

A nighttime photograph of a brick church with a tall steeple, illuminated by warm lights. The church features Gothic-style windows and a red door. In the foreground, several gravestones are visible in a cemetery. The sky is dark, and the overall atmosphere is serene and quiet.

2017–2018 SEASON

ST. CECILIA GUILD

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lewes, Delaware

Dear Friends of St. Cecilia Guild,

We are pleased to share with you the 2017–18 season program of St. Cecilia Guild at St. Peter's Church. The Guild's second season builds on the success of last year's inaugural season and introduces several new Delaware-based ensembles. Our resident ensemble, the Lewes Chamber Players, will again perform a 5-concert series. Two jazz performances are offered with quartets led by Eric Mintel on October 13 (coinciding with the Rehoboth Beach Jazz Festival) and Norm Freeman on May 10.

St. Cecilia Guild is an outreach ministry of the music program whose mission is to present high-quality musical events not heard elsewhere in our area, augmenting St. Peter's tradition of fine Anglican choral music. We believe these events should be accessible to everyone in our community. All programs sponsored by St. Cecilia Guild are offered free of charge. It is only through the generosity of you, our donors and friends, that we are able to offer this gift of music. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a financial gift to the Guild so that we may continue to enrich the musical lives of those in our community. A contribution form is enclosed with this brochure.

Thank you for your support of St. Cecilia Guild. We look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

Sincerely,

The Standing Committee of St. Cecilia Guild

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Events



Eric Mintel Jazz Quartet



Lewes Chamber Players

Photo: Tara Casadei Hornick

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1

2:00 p.m.

Lewes Chamber Players: Crosscurrents

Lewes Chamber Players' second season starts with 3 charming folk tunes from Romania, an American minimalist trio by Diane Jones, and Josef Rheinberger's *Suite for Violin and Organ*.

Friday, October 13

7:00 p.m.

Eric Mintel Jazz Quartet

Looking for an alternative to the crowds during Rehoboth Beach Jazz Festival weekend? The Eric Mintel Quartet presents a program of jazz standards and fresh compositions. Boasting performance credits including the White House, Kennedy Center, and Marian McPartland's Piano Jazz on NPR, this is some of the best jazz in the Mid-Atlantic region.

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 12

3:00 p.m.

Lewes Chamber Players: Parlez-vous français?

Join us for a concert of spectacular French arias sung by internationally renowned countertenor Augustine Mercante, a Delaware resident. The new Hubbard harpsichord is featured in Rameau and Messiaen's religious devotion, beautifully expressed by the strings.

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 10

5:00 p.m.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Modeled after the famous service at King's College, Cambridge, this carol service focuses on the holy anticipation of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Lessons from the Hebrew prophets are joined with Advent carols and anthems to form a liturgy of yearning, hope, and joy.

Events

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated in several services of Holy Eucharist, each with Christmas carols, anthems, and instrumental music:

- 5:00 p.m. Family Service with Children's Pageant
- 7:00 p.m. Festal Eucharist with Handbells
- 9:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Contemplative Music (Parish Hall)
- 11:00 p.m. Festal Choral Eucharist with Adult Choir, Prelude begins at 10:30

Monday, December 25

9:00 a.m.

Christmas Day

Festal Eucharist with Congregational Carols

JANUARY

Sunday, January 28

2:00 p.m.

Lewes Chamber Players: Music for a Cold Afternoon

German Romanticism is juxtaposed with César Franck's passionate violin sonata. LCP are joined by guest pianist, Carl Cranmer.

MARCH

Sunday, March 4

2:00 p.m.

Lewes Chamber Players: Trio Casals *(sponsored by Thomas Crowley)*

Trio Casals returns with the amazing *Dumky Trio* by Dvořák and L. Peter Deutsch's trio inspired by the ocean. Don't miss the world premiere of Michael Kurek's *Joie de vivre* for violin, cello, piano, organ, and harpsichord.



Norm Freeman

Holy Week

Sunday, March 25 **8:00 & 10:00 a.m.**

Palm Sunday

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem is celebrated this day with shouts of "hosanna" that quickly turn to betrayal and suffering in St. Mark's account of the Passion of Our Lord. The Adult Choir sings at both liturgies, joined by a handbell procession at 10:00.

Wednesday, March 28 **7:30 p.m.**

Tenebrae

In the midst of Holy Week we offer the monastic office of Tenebrae, translated "shadows" or "darkness." This is a contemplative liturgy featuring plainsong psalms, responsories, and a capella choral music.

Thursday, March 29 **7:00 p.m.**

Maundy Thursday

A service of Foot-Washing with Holy Eucharist begins the Great Paschal Triduum or Three Holy Days. Maundy Thursday celebrates Jesus' *mandatum*, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Friday, March 30 **12:00 p.m.**

Good Friday

The complete Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John is chanted at the 12:00 p.m. solemn liturgy.

Saturday, March 31 **7:00 p.m.**

The Great Vigil of Easter

The Paschal Triduum comes to its conclusion this night in the "royal feast of feasts." The Easter fire is kindled, the Exsultet sung, lessons of salvation history read, and the first Eucharist of Easter celebrated. A brass quintet of graduate students from the University of Delaware accompanies this liturgy.

Sunday, April 1 **8:00 & 10:00 a.m.**

Easter Day

Festal services of Holy Eucharist are celebrated at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the church, both with choir and brass quintet. A family service of Holy Eucharist is also celebrated at 10:00 in the parish hall.

APRIL

Sunday, April 15 **4:00 p.m.**

Kent Chamber Choir

Directed by Dr. James Wilson, Kent Chamber Choir is an ensemble of accomplished singers from throughout Delaware, performing high-caliber music in the Kent County community, as well as other events throughout Delaware. KCC's program will feature Psalm settings from the Renaissance, Baroque, and Romantic eras as well as the 20th century.

Sunday, April 29 **2:00 p.m.**

Lewes Chamber Players: Old World / Fresh Sounds

Ricky Belcastro joins LCP to play the traditional Indian sitar in some of his own compositions. Also featured is Haydn's *Gypsy Rondo* trio and tangos with strings and keyboard.

Events

MAY

Saturday, May 5

2:00 p.m.

Capital Ringers

Based in Dover, Delaware, the community handbell ensemble, Capital Ringers, will perform their spring 2018 program under the direction of founder and artistic director, Linda Simms.

Thursday, May 10

7:00 p.m.

Jazz Vespers

The Rev. Norm Freeman is an Episcopal priest and professional musician who has performed with the New York Philharmonic and Barbra Streisand. Fr. Norm and his jazz quartet return to St. Peter's to lead a service of Jazz Vespers for the Feast of the Ascension.

Sunday, May 20

4:00 p.m.

Delaware Women's Chorus

The Delaware Women's Chorus will perform "Stages" – a collection of choral music written expressly for women's voices exploring the stages of life, from beginning to end. Honoring such women composers as Ruth Gwyneth Walker and Eleanor Dailey, the program encompasses a wide variety of styles and genres. The Chorus is an ensemble of the Music School of Delaware directed by Joanne J. Ward.

JUNE

Thursday, June 21

7:00 p.m.

American Choral Directors Association Concert

Every June, choral directors from around Delaware come to St. Peter's for continuing education and fellowship. Opening this conference will be a concert featuring choirs from around the state.

AUGUST

Sunday, August 5

5:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong

Join us for this *bon voyage* Evensong as the choirs from St. Peter's and Immanuel on the Green, New Castle prepare to depart for their August 13–19 choral residency at Ely Cathedral, Cambridgeshire, UK. Come wish the choirs well and hear some of the repertoire they will be singing over the course of the week in Ely. The combined choirs are co-directed by Jack Burnam and T.J. Thomas.

Ely Choral Residency



The combined choirs of St. Peter's, Lewes (T.J. Thomas, director) and Immanuel on the Green, New Castle (Jack Burnam, director) have been invited to serve as choir-in-residence at Ely Cathedral August 13-19, 2018. It has become a tradition of British cathedrals to audition and extend invitations for American choirs to sing week-long residencies during the time when the cathedral's own choir is on holiday. Over the next year our combined choirs will meet for quarterly rehearsals and services preparing the repertoire necessary to sing a week of daily services at Ely Cathedral. Please join us for Evensong on August 5, 2018 as the choirs sing their final service in Lewes before departing for England.





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