Summer 2021
Sacred Music Classes
St. Joseph’s Seminary
Yonkers, New York

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Graduate-level study structured for busy schedules

Online, 3- and 5-day intensive courses

With affordable tuition rates and convenient course structures, St. Joseph’s Seminary and College offers a rich learning experience for parish and school musicians who want to immerse themselves in the beauty, truth, and holiness of the Church’s sacred music and liturgy.

Whether you’re new to sacred music or have studied music at the graduate level, our courses will assist you in unlocking the treasury of Catholic sacred music, helping you grow in your spiritual life, amplifying your knowledge of and love for Christ and the Church’s music, and strengthening the skills needed for faithful service in the Church.

Join us during this year of St. Joseph to experience the depths of the Church’s riches, taught by experienced teachers and musicians, faithful to the Church’s magisterium and tradition.
To register, or for more information, please visit: www.dunwoodie.edu

Click on “Dunwoodie Music”

50% discount for 1st-time students or musicians in the St. Cecilia Academy for Pastoral Musicians.

The St. Cecilia Academy is open to all parish and school musicians who obtain a letter of support from their pastor.

Full price:
$500 to audit or
$500 per credit hour
(classes are either 2 or 3 credits)

All 2021 classes will be offered online via Zoom.

Registration Deadline:
Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Questions?
Contact Associate Dean,
Dr. Donna Eschenauer

Donna.Eschenauer@archny.org
(914) 367-8280

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Principles of Sacred Music

June 1 to July 25: online, asynchronous
July 26 and 27: online, synchronous

Through a survey of the history of sacred music and reading of Church and papal legislation on sacred music, students gain an understanding of the principles which shape Western sacred music and the musical structure of the Roman rite. Special focus is placed on current documents which govern music in the Church. The course also features in-depth discussion of practical issues including the formation and management of sacred music programs in parishes, active participation, progressive solemnity, the use of instruments in the sacred liturgy, resources available for music directors and choristers, and other relevant topics. 3 credits or audit.

8 online, asynchronous weeks present materials on a week-to-week basis to complete at your own pace. 2 days online, synchronous meeting 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Taught by Dr. Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka.
Serving as an introduction to Gregorian chant, this course will cover neumatic notation, Gregorian modes, ear training and sight reading, vocal technique appropriate for singing chant, and Latin pronunciation. Special focus will be placed on rhythmic interpretation of the chant according to the classical Solesmes (Mocquereau) method. By the end of the class, students will have confidence singing from the Graduale Romanum, singing solfège and psalm tones, and some experience in conducting (chironomy). Additional topics introduced in the class include the history of Gregorian chant, rehearsal techniques for teaching chant to children and adult choirs, and an introduction to chant resources in English and Spanish. 3 credits or audit. Synchronous online 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Taught by Dr. Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka.
Teaching Gregorian Chant to Children

August 2 to 6

This 5-day intensive course will present pedagogical techniques for teaching Gregorian chant to children and is ideal for Catholic schoolteachers, directors and teachers of religious education, directors of children’s choirs, and parents. Special emphasis will be placed on the Ward Method, a comprehensive music education method designed to teach sacred music to children. Other topics addressed will include resources for teachers, other teaching approaches, and the logistics of developing a sacred music program for children. 3 credits or audit. Synchronous online 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Taught by Dr. Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka.

Monday and Wednesday Evenings June 3 to July 12

Drawing on the rich writings of the Liturgical Movement and the intensive activity to renew sacred music during the 19th c. and first half of the 20th c., this seminar offers an in-depth study of historical documents, spiritual writings, and pieces from the Church’s treasury of sacred music. The knowledge gained from this study becomes a foundation for practice as we strive to enrich our prayer lives through theological meditations on important texts of the time as well as study musical repertoire that can be used in sacred music programs today. With an eye to choral program development and rehearsal technique, musicians will develop a working knowledge of important works from the treasury of sacred music from this era. This course is part of a five-part series, offered on a regular rotation, which focuses on different eras in sacred music history.

2 credits or audit. Synchronous online 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Taught by Dr. Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka.
Open to musicians and clergy from parishes of any size who are searching for inspiration and ideas as they work to expand or make changes to an existing sacred music program, this course presents best practices from model parishes and programs. Covering structures, personnel, budget, recruitment, fundraising, materials (hymnals, instruments, library, some aspects of repertoire, etc.), and other resources, the seminar aims to provide resources for parishes to consider how they might develop a program which is faithful to the mind and heart of the Church, as well as intimately linked to the nature and structure of the sacred liturgy. The ideas presented in the course afford the opportunity to plot a path forward for a parish in which the music program is both spiritually fruitful and economically sustainable, as well as invigorating for the worship, health, and life of a parish through beauty. 1 credit or audit. Synchronous online 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Taught by Dr. Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka.
Introduction to Liturgy

Tuesday and Thursday Evenings
June 1 to July 13

This course will explore the theological, historical, and pastoral dimensions of the sacred liturgy. The history of the liturgy of the Roman rite, the role of ritual and symbol, the principles and norms articulated in the Second Vatican Council’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, and the theology of the Liturgy of the Hours will be the foci of this course. 3 credits or audit. Synchronous online 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Taught by Fr. Nicholas Zientarski.
For students who have taken Principles of Chant or who sing Gregorian chant on a regular basis, this seminar presents advanced issues in the study of Gregorian chant. Focused on musical analysis for the study and singing of chant in the sacred liturgy, other topics include a study of the older neumes (semiology), important manuscripts for chant study, and an in-depth discussion of modes. Students will enrich their knowledge of the sung prayer of the Church through study which aims to bear fruit in conducting and teaching Gregorian chant to parish and school choirs. 2 credits or audit. Synchronous online 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Taught by Dr. William Mahrt (Stanford University).
Working from original manuscripts, students will study different styles of notation from Late Medieval and Renaissance choral music, including Dasein notation, the notation of the Notre Dame School of Polyphony, Franconian notation, Ars Nova notation, and notation of Renaissance partbooks. With an eye to enabling students to make their own editions from original manuscripts, elements of applied music theory from the eras of the studied notations will inform student work. 2 credits or audit. Synchronous online 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Taught by Prof. Charles Weaver (Juilliard).
What do I need to do to register for classes?

Depending on your status and goals, different steps are required. The following checklists and FAQs are here to get you started.

If you need assistance in the registration process, or have questions not answered below, please contact Dr. Donna Eschenauer, Associate Dean at Donna.Eschenauer@archny.org or 914-367-8280.
What type of student are you?

**New St. Cecilia Academy student, taking the course(s) for credit**
- First-time student at St. Joseph’s Seminary taking the course(s) for credit
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- Receiving a 50% tuition discount

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**Returning St. Cecilia Academy student, taking the course(s) for credit**
- Returning student at St. Joseph’s Seminary, taking the course(s) for credit
- Already admitted into the St. Cecilia Academy of Pastoral Musicians
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• Receiving a 50% tuition discount on the first class, other classes are billed at full price

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- Paying full tuition (no 50% discount)

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- Paying the full audit fee (no 50% discount)

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3. All tuition and registration fees are payable once the course starts, and are payable through the Populi system. Payment is possible via credit card or check.

MA Student at St. Joseph’s Seminary, taking the course(s) as an elective

- Current St. Joseph’s Seminary student, taking the course(s) for credit as elective
- Not eligible for the St. Cecilia Academy of Pastoral Musicians
- Degree-seeking (pursuing the MA in theology; this class will not count as an elective in other degree programs)
- Paying full tuition (no 50% discount)

To register, you will need to:

1. Log in to Populi to register for the classes you’d like. Go to the “Registration” tab on Populi, select the “Enrolled” button and click on “enroll,” then go down to the list of classes on that same page, choose
your classes, and push “save” on the top right corner of the page. This will ensure that you are registered for for credit and not as an auditor

2. All tuition and registration fees are payable once the course starts, and are payable through the Populi system. Payment is possible via credit card or check

FAQ

Am I eligible for the St. Cecilia Academy for Pastoral Musicians, and the accompanying 50% tuition discount?

In order to qualify, you must be currently serving as a musician in your parish and obtain a letter of support from your pastor stating your involvement at the parish, and his support for your application to the St. Cecilia Academy. You’ll submit this letter as part of your application process.

Do I qualify for the first-time student tuition discount?

If you’ve never before taken classes at St. Joseph’s Seminary on any of its campuses, you qualify. The discount is applicable to the first course taken during your first summer semester; all other courses are the full price of tuition.

Which classes offered at St. Joseph’s Seminary count toward certification in the St. Cecilia Academy for Pastoral Musicians?

Not all our summer classes count towards the certification. The ones that do are: Introduction to Liturgy (3 credits), Principles of Sacred Music (3 credits), Liturgical Year/Art and Environment in Worship (3 credits), and Principles of Chant (3 credits).

How much is tuition for credit?

$500 per credit hour; a 50% discount is available for certain types of students. Some summer sacred music courses are 2 credits, and others are 3 credits (see the course listing). A 50% discount on tuition is available to those eligible for the St. Cecilia Academy, or to one course for first-time St. Joseph’s Seminary students.

How much is tuition for audit?

$500 per class, regardless of whether it is 2 or 3 credits. A 50% discount on tuition for credit or for audit is available to those eligible for the St. Cecilia Academy, or to one course for first-time St. Joseph’s Seminary students.
Can I combine discounts if I am both a first-time St. Joseph’s Seminary student and eligible for the St. Cecilia Academy?

No. The maximum available discount on tuition is 50%.

Do St. Cecilia Academy students receive a 50% tuition discount on all summer sacred music classes, even those not counting towards certification?

Yes.

Can my parish pay for my tuition and fees, or do I have to do it?

Yes, your pastor can pay for your tuition and fees if he chooses to do so.

What is “auditing”?

Auditing means that you attend the classes, but are not required to do the homework, and receive no academic credit for your attendance. It is a sort of official certificate of attendance that’s reported on your transcript. It’s a great option for those on a tight budget and who are sure that they will not go on for St. Cecilia Academy certification, or who do not wish to use the course in counting towards completion of a degree program.

Can I count audited courses towards certification in the St. Cecilia Academy?

No.

Can I count courses from another university towards certification in the St. Cecilia Academy?

You may submit transcripts and course descriptions to Fr. Matthew Ernest, the director of the St. Cecilia Academy for Pastoral Musicians in order to request that the courses be evaluated as to whether or not they can count towards certification.

What can I count the other classes taken during the summer sacred music session towards?

Pending the decision of other graduate programs, you might be able to count a summer course taken for credit at St. Joseph’s Seminary towards another degree program at a different university in which you’re enrolled or plan to enroll. St. Joseph’s Seminary can not guarantee the acceptance of our courses by other accredited graduate programs, since the decision to accept the credits is entirely left up to the other institution. Summer course credits can also count as an elective in the Masters of Art in Theology degree program offered at St. Joseph’s Seminary.
Do I have to have a college degree to register for classes at St. Joseph’s Seminary?

Yes. St. Joseph’s Seminary is a graduate institution, and students must have an undergraduate degree to audit or take classes for credit. Please note, however, that any undergraduate degree would make a student eligible to apply for admission to the summer sacred music courses; a degree in music is not necessary.

Are there any other prerequisites for summer sacred music courses?

Yes.
- All classes require access to a steady wifi connection throughout the synchronous courses or portion of “Principles of Sacred Music.”
- Students need access to a reliable computing device which can be well-positioned in terms of camera angle and audio transmission for participation in the class.
- Computing equipment for “Principles of Chant,” “Introduction to Teaching Gregorian Chant to Children,” “Introduction to the Organ for Pianists,” and “Conducting and Group Vocal Pedagogy for the Parish Music Director” require the ability to video record one’s own performance.
- “Principles of Chant” and “Introduction to Teaching Gregorian Chant to Children” require the ability to sing on pitch.

Can I take some courses for credit and others as an auditor?

Yes. You will need to follow the checklist above for those students taking courses for credit.

Can I repeat a course I’ve already taken?

Yes.

In what time zone are the courses offered?

Eastern Daylight Time (New York).

I’m a current MA student at St. Joseph’s Seminary. Can I audit any of the classes?

Yes. Simply register as an auditor on the Populi system.
The registration page is asking me my enrollment status (Full Time, Half Time, or Less than Half Time). What do I select?

It depends on how many courses you’re registering for. 12 credits is full time, 6 credits is half time, and less than half time is 5 credits or fewer. This also applies to the number of credits for classes even if you’re registering as an auditor.

Where do I send my official transcripts?

Please send transcripts to:
Roenice Gonzalez, Registrar
St. Joseph’s Seminary
Yonkers, NY 10704

Or electronically to: Roenice.Gonzalez@archny.org.

Where do I send my immunization records?

If you can access your records during this pandemic, please send immunization records to:
Roenice Gonzalez, Registrar
St. Joseph’s Seminary
Yonkers, NY 10704

Because of the current situation in healthcare systems because of the coronavirus, and because classes are being offered online during summer 2021, the submission of immunization records can be delayed until if you plan to take a course in-person in a future semester.

Which immunization records do I have to send?

NY state public health law now requires post-secondary students to show protection against measles, mumps, and rubella. Persons born prior to January 1, 1957 are exempt from this requirement. Please provide proof of birth date if born prior to January 1, 1957 (passport or driver’s license). Because of the current situation in healthcare systems because of the coronavirus, and because classes are being offered online during summer 2021, the submission of immunization records can be delayed until if you plan to take a course in-person in a future semester.

Where do I send the letter from my pastor supporting my application to the St. Cecilia Academy?

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St. Joseph’s Seminary  
Yonkers, NY  10704

or email an electronic copy of the letter to roenice.gonzalez@archny.org.

Where do I access Populi to register, view my bills, or pay my bills?

https://sjsdunwoodie.populiweb.com. You will gain access to the system once you are admitted as a student to St. Joseph’s Seminary. Bills are available after the first day of the course.

Where do I buy books and supplies?

Students will need to buy books online for summer classes, directly from vendors. As soon as a student registers, they will receive information about required texts for courses and should purchase them as soon as possible to avoid delays in shipping created by the current health crisis.

Who can I contact about my bill?

Please contact the bursar, Michele Bergeron: (914) 968-6200, ext. 8001, or via email at michele.bergeron@archny.org.

Who do I contact for information about course objectives, topics, and curriculum?

Please contact the Director of Sacred Music, Dr. Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka: (914) 968–6200, ext. 8212, or via email at jennifer.donelson@archny.org.

Who do I contact for help registering, or with general questions?

Please contact Dr. Donna Eschenauer, Associate Dean at Donna.Eschenauer@archny.org or 914-367-8280.
Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka is an associate professor and the director of sacred music at St. Joseph’s Seminary (Dunwoodie) in New York, where she also teaches sacred music courses in the St. Cecilia Academy for Pastoral Musicians.

She has co-edited Mystic Modern: The Music, Thought, and Legacy of Charles Tournemire, published by the Church Music Association of America (CMAA). Her publications also include articles in the New Catholic Encyclopedia, Sacred Music, Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal, the proceedings of the Gregorian Institute of Canada, the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly, the Adoremus Bulletin, and Liturgy in the Twenty-First Century (Bloomsbury/T&T Clark).

She was the sometime president and is currently a board member of the Society for Catholic Liturgy. She also serves on the board of the CMAA and is the managing editor of the CMAA’s journal Sacred Music. As academic liaison of the CMAA, she has organized and presented papers at several academic conferences on Charles Tournemire, the work of Msgr. Richard Schuler, and the role of Gregorian chant in pastoral ministry and religious education; she was a co-organizer of the Sacra Liturgia USA 2015 conference in New York, and presented papers at the Sacra Liturgia conferences in New York, London, and Milan. She also served as the conference organizer for the annual meeting of the Society for Catholic Liturgy in Miami. Donelson-Nowicka was recently named as a Consultant to the USCCB’s Committee on Divine Worship.

Donelson-Nowicka received her DMA in piano performance at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she studied piano with Paul Barnes, Mark Clinton, and Ann Chang in addition to her organ studies with Quentin Faulkner. She received her undergraduate degree in vocal music education and North Dakota State University, where she studied piano with Dr. Robert Groves and conducting with Dr. JoAnn Miller. Having studied Gregorian chant at the Catholic University of America and the Abbey of St. Peter in Solesmes, for six years Donelson-Nowicka served as a co-organizer of the Musica Sacra Florida Gregorian Chant Conference, and has given chant workshops in dioceses, parishes, and monasteries across the U.S. and Europe. She is a regular member of the faculty at the Church Music Association of America’s annual Sacred Music Colloquium. Before coming to Dunwoodie, Dr. Donelson-Nowicka served on the faculty at St. Gregory the Great Seminary in the diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska, and at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, where she taught music theory, music history, piano, and directed the university chorale.

As a choral conductor, Donelson-Nowicka has directed collegiate, semi-professional, amateur, monastic, and children’s choirs. She currently directs the Schola Cantorum of St. Joseph’s Seminary and the Metropolitan Catholic Chorale. She has taught extensively for religious orders, including the contemplative sisters at the Monastery of St. Edith Stein in Borough Park, Brooklyn (Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará [SSVM]), the Benedictine monks of Silverstream Priory in Ireland (County Meath), and the Benedictine nuns of Priorij Nazareth Tegelen in the Netherlands. Additionally, she teaches chant to children using the Ward Method at the Colm Cille Club (Pelham, NY) and Immaculate Conception Children’s Schola Cantorum (Sleepy Hollow), and is on the faculty at Cardinal Kung Academy in Stamford, Connecticut. Dr. Donelson-Nowicka is currently working on a project to adapt the Gregorian chants of the Mass proper for the Spanish language. She also co-hosts a weekly podcast entitled “Square Notes: The Sacred Music Podcast.”
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His research interests include theory and performance of Medieval and Renaissance music, troubadours, Machaut, Dufay, Lasso, Dante, English Cathedrals, Gregorian chant, and Renaissance polyphony. He has published articles on the relation of music and liturgy, and music and poetry. He frequently leads workshops in the singing of Gregorian chant and the sacred music of the Renaissance.

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As an orchestral musician, he has performed with the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Virginia Symphony. His chamber-music engagements have included Quicksilver, Piffaro, Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, the Folger Consort, Apollo’s Fire, Blue Heron, and Musica Pacifica. He also works with the New York Continuo Collective, an ensemble that mounts workshop productions of seventeenth-century vocal music. He has taught at the Lute Society of America Summer Workshop, the International Baroque Institute at Longy, and the Madison Early Music Festival.
He currently serves as organist and director of music at St. Mary’s Church in Norwalk, Connecticut. He joined the St. Mary’s Schola in 2012, under the direction of David Hughes, and later served as both a faculty member for the student schola program and as associate director of music. Before coming to St. Mary’s, he was director of the Holy Innocents’ Schola in New York City and previously sang at St. Agnes, where he had the life-altering experience, in 2006, of encountering plainchant as a living tradition.

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St. Joseph’s Seminary

St. Joseph’s Seminary and College, founded in 1896, is the major seminary of the Archdiocese of New York. Its primary mission is to serve the Church by forming men for the Catholic priesthood. St. Joseph’s functions as the principal institution of priestly formation for the Archdiocese of New York, the Diocese of Brooklyn, and the Diocese of Rockville Centre. St. Joseph’s also welcomes seminarians from other archdioceses, dioceses, eparchies, and other religious congregations.

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A spirit of service to the Church guides all of the programs which St. Joseph’s Seminary and College provides to seminarians, Permanent Diaconate candidates, lay, religious, and clergy. This spirit is strengthened by a profound sense of ecclesial communion that is fostered and expressed through fidelity to Church teaching, a daily life of prayer, the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the ceaseless invocation of the Holy Spirit, and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and all the saints.
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