

# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH YORKVILLE

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February 23, 2009

**EVENT**                    *Seven Last Words of Christ* by Nancy Wertsch, performed  
by the St. Joseph's Singers, Stephen Black, conductor

**EVENT DATE**         **Sunday, March 29**

**EVENT TIME**         **4:00 PM**

**EVENT COST**         **\$15 suggested donation**

**CATEGORIES**        **Sacred, Classical Choral Music**

On Sunday, March 29 at 4:00 PM, SJS, a chamber choir conducted by Stephen Black, will present *Seven Last Words* by New York City composer Nancy Wertsch. The composition is a choral meditation on the utterances of Christ at his crucifixion. This will be the second performance of the work, after its premiere at First Presbyterian Church, NYC, 2007. The featured soloists are Katharine Dain and Christopher Herbert, and the organist is Christopher Creaghan. A donation of \$15 is suggested. The program will be performed at St. Joseph's Church Yorkville, on the upper east side of Manhattan.

The St. Joseph's Singers (SJS) is a chamber chorus based on the upper east side of Manhattan. The chorus was founded in the spring of 2004 by Stephen Black, a graduate of the Yale School of Music. The chorus performs both sacred and secular choral literature of all periods, with special emphasis on the music of J.S. Bach and contemporary composers. SJS's November 2007 concert of new music was a critic's choice in TimeOut New York magazine. The ensemble had the singular honor of performing a concert for Pope Benedict XVI, during his papal visit to the United States in April 2008. To learn more about the St. Joseph's Singers please visit the chorus website at [www.sjsingers.org](http://www.sjsingers.org).

St. Joseph's Church Yorkville is located at **404 East 87<sup>th</sup> Street** (cross-street, 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue) and is handicapped-accessible. The church is convenient to the **M101** and **M86** bus routes, as well as the **4,5,6** subway station at 86<sup>th</sup> Street and Lexington Avenue. For more information, contact the church by phone at (212) 289-6030.