

St. John's Parish on the Green  
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we may believe in our hearts  
and show forth in our lives

# The Chorister Academy at St. John's Parish-on-the-Green



The Chorister Academy at St. John's Parish gives young people in the Greater Waterbury Area--regardless of their background--the opportunity to sing in a choir that is faithful to the highest standards of the choral art. The Choir is open to youth from third grade through high school.

*María Coffin* is in her fourth season as the director. She has worked with children's choirs in the Greater Waterbury Area for many years. A graduate of Calvin College, she has done graduate work in organ and choral conducting at the Conservatory in Amsterdam, the Netherlands; Westminster Choir College; and the University of Connecticut. In 2004, St. John's Church asked her to establish the choir.

*Focused on a living faith*, the Chorister Academy offers instruction in accordance with the programs established and supported by the Royal School of Church Music in America, programs recognized for their excellence in teaching and encouraging people of all ages to sing well.

Choristers are taught vocal production, music reading and theory, development of the singing voice, and Christian liturgical practice.

## *The Choristers Share Their gifts*

- during Sunday worship twice a month;
- on special Sundays and church events, including confirmation, the Five Choirs Festival, and St. John's Christmas bazaars;
- regular services at Evensong;
- at Grace Church in New York City;
- in celebration of The Big Read in Waterbury, Connecticut.
- at St. Thomas Church in New York City (2008); and
- at Heritage Village in Southbury, Connecticut.

*The Choristers' Prayer:* Bless, O Lord, us your servants who minister in your temple; grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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