



# Reverberations

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Dear Members,

Choir has resumed- in some fashion or other for me. The first issue was one choir member refused to vaccinate which resulted in two other choir members not returning. The original member finally acquiesced and is now vaccinated. Social distancing the choir proved to be another issue, so we agreed to have the choir sit separate from each other in the congregation and walking up to the chancel when it was time to sing. Alas, several people have walking issues and this became a problem. The next week the choir all sat up in the chancel as we did in olden days, but other members complained we weren't social distancing enough.

Our annual Christmas concert has been scheduled, but numerous questions have surfaced. I normally hire extra singers and an instrumentalist, so the problem of social distancing escalates. Does the choir need to be masked for the performance? Can we have a community sing of Christmas carols at the beginning of the concert as we frequently do? We normally have a large audience. Can we social distance THEM? Must they register beforehand in order to attend? Must they be vaccinated, and if so, do we just take their word for it, or must someone check each attendee? Can we have a reception after the performance as we have always done? Oh dear, now the church wants to have a committee to address all these issues!

I called one of the extra singers I hire every year for this event. He honestly told me he is not vaccinated and therefore won't be singing with us. Is this going to continue with future calls?

I recently bought a birthday card which read "Another day- another questionable life decision." How appropriate.

Sincerely,  
 June Marano-Murray, Dean

**SATURDAY, October 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am -12:00pm:**

Detailed information is found on the poster on the next page.

**MONDAY, Nov 15 – 7:30pm:** Members Recital with

Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Music - St. Gabriel's Church, 88 E. Saddle River Rd., Saddle River, NJ. Contact Stacie Yao for getting on the program AND arranging practice time [syy112001@gmail.com](mailto:syy112001@gmail.com).

Our OCTOBER and  
 NOVEMBER Meetings



# MEET THE KING OF INSTRUMENTS!

**BUILDING A PIPE ORGAN  
A FUN STEM\* PROGRAM FOR  
CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

**SATURDAY, October 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am -12:00pm**

**Old Paramus Reformed Church  
660 E. Glen Ave., Ridgewood, NJ**

A “hands on” experience for all ages. We invite all children and adults to this interactive program. Come see how this magnificent instrument is played, and how it is constructed. Piano students are encouraged to bring music to play!



*What are all these pipes for? You'll walk through a pipe chamber to see the actual inside of a pipe organ*

*Meet “Orgelkit”! You will help construct this mini pipe organ*



*A pizza lunch will be served at noon for the participants*



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