



2018-2019 SEASON

ST. CECILIA GUILD

*St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lewes, Delaware*

Dear Friends of St. Cecilia Guild,

We are excited to announce the third season of St. Cecilia Guild at St. Peter's Church. This season builds on the success of the previous seasons and introduces several new ensembles, from Delaware and beyond. Our resident ensemble, the Lewes Chamber Players, will again perform a five-concert series. Please check out the list of the 2018–19 concerts.

St. Cecilia Guild is an outreach ministry of the music program at St. Peter's whose mission is to present high-quality musical events not heard elsewhere in our area, augmenting St. Peter's tradition of fine Anglican choral music. Because we believe these events should be accessible to everyone in our community, all programs sponsored by St. Cecilia Guild are offered free of charge. It is only through the generosity of you, our donors and friends, that we are able to offer this gift of music. We ask that you take a moment and consider making a financial gift to the Guild so that we may continue to enrich the musical lives of those in our community. A contribution envelope is enclosed with this brochure.

The Guild thanks you for your support. You are the reason that world-class music is available free of charge to our area. As always, we look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

Sincerely,

The Standing Committee of St. Cecilia Guild

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SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

2:00 P.M.

Lewes Chamber Players: Music for Two Harpsichords

The third season of St. Cecilia Guild begins with the always-popular Lewes Chamber Players. Members are Lewes locals: Sylvia Davis Ahramjian (violin), Ovidiu Marinescu (cello), and St. Peter's Music Minister, T.J. Thomas (organ, piano, harpsichord). This will be the first of five performances by the group this season. Joining LCP for this concert will be artists from West Chester University: Anna Kislitsyna (piano/harpsichord), Felicia Reilly (viola), Hanna Choi (violin), and Hyewon Jo (cello). The program features J.S. Bach's *Concerto for Two Harpsichords*, BWV 1060, played on two instruments built by Lewes resident Gerald Kaplan.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

2:00 P.M.

Albright College Choirs

The Albright Angels and Mane Men, directed by Adlai Binger, are two groups comprised of students attending Albright College in Reading, PA. Founded about 20 years ago, the ensembles were formed at the request of students who wanted to express themselves through their common joy of singing. St. Cecilia Guild is pleased to welcome these choirs back to Lewes. Their performances are always engaging and entertaining.

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

2:00 P.M.

Lewes Chamber Players: Arias: Baroque to Romantic

The Lewes Chamber Players will be joined by guest vocalist Dr. James Wilson (bass) for a wonderfully wide-ranging program that includes Bach arias, traditional Scottish music, and Romanian music for violin and cello. Dr. Wilson is Associate Professor of Music at Wesley College in Dover, DE, and conductor of the Delaware Choral Society and Kent Chamber Choir.



Events

DECEMBER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:00 P.M.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Modeled on the pattern of the famous service at King's College, Cambridge, this carol service focuses on the holy anticipation of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Lessons from the Hebrew prophets are joined with Advent carols and anthems to form a liturgy of yearning, hope, and joy.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated in several services of Holy Eucharist, each with Christmas carols, anthems, and instrumental music:

5:00 p.m.	Family Service with Children's Pageant
7:00 p.m.	Festal Eucharist with Handbells
9:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with Contemplative Music (Parish Hall)
11:00 p.m.	Festal Choral Eucharist with Adult Choir, Prelude begins at 10:30

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 A.M.

Christmas Day

Festal Eucharist with Congregational Carols

Sung Compline

At St. Peter's, Lewes we offer the office of Sung Compline on the first Thursday of the month at 8:45 P.M. year round. The Office of Compline is contemplative in nature and allows worshipers to experience the Divine in ancient texts sung to plainsong chant as well as reverent silence.

September 6

October 4 – St. Francis of Assisi, Friar

November 1 – All Saints' Day

December 6 – St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra

January 3

February 7

March 7 – Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs at Carthage

April 4 – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

May 2 – St. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria

June 6

July 4 – Independence Day

August 1 – St. Joseph of Arimathea

JANUARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

2:00 P.M.

Lewes Chamber Players: Journeys and Meditations

Join the Lewes Chamber Players for a trip through the musical timeline that includes the famous Albinoni *Adagio*, a duo for violin and cello by Mozart, tangos, Arvo Pärt's *Fratres*, violin and organ solos, and more.

MARCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

2:00 P.M.

Lewes Chamber Players: Trio Casals

Back again for the third year, Trio Casals features pianist Anna Kislitsyna as they present arrangements by Jan Bastiaans of Melodic Offerings on J.S. Bach for piano, organ, violin and cello, followed by Russian Ballet Music with selections from the *Nutcracker*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *Petrushka*. Concluding this performance will be the romantic chamber composition of Anton Arenskys: *Piano Trio in D minor* for violin, cello and piano.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 P.M.

Celtic Harvest

Celtic Harvest is the essence of a night in a cozy pub in the far reaches of Ireland, Scotland, Newfoundland, and Cape Breton, or wherever the four winds have blown the tunes and songs of those fearsome islands. Formed twenty one years ago, these musical friends have been delighting concert and festival audiences throughout the Delmarva region with their performances of traditional and original material. Celtic Harvest is Kathy Doyle (piano and vocals), Bob Frazier (guitar and vocals), Jan Crumpley (concertina, flute, whistle), Jim McGiffin (bass, banjo, silly songs), and Mike Nielsen (harp, bouzouki, not-silly-at-all songs). Their sets are eclectic and cover a wide range of emotions and tempos. It's the perfect way to kick off your St. Patrick's weekend.

Dr. David Flood, Anglican Musician in Residence

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 – SUNDAY, MARCH 31

St. Peter's is thrilled to welcome Dr. David Flood, Director of Music at Canterbury Cathedral, back to Lewes for the 6th time as our 2019 Anglican Musician in Residence. Dr. Flood has been Master of the Choristers and Cathedral Organist at Canterbury since 1988 during which time the choir of men and boys have toured and recorded extensively. Please join us for the following schedule of events during this special weekend:

Friday, March 29

7:00 p.m. Organ Recital by David Flood

Saturday, March 30

10:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal open to observers

Sunday, March 31

10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong followed by a reception for Dr. Flood

Holy Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 **8:00 & 10:00 A.M.**

Palm Sunday

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem is celebrated this day with shouts of "hosanna" that quickly turn to betrayal and suffering in St. Mark's account of the Passion of Our Lord. The Adult Choir sings at both liturgies, joined by a handbell procession at 10:00.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 **7:30 P.M.**

Tenebrae

In the midst of Holy Week we offer the monastic office of Tenebrae, translated "shadows" or "darkness." This is a contemplative liturgy featuring plainsong psalms, responsories, and a capella choral music.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 **7:00 P.M.**

Maundy Thursday

A service of Foot-Washing with Holy Eucharist begins the Great Paschal Triduum or Three Holy Days. Maundy Thursday celebrates Jesus' mandatum, "Love one another as I have loved you."

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 **12:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.**

Good Friday

The complete Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John is chanted at the 12:00 p.m. solemn liturgy. A contemplative Stations of the Cross is offered at 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 **7:00 P.M.**

The Great Vigil of Easter

The Paschal Triduum comes to its conclusion this night in the "royal feast of feasts." The Easter fire is kindled, the *Exsultet* sung, lessons of salvation history read, and first Eucharist of Easter celebrated. A brass quintet of students from the University of Delaware accompanies this liturgy.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 **8:00 & 10:00 A.M.**

Easter Day

Festal services of Holy Eucharist are celebrated at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the church, both with choir and brass quintet. A family service of Holy Eucharist is also celebrated at 10:00 in the parish hall.

APRIL

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 **2:00 P.M.**

Lewes Chamber Players: Flute Gems

LCP's season concludes with guest flautist Susanna Loewy, teaching artist for the Philadelphia Orchestra and faculty member of Kutztown University. Susanna will join Sylvia, Ovidiu, and T.J. in works by Jacques Ibert, J.S. Bach, Eugene Bozza, and a world premiere by Los Angeles based composer Giovanni Piacentini.



MAY

THURSDAY, MAY 30

7:00 P.M.

Ascension Day Evensong

As we approach the end of the Guild's season the church observes the Ascension of Our Lord forty days after Easter Day. Sussex County Episcopal Church choirs combine to sing a service of Choral Evensong at St. Peter's. Singers from St. John's, Milton; All Saints' and St. George's, Rehoboth Beach; St. Martha's, Bethany Beach; and St. Peter's, Lewes will form the massed choir. A festive reception follows in the parish hall to welcome our guests and celebrate the Ascension.

JUNE

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

4:00 P.M.

Rainbow Chorale of Delaware

The Rainbow Chorale of Delaware is an inclusive, non-profit community chorus that provides LGBTQ individuals, with their friends and allies, the opportunity to perform high quality choral music in an affirming environment that serves as a positive force for change. Directed by Arreon Harley, the ensemble reflects the diversity of our singers and audience, embraces a wide variety of musical styles and genres including pop, folk, classical, musical theater, and others. Learning and performing music from many traditions is an important way to engage with our own culture and customs as well as to explore traditions that are different from our own. St. Cecilia Guild is proud to host the Rainbow Chorale at the beginning of Pride Month 2019.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

7:00 P.M.

American Choral Directors Association Concert

For six years St. Peter's has been the proud host of the Delaware chapter of the American Choral Directors Association's summer meeting. ACDA members are choral directors in schools, churches, and community choirs around the state. Opening the chapter's 2019 meeting will be a performance by a Delaware choir. Check the Guild's website in early 2019 for an announcement of the selected ensemble.





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