

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH – MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
2017-2018 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.
- Music scores are the property of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph and are on loan to each chorister. Choristers are expected to obtain their own copy of the Novello (Watkins/Shaw, ed) of Handel’s Messiah.
- Choir members should purchase a binder and alphabetical tab index to help organize music.
- 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.
- Choristers wear black choral albs for all liturgies. Incoming choristers must order their own alb through the ecclesiastical tailor. 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.
- 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.

July 2017

Summer Hiatus

August 2017

Monday 28 August	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
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September 2017

Monday 4 September	<i>Labor Day / No Rehearsals</i>	
Tuesday 5 September	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 9 September	Ordination to the Order of Permanent Diaconate	10:00 a.m.
	Religious Jubilee / Vigil of 23 rd Sunday in OT	4:00 p.m.
Monday 11 September	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 18 September	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 25 September	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

October 2017

Monday 2 October	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 9 October	<i>Columbus Day / No Rehearsals</i>	
Tuesday 10 October	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 14 October	Ordination to the Order of Presbyter (Saint Anselm)	11:00 a.m.
Sunday 15 October	Wedding Anniversary Liturgy	2:00 p.m.

October 2017, Continued

Monday 16 October	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 23 October	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 26 October	Red Mass (joined by Northeast Catholic College Choir)	5:15 p.m.
Monday 30 October	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

November 2017

Sunday 5 November	Fall Adult Confirmation	2:00 p.m.
Monday 6 November	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 13 November	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 20 November	No Rehearsal	
Wednesday 22 November	Feast of St. Cecilia – Happy Feast Day!	
Thursday 23 November	Thanksgiving Day – Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!	
Monday 27 November	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

December 2017

Monday 4 December	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Saturday 9 December	Advent Lessons and Carols w/ Cathedral Chamber Singers	7:00 p.m.
Monday 11 December	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday 13 December	Dress Rehearsal for <i>Messiah</i>	6:00 p.m.
Friday 15 December	<i>Christmas at the Cathedral: Handel's Messiah</i>	7:30 p.m.
Monday 25 December	Christmas Day – Merry Christmas!	

January 2018

Monday 22 January	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 29 January	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

February 2018

Monday 5 February	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 12 February	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Sunday 18 February	First Sunday of Lent / Rite of Election	2:00 p.m.
Monday 19 February	President's Day / No Rehearsal	
Tuesday 20 February	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Monday 26 February	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

March 2018

Monday 5 March	No Rehearsal	
Monday 12 March	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 19 March	Solemnity of Saint Joseph	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 20 March	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 27 March	Tuesday of Holy Week / Chrism Mass	6:00 p.m.

April 2018

Sunday 1 April	Easter Sunday – Happy Easter!	
Monday 9 April	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday 11 April	White Mass (Mass for Healthcare Professionals)	6:00 p.m.
Sunday 15 April	Spring Adult Confirmation	2:00 p.m.
Monday 16 April	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 23 April	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 30 April	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

May 2018

Monday 7 May
Friday 11 May
Monday 14 May
Monday 21 May
Saturday 26 May

No Rehearsal

Rivier University Baccalaureate, St. Joseph the Worker 6:00 p.m.
Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate 10:00 a.m.

Summer Hiatus

June 2018

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July 2018

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August 2018

Summer Hiatus



Thank You