



# St Paul's Choir School

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## WE FINISHED OUR TENTH YEAR

*THE ST PAUL'S CHOIR SCHOOL just concluded its tenth year!* With your generous support and encouragement, we continue to sing, grow, and learn as we serve the greater Englewood community and beyond. Take a moment to look at our website, [www.stpauls-choirschool.org](http://www.stpauls-choirschool.org) to find out more about what and to find out what you can do to help us continue our success in mentoring and encouraging our choristers.

## BECOMING A CHORISTER

- Children may join at any time;
- Families may visit us for a rehearsal or service; email us at [englewoodchoirschool@gmail.com](mailto:englewoodchoirschool@gmail.com) to arrange an informal audition and interview;
- No prior training or experience is expected or required;
- The program is offered at no cost to participating families commit to the choir schedule;
- Children of any religious affiliation, or no affiliation, are welcome;
- Perfect attendance at rehearsals and all regularly scheduled services and concerts is mandatory and expected.

## About the St Paul's Choir School

Founded in September 2012, the St Paul's Choir School program is based on the idea that all children are able to sing, given encouragement and instruction. We offer tuition-free music education and performance opportunities for girls and boys, ages five through high school. We are a unique after-school program that offers professional choral training, voice and piano lessons, music theory, leadership development, and mentoring to children. Each chorister receives individualized attention in a dynamic, creative, structured, and hands-on setting from caring teachers who are accomplished professionals in their areas of instruction. Our choristers come from Englewood and surrounding towns, representing a wide range of cultural communities and faith traditions. **Everyone is welcome!**

## THE MISSION OF THE ST PAUL'S CHOIR SCHOOL:

### Making Music, Building Community, Changing Lives

The St Paul's Choir School is a Musical and Educational Outreach of St Paul's Episcopal Church in Englewood, New Jersey. We seek to—

- ✓ Provide solid musical instruction in a friendly and fun environment of mutual respect and achievement;
- ✓ Create opportunities for children to grow in musical and spiritual strengths that nurture their growth;
- ✓ Provide children of diverse abilities and backgrounds with a program of music appreciation and choral performance that seeks to fulfill each child's musical potential.



### CHORISTER'S PRAYER

Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants,  
who minister in Thy temple.  
Grant that what we sing with our lips,  
we may believe in our hearts,  
and what we believe in our hearts,  
we may show forth in our lives.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2021-2022 YEAR

### OPEN HOUSE

We held our tenth Open House on September 11. Several of our former choristers returned and we welcomed some new ones, too! We are excited to partner with these talented young choristers as we continue to partner with Gail Blache-Gill at St Paul and Incarnation, Jersey City and Daniel Romero at Grace Church, Newark. We are thrilled to welcome back Veronica Gonzalez as our new Choir School intern. Veronica is one of our former head choristers, and is now in college.



### WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS

We gathered on Wednesdays for music lessons and choir rehearsals. The choristers worked hard on new repertoire and new skills that develop their musical knowledge and expertise as well as building solid community relationships. We also worked on memorizing prayers and scriptures, including the Lord's Prayer, Psalms, and the Choristers' Prayer (see page one).



### SINGING FOR SERVICES AND THE COMMUNITY

In October, we sang for the Annual Blessing of the Animals service. In the true spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, the choristers noticed a small worm on the ground in distress. *The worm was saved!* And...it was a good lesson to learn about St. Francis' care and concern for God's creatures.



On Monday, October 25 we traveled to Lydecker Street to sing *Happy Birthday* to Mrs. Ruth Herrick on her 105th birthday.

The choristers sang for several services throughout the year, including our Christmas Eve 5 pm service, Tenebrae on Wednesday of Holy Week, the Great Vigil of Easter, Pentecost, and a number of other Sunday morning services. We also welcomed current and former choristers on Sunday morning to sing for the 10:30 service.

Three of our former head choristers sang solos for the service and occasionally joined the Parish Choir: Michael Robinson, Veronica Gonzalez, and Abigail Allport. Our current chorister Maggie also sang several solos. We are filled with gratitude for these fine young musicians, and thank them for their continued service to St. Paul's and the greater community. Do take a moment to check out our recordings on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stpaulschoirschoolenglewood](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulschoirschoolenglewood) and Instagram [@stpaulsings4nj](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulsings4nj).

## COLLEGE

We are very proud of our second head chorister, Caitlyn Taylor, who earned her undergraduate degree from Calvin College this spring. Eight of our graduates are attending schools around the country, including William Paterson University, St. Peter's University, and the United States Military Academy at West Point. Our most recent high school graduate will attend Monroe College this fall.

## STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Continuing this school year, Veronica Gonzalez will continue to serve as our intern; Ms. Giulia Utz ([divagiulia@optonline.net](mailto:divagiulia@optonline.net)) will teach voice, and Mr. Andrew Zhang ([andrewzhangmusic@gmail.com](mailto:andrewzhangmusic@gmail.com)) will teach piano. Our general email is [englewoodchoirschool@gmail.com](mailto:englewoodchoirschool@gmail.com).

***We are grateful for you all—thank you!***

## SUMMER CAMP

Our chorister Maggie will attend the prestigious St. Thomas Girl Choir Course this summer under the direction of Katherine Dienes-Williams, organist and choirmaster of Guildford Cathedral. Several of our choristers will attend the annual Diocese of New Jersey Choir Camp at Church of the Advent, Cape May, and Ms. Giulia will serve as vocal coach. Thanks to the generosity of so many, we are able to provide scholarships for our choristers!

## CHALLENGES AHEAD: *How Can I Help?*

Since our first day in 2012, St Paul's Choir School has worked wonders with a small budget and minimal resources. We have managed to change lives and accomplish great things. Thanks to our supporters and benefactors to date, we have been able to build a sustainable and increasingly healthy program. Will you consider contributing to our future? Checks in any amount are always welcome, and all gifts are tax-deductible. *You can send your gift to St Paul's Church, 113 Engle Street, Englewood, NJ 07631; earmark your check to 'St Paul's Choir School.'*

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# CHOIR SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Saturday, September 10, 2022

**OUR ELEVENTH YEAR!**

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