

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH – MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
2025-2026 TENTATIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE/CALENDAR FOR CATHEDRAL CHOIR

- From September through June, the Cathedral of Saint Joseph Parish Choir provides sacred choral music weekly at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Pontifical Mass in addition to Holy Days, feasts, solemnities, concerts, and other important Cathedral liturgies and events. Joining forces with the Diocesan Festival Choir, the Cathedral Choir also sings at major Diocesan liturgies. DFC rehearsals are separate from Cathedral Choir rehearsals and are held on Monday nights. Attendance is requested but is optional.
- The call time for the Cathedral Choir is set at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday morning in the Cathedral's Blessed Sacrament Chapel. This is for a warm-up and *brief* review of music for the Mass.
- The Cathedral Choir rehearses in the choir loft on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 7:45 p.m. Occasionally, especially around Christmas and Holy Week, rehearsals tend to run a bit longer. The Cathedral Schola rehearses when needed. Additional rehearsals, for either group, may be scheduled as needed. Membership in the Schola is through appointment.
- Occasional changes of rehearsal time or items of importance are notated with a ⚔ symbol.
- Choir members are encouraged to notify the Director of Music/Organist when absences occur. Please call the Cathedral Music Office at 603-622-6404, x17 or e-mail: EBermani@stjosephcathedralnh.org. Anticipated absences may be written down on the calendar in the choir loft.
- Should a scheduled rehearsal be canceled due to a significant weather emergency, choir members will receive an e-mail or phone call/text. A notification message will be left on the Cathedral Music Office extension.
- Choir members are encouraged to bring recorders or use their phone to record specific pieces to help facilitate learning music. Most of the choral music is also available online.
- Choir members should purchase a binder and alphabetical tab index to help organize music. It is highly recommended that choristers take music home for review during the week. Most of the choral music may be found on the Internet on such sites as YouTube and CyberBass. All music scores are the property of the Cathedral Choir and are lent to each individual chorister. Choristers are expected to purchase their own copy of the Watkins/Shaw edition of Handel's *Messiah*.
- Choristers are vested in black choral albs for all Cathedral liturgies. Incoming choristers must purchase an alb directly from the ecclesiastical tailor. See Dr. Bermani for an order form.

July 2025

Summer Hiatus

August 2025

Summer Hiatus

PLEASE NOTE: At the time of this compilation, the Diocesan calendar has yet to be finalized. As such, there may be some important liturgies *not* on this calendar. You will be notified once dates are confirmed.

September 2025

Wednesday 3 September	Saint Gregory Dinner	7:00 p.m.
Monday 8 September	Diocesan Festival Choir (DFC) Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 11 September	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 14 September	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross	10:30 a.m.
Monday 15 September	NO DFC REHEARSAL	
Thursday 18 September	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 21 September	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 a.m.
Monday 22 September	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 25 September	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 28 September	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 a.m.
Monday 29 September	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.

October 2025

Sunday 5 October	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Respect Life Sunday]	10:30 a.m.
Monday 6 October	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 9 October	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 12 October	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 a.m.
Monday 13 October	COLUMBUS DAY NO DFC REHEARSAL	
Thursday 16 October	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Friday 17 October	Choral Concert and Reception	7:00 p.m.
Sunday 19 October	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 a.m.
Monday 20 October	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 23 October	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 26 October	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 a.m.
Monday 27 October	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 30 October	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.

November 2025

Sunday 2 November	☪ Daylight Savings Time Ends: Turn clocks back!	
	All Soul's Day Gabriel Fauré <i>Requiem</i>	10:30 a.m.
Monday 3 November	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 6 November	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 9 November	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10:30 a.m.
Monday 10 November	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 13 November	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 16 November	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 a.m.
Monday 17 November	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 20 November	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Saturday 22 November	Saint Cecilia Day! Happy Feast Day!	
Sunday 23 November	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	10:30 a.m.
Monday 24 November	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 27 November	THANKSGIVING DAY	
Sunday 30 November	First Sunday of Advent	10:30 a.m.

December 2025

Monday 1 December	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 4 December	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Saturday 6 December	CONCERT: <i>DecemberSong</i> , St. Anselm College	7:30 p.m.
Sunday 7 December	Second Sunday of Advent	10:30 a.m.
	☪ Brief rehearsal following Mass	
Monday 8 December	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10 December	Dress Rehearsal for <i>Messiah</i>	6:00 p.m.
Friday 12 December	Handel's <i>Messiah</i>	7:00 p.m.
Sunday 14 December	Third Sunday of Advent [Gaudete Sunday]	10:30 a.m.
Thursday 18 December	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 21 December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	10:30 a.m.
	☪ Brief rehearsal following Mass	
Thursday 25 December	Nativity of the Lord Christmas Eve Choral Prelude	11:00 p.m.
	Midnight Mass	12:00 a.m.
	Christmas Day Mass	10:30 a.m.
Sunday 28 December	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	10:30 a.m.
	☪ Brief rehearsal following Mass	

January 2026

Thursday 1 January	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day	10:00 a.m.
Sunday 4 January	Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord	10:30 a.m.
Thursday 8 January	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 11 January	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	10:30 a.m.
Thursday 15 January	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 18 January	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 a.m.
Monday 19 January	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	
Thursday 22 January	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 25 January	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time [National Catholic School Week]	10:30 a.m.
Monday 26 January	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 29 January	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.

February 2026

Sunday 1 February	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 a.m.
Monday 2 February	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 5 February	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 8 February	5 ^h Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 a.m.
Monday 9 February	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 12 February	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 15 February	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 a.m.
Monday 16 February	PRESIDENT'S DAY NO REHEARSALS	
Wednesday 18 February	Ash Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Thursday 19 February	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 22 February	Lent I	10:30 a.m.
	Rites of Election	2:00 p.m.
Monday 23 February	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 26 February	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.

March 2026

Sunday 1 March	Lent II	10:30 a.m.
Monday 2 March	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 5 March	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Saturday 7 March	CONCERT: Saint Anselm College Choir Spring Concert	7:30 p.m.
Sunday 8 March	☪ Daylight Savings Time Begins: Turn clocks ahead!	
	Lent III	10:30 a.m.
Monday 9 March	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 12 March	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 15 March	Lent IV [Laetare Sunday]	10:30 a.m.
Monday 16 March	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 19 March	Solemnity of Saint Joseph	6:00 p.m.
Sunday 22 March	Lent V	10:30 p.m.
Monday 23 March	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 26 March	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 29 March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	10:30 a.m.
Monday 30 March	Monday of Holy Week NO REHEARSALS	
Tuesday 31 March	Tuesday of Holy Week Chrism Mass	11:00 a.m.

April 2026

Wednesday 1 April	Office of Tenebrae (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 2 April	Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	6:00 p.m.
Friday 3 April	Good Friday Passion of the Lord	3:00 p.m.
Saturday 4 April	Holy Saturday The Great Vigil of Easter	8:00 p.m.
Sunday 5 April	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	10:30 a.m.
Monday 6 April	EASTER WEEK NO REHEARSALS	
Sunday 12 April	Easter II [Divine Mercy Sunday]	10:30 a.m.
	Spring Adult Confirmation	2:00 p.m.
Thursday 16 April	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 19 April	Easter III	10:30 a.m.
Monday 20 April	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 23 April	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 26 April	Easter IV [Good Shepherd Sunday; Vocation Sunday]	10:30 a.m.
Monday 27 April	DFC Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday 30 April	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.

May 2026

Sunday 3 May	Easter V	10:30 a.m.
Monday 4 – Wednesday 6 May	Presbyteral Convocation, Whitefield	
Thursday 7 May	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 10 May	Easter VI	10:30 a.m.
Monday 11 May	DFC Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 14 May	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	6:00 p.m.
	⦿ Brief rehearsal following Mass	
Sunday 17 May	Easter VII	10:30 a.m.
Monday 18 May	DFC Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 21 May	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 24 May	Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Monday 25 May	MEMORIAL DAY NO REHEARSALS	
Thursday 28 May	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Sunday 31 May	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	10:30 a.m.

June 2026

Monday 1 June	DFC Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Thursday 4 June	Cathedral Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Saturday 6 June	Ordination to the Order of Presbyter	10:00 a.m.
Sunday 7 June	Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ [Corpus Christi]	10:30 a.m.
	Eucharistic Procession following Mass	
	<u>End of Music Year Summer Hiatus</u>	

July 2026

Summer hiatus



Thank You

August 2026

Summer hiatus

September 2026

Program resumes