



Updated Pippings for September, 2017

From the Editor ...

A number of readers have asked that the "Mark Your Calendars" be made more legible. I have tried to accomplish that by making it larger, and thank the readers for letting me know of the problem. Also, due apparently to an editing error, the link in the article about Martin Steinmetz didn't work so I have included the article - with the link - in this update. Thanks for your comments!

Don't forget that our opening event is with the magnificent Alice Parker on Monday, September 11th at 5:45 pm at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 138 Tremont Street across from the Park Street Station.



BAGO congratulates Martin Steinmetz on his retirement from the Allin Congregational Church. Following is a testimonial which was sent to us following Martin's retirement in June.

RETIREMENT AFTER 54 YEARS AT DEDHAM CHURCH

After directing over a half century of music at the Allin Congregational Church in Dedham Center Martin Steinmetz has retired. Two special Sunday mornings of music and receptions were given by the church in May and June. Martin was presented with many gifts and the title of *Minister of Music, Emeritus*.

In celebration of Choir Sunday, May 21, at the morning worship service, selections from Handel's "Messiah" were presented. The Senior Choir was augmented by members of the Dedham Choral Society, string players, and trumpet soloist Greg Whitaker. Then, during the Sunday morning June 11 service (with double the normal attendance), Martin presented a half-hour organ recital followed by a luncheon reception.

Over this half-century time period he worked with 5 Ministers, all of which encouraged and fully supported the music program which includes all-volunteer choirs. Martin has had the good fortune of never missing a service due to illness. During this time period it is estimated that he played at 2,500 Sunday services, 400 funeral/memorial services and 150 weddings. The organ at the church is a 55 rank 1912 Skinner organ which came from Harvard University's Appleton Chapel. It was installed at Allin Church in 1938 and subsequently had some tonal alterations and a new console.

Martin also served the Boston Chapter in many ways during his time in Dedham. He started as Chapter Treasurer in 1965 followed by Program Chairman, Dean, and Associate Chairman of the 1976 National Convention. He was the author of the booklet "The Work and Compensation of the Church Musician", and for 30 years the Executive Producer of the Chapter's radio program on WCRB.

[Editor's Note: [Here is a link](#) to an article about Martin in the Dedham "Wicked Local" paper, with a very good picture of Martin.]



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - BAGO 2017-18

September 11th at 5:45 ~ Opening Event
Alice Parker at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul,

October 1st at 3 pm ~ Recital
Bernhard Klapprott at First Lutheran Church,

October 13th at 7:30 pm ~ Spooktacular
Mark Engelhardt and Friends at Grace Church in Salem

October 21 at 11 am ~ YOI Scholarship Auditions
Marsh Chapel, Boston University

December 31 ~ First Night Concert TBA

January 21 at 5 pm ~ Social Event
150 Brooks Street, Medford

February 4 at 3 pm ~ Wimfest.
Capella Clausura, Members' Recital and Choral Reading
Session at Holy Name Parish, West Roxbury

March 17 beginning at 8 am ~ Boston Bach Birthday
First Lutheran Church

April 6 at 8 pm ~ Recital
Stephen Buzard, The Church of the Advent

April 7 at 10 am ~ Masterclass
Stephen Buzard, The Church of the Advent

June 4 at 6 pm ~ Annual Meeting and Dinner
with Members' Recital at St. Michael's Church, Milton