

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH – MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
2016-2017 DIOCESAN LITURGICAL EVENTS
LITURGICAL AND REHEARSAL CALENDAR FOR DIOCESAN FESTIVAL CHOIR

- Joining and supplementing the Cathedral Parish Choir, the **Diocesan Festival Choir** (DFC) provides music for major Diocesan liturgies and other events at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph and throughout the Diocese of Manchester. Choirs are also convened for priest’s funerals celebrated at the Cathedral.
- All liturgies are at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 145 Lowell Street (Manchester) unless noted.
- The Diocesan Festival Choir typically rehearses on Monday evenings in the choir loft of the Cathedral. Please access the Cathedral via the Bishop Bradley Lane entrance or the *middle* set of front doors.
- Choir members are encouraged to notify Mr. Eric Bermani, Director of Music/Organist, when absences occur. Please call the Cathedral music office at 603-622-6404, x31 or e-mail at EBermani@stjosephcathedralnh.org.
- Should a scheduled rehearsal need to be canceled due to a significant weather emergency, choir members will receive an e-mail. A message will also be left on the music office extension.
- Choir members are encouraged to bring tape recorders to rehearsal to facilitate learning music. Most of the choral music may be found on the Internet on such sites as YouTube and CyberBass.
- Choir members should purchase a binder and alphabetical tab index to help organize music.
- The DFC has open enrollment throughout the year. Potential choristers should contact the Director of Music to obtain a registration form, calendar and to schedule a brief interview/audition.
- Beginning in the fall of 2016, the choir will be vested in albs for all liturgies. However, on occasion, the dress may require women to wear either white tops and black bottoms or all black (“concert black”). Men may wear a dark colored suit with appropriate tie.

July 2016

Summer Hiatus

August 2016

Summer Hiatus

September 2016

Monday 5 September	<i>Labor Day / No Rehearsals</i>	
Monday 12 September	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Monday 19 September	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Monday 26 September	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

October 2016

Monday 3 October	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Monday 10 October	<i>Columbus Day / No Rehearsals</i>	
Tuesday 11 October	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 13 October	Red Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Bedford	5:15 p.m.
Monday 17 October	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Monday 24 October	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Sunday 30 October	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time / Fall Adult Confirmation	2:00 p.m.
Monday 31 October	<i>No DFC Rehearsal</i>	

November 2016

Monday 7 November Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Monday 14 November – Monday 21 November:
Cathedral Choir and Diocesan Festival Choir Pilgrimage to Rome
Pontifical Mass with Pope Francis, Sunday 20 November (Solemnity of Christ the King)

Thursday 24 November ***Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!***
Monday 28 November Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

December 2016

Monday 5 December Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Friday 9 December Advent Lessons and Carols – Cathedral Chamber Singers 7:00 p.m.
Monday 12 December Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 14 December Dress Rehearsal for Messiah 6:00 p.m.
Friday 16 December *Christmas at the Cathedral: Handel's Messiah* 7:30 p.m.
Sunday 25 December ***Merry Christmas!***

January 2017

Winter Hiatus

February 2017

Monday 13 February Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Monday 20 February ***President's Day / No DFC Rehearsal***
Tuesday 21 February Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Monday 27 February Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 5 March Lent I / Rites of Election 2:00 p.m.
Monday 6 March Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Monday 13 March Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Monday 20 March Solemnity of Saint Joseph 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 21 March Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Monday 27 March Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

April 2017

Monday 3 April Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Thursday 6 April Annual White Mass (Mass for Health Care Professionals) 6:00 p.m.
Monday 10 April Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal *if needed* 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 11 April Tuesday of Holy Week / Chrism Mass 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 12 April Office of Tenebrae – Cathedral Chamber Singers 7:30 p.m.
Monday 17 April ***No DFC Rehearsal***
Sunday 23 April Spring Adult Confirmation 2:00 p.m.
Monday 24 April Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

May 2017

Monday 1 May ***No DFC Rehearsal***
Friday 5 May Rivier University Baccalaureate Mass (St. Joseph, Nashua) 6:00 p.m.
Monday 8 May Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Monday 15 May Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Monday 22 May Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Monday 29 May ***Memorial Day / No Rehearsals***
Tuesday 30 May Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

June 2017

Saturday 3 June

Ordination to the Order of Presbyter
Summer Hiatus

10:00 a.m.

July 2017

Summer Hiatus

August 2017

Summer Hiatus

Monday 28 August

Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal

7:00 p.m.

September 2017

Monday 4 September

Tuesday 5 September

Saturday 9 September

[Additional Dates TBA]

Labor Day / No DFC Rehearsal

Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate

7:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.



Thank You