

*One Year Ago*

One year ago on September 12th, I played my first Sunday service at Saint Barnabas. The energy and excitement I felt that day continues, and I am still trilled to serve as the Parish Administrator and Director of Music. Thank you again to Father Kenn and the search committee for bringing me to Saint Barnabas. Also, thank you to the fantastic volunteers that help me in the office during the work week. Graig Brosi, Kenn Salter, Dr. Maria Perez, and Ann Lopez you are all very much appreciated.

Last year one of my main musical goals focused on revitalizing the adult Parish Choir. With the help of dedicated, wonderful volunteers and talented music students from The University of Delaware, The Parish Choir re-energized. My primary goal this year will involve reestablishing the children's choir. Additionally, I am very excited about the two upcoming Fall concerts at Saint Barnabas.

First, on Sunday September 25th at 3 p.m, Dr. Octavio Moreno, a renowned baritone opera singer, will present an excellent concert at Saint Barnabas. Dr. Moreno is a good friend and colleague of mine. We both received our doctorates from the Fred Fox School of Music at the University of Arizona, and we worked together for several years at Christ the King Episcopal Church in Tucson. His impressive concert is not a program you want to miss. Then, on Sunday, November 27th at 3 p.m, The Men's Acapella Group from The University of Delaware will present a concert at Saint Barnabas. This is not the first time the Men's Acapella Group has performed at Saint Barnabas, and we do not want it to be the last. Please mark these concert dates on your calendars, and please invite people. There is no admission fee, and there is a free reception after both concerts.

Thank you to everyone for a fantastic first year!

Dr. Will Thomas