

MUSIC MINISTRY RELAUNCH

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Dear friends in Christ,

We are excited! After a hiatus of more than a year and a half, I am thrilled to share with you the relaunch of our music ministry with an abundance of opportunities for people of varying ages and abilities. Through prayer and discernment, I have reimagined some aspects of the music ministry to make it more inclusive and accessible to as many parishioners as possible. One such change is that the Adult Choir is now the St. Barnabas Parish Choir and open to singers age 12 and older. The Church tells us that choirs are one of the most important parts in the celebration of our liturgies, and so I want to make participating in the choir as accessible as possible. I also hope that we can make choral singing a hallmark of St. Barnabas by having a choir at as many of our liturgies as possible. Singing with fellow parishioners in a choral ensemble is a beautiful opportunity for continued faith formation, spiritual growth, deeper participation in the sacramental life of the Church, and development of community and connectedness through our Catholic faith.

I sincerely hope that you will thoughtfully review and prayerfully consider attending one of our call-out and fellowship meetings (see dates below). I have heard the wonderful congregational singing at our Masses and have been deeply inspired! Please email me at rendris@stbindy.org with any questions you may have, and I look forward to making music with you in the near future. I hope to see you at one of the meetings in August!

Dr. R. Ryan Endris
Director of Music

“THE ONE
WHO
SINGS,
PRAYS
TWICE.”

- Attr. to St. Augustine
of Hippo (354-430 AD)



CHOIR/CANTOR CALL-OUT: MUSIC, INFORMATION, & FELLOWSHIP

- Wednesday, August 18, 2021, 6:30 - 8:00PM
- Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 6:30 - 8:00PM

Both meetings will take place in the church and will include time for prayer led by Fr. Guy; singing of beloved hymns, detailed information about singing at St. Barnabas, and a Q&A session led by Dr. Endris; and, of course, time for fellowship before and after the meeting. Light refreshments will be served in the narthex.

SINGING POSSIBILITIES AT ST. BARNABAS

† **St. Barnabas Parish Choir:** open to singers of all abilities age 12 and up; scheduling to accommodate a variety of Mass time preferences.

† **Schola Cantorum:** a small, select vocal ensemble drawn from the St. Barnabas Parish Choir for intermediate and advanced musicians who are eager for additional singing and more challenging repertoire.

† **Resurrection Choir:** a standing group of singers who are willing to come together as needed to lead congregational singing at funeral and memorial Masses. Participation in the St. Barnabas Parish Choir is strongly encouraged, but not required.

† **Cantors:** qualified members of the St. Barnabas Parish Choir who receive special training to foster, encourage, and lead congregational singing of the Mass, especially when a choir is not present.

† **Choral and Liturgical Accompanists:** a non-singing opportunity for those who love choral/vocal music and have the requisite piano and/or organ skills to accompany the choir in rehearsals or in liturgies.