

ORGANISTS OF ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

The records of the Cathedral are virtually complete concerning the various musicians who have served as Organist-Choirmaster. In 1837 a professional choir of men and boys was formed, which was the Parish Choir until 1926 when a professional mixed choir was established and continues to this day. During the first twenty years of the Parish six people served as Parish Musicians; the exact tenure of each is not known. Periodically, some of these musicians served as Organist only with separate people acting as Choirmasters. It is interesting to note that several late 19th and early 20th century musicians served more than one tenure as Organist-Choirmaster and several musicians were leading national and international organists/composers of their day: Dr. Buck, Dr. Lutkin, Dr. Dickinson and Dr. Sowerby.

(Musicians who served as choirmaster and not organist are in italics)

1837-1857	Mrs. John Kinzie	1885-1895	<i>Mr. William Smedley (Choirmaster)</i>
	Mrs. Magill	1897-1898	Dr. Clarence Dickinson
	Miss Laura Rumsey	1895-1899	<i>Mr. Fletcher H. Wheeler (Choirmaster)</i>
	Mr. William H. Lee	1898-1899	Mr. James Watson
	Mr. Mitchell Tyng	1899-1901	Mr. Elias A. Bredin
	Mr. Emil Rein	1899-1903	<i>Mr. William Smedley (Choirmaster)</i>
1857-1861	Mr. Theodore S. Payne	1901-1903	Mr. Curtis A. Barry
1861-1865	Mr. Edward A. Payne	1903-1909	Dr. Clarence Dickinson
1865-1866	Mr. G. Charles Knopfel	1909-1918	Mr. John W. Norton
1866-1868	Mr. H. W. Chant	1918-1919	Mr. Hugo Goodwin
1868-1871	Dr. Dudley Buck	1919-1925	Mr. John W. Norton
1871-1871	Mr. Arthur J. Creswold	1926-1927	Mr. Percy D. DeCoster
1871-1873	Mr. C. H. Brittan	1927-1962	Dr. Leo Sowerby
1873-1875	Mr. James P. Kelley	1962-1965	Mr. Robert J. Lind
1875-1876	Mr. Charles A. Havens	1965-1968	Mr. Beverly A. Ward
1876-1877	Mr. John White	1968-1980	Dr. B. Lynn Hébert
1877-1879	Mr. James P. Kelley	1980-1987	Mr. Lee M. Kolenberg, Jr.
1877-1878	<i>Mr. Charles H. Taylor (Choirmaster)</i>	1987-1988	Salvatore Soria (Interim)
1879-1880	Mr. William Lawrence Tomlins	1987-1988	<i>Wayland Rogers (Interim Choirmaster)</i>
1880-1882	Unknown	1988-2003	Canon Dr. William P. Crosbie
1882-1891	Mr. C. E. Reynolds	2003-2004	Mr. David R. White (Interim)
1884-1885	<i>Mr. John L. Hughes (Choirmaster)</i>	2004-	Bruce J. Barber II
1891-1897	Dr. Peter C. Lutkin		