Choristers Parish St. Agnes Junior & Senior Girls Choir; Maura Goodwin, Director Friday, November 22, 7:30 PM

The St. Agnes Junior and Senior Girls Choirs are very happy to perform their annual St. Cecilia Concert and Choir Investiture for you! This year, we are especially excited to sing this concert on the Feast Day of St. Cecilia, November 22nd. St. Cecilia was a young Roman virgin and martyr, who died in the second century for her faith in Christ. She is the patron saint of music and musicians. This St. Cecilia Concert will feature our young musicians, grades 3 through 8, as they sing their hearts to God. During the concert, we will also welcome our newest members into the choir with a special investiture ceremony! Please join us for a reception in the Msgr. James P. Kelly Parish Center following the concert to congratulate our young singers. We ask for the special intercession of St. Cecilia, on her feast day, as we give honor and glory to God through sacred song.



**FREE-WILL OFFERING**

## Christmas Concert Friday, December 13, 7:30 PM Stay Awake, Watch, and Make Ready the Way of the Lord - Preparation for the Birth of Christ Cathedral Choirs, Soloists, and Orchestra Michael L. Bower, Conductor

Seasonal Favorites will be presented by the Cathedral Chorale, the Choir of Men and Boys, Diocesan Boys/Teens Choir of Rockville Centre, Senior Girls Choir, Master Chorale 2013, Chamber Choirs, directed by Michael L. Bower.



Music, Movement and Majesty describes this concert, which includes familiar carols of the Season, Olde and New; an impressive procession of the Three Wise Men ("We Three Kings"), Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" with the dramatic "standing room" of in the audience in the three parts of the Cathedral!

**SUGGESTED TICKET DONATION: \$25, \$20  
SPECIAL PATRON LEVEL - SEATING AVAILABLE**

## Boys Choir Investiture Sunday, March 15, 10:45 AM

Our Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys has a rich history here in Rockville Centre and beyond. This past year, the Choir sang in the Mozart "Requiem" Concert, and at a special game at Citi Field, on August 9, attended by approximately 37,000 fans!



Beginning its 59th year, the flourishing 65 voice Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys will invest the new Probationers (first year singers) into the Choir and sing for the 11:00 AM Mass. Veteran singers will also be recognized. The Choir will sing music of a variety of styles from Classical to Modern.

**FREE-WILL OFFERING**

## Final Mass and Recognition Luncheon Sunday, May 31, 11:00AM St. Agnes Junior & Senior Girls Choirs; Maura Goodwin, Conductor

On the Feast of Pentecost, the St. Agnes Junior and Senior Girls Choir will sing their Final Mass of the 2019-2020 Season. This combined 60 voice choir is made up of a special group of young ladies, grades 3-8. Please join us for the celebration of the Eucharist at the 11:00 am Mass and a luncheon afterward in the Parish Center. Here, after the mass, we will recognize in a special way the talent, hard work, and dedication of our graduating eighth grade singers as they move on to high school. We will also honor our young girls from Junior Girls moving up into Senior Girls. Come celebrate their accomplishments with us!



**FREE-WILL OFFERING**

## South Shore Symphony Michael L. Bower, Organ Soloist Scott Jackson Wiley, Conductor. Sunday, June 7, 7:30 PM

This past season saw the successful continuation of the collaborative efforts of several of our groups. The Cathedral Boys' and Girls' Choirs, Cathedral Chorale Women's Ensemble, Master Chorale 2013, Women's Ensemble, Scott Jackson Wiley, and the Rockville Centre Guild for the Arts gave a wonderful performance of Mahler's "Symphony No. 3," – the longest symphony ever composed. Cathedral cantor Holliday Haynes further enhanced the performance with her stunning solo singing.



For this coming Year, we'll be treated to the glorious music of the French composer: Camille Saint Saens, and his Symphony No. 3, the so called "Organ Symphony".

**SUGGESTED DONATION: \$25, \$20**

## St. Agnes Choirs and Directors on the Road!!!



As well as ministering to the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Community, The Choirs and Directors will carry the message of Christ's Love to other Communities, far and wide:

Michael L. Bower, Director of Music, in Organ Concert at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday, October 20, 4:45 PM.

Select Members of the Boys and Girls Choirs, present to the Diocese of Brooklyn at Resurrection Ascension Parish, Rego Park, Monday Evening, November 18, Michael L. Bower, Presenter.

Pueri Cantores Festival, Saturday, March 28, 2020, Houston, Texas.  
Michael L. Bower, Conductor.

Cathedral Choirs perform a concert at Olde St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, Saturday Evening, May 9, 7:30 PM. Michael L. Bower, Conductor. Maura Goodwin, Accompanist.