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**Message from the Dean**

Dear friends and colleagues,

I don’t know about you, but I’m still in the Christmas spirit! In fact, I will be until at least February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. In the Slavic countries, this is the usual end of the Christmas season. Having been immersed in Christmas music since at least Thanksgiving, it seems that I cannot really let go of Christmas music until after the New Year, when I have a bit of breathing time to relax and ponder all that just happened in the previous weeks. I will be programming a few of the lesser known French Organ Noels thru early February.

Hopefully you and your musicians are healthy this New Year. Troubling information about the ongoing triple threat of Covid, Flu and RSV suggests continued vigilance and precautions.

The landscape of opportunities for church musicians is changing: fewer full-time jobs, smaller congregations, aging choir members. Political and ideological changes also have an impact on what we do as church musicians. Somehow our Guild tries to support all of us in these difficult times.

In this New Year let us resolve to be patient with each other, helpful and understanding. We've always supported each other this way.

Ken

Kenneth Danchik, FAGO

Dean

## **Mark Your Calendars**

**Monday, January 23, 2023, at 7:30 PM at Saint Rosalia Church (now a part of Saint Paul Cathedral Parish), 411 Greenfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15207.**

Our January meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 7:30 PM at Saint Rosalia Church (now a part of Saint Paul Cathedral Parish), 411 Greenfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15207. The program will be a demonstration of the newly refurbished instrument completed by Luley Organ Company. Several staff members of the Luley team will demonstrate the unique features and describe the challenges to upgrade and refurbish the organ.

From Joe Tuttle of the Luley Organ Company:

The organ at St. Rosalia Church was originally built by Fratelli Balbiani in 1925 for the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer in New York City. When the organ was slated to be replaced in 1958 a portion of it was acquired and installed at St. Rosalia's in Pittsburgh. Over the years the organ deteriorated and was partially rebuilt in the late 1990s. In 2022 Luley Organ Company overhauled the instrument and carried out much needed repairs and revoicing. Several badly damaged ranks of pipes were replaced, the solid state relay was completely rewired, new electric swell expression motors were installed, and considerable repairs were carried out to the wind chests. The facade pipes were stripped of decades worth of paint and refinished. The console was also reprogrammed to afford organists with more color choices. The organ currently possesses a specification of 19 ranks and 45 speaking stops spread across three manuals and pedal.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Friday, January 6, 2023, 12:00 p.m.**

The Duquesne University Euphonium Ensemble will perform at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer (5700 Forbes Avenue) on Friday, January 6 at noon as part of the First Friday concert series.

## **Announcements**

Vittone's Music Center, located in Greensburg, PA. is the official licensed dealer of Rodgers and Johannes organs for 16 counties in southwestern and south-central Pennsylvania. Owner Tony Vittone is a lifelong musician from a family of musicians and plays piano and trumpet. Tony has worked in the piano and organ industry for over 50 years and has owned his own music store since 1988. Tony has been a Rodgers organ dealer since 2006 and a Johannes dealer since 2016. Vittone's Music offers sales, service, and installation of Rodgers and Johannes throughout our territory.

We currently have in stock two brand new discontinued Rodgers models, the Artist Series 579 and the Classic Series 569. Both would be wonderful organs for either home or church use and are now

available at a substantial savings as well as carrying Rodgers full 10-year parts and 2-year labor warranty.

We also have a brand-new Rodgers Inspire Model 227 in our showroom for you to try. Designed and built right here in the USA in Hillsboro, OR. The 227 is suitable for both home practice and for use in your house of worship.

If you're interested in what Tony and his staff can do for you and your church's worship music program or would like to learn more about Rodgers and Johannus organs please call Vittone's Music Center at (724) 837-0877 or Tony's cell (724) 972-8474 or visit us on the web at:

[www.sacredsoundsolutionsbytonyvittone.com](http://www.sacredsoundsolutionsbytonyvittone.com)

Dear fellow Church Musicians,

My community handbell choir, Ring Pittsburgh, would like to acquire Malmark handbells and chimes. Specifically we are looking for the 4th and 5th octave add on sets of handbells and 5 octaves of chimes. Perhaps there are some cases in a closet gathering dust in your church? Tables, pads, mallets and table covers would be a real bonus! Please contact me after your treasure hunt!

Many thanks and blessings,

Mary Rita Rossetti

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NEW MUSIC FOR ORGAN: JAZZ

Outside of the Bolcom pieces and a few others, there is very little music in the Jazz style for organ. Available now from Lorenz is a collection of Jazz arrangements of hymns by organist/composer Marianne Kim titled "The Holy City," two of which were commissioned by PitAGO member Wayne Earnest: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World." The commission resulted after he watched an online airing of the program of music by women composers presented by the Fox Valley (near Chicago) Chapter of the AGO. See the following: Video sample from Lorenz. <https://youtu.be/e1zz5nFRhec> /Lorenz Website: <https://lorenz.com/shop/keyboard/organ-solo/the-holy-city-10> / My Web Store: <https://www.mariannekimmusic.com/product/the-holy-city/>.

## **SUBSTITUTES**

It is the policy of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Guild of Organists that only current members in good standing may list their names on the Substitutes List. Employers may contact organists directly or ask the coordinator for assistance. The AGO assumes no responsibility for the musicianship, reliability, or conduct of substitute organists, and background checks are the responsibility of the employer. Persons listed as available substitutes may be required by employers to present clearances; e.g. Child Abuse History Clearance; Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Checks for Employment; and/or Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Fingerprinting.

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