



“FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”



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I am happy to announce that after a several month search, the parish has hired Dr. Stephen Rapp as our new Director of Music and organist. His first day will be this Ash Wednesday. Stephen comes to us most recently from St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan and St. John's Lutheran Church in Stamford, Connecticut. Stephen first studied music and organ at Eastman School of Music before doing his Master and then Doctor of Music Arts degrees in organ from the Yale School of Music, with certificates from Yale's Institute of Sacred Music. I couldn't be happier that we have been able to bring Dr. Rapp to the Bronx and to Mt. Carmel! His long experience of working with both adult and children's choirs and his reputation as one of the best organists in New York City and beyond will allow us to take a new step in our worship and ministry. Besides leading our music program, Dr. Rapp will help program musical concerts and oversee the refurbishment of our organs.

I am also happy to announce that two of our parishioners, Bob and Susan Cullen, will work with Dr. Rapp and me to start "Friends of Music at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Bronx". This group will help promote and support the musical arts in our parish Upward and onward, with the help of God's grace!

Father Jonathan

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