

Saint Joseph's Music Ministries

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Membership in the Music Ministries of St. Joseph's Church in Somers, offers you the opportunity to let music become a part of your gift to God. There is a musical ensemble that is right for any age to share in the joys of worshiping and serving God through music. What's more, you will experience spiritual, personal and musical growth. Although musical excellence is strived for, our priority is for each individual to be nurtured in the love of God and to know the importance of leading the congregation in "Making a Joyful Noise unto the Lord". Contact the music office for information on registering for any of our choirs:

Sanctuary Choir * is an ensemble who appreciate and share in the love of the deep Roman Catholic tradition of Sacred Music, and dedicate themselves to enriching the worship experience for the entire worshipping assembly. Members are adults of all ages. Our Sanctuary Choir will sing every Sunday at the 10:00am Liturgy. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm, and last about an hour and a half. In addition to preparing and presenting music every Sunday at the 10:00am Liturgy from September through May, the choir presents an annual Advent-Christmas concert, and sings for all the Solemnities and most solemn Feast Days of the Liturgical Year. New members are always welcome!



Chapel Choir * is a select, auditioned, 'chamber' vocal group, ages 16 and over, who appreciate the challenge of performing the musically challenging accompanied and unaccompanied choral works of Gregorian Chant, Renaissance and polyphonic music of the Church. Rehearsals scheduled seasonally.

Youth Ensemble * is a vocal and instrumental ensemble for children in grades 3 through 8. This program develops musical skills such as part-singing and vocal development and presents a varied repertoire of age appropriate sacred and **liturgical** music. The Youth Ensemble will sing at the 12:00noon liturgy on the third Sunday of each month from September through May. Rehearsals will be from 5:45-6:30 pm on Tuesdays, also from September through May. (This time and day may be subject to change.) The Ensemble will also prepare and sing for certain other occasions throughout the liturgical year. New members (singers and musicians) are always welcome!





SomersNights * is an ensemble for anyone in high school and older who enjoys learning, singing and playing a repertoire of contemporary liturgical music. The program will include music fundamentals, and welcomes both singers as well as musicians who want to share their love for God and His people through song. Instrumentalists are ALWAYS needed, particularly anyone who plays the keyboard, brass, string or woodwind instrument, guitar, drums, etc. *SomersNights* will perform Sunday evenings at the 6:00pm liturgy, and will rehearse as scheduled on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. New members are always welcome!

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For more information about any of our choirs or music ministries, contact Joseph Nigro, the Director of Sacred Music at 914-318-3268, email at sjcsmusic95@gmail.com, or visit the parish website at stjosephsomers.org.

Three good reasons for you to join the Music Ministries:

1. You LOVE to sing and want to praise God in song and make a joyful sound unto the Lord!
2. You want to contribute to the spiritual and musical life of your parish.
3. You want to have a rewarding, musical, religious and social experience.

Three bad reasons for not joining our Music Ministry:

1. It takes too much time!
2. I can't sing well enough and don't read music!
3. They don't need me!

Did you know.....



- ✓ Our liturgical ensembles rehearse for about an hour and a half each week during the choir season, with summers off!! Where else can you get such a great feeling for the sharing of your talents using such a small investment of time and effort?
- ✓ If you can carry a tune, you will be a great contributor; your ability to read music is of secondary importance.
- ✓ Younger or older, or in between, experienced or novice, high voice or low – the more, the merrier!
- ✓ If you're an advanced singer or musician, extra chamber and vocal groups can be created to use your talents and take the music repertoire to the next level!

*“Praise the Lord
Praise Him with trumpet sound
Praise Him with harp and lyre
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!”
-Psalm 150*