



# Adult Choir

- Join us to learn new music for the approaching Advent & Christmas season, and if you'd like to continue, or as your schedule permits, into Lent and Easter.
- The need for additional voices is greater than ever to insure coverage at all Masses.
- Open to registered adult parishioners "18 and graduated" and older. You are invited to participate at your regular Mass of choice, and on special occasions with the entire adult ensemble. Communication is generally by email to the group.
- Our goal is to have a capable choir group at each weekend Mass. By meeting this objective, we can effectively lead the congregation in song with a strong melody, but with more members, we can sing multiple parts, produce more complex arrangements, and be more fully prepared for special liturgical celebrations such as those during Christmas, Easter, First Communion, Confirmation, etc. In order to achieve this, we need additional choir members at all of the weekend Masses.
- There are opportunities for those who are proficient in voice and able to lead the community in song as Cantors (song leaders). Those serving in this role are utilized as available. Attendance at practice, and early arrival are required for this role.
- Those blessed with the gift of being able to play an instrument are welcome to share their talents in this group. Some instruments are needed on a regular basis, while others may only be needed seasonally. An audition may be required. Not all instruments are deemed suitable for sacred music.
- Rehearsals are on selected Wednesday evenings at 6:50 p.m. Rehearsal generally ends by 8:30 p.m., sometimes earlier, if we have successfully mastered the material, but can extend to beyond 9:00 p.m. during weeks leading up to major feasts. We do review and warm up prior to each Mass, but this should not to be used as a substitute for regular attendance at Thursday rehearsal.
- We cease our pre-Mass warm up & review 10-15 minutes before Mass to allow parishioners time for silent prayer and reflection. During this silent period, we ask choir members to be quiet and respectful so as not to distract those in prayer. If socializing is necessary, we ask for that to be conducted in the choir room.

Please feel free to discuss any questions you might have directly with Mark Cowen, Director of Music after any of the weekend Masses, or by phone 513-850-5023 or email [mcowen@stphilipmorrow.org](mailto:mcowen@stphilipmorrow.org)