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**Newsletter – February 2009**

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**Letter from the Dean**

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

Here we are in February! We are in the middle of Epiphany. Fifty some odd days until March 21, Bach's 324th Birthday and the first day of Spring! I know many of you are looking forward to the warmer days. Let's be honest – the sun is already rising earlier and setting later. I can see the difference in the morning and afternoon sunlight. I love the four seasons. What a wonderful gift to be able to experience all of these changes and variations as we move along each day – a visual symphony to enjoy! Take time to experience these changes. Bundle up and go outdoors; soak up some rays of sunshine; inhale and be refreshed with cold crisp air. A gift from God indeed!

January 11 we had our annual Spuds n' Sundaes social with our "musical bake sale." Those who were in attendance were treated to potatoes, toppings, chili, sundaes and various and

assorted toppings to boost up caloric levels. All delicious! A big “Thank You” goes out to our Sub-Dean, Beverly Simmons, for hosting this program at Trinity Church in Fishkill where she serves as organist and choirmaster. A big “Thank You” as well to all who contributed to help make this event a culinary and social event divine. A good time was had by all.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM when our colleague Celestine Campbell will be hosting our next exciting program entitled: “Gospel Music and the Worship Experience.” This program will be held at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church located at 2611 South Avenue (a/k/a Route 9D), Wappingers Falls, NY. For further information please call: 845-463-1249.

For those who will be in New York City on February 15 and 16, please note that there is a President’s Day Conference hosted by the New York City Chapter AGO. Please review our website calendar for more information regarding scheduled workshops, discussions and recitals. I encourage you to attend if your schedule allows.

February 25 bring us to the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. We begin our journey through Lent with prayer, distribution of ashes for some, and musical contemplation. My prayers and thoughts during this time are turning to those in our chapter whose lives are changing. There are some who have recently become a part of the overall economic downturn. Their jobs are being sent overseas or eliminated; while others have become fulltime caregivers to family members. Times are trying. We need to keep in touch with family and friends. We are entering a new and uncharted territory in the world of finances, economic instability and political changes in our government. Prioritize that which is important and meaningful in your life.

You and I are called to serve. Ours is a ministry of faithful diligence. We are true to our craft. We will bring music, no matter what our tradition, denomination or belief, to those in our community of faith. We are steadfast in our mission and hold our motto true. I realize daily how blest I am to serve at St. Nicholas-on-the-Hudson. I pray that you too find satisfaction in your church position as a minister of the word through music. Reach out and touch someone with your music, even if one person feels moved by one hymn, or a choir anthem, or even your postlude. We are continually striving to bring the best musical experience to help set the stage for worship.

Worship is a form of ritual which has been passed down from our ancestors. Worship continues to evolve and mature. Worship is what brings us together as humans. Worship is that which makes us unique among God’s creatures. Worship is that moment in time when all are brought together as one.

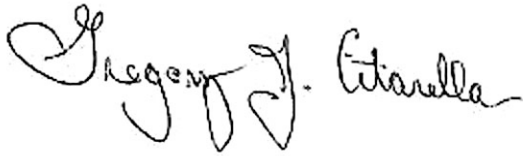
We are in times of great change, challenges and opportunities. Make it your mantra to bring your community of faith, wherever you serve, closer to God’s Graces by your faithful stewardship of the word through music.

In closing I would like to quote from the Pilgrim Hymnal, hymn number 373: “God is My Strong Salvation,” verses 1 and 4 (Tune: *Mein Leben*)

*God is my strong salvation; What foe have I to fear?  
In darkness and temptation my light, my help is near.*

*His might thy heart shall strengthen, His love thy joy increase;  
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; The Lord will give thee peace. Amen*

God's continued Blessings and Grace on all our music ministries going forward.



Gregory J. Citarella+  
(SDG)

### **Membership News**

We have received the following message from Pat Maimone:

*Dear Colleagues,*

*As you know, I have been spending a lot of time in southern California with my granddaughter Selena and her parents, Mark and Alice, since her birth 12 August 08. On my last trip earlier this month, I also auditioned and interviewed at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Santa Monica for Pastor Stephanie Jaeger and a search committee comprised of choir and council members. They were quite pleased with my playing and enthusiasm for working with adults and children in a traditional setting.*

*Pastor Stephanie called Saturday night to invite me to take the part-time position of Organist and Music Director at Mt. Olive Lutheran, Santa Monica, CA. She was excited to include me in her new Lenten Organ [and spoken word] Vesper Series on Wednesday nights and looks forward to her first Bach's Birthday celebration Sunday, 22 March at 5 PM in Santa Monica.*

*I told Fr Shane Scott-Hamblen that I had been offered a contract by the Mount Olive Lutheran Church of Santa Monica, California, and that I wanted to accept it, starting 1 March 09, in order to be closer to my now 5 month old granddaughter, Selena Dorothy, who lives in La Crescenta, near Mark's work at JPL, NASA in Pasadena. My last Sunday at The Episcopal Church of St. Mary in the Highlands will be 22 February 09 and will conclude with another concert benefiting St. Mary's Save Our Steeple Fund as well as celebrating Handel's 324th Birthday at 4 PM.*

*There will be a few other penultimate concerts, which are listed in our chapter's calendar of events.*

*Jack Davis brought me to my first CHVAGO meeting in the 75-76 academic year; thus, I shall certainly miss my longtime friends and colleagues in the Hudson Valley*

*and plan to return occasionally for concerts and special events. In the fall of '08 I established dual membership in the Los Angeles and Long Beach chapters of the AGO. In '09, my dual membership will be in the CHV chapter.*

*Best to all,*

*Pat*

We will miss you, Pat! We wish you all the best in your new endeavor!

## **Grants Available to Support the Organ Profession**

The DC AGO Foundation invites musicians, scholars and others to apply for a grant to support the organ profession by commissioning new organ compositions, sponsoring organ-related research and publication, funding innovative performances and educational initiatives, and related projects. For more information about the DC AGO Foundation and how to apply, visit [www.dicago.org](http://www.dicago.org). Grant applications are due by March 1, 2009.

## **List of Organ Substitutes**

The following chapter members have indicated that they will serve as substitute organists. Please contact them directly if you would like more information.

Denise Bassen	845-226-1564	<u>For Weddings and Funerals Only:</u>
Joe Bertolozzi	845-831-0695	Judie Brown (also Jewish svcs) 845-888-5318
Robert D. Brown	845-485-1597	Alice Cann 845-223-5344
Richard C. Ehlenberg	845-658-9746	Greg Citarella 845-297-7693
Christopher Fasulo	646-342-4836	Larry Hazard 845-452-0119
Susan LaGrande	845-226-6496	Eric Hepp (no weekday funerals)
Janet Nickerson	845-561-0763	845-489-2625
Joanne Reed	845-361-3474	Boyd Herforth 845-255-5298 / 973-783-8798
<u>No Sunday Morning Services:</u>		Charles Surber (no weddings) 845-544-2782
Maris Kristapsons (no weddings)	845-635-8837	<u>Student</u>
Pat Maimone	845-446-2395	Gregory S. Quaglieni 845-786-0011
Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249	

## **Deadline for Next Newsletter**

We are always glad to receive input for the chapter newsletter in the form of calendar items, reviews of recent concerts and events, biographies, letters, photographs, etc. In order to make sure these submissions can be processed in a timely fashion, please make sure they are received by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month. You may submit newsletter material by mail, e-mail, or phone. Just contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, using the information given below. Remember, the deadline for the next newsletter, to be available the first week in March, is February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## List of Organ Teachers

The following chapter members have indicated that they are accepting new organ students. We are in the process of soliciting brief biographies from each of them, which will be posted on our web site as they are received. Please contact the teachers directly if you would like more information.

Gregory Citarella	845-297-7693	Patricia R. Maimone	845-446-2395
Donald Filkins	845-518-2991	Janet Nelson Nickerson	845-561-0763
Peter Hall	845-343-4995	Beverly Simmons	845-463-1249
Boyd Herforth	845-255-5298	Charles Surber	845-544-2782

## Editor's Corner

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## Position Openings - Summary

*Position openings are listed without charge for three months unless an extension is requested. If you would like to place a listing, please contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.*

***Editor's Note – Due to space considerations, the following list of position openings includes only the type of position and hiring institution. Complete information about positions is available on our web site at [www.chvago.org](http://www.chvago.org), or contact the editor, Susan LaGrande, at 845-226-6496.***

MINISTER OF MUSIC (Part-Time)

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - BEACON, NY**

ACCOMPANIST - Part-Time

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - POUGHKEEPSIE, NY - 9/12/2008**

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - NEW CITY, NY - Updated 12-11-08**

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR (Part-Time)

**ST. JAMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - KINGSTON, NY - Updated 10/21/08**

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC/ORGANIST - Part-Time

**ST. BONIFACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GUILDERLAND, NY - 5/12/2008**

ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST (Part-Time)

**FIRST REFORMED CHURCH - WALDEN, NY - Renewed 5/28/2008**

## Calendar of Events

Please note: Due to space considerations, this Calendar of Events may exclude the following:

- Events taking place outside the area served by the Central Hudson Valley Chapter
- Events which conflict directly with chapter sponsored events

Such events may be listed on the Local Events page of our chapter web site at [www.chvago.org](http://www.chvago.org).

**Events listed in the calendar are not necessarily endorsed by CHVAGO.**

Please contact the editor if you have an event to be publicized.

*Boxed items are Central Hudson Valley AGO Chapter events. Names listed in bold face are chapter members.*

Saturday, February 7, 2009 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM	"Gospel Music and the Worship Experience" presented by <b>Celestine Campbell</b> . Location: Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 2611 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, NY. Info: 845-463-1249.
Saturday, February 7, 2009 12:00 noon	Organ/Vocal Mini-Concert <b>Patricia R. Maimone</b> , organ, and Jeremy Moore, baritone. The Highland Falls Library, Main Street, Highland Falls, NY. A 30-minute Mini concert of arias and love songs. Refreshments will be served and homemade chocolate will be available for sale until the library closes at 2 PM. Info: 845-446-3113.
Sunday, February 15 & Monday, February 16, 2009	Annual Presidents' Day Conference presented by the New York City Chapter, AGO. Church of the Holy Family, the United Nations Parish, 315 East 47th Street (between 1st and 2nd Avenues) in Manhattan. The church is a short walk from Grand Central Terminal and accessible by public transportation. The conference schedule is as follows: Sunday, 15 February - 7:30 PM: Recital, Peter Richard Conte Monday, 16 February 10:00 AM: Registration 10:30 AM: Lecture, Thomas Murray: Marcel Dupré, a generous benefactor, and the Fifteen Antiphons, Opus 18 12:00 Noon: Lunch on your own 2:00 PM: Lecture, Thomas Murray: Mendelssohn Discovery in Cracow, Poland 3:30 PM: Break 4:00 PM: Master Class with Alan Morrison 6:30 PM: Solemn Celebration of Evening Prayer Music provided by The Holy Family Choir, Paul Murray, Director. A reception follows Evening Prayer. Admission to the recital and conference are free to members of the NYC Chapter. For all others, admission for the recital is \$20 (\$15 students/seniors) and the conference registration is \$40. Consider dual membership in the New York City Chapter and attend for free! For more information, please contact Paul Murray, Sub-Dean, at <a href="mailto:pjmurray@churchholyfamily.org">pjmurray@churchholyfamily.org</a> .

Sunday, February 22, 2009  
4:00 PM

Kairos Consort concert  
Location: Holy Cross Monastery, Route 9W, West Park, NY  
Kairos will present the first in our 2009 Bach Cantata series with a performance of Cantata 72, *Alles nur nach Gottes Willen* (All things but as God is willing), with chamber orchestra. The concert will also include a selection of preludes from Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier, performed by harpsichordist Dr. Mary Jane Corry. The concert is free to the public (free-will offering gratefully accepted). The cantata and choral work will be performed as part of a choral evensong service. Supported in part by a grant from the Dutchess County Arts Council, administrator of public funds through NYSCA's Decentralization Program. Info: 845-256-9114.

Sunday, February 22, 2009  
4:00 PM

Benefit Concert Celebrating Handel's 324th Birthday  
**Patricia R. Maimone**, organist. The Episcopal Church of St. Mary in the Highlands, One Chestnut Street, at the corner of Routes 9D and 301, Cold Spring, NY. Donations to benefit St. Mary's Save Our Steeple Fund. This will also mark Pat's farewell concert before she departs for the west coast. Info: 845-265-2539

Saturday, March 7, 2009  
10:00 AM - 12:00 noon  
NOTE DATE CHANGE!

Historic Organs of Dutchess County  
Presented by **Susan LaGrande** and **Connie Lacey**. St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Staatsburg, NY.

Sunday, March 29, 2009  
3:00 PM

Organ Recital by Meredith Baker  
Director of Music, Most Holy Trinity (Catholic) Chapel, USMA. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)

Sunday, April 5, 2009  
7:30 PM

*Durufle Requiem*  
Sung by Christ Church Choir and accompanied by West Point organist **Craig Williams**. Christ Episcopal Church, 20 Carroll Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The church is handicapped-accessible from the Carroll Street entrance. Suggested donation \$12. Info: call **Laura Russell** at 845-485-1648.

Sunday, April 19, 2009  
3:00 PM

Organ Recital by Eric Plutz  
Organist, Princeton University Chapel  
(Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series)  
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)

Sunday, May 10, 2009  
3:00 PM

Organ Recital by Johan Hermans  
Organist, St. Quintinus Cathedral, Hasselt, Belgium  
(Class of 1936 Distinguished Organists Recital Series)  
Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Free. Info: 845-938-7352 or [craig.williams@usma.edu](mailto:craig.williams@usma.edu)

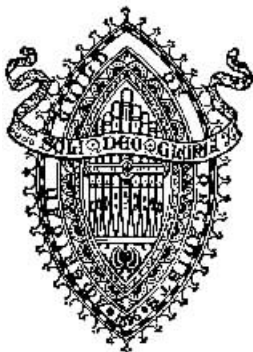
<p>Sunday, May 31, 2009 3:00 PM NOTE DATE CHANGE!</p>	<p>Annual Members' Recital Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church, 2381 New Hackensack Road, Poughkeepsie, NY Info: 845-452-2933</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 1 through Friday, July 3, 2009</p>	<p>2009 Regional Convention for Region I (New England) and Region II (New York &amp; New Jersey) Early member registration (by Feb. 28, 2009) is \$295. It goes up \$50 to \$345 on or after March 1. Senior registrants and spouses/partners of all registrants receive a \$50 discount. Please see the convention website where you can register online with PayPal: <a href="http://www.agoboston2009.com">www.agoboston2009.com</a>. Our hotel is the Back Bay Hilton, located in the heart of Boston. And the room rate is unbeatable! How often can you stay in the heart of Boston on the Fourth of July for just \$189 per night? To reserve your room, follow the link on the convention website or call 1-800-HILTONS. The local hotel number is: 617-236-1100.</p> <p>Please make plans now to attend the entire convention. Let it be for you a three- or four- day retreat. Even if your home is in the Boston area, leave it and check into the Back Bay Hilton to be with your AGO friends and colleagues. Remember, your colleagues benefit by your presence as much as you benefit from theirs. We are expecting you and looking forward to sharing our city's many landmarks with you.</p>
<p>Saturday, September 19, 2009 2:00 to 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Choral Technique for the Church Choir Director presented by Christine Howlett, Director of Choral Activities at Vassar College. Location: Skinner Hall, Vassar College, Raymond Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY.</p>
<p>Sunday, October 18, 2009 5:00 PM NOTE NEW LOCATION!</p>	<p>Hymn Festival Presented by Rick Erickson. Cadet Chapel, USMA, West Point, NY. Let's get not only our choirs but our congregations to participate. A hymn festival works best when there are LOTS of people in the congregation singing! Info: Call <b>Beverly Simmons</b> at 845-463-1249.</p>



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