



Sacred Heart Music Society

**The Music Society of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church**  
Spring Grove, PA

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**About Our Organization**

The Sacred Heart Music Society draws together parishioners with musical talent or interest and strives to provide activities such as concerts or sing-alongs for the community that would be fun and may have fundraising potential for the parish.

To become a member: Use the Sacred Heart parish "Organ" envelopes or designate "Organ" on the Sacred Heart Parish on line giving. Then contact the Olesons or the Sacred Heart parish office and tell us you want to be a member of the society. In that way we will be sure to include you in music society events and you can be assured that your Organ related gifts will be tracked for eventual recognition when you attain the \$100 goal.

**From the Editor**

By Fred Oleson

Welcome to new members of the Sacred Heart Music Society. This month we have added 3 additional families to our membership. Thank you for your support. Speaking for society members, we are very grateful that Dave Fetters our choir director was not seriously injured in the auto accident that occurred at the end of December. Dave puts in a tremendous amount of effort preparing the choir for the weekly 7:45 AM Sunday Mass and for special songs presented at the holidays. He has been able to continue to lead the choir even after a car accident and hip operation. One of our choir members Carla Kolasa was also involved in an auto accident over the holidays. She sustained injuries but is now recuperating and will be singing at the January 14<sup>th</sup> 7:45 AM Mass.

This is the fourth Sacred Heart Music Society monthly newsletter. If *you* have a music related topic you would like discussed, please plan to either submit an article to be published, or supply the information for the story by February 4<sup>th</sup>, and we will then include it in the next edition.

## Membership

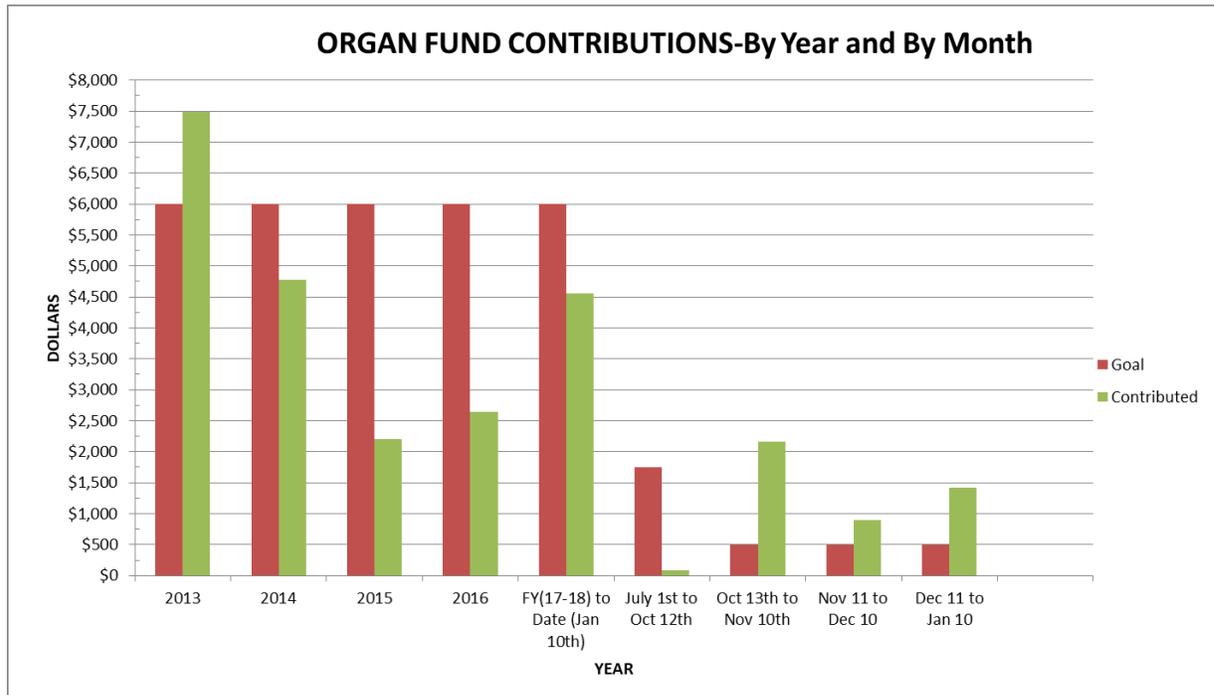
As of January 10<sup>th</sup> we have 28 parish families and 1 organization (Sacred Heart Council of Knights of Columbus) who have become members of the music society. At this point the core team of the society continues as Fred Oleson as chairman, Diane Oleson as the co-chair, and Cecile Fetters as the society's liaison with the Sacred Heart Parish Council and Dave Fetters as technical advisor.

We would like to establish a Music Society Planning Committee that would meet at regular intervals to plan special events such as concerts. Several of the newer members have strong backgrounds in music and organizing and we hope some may eventually decide to participate on the planning committee.

In surveying the music society membership we found that we have some members interested in classical church music and some more interested in contemporary Christian folk-rock type music. Both are fine ways to praise the Lord. If you have an interest in a specific type of religious music that you would like to promote, please contribute an article to this newsletter, or join the planning committee to help set up an event related to your interest.

## Fundraising:

The music society has set a fund raising goal of \$6,000 per year for the next 10 years. We are tracking these contributions on a monthly basis using the bar chart shown below.

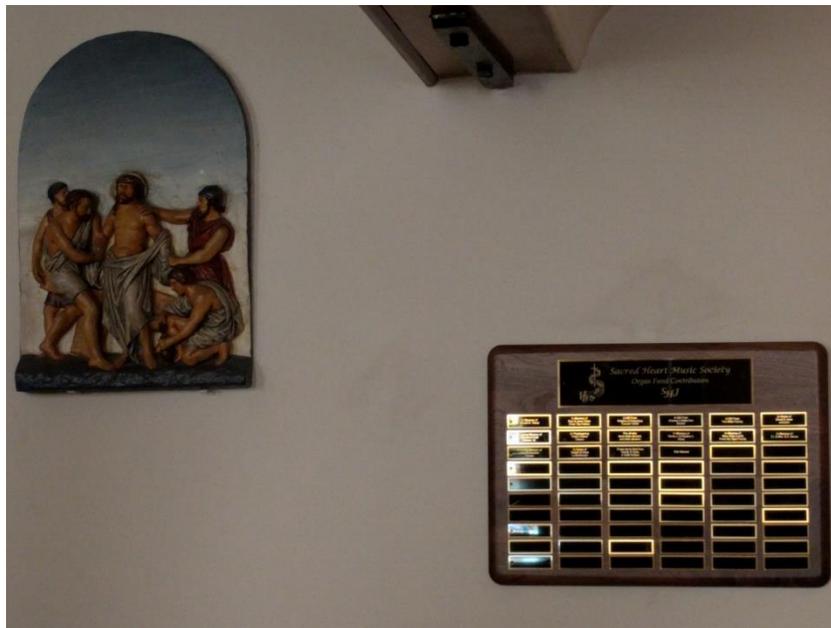


For the fiscal year that began on July 1, 2017 (2017-2018) as of January 10<sup>th</sup> we have collected \$4557 in music designated contributions. As of last month's newsletter

(December 10<sup>th</sup>) the cumulative donations stood at \$3142. Therefore in the 4 weeks since the last newsletter, \$1415. in music designated funds were collected. This continues the positive momentum that began in October of this year. Thank you to all who helped make that happen.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Father Hoke announced that an anonymous benefactor has come forward and offered to contribute \$3.00 for every \$1.00 raised through contributions to the music society. This 3 to 1 match is to occur at the *end* of the 2017 fiscal year (July 1, 2018). Therefore the cumulative to date donations do not include the matching dollars.

Over this past month, 5 families made donations that met the cumulative \$100 goal for recognition of family, or a loved one on the Music Society plaque.



**Photo 1: The Music Society Donors Plaque placed on the right side wall of Sacred Heart Church.**

The original plan was to add new plates to the plaque in March, June, September and December of 2018. However if we can obtain the engraving information from all 5 additional \$100 donors by the end of January, the new plates will be added to the plaque in February.

When you have made your contribution, please contact Diane Oleson and provide the details for the engraving to recognize your family's gift (please use form in Figure 1 below). We ask you to use the form to ensure the spelling is correct and to confirm the message. A line to opt out of being listed on the plaque has been added so you won't be contacted unnecessarily.

**Sacred Heart Music Society**  
**Engraving Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

In case of a question, the person to contact and their telephone number is:  
\_\_\_\_\_

You are welcome to use any variety of words for your recognition, some examples are:

A Gift From...	In Honor of...
In Memory of...	Honoring...
In Thanksgiving...	To Celebrate the...

**Guidelines**

1. Text can be up to 3 lines, they will be centered.
2. Engraving will be brass against black.
3. Each line can be no more than 22 characters and spaces.
4. Please complete each engraving line below, print clearly.

**Text:**

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

**Examples:**

In Memory of John & Jane Doe By the Fawn Family	A Gift From The Jones Family
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Donations must be made to the Parish office using online giving designated for the organ fund or using the yellow organ envelopes. For each donation of \$100 to the "Organ Fund", parishioners can have their names, or the name of a loved one engraved on the plaque.

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT wish to have any recognition on the plaque. Please let me know this as well.

**Return this information to:**  
Diane Oleson  
(717) 792-3263  
diane.oleson@gmail.com

Figure 1: Form for engraving instructions.

## Special Events

People enjoy going to events. Even though we are raising money, we may as well have fun doing it. A variety of ideas for music oriented events have been suggested. To do an event takes quite a bit of planning and definitely requires several people. Therefore we invite people with ideas for concerts, or sing alongs to contact us and tell us that you would like to be on the planning committee.

During January we will be organizing an organ concert at Sacred Heart Church that would be performed by Rose Tiehel's son who is an accomplished organist. The timing for the concert would be around Easter (April) of 2018. The group working on planning this concert is Fred and Diane Oleson, Rose Tiehel and Cecile Fetters. If it appears there might be an opportunity to dovetail this concert with a dinner, we may approach our Knights of Columbus council to organize the dinner.

Regina Siple who plays the piano at the 11 AM Mass at the Parish Center leads a West York School singing group "Legacy". Regina has indicated that we might be able to arrange a concert showcasing her group and potentially a student singing group from Spring Grove. The choral concert would likely be held at the parish center. We may attempt to plan this activity for either March, or May of this year.

Dave Fetters our choir director has suggested we could hold a music festival. The music festival would also likely be held at the parish center. Diane Oleson thinks it would be fun to have this music festival in conjunction with a parish ice cream social. Therefore this activity would probably occur in the June/July time frame.

These activities would be great opportunities to bring the parish community together for an enjoyable day, or evening. Each event will need a planning committee of at least 4 people to organize them. Therefore we need at least 2 or 3 more people to join our current core team to form a planning committee and begin to work to make at least one of these concerts a reality. Please consider offering your time and talent to be a member of one of these committees.

## **Special Interest Articles**

A newsletter that only discussed membership and fundraising might end up being pretty dull. If you have a story to tell, or a piece of information to relate that is germane to church music, this is the part of the newsletter where you may submit an article for publication.

### **Allen Organ Used in Papal Christmas Mass**

By: Fred Oleson

At 8 PM Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart, Dave Fetters mentioned that he had heard that St. Peter's Basilica in Rome would be using an Allen Organ for this year's Papal Christmas midnight Mass. This was of interest to us because the organ we use at Sacred Heart is a similar Allen (electronic) Organ, although ours has less extensive audio embellishments than that installed in the Vatican. I decided that this would make a good topic for the special interest article for our January newsletter. Therefore I did some research on the internet and found an article written by a Lehigh Valley [Macungie, PA (near Allentown)] newspaper "Morning Call". Macungie is the home of the Allen manufacturing facility. The story below is a paraphrased version of that article.

I think this article points out the internationally recognized rich sound, scalability and flexibility of Allen organs and the long term benefits from our parish's ownership of such an instrument.

[The Allen Organ at the Vatican made its debut on December 24, 2017 at the Mass During the Night (popularly known as "Midnight Mass," though it oftentimes begins before midnight) celebrated by Pope Francis. The challenge of filling St. Peter's Basilica with organ music came about only after the Second Vatican Council. Before Vatican II, papal celebrations were held in the Sistine Chapel, and the problem with broadcasting internationally or using microphones didn't exist.

Allen Organ President Steven A. Markowitz said "My business is supplying organs to all different denominations so in that role of an organ builder, when I deal with the highest level of music, no matter the denomination, it's an honor." More than 70,000 Allen organs can be found in more than 70 countries.

The Allen Company had provided organs for papal Masses in the U.S. and other countries, including in 2015 at Madison Square Garden in New York City during Pope Francis' U.S. visit.

Markowitz said his company's organ caught the attention of the director of the Sistine Chapel Choir, whose roots date to the first centuries of the church. During a U.S. tour in September, choir officials rented an Allen organ for a concert in Detroit. He said the choir maestro, Monsignor Massimo Palombella, was so impressed by the sound that he had someone from the group contact the Macungie, PA organ maker.



**Photo 2: The new Allen organ that is now in use in St. Peters Basilica at the Vatican.**

The previous organ in St. Peter's was connected to numerous pipes located on two sides of the front of the church. It was too loud in front but not loud enough for the rest of the church. Markowitz said the new Allen organ is a good fit for St. Peter's sanctuary, which struggles with "musical coordination."

The Allen organ now installed at the Vatican was made by many of Allen's 175 employees at its Locust Street facility, contains a "flexible audio system," with speakers and audio outputs that help the sounds fill the church's vast halls.

The Allen Company, founded in 1937 in Allentown by Jerome Markowitz, Steven's father, is still managed by the Markowitz family. The organ that is used in the Allentown Diocese's mother church, the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena is also an Allen Organ.]

## **To Listen To The Wanamaker Organ At Home**

Information Provided by: Dave Fetters

In last month's newsletter, Dave Fetters provided information on the Wanamaker pipe organ located in Philadelphia, PA. I have reprinted his references that would allow you to listen to that organ at home on a weekly basis.

On the internet, music from the Wanamaker organ is played live on the first Sunday of each month at 5:00 pm at "[WRTI.org](http://WRTI.org)"

It is also played live on the internet each Wednesday at 7:00 pm at "[YesterdayUSA.com](http://YesterdayUSA.com)"