

San Benito Oriana Chorale -- Winter 2018 (Part 1)

We are a group of people of all ages who love to sing! Practice for our winter season started at the end of August. We met on most Monday evenings until our concert series began in mid-December. Here are a few photographs showing what it takes to get ready for showtime!



Members of the Winter 2018 Oriana Chorale.



To practice our A Capella numbers for the 2018 winter concert series, we gather in the church lobby to take advantage of the acoustics. A Capella is Italian for "in the manner of the chapel" and is music specifically written for group or solo singing without instrumental accompaniment. Our choir director Rachel has us stand in a circle so can better hear each other sing. Listening to each other is just as important as singing with each other -- it is a very important skill in order to move and blend the music's four (and sometimes six) part harmonies. This years' A Capella numbers are "O Nata Lux" (sung in Latin, this a turn-of-the-century hymn celebrating the Feast of the Transfiguration) and "Lux Arumque" (also sung in Latin, this is a modern take on A Capella piece as seen on the Virtual Choir youtube channel).