

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH – MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
2018-2019 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 2018

Tuesday 17 July	Concert: “Singing A New Song to the Lord” Summer Hiatus	7:30 p.m.
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August 2018

Monday 27 August	Diocesan Festival Choir Rehearsal (DFC)	7:30 p.m.
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September 2018

Monday 3 September	Labor Day / No DFC Rehearsal	
Tuesday 4 September	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 8 September	Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate Religious Jubilee	10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
Monday 10 September	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 17 September	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 24 September	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

October 2018

Monday 1 October	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 8 October	Columbus Day / No DFC Rehearsal	
Tuesday 9 October	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Monday 15 October	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

October 2018, Continued

Thursday 18 October	Red Mass	5:15 p.m.
Sunday 21 October	Wedding Anniversary Mass	2:00 p.m.
Monday 22 October	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 29 October	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

November 2018

Sunday 4 November	Daylight Savings Time Ends Fall Adult Confirmation	2:00 p.m.
Monday 5 November	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 12 November	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 19 November	NO DFC REHEARSAL	
Thursday 22 November	Thanksgiving Day – Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving! Feast of Saint Cecilia – Patron Saint of Music and Musicians	
Monday 26 November	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

December 2018

Monday 3 December	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Friday 7 December	Advent Lessons and Carols (Cathedral Chamber Singers)	7:30 p.m.
Monday 10 December	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 12 December	Dress Rehearsal for “Messiah”	6:00 p.m.
Friday 14 December	Christmas at the Cathedral: Handel’s <i>Messiah</i>	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 25 December	Christmas – Merry Christmas!	

January 2019

No rehearsals or liturgical events [winter break]

February 2019

Monday 4 February	NO DFC REHEARSAL	
Monday 11 February	NO DFC REHEARSAL	
Monday 18 February	NO DFC REHEARSAL	
Monday 25 February	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

March 2019

Monday 4 March	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Sunday 10 March	First Sunday of Lent / Rites of Election	2:00 p.m.
Monday 11 March	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 18 March	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 19 March	Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the BVM	6:00 p.m.
Monday 25 March	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

April 2019

Monday 1 April	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 8 April	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 15 April	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal <i>if needed</i>	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 16 April	Tuesday of Holy Week – Chrism Mass	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 17 April	Office of Tenebrae (Cathedral Chamber Singers)	7:30 p.m.
Sunday 21 April	Easter Sunday – Happy and Blessed Easter!	
Monday 22 April	NO DFC REHEARSAL	
Wednesday 24 April	Annual White Mass (Healthcare Professionals)	6:00 p.m.
Sunday 28 April	Spring Adult Confirmation	2:00 p.m.
Monday 29 April	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

May 2019

Monday 6 – Wednesday 8	Spring Presbyteral Convocation: Whitefield, NH	
Monday 6 May	NO DFC REHEARSAL	
Friday 10 May	Rivier University Bacclaireate, St. Joseph the Worker	4:00 p.m.
Monday 13 May	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Monday 20 May	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 25 May	Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday 28 May	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

June 2019

Saturday 1 June	Ordination to the Order of Presbyter	10:00 a.m.
	<u>Summer Hiatus</u>	

July 2019

Summer hiatus

August 2019

Summer hiatus



Thank You