



St. Mary's Church

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Dear Colleague:

We are writing to personally invite you to bring your choirs – singers in grades 4-12 to the Pueri Cantores Mixed Voice Festival on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at St. Mary's Church in Newport, RI. This very special event is for complete ensembles who can then return home to share their music with their schools and parishes.

Established in 1828, St. Mary's Church is the oldest Catholic parish in the Diocese of Providence. Our neo-gothic church building was designed by Patrick Keeley and completed in 1852; it remains one of the most beautiful edifices in New England. Throughout the years, St. Mary's has made its place in history. Perhaps the most famous moment in the parish's history took place on September 12, 1953 when Jacqueline Lee Bouvier was married to then-Senator John Fitzgerald Kennedy (later the 35th President) at St. Mary's Church, Newport. Archbishop Richard Cushing (later Cardinal Cushing) of Boston performed the ceremony, and, over the three years that Kennedy held office, when he and the First Lady spent weekends in Newport, they attended Sunday Mass at St. Mary's Church. Today, one of the many defining strengths of our Parish is our robust music program. We are proud to share our musical heritage with all of you as we look to a bright future in Catholic music.

The City of Newport also has much to offer. The *City by the Sea* is an international tourist destination steeped in history. From the oldest Synagogue in the United States, to the enormous mansions of gilded age society, to breathtaking Newport Harbor, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

This regional festival attracts parish and school choirs from several dioceses, is directed by a nationally recognized conductor, and offers 8 professional development credits to participating directors.

Please click on the image below to download the informational flyer and register now! Music is downloadable on the AFPC website at www.pcchoirs.org and available at a 25% discount from Loser's Music which extends this discount to ALL music ordered for the participating choir throughout the year.

Please contact me with any questions or call the AFPC office with inquiries at 714.633.7554. You may also send emails to info@pcchoirs.org. We're looking forward to hosting you and your singers!

Sincerely,

Rev. Kris von Malusky
Pastor

Mr. Cody W. Mead
Director of Music

*The mission of St. Mary's Church is to continue the work of Jesus Christ
through worship, education, stewardship and service.*