Saint Mary Magdalene Youth Choirs

Forming the next generation in the beauty of sung prayer,
according to the rich tradition of Catholic Liturgy

2019-20 Season

Rehearsals start Sept 7

Schola Stella [steh-lah]

in honor of Mary, Morning Star

Grades K-2* | Tue 4:00-4:50pm

Skills and objectives:

- bodily awareness
- vocal navigation
- exposure to quality music
- preliminary music theory/games
- sing for Mass (combined with Schola Pacis) 6 times during the choir season
- participation in Spring Concert

**Class geared toward non-readers. Older siblings may be incorporated per parental request & director's discretion.*

Schola Pacis [pah-chees]

in honor of Mary, Queen of Peace

Grades 2-4** | Tue 5:15-6:15pm

Skills and objectives:

- healthy vocal habits and tone quality
- sensory focus and engagement
- basic understanding of music scores
- beginner music theory/games/sight-singing
- sing 6 SMM liturgies during the choir season
- cantor leadership training for those interested
- participation in Spring Concert

***Class geared toward early readers. Mature younger siblings may be incorporated per parental request & director's discretion.*

Schola Purissima [poo-rees-ee-mah]

in honor of Mary, Most Pure

Grades 4-8` | Mon 4:30-6:00pm

Skills and objectives:

- vocal maturity and autonomy
- score literacy and part singing (harmonies)
- intermediate music theory/games/sight-singing
- sing 7 SMM liturgies during the choir season
- cantor leadership training for those interested
- participation in regional youth choir festival and Spring Concert

`7th grade boys with changed voices may be eligible for the teen choir, as well as 8th graders (boys or girls) with musical experience.

Schola Justitiae [you-steet-see-eh]

in honor of Mary, Mirror of Justice

Grades 8-12+`` | Sat 10:00am-noon

Skills and objectives:

- tonal sensitivity within 3- and 4-part harmony
- score literacy and analysis
- advanced music theory/games/sight-singing
- sing 8 SMM liturgies during the choir season
- cantor leadership for those interested
- participation in community event(s), choir weekend trip, and Spring Concert

`` College students who are 19 at the start of the choir season are still eligible.

Cost • **$55** per child + uniform fees + event fees (Purissima & Justitiae)
Discounts given for multiple siblings enrolled. Payment plans available if needed.

Final Enrollment Session • 10am-noon in the hall
Saturday, August 31
Parent + choristers must be present to complete enrollment. Returning choristers: bring all uniform components for approval and/or potential resizing. See Uniform Policy handout.

Questions • Miss Claire Halbur, Director of Sacred Music (claire@smarymag.org)
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2019-20 Uniform Policy

*** or ** = Uniform item purchased through SMM. Other items are parent-provided but must be approved.**

Scholas Stella, Pacis, and Purissima (Grades K-8 choirs)

Boys

- White dress shirt, tucked in ($20)*
- Long black choir tie ($10)*
- Black dress pants
- Black belt
- Black dress shoes (not tennis shoes)
- Black socks

Girls

- White blouse, tucked in ($20)*
- Black choir skirt ($20/plus sz $25)*
  —hem should land knee to mid calf
- Black tights (not leggings)
- Black flats or "Mary janes" (not heels)
- Recommended: white tank or cami for under blouse

Schola Justitiae (Teens)

Boys

- Black dress shirt, tucked in ($25)*
- Long black choir tie ($10)*
- Black dress pants
- Black belt
- Black dress shoes (not tennis shoes)
- Black socks

Girls

- Custom-made black choir dress ($65)**
- If layering over dress (in the a/c): plain black button-down sweater (no prints or stiff materials such as jean or leather)
- Black flats (no heels, sandals, or loafers)
- Black undergarments since dress is lightweight knit material: cami and spanx-type undershorts

***cash payment directly to seamstress: Hasmig Kharpoutly*

Hand-me-downs • **If you wish to pass along any outgrown uniform component to a younger sibling or younger friend in choir, such exchanges should be made before you come to enrollment night, since all uniform components (including tights, shoes, belts, etc) intended to be worn in the new season need to be brought to enrollment night for approval by the coordinator.**

Re-Sale • **If outgrown item(s) are in like-new condition, washed, ironed, and brought to enrollment night on a hanger, they may be considered for resale by the coordinator.**

Questions • Mrs. Mary Beth Baniecki, Uniform Coordinator (mb.baniecki@gmail.com/602-574-7679)