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## Saturday, September 22, 2007

[THANKS TO WAYNE SELLECK AND DAVID DASCH FOR ARRANGING THIS DAY!]

9:30 AM

***St. Paul Lutheran Church***

2001 Old Frederick Road

Catonsville, MD 21228

1961 Gebrueder Spaeth 2-manual tracker, 13 stops

**Directions:**

From the **west**, take I-70 east to the Baltimore beltway (I-695); go south just one exit.

From the **south**, take I-95 north to the Baltimore beltway (I-695); this is a left exit towards Towson.

From the Baltimore beltway, take exit 15-B heading west on US 40. Move quickly to the left lane. You will see Wal-Mart on your left just before the Rolling Road intersection. There will be TWO left turn lanes for Rolling Road; stay in the rightmost left turn lane and head south on Rolling Road. There are two traffic lights just after you make the turn onto Rolling Road - the second one is Old Frederick Road; turn right onto Old Frederick Road. St. Paul Lutheran is just two blocks ahead on the left. (The church parking lot may be full because of a church bazaar, but there is plenty of on-street parking in the area.)

11:00 AM

***Charlestown***

713 Maiden Choice Lane, Catonsville, MD 21228

1919 Casavant Frères, Opus 808 – 3 manual 45 stops

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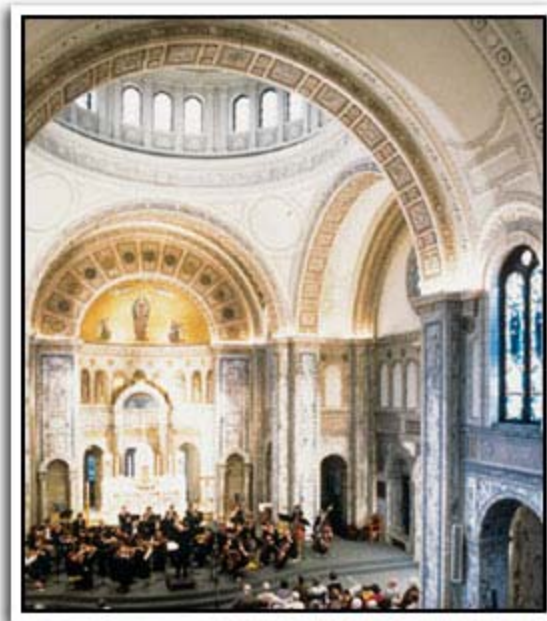
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Charlestown, situated on the campus of the former St. Charles Seminary and home to the Our Lady of the Angels Chapel, is a retirement community. Constructed with the finest craftsmanship, the chapel was designed as a European basilica in miniature. Its plan incorporates side aisles, transepts, a 68-foot dome over the crossing, an ambulatory, and seven apse chapels. The walls of the chapel's nave and the sanctuary are made of the finest matched Italian marble. In fact, the precision with which the marble interior is matched and finished is considered by experts as second only to the Library of Congress, in Washington, D.C.

According to Carl Schwartz, Father George Gleason and Pietro Yon were consultants on this organ.

#### **Directions:**

As you leave St. Paul Lutheran Church, turn right on Old Frederick Road (the way you just came from). Go right (south) on Rolling Road; cross over Edmondson. At the end of

Rolling Road turn left onto Frederick Road (MD-144). You will see South Rolling Road on the right; continue straight through downtown Catonsville and over the beltway, past a traffic light at Prospect. Two blocks later is another traffic light at Paradise Avenue. Turn right and then bear left onto Maiden Choice Lane. On the left you will see a high black iron fence; the gatehouse to Charlestown is at the traffic light. As you check in, mention that you are with the OHS group meeting in the Chapel. The Chapel is to the left after the main gate; it is visible from the main gate. The gate keeper can give you parking directions.

### ***Lunch on Your Own***

Lunch on your own. You can backtrack and find lunch in Catonsville (there's a *Friendly's*), or at Rolling Road and US40 at the *Double T Diner*, or west on US40 a short distance to *Appleby's* on the left. After lunch, if you are in downtown Catonsville, continue back (west) to Rolling Road. Turn right (north) on Rolling Road to US40 (another right) then follow the directions below.

1:30 PM

### ***St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church***

4711 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21229

1955 Casavant Frères – 39 stops, 3-manuals

Originally built for a Catholic parish in Québec, the organ was rebuilt and expanded in 2007 by a unique collaboration between *Casavant Frères* of St-Hyacinthe, Québec and *David M. Storey, Inc.* of Baltimore.

#### **Directions:**

After lunch, if you're on US 40, travel east until US 40 joins with Edmondson Avenue. Just after you pass St. Bartholomew's on the right there will be a traffic light at Uplands Parkway; a right turn here followed immediately by another right turn will put you in the church parking lot, just behind the church.



**Last month's crawl** to Christ Church in Port Republic, Maryland on August 25<sup>th</sup> was a day on which five members of the Hilbus Chapter (Peter Crisafulli, Kevin Clemens, Carolyn Booth, Carl Schwartz and Mark Steiner) plus others, played 30-minute recitals as part of the church's participation in the 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Calvert County Jousting Tournament; it was the 18<sup>th</sup> year of the annual Organ Recital Series. Carl Schwartz reports: "The day was hot, the playing fine, and the food excellent."

The organ is by **M. P. Möller**: a three-rank Artiste built for the church in 1959. The console was originally located in the Baptistry area adjacent to the Altar; it was moved to the gallery about 1990. Subsequently Paul Fulcher revoiced this organ in order to secure more presence in the room. It is installed in a standard cabinet and all ranks are under expression.



**Port Republic chancel**

**Great**

Diapason 8' (1-12 Gedeckt + Viola, Principal)  
 Gedeckt 8' (80 pipes)  
 Viola 8' (80 pipes)  
 Principal 4' (61 pipes)  
 Gedeckt 4'  
 Viola 4'  
 Twelfth 2 2/3' (Viola)  
 Fifteenth 2' (Viola)  
 Swell to Great  
 Chimes

**Swell**

Gedeckt 8'  
 Viola 8'  
 Gedeckt 4'  
 Viola 4'  
 Nasard 2 2/3' (Gedeckt)  
 Flautino 2'  
 Tremolo

**Pedal**

Gedeckt 16' (12 pipes)  
 Gedeckt 8'  
 Viola 8'  
 Quint 5 1/3'  
 Octave 4'  
 Flute 4'



**Carolyn Booth at the Port Republic console**



**Port Republic organ case**

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*"The Church knew what the Psalmist knew: Music praises God. Music is well or better able to praise Him than the building of the church and all its decoration; it is the Church's greatest ornament."*

– Igor Stravinsky

## NEWS OF NOTE

**Dr. Eileen Guenther**, Professor of Church Music at Wesley Seminary in DC will play the dedicatory recital for the new Oberlinger pipe organ at Friendship United Methodist Church in Friendship, Maryland on Sunday, **September 30, 2007** at 4:00 PM. There will be a reception at the church following the concert. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted.

Driving directions: Maryland Route 4 to Maryland Route 258, Maryland Route 2 to detour signs (due to road construction) to Friendship Road. East to the church. For more information call the church at 410/257-7133.



**Marvin Mills** will present an organ recital at Holy Comforter Lutheran Church, 3319 Alabama Avenue SE, Washington, DC on Sunday, **October 7, 2007** at 4:00 PM. His program will include works by Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, William Grant Still and Frank Ferko. The concert is free; a reception will follow. For further information, call Paul Birckner at 301/449-4399.



Congratulations! to **Carolyn Booth** who has accepted a position as Interim Music Director/Organist at Middleham & St. Peter's Episcopal Parish in southern Maryland.



## 2011 CONVENTION NEWS

A "steering committee" of Hilbus members, co-chaired by Carl Schwartz and Thom Robertson, is meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> to begin the process for the Hilbus Chapter to host the 2011 OHS National Convention in the Washington, DC area. Once a date has been chosen, the actual venues to be featured will need to be decided, hotels will need to be investigated, transportation and meals will need to be planned. All the membership will be asked to participate at some level during these next few years – we hope that you'll all want to help!

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*"People who make music together cannot be enemies, at least while the music lasts."*

– Paul Hindemith

It's time to renew your  
**Hilbus Membership!**  
Dues are payable in October.

Please send your \$14 dues to:

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*Checks payable to Hilbus Chapter, OHS*

Make sure we have your correct mailing address and your e-mail address; unless you request otherwise, your newsletters will be delivered electronically.



Port Republic Chancel, showing  
Baptistry area to the left

### Dates to remember:

*September Crawl* - Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

*October Crawl* - Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

**Deadline for October Newsletter**

Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>