

The Prelude ~ February 2019

The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

A message from our dean...

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas Season and have survived the “Arctic Blast” without too much trouble. For me, it meant a few days off of school, which opened up some extra practice time! Now comes the trudge through the rest of winter until spring comes! Preparations for Easter will take center stage for many of us. What a wonderful time to pull out some old favorites or try some new music. I’ve recently discovered “L’Orgue Mystique” by Charles Tournemire and am looking to do some of the easier selections as preludes in the coming months. What music or composer have you been waiting to explore? We can easily go back to the same stuff every year because we know it, it’s comfortable and we can put it together quickly. There is nothing wrong with that. But it’s also good to continue growing and exploring as a musician. (In fact, it’s good to keep growing in every facet of our lives!)

This month we will be exploring the music of good old J.S. Bach. On Sunday, February 17, we will be presenting an All-Bach concert at 3:00 p.m. at St. Michael’s in the Hills Episcopal Church. We had originally planned to present two of the master’s cantatas, but few singers signed up, so we have turned it into a celebration of his organ music. Several members will play and there will be a few vocal pieces as well. Please come and join us. The concert is free and open to the public. Invite a friend!

Coming in March is our Annual Student Recital and in April, we will be joining the Ann Arbor Chapter for an Organ Crawl. More details are coming so look for that. Finally, in May we will have our Annual Banquet at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Maumee. We are planning on a Mexican Fiesta!

Happy Winter!

-Dennis Johns, Dean



The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all who are interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Joan McConnell, Membership Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit articles, news, concerts or vacant positions, contact Melissa Davis, Secretary.

WEBSITE

www.toledoago.org

**February Chapter Event—All-Bach Concert**

On Sunday, February 17 at 3:00 p.m., a concert by Toledo Chapter members featuring Bach's great organ works will take place at St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church. This event is free and open to the public.

March Chapter Event—Student Recital

Our upcoming Student Recital will be on Sunday, March 17, 3:00 p.m., at Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo. Teachers are encouraged to schedule their students to play, and the Scholarship Winners will be

featured. This is a lovely opportunity for students to get some performance experience with an encouraging and supportive audience! Let's keep challenging our young organists to perform and grow!

Please send repertoire information to Denise Mathias at dsnivermathias@yahoo.com or call 330-432-8528 by March 9. Rehearsal time should be scheduled with Jennifer Bailey at Hope Lutheran.

An important note—this is a **change** from the original planned recital date of March 10.

I hope as many folks as possible will attend this event to let our young players know we support them!

-Denise Mathias, Education Chair

AGO TOLEDO MEMBERS' DIRECTORY FOR 2018-19

Greetings to all, and happy new year!

Over the recent holiday, I finished updating and printing the chapter directory for this year and put "hard copies" in the mail. Please forgive the lateness of this work; we had significant record-keeping issues, which I wanted to resolve before committing the information to paper.

I have also sent the directory to our webmaster, who will post it on our website. The online directory is password-protected. If you are a member of our chapter and wish to use the online directory, I will be happy to share the password with you. Just drop me an email and ask.

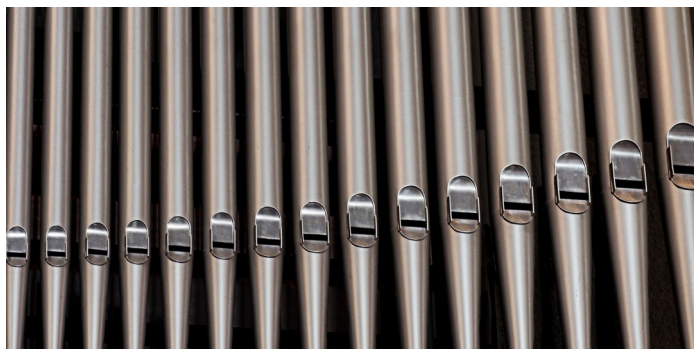
As always, I ask you to proofread your entry in the directory. I have already found a few errors myself, and there are bound to be more. You can send me corrections by email or call me on my cell phone. As I receive corrections, I will publish them in this newsletter and update the online version.

I look forward to seeing you all at our February event – a recital of works by J. S. Bach.

Joan McConnell, Membership chair

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ORGAN RECITAL—Michael Gartz

Michael Gartz, chapter member and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Organ at BGSU, will present a faculty recital on the organ at St. Aloysius Church in Bowling Green on Sunday, February 10th at 4:00 p.m. His program will consist of music by William Mathias, J.S. Bach, Margaret Weber, Charles Tournemire and others.

Michael is the organist at St. Timothy Episcopal Church, and he is the organist for the Diocesan Choir at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo and the Canterbury Singers USA. He has played in a number of English cathedrals including London's Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's. He owns and operates Liberty Music, a mail-order firm specializing in rare classical 78-rpm records. He also has a personal collection of 35,000 discs.

St. Aloysius Parish is marking the 20th anniversary of the installation and dedication of their Letourneau pipe organ. The organ consists of 27 stops and 32 ranks of pipes. The concert is free and open to the public. The church is located one block south of Wooster St. between Enterprise and Summit Streets.

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TRIP TO GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND PRAGUE



The choirs of St. Joseph Maumee and St. Rose Perrysburg are going to Germany, Austria and Prague this June. We would love to have you join us, and there are still a few spaces available. The trip will be June 10-19 and will include two nights each in Munich, Salzburg, Vienna and Prague. We have an exciting itinerary planned. You can come and sing with the choir or just come along as a pilgrim. If

you are interested in details, contact either Dennis Johns at dennis.johns@saintjosephmaumee.org or Charlotte Mariasy at mariasy@saintroseonline.org. Act quickly!

2018-2019 Toledo AGO Chapter Events

Organ Recital – Mitchell Miller

Sunday, September 2, 4:00 p.m.
St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Bowling Green
Potluck for AGO members following recital

Organ Recital –Aaron David Miller

Sunday, October 7, 4:00 p.m.
Monroe Street United Methodist Church

Annual Scholarship Auditions

Sunday, October 21, 2:00 p.m.
Hope Lutheran Church, Toledo

CHANGED EVENT:

Organ Recital—Tom Curry and Neil Kraft

Sunday, November 11, 3:00 p.m.
IHM Motherhouse Chapel
610 W. Elm Ave. in Monroe, MI
Patriotic and four-hand organ music

12th Night Celebration

Friday, January 11, 7:00 p.m.
St. Rose Catholic Church, Perrysburg
Members' organ recital of favorite Advent
and Christmas pieces

All-Bach Concert

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A concert featuring Bach's great organ works

Annual Student Recital

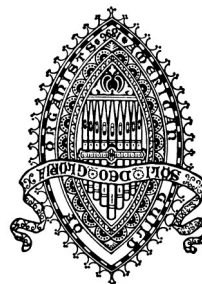
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April Event—Organ Crawl

Details TBA

Toledo AGO Spring Banquet

Friday, May 17, Time TBA
St. Joseph Catholic Church, Maumee
A Mexican Fiesta!



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