

**CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH – MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**2019-2020 DIOCESAN LITURGICAL EVENTS**  
**LITURGICAL AND REHEARSAL CALENDAR FOR DIOCESAN FESTIVAL CHOIR**

- Joining and supplementing the Cathedral Parish Choir, the **Diocesan Festival Choir** (DFC) provides music for major Diocesan liturgies and other events at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph and throughout the Diocese of Manchester. Choirs are also convened for priest’s funerals celebrated at the Cathedral.
- All liturgies are at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 145 Lowell Street (Manchester) unless noted.
- The Diocesan Festival Choir typically rehearses on Monday evenings in the choir loft of the Cathedral. Please access the Cathedral via the Bishop Bradley Lane entrance or the *middle* set of front doors.
- Occasional changes of rehearsal time or other occasional changes are notated with a ∞ symbol.
- Choir members are encouraged to notify Mr. Eric Bermani, Director of Music/Organist, when absences occur. Please call the Cathedral music office at 603-622-6404, x31 or e-mail at EBermani@stjosephcathedralnh.org.
- Should a scheduled rehearsal need to be canceled due to a significant weather emergency, choir members will receive an e-mail. A message will also be left on the music office extension.
- Music scores are the property of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph and are on loan to each chorister. Choristers are expected to obtain their own copy of the Novello (Watkins/Shaw, ed) of Handel’s Messiah.
- Choir members should purchase a binder and alphabetical tab index to help organize music.
- Choir members are encouraged to bring tape recorders to rehearsal to facilitate learning music. Most of the choral music may be found on the Internet on such sites as YouTube and CyberBass.
- Choristers wear black choral albs for all liturgies. Incoming choristers must order their own alb through the ecclesiastical tailor. On occasion, the dress may require women to wear either white tops and black bottoms or all black (“concert black”). Men may wear a dark colored suit with appropriate tie.
- The DFC has open enrollment throughout the year. Potential choristers should contact the Director of Music to obtain a registration form, calendar and to schedule a brief interview/audition.

**July 2019**

Summer hiatus

**August 2019**

Monday 26 August	Diocesan Festival Choir Rehearsal	∞ 7:30 p.m.
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**September 2019**

Monday 2 September	<b><i>Labor Day / No DFC Rehearsal</i></b>	
Tuesday 3 September	DFC Rehearsal	∞ 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 7 September	Religious Jubilee	4:00 p.m.
Monday 9 September	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 16 September	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 23 September	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Friday 27 September	Christmas CD Recording	Time TBA
Monday 30 September	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

### **October 2019**

Friday 4 October	Christmas CD Recording	Time TBA
Monday 7 October	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 14 October	<b><i>Columbus Day / No Rehearsal</i></b>	
Tuesday 15 October	DFC Rehearsal	∞ 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 20 October	Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass	2:00 p.m.
Monday 21 October	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 24 October	Red Mass	5:15 p.m.
Monday 28 October	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

### **November 2019**

Sunday 3 November	Fall Adult Confirmation	2:00 p.m.
Monday 4 November	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 11 November	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 18 November	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 28 November	Thanksgiving   Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!	

### **December 2019**

Sunday 2 December	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Friday 6 December	<i>Concert Announcement:</i> DecemberSong at St. Anselm College	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday 11 December	Dress Rehearsal for <i>Messiah</i> @ Rex Theater	6:30 p.m.
Saturday 14 December	<i>Messiah</i> at Rex Theater	1:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
Friday 20 December	<i>Concert Announcement:</i> Advent Lessons and Carols, Cathedral Chapel	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday 25 December	Christmas   Merry Christmas!	

### **January 2020**

Winter hiatus

### **February 2020**

Monday 3 February	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 10 February	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 17 February	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Saturday 22 February	<i>Concert Announcement:</i> St. Anselm Choir Spring Concert	7:30 p.m.
Monday 24 February	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

### **March 2020**

Sunday 1 March	Lent I   Rite of Election	2:00 p.m.
Monday 2 March	<b>NO DFC REHEARSAL</b>	
Monday 9 March	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 16 March	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 19 March	Solemnity of St. Joseph	6:00 p.m.
Monday 23 March	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Monday 30 March	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

**April 2020**

Tuesday 7 April	Chrism Mass	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8 April	<i>Concert Announcement:</i> Office of Tenebrae, Cathedral Chapel	7:30 p.m.
Sunday 12 April	Easter Sunday   Happy Easter!	
Monday 13 April	<b>NO REHEARSAL</b>	
[Wednesday 15 April	White Mass [Healthcare Professional Mass] w/ Organ and Cantor]	
Sunday 19 April	Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass	2:00 p.m.
Monday 20 April	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Sunday 26 April	Spring Adult Confirmation	2:00 p.m.
Monday 27 April	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

**May 2020**

Monday 4 May	<b>NO REHEARSAL</b>	
Friday 8 May	Rivier University Baccalaureate Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Nashua	ⲟ 4:00 p.m.
Monday 11 May	DFC Rehearsal	ⲟ 7:00 p.m.
Monday 18 May	DFC Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 26 May	DFC Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 30 May	Ordination to the Order of Deacon (Transitional)	10:00 a.m.

**June 2020**

Monday 1 June	DFC Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Saturday 6 June	Ordination to the Order of Presbyter	10:00 a.m.
Saturday 13 June	Diocesan Liturgical Minister Workshop at Grappone Center, Concord	

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Summer hiatus

**August 2020**

Summer hiatus



*Thank You*