

SAINT EMERY'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Music Director Report Anthony Procaccini

Choir / Congregation

The choir recently added two new members, one full-time and one part-time, giving it a total membership of nine singers.

The repertoire of hymns sung during weekend masses has expanded, with the intention of encouraging all to sing.

Organ

Basic maintenance, including periodic tunings, has kept the organ and its blower motor functioning well.

The revamping of the church's heating system has benefitted the organ pipes, since the now-working radiator in the bell tower provides heat to the organ chamber. As a result, at least for the moment, the parish does not need to consider installing a heating system and/or insulation within the pipe chamber.

Music Events

The 2016 "Annual Guest Artist Day," honoring alto Kristin Butler, took place on Sunday, May 22.

The 2016 "Parish Fundraiser Concert," featuring Broadway star Frank Mastrone, was held on Sunday, June 5.

An expanded choir plus flute and string bass sang and played for the Saint Emery Day mass on Sunday, November 6, 2016.

The 2017 "Annual Guest Artist Day" is set for Sunday, May 21.

The 2017 "Parish Fundraiser Concert" is set for Sunday, June 11. We have confirmation that Fairfield First Selectman will attend.

Purchases

Purchases made since the last music report essentially included sundry items which typically run out or expire. The Music Department is committed to using its resources efficiently and to making large purchases only when necessary.

Donations

The parish thanks local carpenter Dan Magner for his contribution of time, talent and materials in constructing a piano ramp. When needed, it will be used to move the piano onto and off of the altar area.