

Church Of the Incarnation

Parish Council

December 11, 2008 7:30pm

Michael Trotta – Director of Music

Bishop Galante's Vision for the Diocese of Camden

We, the Catholic Church of South Jersey, envision growing ever more into a dynamic community of faith, hope, and love wherein we reveal the mind and heart of Jesus through our actions and worship.

Incarnation Music Ministry

Vision

Vibrant music that serves the Liturgy and the Parish.

Mission Statement

To create and facilitate the development of a vibrant music.

Core Values (from the Bishop's Vision)

- To strengthen our unity within our diversity
- To promote respect and justice for all people
- To work for peace within our families and communities
- To care for our brothers and sisters in need
- To forgive and seek forgiveness
- To welcome back those who have left our family of faith
- To proclaim and teach the truths that save

Goals

Increase Participation

Education

Community Outreach

Objectives

Build new choirs
Strengthen existing choirs
Increase congregational singing

Vocal training
Lecture Series
Concert Series

Visiting the sick
Community Chorus

Five Year Action Plan

Year 1 –

Goal 1: Develop new ensembles to serve at the most populated Masses.

Objective: Have six viable choirs to serve the Liturgies by May 2009.

(5pm, 9:30am, 11am are the priority for larger ensembles)

Action Plan: Create Men's Choir, Women's Choir, Youth Band, and strengthen the Contemporary Ensemble, Youth Choir, and Cantate Domino choirs.

Goal 2: Improve communication and organization of all Musicians.

Objective: Develop a Music sub-committee of the Liturgy Committee.

Include all accompanists and worship leaders to address the needs of all musicians in the Parish.

Action Plan: Have monthly meetings and report to the Liturgy committee starting in September 2008.

Year 2 –

Goal: Develop a concert series to increase interest and participation.

Objective: Have a Fall and Spring concert to celebrate a special aspect of the Church Year or community event.

Action Plan: Plan dates for two concerts for 2008-2009 season. One at the Parish and one in the Community

Year 3 –

Goal: Create opportunities to serve the larger community.

Objective: Choir tour of the United States, performance at the National Cathedral, Major Choral work with orchestral accompaniment.

Action Plan: Establish a committee for a community chorus performance of Handel's Messiah that includes churches from the local area.

Year 4-

Goal: Create opportunities to serve the larger community.

Objective: Performance of a major sacred work at Carnegie Hall.

Action Plan: Perform 2 major works per year to train the choir.

Year 5 –

Goal: Create opportunities to serve the larger community.

Objective: International Tour, performance at St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.

Action Plan: Perform a varied repertoire to prepare the choir for a Mass at St. Peter's.

2008-2009 At a glance . . .

2008

May

Men's Choir and Women's Choir meet for their first practice and sing at the Saturday 5pm Liturgy.

Rowan University Concert Choir records "Music for a Great Space" at Incarnation

Music Director – Michael Trotta premieres a new work commissioned by four American Church's on tour in Italy.

June

Hope Lives On concert planning begins

September

New Music Schedule Starts

Men's Choir, Women's Choir, Youth Band, to sing on a regular basis along with Contemporary Ensemble, Youth Choir, and Cantate Domine choirs.

Addition of 8 new cantors to the schedule

Partnership with Rowan University and Clearview Vocal Scholars

Music Committee meets for the first time

October

Fox News, Gloucester County Times, Courier Post, and the Philadelphia Inquirer cover the *Hope Lives On* concert

Week of Farewell for the Little Church

Over 300 musicians gather to perform Rutter's *Mass of the Children*

Over 1000 people attend the performance with full orchestra

Music Ministry raised over \$7000 for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

November Rehearsal for Godspell with Incarnation Junior High Players begins

 Festival Choir performs at the Parish Confirmation

 Incarnation performs at the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service, members of Incarnation choirs comprise over half of the singers in attendance

December Special music for Advent

 Welcome and train new accompanist and organist to the Parish

 Handel's Messiah – Scripture and Song, Reflection series

 Godspell cast performs at the opening Advent Soup and Scripture

 Holiday performance at Veteran's Home in Vineland, NJ with the Incarnation Holiday Singers. (Men's Choir, Women's Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, Youth Choir, Youth Band, Cantate Domine

 Christmas Eve with Brass Ensemble

 Carol Sing – December 28th

January

February Godspell Dinner Theatre performances

March Easter Vigil with Brass Ensemble

April Preparation for Choir Festival

May Choir Festival at St. John's United Methodist Church Hazlet, NJ