

# **SAINT EMERY'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

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## **Music Director Report Tony Procaccini**

### **Choir/Choir Loft**

- In approximately 2013, the choir began to rehearse on a regular basis. Out of necessity, the choir is augmented by outside singers for special events.
- A bona fide library of choral music for English 9:00 a.m. mass has been established.
- A deep compendium of Hungarian music is available, almost all of it being from my personal compendium formed over 8 ½ years of experience with two Hungarian Catholic parishes.

### **Organ**

- The organ has been serviced a number of times, improving its sound and more fully ensuring its viability in the future.
- The organ's blower motor was completely overhauled (early 2013?) after it failed to work properly.
- Volunteer efforts by the Music Director, Mike Varga (retired music teacher and brass instrument specialist) and Dan Magner (professional carpenter) have moved organ restoration work forward, and saved the parish money. (The Tuba pipe-cleaning job was estimated at \$10,000.)

### **Music Events**

- A "Cabaret Day" took place in April 2013.
- The annual "Guest Artist Day" was established in 2013.
- The annual "Parish Fundraiser Concert" was established in 2015.

### **Donations (Tangible/Intangible)**

- Two pianos were contributed to the parish, one in early 2013, and the other in 2015.
- Parishioners contributed many necessary items; desk, filing cabinets, coat-racks and a printer.
- A laptop computer was donated to the Music Dept. in early 2016. (It is not in full use yet.)
- My father and I donated time and talent to bring piano #1 up to par.

### **Purchases**

- An electric piano and amplifier were purchased.
- Music for liturgies (matching hymnals) was ordered, plus music of other Catholic publishers (for choir, principally).
- Hungarian hymn books were purchased from Hungary, and are being used at all Hungarians liturgies.

### **Publicity**

- Articles about parish music events have appeared in local newspapers, as well as the Tuba pipe project (two local journals), thus increasing the parish's exposure to the general public.

### **Other**

- The "Lector Announcement Sheet" is now produced in the parish office; the Music Dept. provides only hymn names and numbers.

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