

FELLOWSHIP

NEWCOMER PROFILE

PEOPLE MAKING THE REDEEMER THEIR FAITH COMMUNITY

INTERVIEWED BY KEN GARNER



This month we welcome the Norton family and, as you can see, a recent newborn addition graces their family and was inserted into this photo. Thank you very much for sharing your story with us about your entry into The Redeemer community.

How long have you been attending services here?

We began attending service at The Redeemer in fall 2015.

Are you life-long Episcopalians?

No. Julie grew up in a Catholic household in St. Paul, MN and attended parochial schools throughout her primary and secondary education. She attended St. Thomas University in St. Paul where she studied Ancient and Thomistic philosophy and taught Catholic Social Thought for many years. Michael grew up in a Methodist family in Cincinnati, OH, and attended Jesuit institutions for his undergraduate and graduate training.

How did you find The Redeemer?

Our friends, Daniel and Kristen Wesley, suggested we attend as they had found The Redeemer to be a welcoming place for their young family.

What inspired you to attend?

Having moved from the mid-west a decade ago we had attended a number of local Catholic parishes, which we never felt quite comfortable as our family grew. With four young girls, it's wonderful for us to be in a community where our girls can see themselves involved and

contributing at every level of the institution. The conscientiousness of the ministry, and the warmth of the community to young families immediately signaled to us we were in the right place.

What would you want to tell others about The Redeemer to encourage them to come and explore our parish?

The Redeemer is a wonderful parish for young families and provides a welcoming atmosphere for new parishioners. The ministry provides thoughtful guidance through the liturgy that respects your intelligence and challenges you to recognize and confront the spirit in the world.

Tell us a bit about yourself outside of The Redeemer—your job, your family, your hobbies.

Julie and Michael are both from the Mid-West—St. Paul and Cincinnati, respectively. We met in Milwaukee at Marquette University and moved to Bryn Mawr in 2006 when Julie took a position at the American College in Bryn Mawr. Today, Julie serves as Director of the Center for Ethics in the Financial Services and teaches all the ethics curriculum across the institution's degree programs. She also teaches accounting ethics at Villanova University. She is an avid student of Tudor English history. Michael serves as Chief Policy Analyst at a Reinvestment Fund, a Community Investment Financial Institution in Philadelphia. In this role, Michael assess the impact of the institution's investments, and consults with cities across the country to support the strategic deployment of public investments to support historically underserved communities. Michael is a life-long soccer player and continues to enjoy running, and playing when the opportunities arise.

Julie and Michael have four children — Katharine (5.5), Isabella (3.5), Annabelle (1.5) and Hannah-Claire (2 months). Katharine (kindergarten) and Isabella (nursery) attend Friends Central and both adore children's chapel and Catechesis at The Redeemer. They also really enjoy receiving their blessing every Sunday.



OPEN HOUSE MONTH FOR ADULT AND YOUTH CHOIRS

BY MICHAEL DIORIO

As we venture into a new program year I'd like to encourage consideration of your own, or your child's, participation in our choral program at The Redeemer. We have many wonderful activities planned for the new choral season and it might be a great experience for your or your child to be a part of it. The mission of the children's choral program is to enable all participants to support the liturgy through music, bring a heightened sense of awareness and understanding of liturgical concepts (meanings and symbolism) to our choristers, and provide a solid foundation in music theory and music history to all involved.

Last January we restructured our choir options, with the inclusion of a new weekly choir supper prepared by a rotation of volunteers that takes place in between rehearsals, and is offered to all our choirs. We offer the **Cherub Choir** (K-3rd) and the **Redeemer Choristers** (4th-8th) group, and **Schola** (9th-12th, and for boys who have experienced voice change). The Redeemer Choristers learn the more intermediate aspects of music, song, and liturgical meaning of what we do. They learn what it means to be responsible for yourself and responsible to others as part of a group. They also assume a greater leadership role within the liturgies for which they sing. All of this activity prepares them for the **Schola** group, which is the youth choir that traditionally goes on tour every other year.

To be a part of a choral ensemble at The Redeemer means to develop a sense of community, responsibility, and leadership qualities at an early age. These qualities and understandings transcend the Church and are brought into situations that our children experience and can process on a daily basis.

For your consideration, we offer September as an open house month for any child or adult who is considering involvement in our choral program. Choir is a dynamic, formative and rewarding program for both child and adult, alike. As you think about what sporting events or school activities you would like your child to be a part of, please keep the music program at The Redeemer on your list of options — your child just might surprise you, and you might surprise yourself.

ALL rehearsals are open during the month of September.

Come join us!

Choir Supper takes place every Wednesday from 6:05-6:45

Cherub Choir: Wednesday, 5:00-6:00
(Parish House with Katy Hutchings)

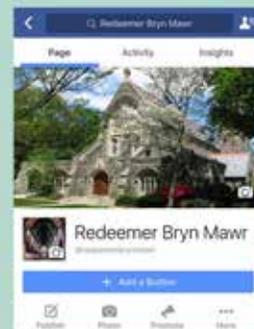
Redeemer Choristers: Tuesday, 5:00-6:30
& Wednesday 5:00-6:00

Schola Cantorum: Wednesday, 6:50-8:05 (Choir Room)

Redeemer Choir: Wednesday, 6:50-8:30 (Choir Room)
and Sunday, 8am

Chancel Choir: Sunday, 10:20-11:05 (Choir Room)

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