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A Message from the Dean

Happy New Year!

The Mini-Convention was well attended, despite some chilling winter weather. St. John's Lattingtown is truly a hidden gem of a church, and the new pipe organ installation there by Sebastian Gluck is noteworthy for its broad tone and diversity of color, despite its small size of 20 ranks. Thank you to Paul Elsener, Mark Engelhardt, Cindy Holden, and Deanna Muro, our workshop presenters. Thank you also to Dr. Eric Milnes for his excellent master class and recital, and for his gracious help offered throughout the day. Our hosts at St. John's were very happy to have us there, and look forward to hosting more AGO events in the near future. Thank you especially to my fellow chapter officers who covered other important details, such as the registration table, coffee, lunch, and so on; all key ingredients to putting together a successful day-long event.

The Children's Choir Festival 25th Anniversary program stands out as one of our most memorable programs. Dr. Madeline Bridges directed with a rare grace and charm that so motivated the festival choir of about 100 youth to sing at their best. The combination of the children's voices with the superb playing of our guest string trio and harpist was heavenly. Our two Children's Choir Festival program directors, Deanna Muro and Helen Kegerreis, were honored for their 25 years of service to the chapter and received commemorative plaques marking their achievement. Deanna and Helen, thank you again for providing for so many years the means for what is always such extraordinary, enlightening experience for our choristers.

Hope to see you at our upcoming Organ Expo!

Matthew Koraus

Next Chapter Meeting:

Sun., April 3rd, 3pm

ORGAN EXPO!

Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

with a special performance by Dan Minervini,
winner of the 2015 ATOS Young Organists Competition,

at Chaminade High School

340 Jackson Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501-2441





Chapter Programs at a Glance

Sun., 4/3, 3pm:

Organ Expo - an introduction to the organ for children and adults
Chaminade HS, Mineola

Fri., 4/29, 3pm:

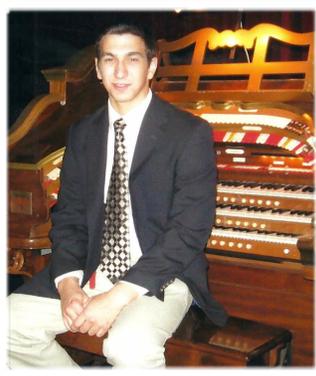
Scholarship Auditions

Sun., 5/29, 4pm:

Scholarship Recital

Don Fellows, recitalist
Sts. Philip and James, St. James

Chapter Programs In-Depth



Sunday, April 3rd, 3pm **ORGAN EXPO**

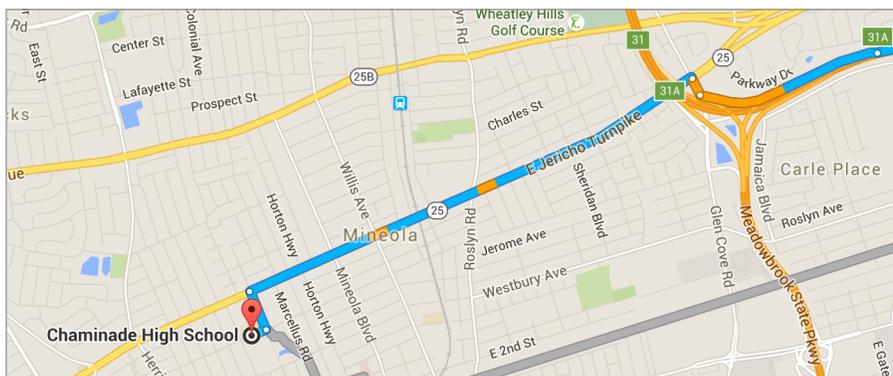
Adults and children of all ages are welcome to learn about the King of Instruments, hear performances and demonstrations, and sit at the console for a hands-on experience. A special performance will be given by Dan Minervini, a Chaminade alumnus and winner of the 2015 American Theatre Organ Society's Young Organists

Competition. Pizza to follow the program.

Co-sponsored with Nassau AGO and the Rockville Centre Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. at Chaminade High School, 340 Jackson Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501-2441. For more info, contact the program coordinator Christopher Cusumano at (631) 271-4635 or chapelcus@optonline.net .

Directions: Take the Northern State Parkway eastbound to Exit 31A (Glen Cove Road/Rt. 25 - Jericho Tpk.) At the end of the exit ramp,

make a right and immediately get into the left turning lane. Make a left onto Jericho Turnpike (west). Travel about three miles on Jericho Turnpike. When you cross Mineola Boulevard, you will soon see a large building on the left. This is Chaminade's Activity/Athletic Center. Make a left at the block after this building (Saville Road). Chaminade will be on the right as you move down Saville Road.



Other Events of Note



Sun., Feb. 28th , at 4pm **VOXAQUARUM**

The Long Island-based vocal quartet VOX AQUARUM joins with lutenist Christopher Morrongiello to present a program of Renaissance music for voices and lute with works by John Dowland and his contemporaries. At the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 50 Cathedral Ave, Garden City, NY 11530. Tickets \$20; \$15 for students and seniors.

PLEASE NOTE!

Chapter member **Maureen Husing** will compile the "Other Events of Note" portion of the newsletter, effective 3/1/16.

Please send all event submissions in publishable form to Maureen at mhusing@gmail.com.

Thank you, Maureen!

CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

The Suffolk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is delighted to announce its Thirteenth Annual Organ Scholarship Program for music students living in Suffolk County. Three different categories of scholarships are once again available: *The Sebastian M. Glück College Organ Scholarship*, *The Peragallo Pipe Organ Company Scholarship for High School and Middle School Students* (Grades 6-12), and *The Suffolk Chapter Award for Beginning Organ Students*.

Chapter members are strongly encouraged to help identify worthy candidates for this wonderful program that furthers the AGO mission of encouraging and supporting organ study. It is such a joy to witness the applicants performing each year, and to listen in as they get expert feedback from our wonderful judges. It is especially joyful to see past applicants returning over the course of several years, demonstrating their growing skill and commitment to the instrument.

As you may know, we have three distinct competitions, including the Chapter Scholarship for keyboard players who are new to the organ, or who have studied for less than two years. The Suffolk AGO Chapter Award competition, which provides up to \$1,000 for organ study, music, and even organ shoes, is unique in that it has attracted candidates as varied as a nine year old piano student and a doctoral candidate in harpsichord. (Both of these applicants won awards!!!)

In addition to the Chapter Scholarship for those new to organ study, through the generosity of Sebastian M. Glück, Artistic and Tonal Director of Glück Pipe Organs, we will again be offering one or more awards totaling \$1,000, for college-age students who are able to challenge the competition repertoire, which includes performance of a Prelude/Toccatina and Fugue or Trio Sonata by J.S. Bach. Students who are currently enrolled in college and who cannot audition in person may submit an unedited CD recording, per the directions found in the application.

Our third scholarship, offered through the gracious support of the Peragallo Organ Company, provides up to \$1,000 in funding for secondary school students in grades 6 through 12. Detailed information is posted on our web page, where you will find a brochure, application overview, and applications for each of the three scholarships.

PLEASE NOTE: applications must be received no later than March 30, 2016. Auditions will take place in Bay Shore on Friday, April 29, 2016, and scholarship winners will be honored at the Annual Scholarship Recital on May 29, 2016. The Scholarship Recitalist will be Donald K. Fellows, Organist and Director of Music of Saint Paul Cathedral, in Pittsburgh, Pa. performing on the Peragallo Opus 561, 1995 / Wicks 1963 Organ at Sts. Philip and James R.C. Church in St. James, NY. Contact Dr. Joan Daly-Lewis, Scholarship Chair, for additional information.



Placement

All job seekers are encouraged to speak with the previous organist prior to accepting a long-term engagement.

Caroline Church - 1 Dyke Road, Setauket, N.Y. 11733

Position: Organist / Salary Range: \$11,000 to \$13,000

Two Sunday services with music (9:30am and 11:15am) Sept. thru June, and one 10am summer service.

Collaborate with the choir director to lead music in worship, accompanying regular choir rehearsals on Thursdays at 7pm. Extra services as needed for the usual Christian holy days. Weddings and funerals for additional compensation. The pipe organ is a two manual instrument by Gilbert Adams, 1997. Vacation days are "5th Sundays" in months that contain five Sundays. Please send resumes to visconti@carolinechurch.net or to Rev. Richard Visconti, Caroline Church, 1 Dyke Road, Setauket, N.Y. 11733

Christ Covenant Church - 67 Scudder Ave, Copiague, NY 11726

Position: Pianist - One Sunday 10am service accompanying the congregation on piano. No choir or soloists. Stipend rate of \$125 per service. Call Charles Cascio at 516-451-7601 for more information.

Faith Lutheran Church - 231 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, NY 11791

Position: Organist/Choir Master / Salary: \$12,000 with four weeks of paid vacation

One Sunday service at 10 am with 30 minute choir practice before service and 45 minutes after service.

Also play on one service on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and two services on Christmas Eve. No other time required except for occasional funeral and wedding services with additional compensation. The Adult Choir is currently made up of 14 voices. The organ is a two-manual, 25-rank Bozeman-Gibson tracker pipe organ, with 30 stops, in excellent condition. Resume and three professional references may be forwarded to Anne Hickey, phone 516-456-0284, email ahbwell10@gmail.com.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church - 30 Brooksite Drive, Smithtown, NY 11787

Position: Organist/Choir Director / Salary: \$20,000, with four weeks of paid vacation

Two Sunday services (8:45am and 11:15am) with additional holiday services. The Senior Choir (high school age and older) rehearses Thursdays at 8pm. Also assist with the Sunday School Program for additional children's Christmas and Easter programs. The organ is a two-manual 1995 Galanti in good condition. Contact Cindy Davis, Chair of the Worship Committee, at (631) 473-3663, or cindyed7@yahoo.com.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - 36 East John Street, Lindenhurst, New York 11757

Position: Organist/Choir Master / Salary: \$19,000, with four weeks of paid vacation

Two Sunday services (9am and 10:30am) Sept. thru June, and one 9am service in July. Additional holiday services. The organ is three manual, 27-rank pipe organ, refurbished and maintained by Peragallo. Please e-mail resumes to stjohnslindy@gmail.com. Call St. John's at 631-226-1274 for more info.

Survey of Church Organs on Long Island

The Suffolk Executive Board is most interested in learning of what kind of instrument you have in your church! There has to date been no such previous attempt to catalogue all of the organs on Long Island. The information from this survey will be helpful to the Board in seeking out new and interesting locations to pursue for chapter events, organ crawls, recitals, etc. The results of the survey will also be shared with our membership.

This survey is meant to cover all kinds of organs, pipe and digital, past and present, so if you don't have a pipe organ, we still want to hear from you!

Please fill out the form below to the best of your ability and submit to Paul Eschenauer at pesch8@aol.com or to Paul Eschenauer, 13 Michael F Street, Locust Valley, NY 11560.

Survey of Church Organs on Long Island (page 1 of 2)

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Name of Church _____

Address _____ Founding Date _____

Were there previous buildings before the present Church building? _____

Did the Church have any Organ(s) prior to the installation of the current instrument? _____

Makes, Number of Ranks, and Number of Manuals of Organ(s) prior to current instrument, if known or if applicable

Present Organ Builder, Opus Number and Date of Installation _____

Number of Manuals _____ Number of Ranks, if known or if applicable _____

Number of Pipes, if known or if applicable _____

Type of Relay Action, if known or if applicable _____

Was this organ originally built for your Church? _____

If this organ was installed in a previous Church, do you have information about it? _____

STOPLIST ON SURVEY PAGE 2



STOPLIST

for the (Pipe or Digital or Hybrid) Organ at _____(Church).

For each stop, please list the sounding length first (16', 8', 4', etc.), followed by the stop's name and, if known, number of pipes. For Hybrid Pipe-Digital Organs, please indicate which stops are digital with an asterisk.*

<u>Pedal:</u>	<u>Swell:</u>	<u>Great:</u>	<u>Choir:</u> (or Positiv or _____)

Couplers, if any_____

Number of General Combination Pistons, if any_____

Kind and Number of Divisional Combinations, if any_____

Expression Pedals, if any_____

Crescendo Pedal?_____ Toe Studs, if any_____

Accessories and Other Details of Note_____

Please submit to Paul Eschenauer at pesch8@aol.com or to Paul Eschenauer, 13 Michael F Street, Locust Valley, NY 11560.

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Chapter member **Katherine Meloan** and her husband Tom welcomed their second boy to the world, baby Lukas, on April 1st, 2015! Congratulations to the happy family, and may continued blessings fall upon them for years to come!



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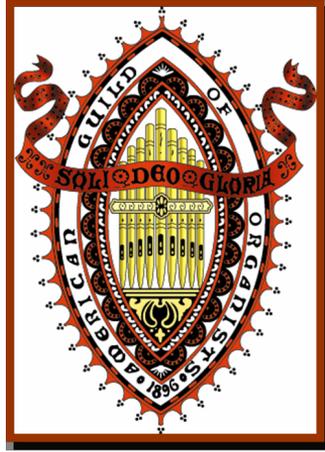
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