

A Beautiful Community Church

April 2008

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

BEDFORD & NORTH CASTLE

DISCOVERING CONTEMPORARY COMMUNITY



OUR 2008 SERVICES

- May 4- *Bishop Roskam*
- June 1- *Jazz Vespers & Dr. Aaron Flagg*
- Sept. 14- *Chuck Windsor*
- Oct. 5- *Dr. Mahjabeen Hassan*
- Oct. 26- *Joint Service*
- Nov. 26- *Thanksgiving Eve & Donald Gregg*
- Dec. 23- *Christmas Service*

FOR OVER 150 YEARS, A WARM WELCOME TO PEOPLE OF ALL PERSUASIONS AND FROM ALL COMMUNITIES

St. Mary's Church
Hickory Kingdom &
East Middle Patent
Roads

St. Mary's in 2008 will experience the meaning of community by exploring our own diversityand the diversity of the world around us. In changing and tumultuous times, a community of faith and diversity can be our anchor to windward.

St. Mary's speakers in 2008 offer the comfort of faith as well as the challenges and rewards of diversity. Our speakers exemplify other cultures and viewpoints, and will give us new perspectives. These perspectives will help us learn about ourselves, each other and the spiritual wealth of our multifaceted community.

Please join us to learn more about our community in today's world. This voyage of discovery will be guided by **Bishop Roskam**, who comes to us with deep commitment to women in the developing world, as well



as cultural and racial inclusiveness; **Dr. Aaron Flagg**, former student of Wynton Marsalis, who will share his trumpet and the diverse spiritual and cultural traditions of jazz; **Chuck Windsor**, who brings a unique public service and business perspective; **Dr. Mahjabeen Hassan**, Chairperson of the American Muslim

Women's Association, talking about the Muslim Community in Westchester; and **Don Gregg**, former Ambassador and National Security Advisor to Vice President George H.W. Bush, who will speak on Thanksgiving Eve on "Bridging Peoples and Nations: Giving thanks for our differences and commonality."

A WELCOME OF HISTORIC PROPORTIONS

We welcome you to St. Mary's services and beautiful setting known since colonial times as "The Peaceable Kingdom." Historically mostly peaceable, always eventful! The triangle in front of St. Mary's marks the site of Revolutionary War skirmishes, and where, only 75 years later, St. Mary's Church was built in 1853 by area farmers. Fast forward to 1946 when neighbors narrowly averted location of the new United Nations right here! Then, in 1953, The Nature Conservancy began its very first land project. It has become the Mianus River Gorge Preserve, which now includes much of the land around St. Mary's.

In its own history, St. Mary's has broadened its community with automobiles and paved roads and now with both the diversity and relevance of our speakers. Our schedule of services is ecumenical, and we encourage people of all faiths to join us in seeing the world and contemporary issues through a lens of thoughtful spirituality.



THE RT. REV. CATHERINE S. ROSKAM

BISHOP SUFFRAGAN OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NEW YORK

MAY 4—5:30 P.M.

Bishop Roskam has oversight of the 66 congregations of Region II, the area encompassing Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam counties. She served on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church as Chair of the International Concerns Committee and is a representative from the Episcopal Church to the Anglican Consultative Council. She was in-



strumental in founding the Global Women's Fund of the Diocese of New York, which is devoted to empowering women in the developing world, as well as The Carpenter's Kids, a program developed in relationship with the Diocese of Central Tanganyika in support of AIDS orphans in Tanzania.



DR. AARON A. FLAGG

EXEC. DIRECTOR, MUSIC CONSERVATORY OF

WESTCHESTER—JUNE 1—5:30 P.M.

Aaron Flagg is an accomplished trumpet player and educator. He previously served on the graduate faculty of the Juilliard School and as its Director of Educational Outreach and as Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Connecticut, where he was the Director of Jazz Studies. As a professional trumpet player, he has performed concertos, recitals, big band, orchestra, and chamber concerts with artists and ensembles including the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, the New York Philharmonic, Westchester Symphony and the Brooklyn Philharmonic. This swinging service, capturing the spirituality of jazz, is one not to be missed!

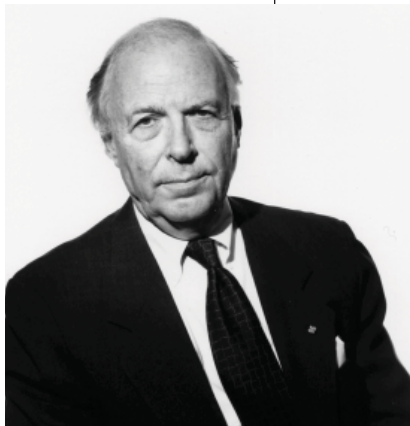


LAURENCE C. WINDSOR

CIVILIAN AIDE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SEPT. 14—5:30 P.M.

Chuck Windsor is a fascinating man, with expertise in multiple fields, including military, business and public service. Currently Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, he also served as Special Assistant to the Postmaster General of the United States, and in 2000, was awarded the Department of the Army Commander's Award for Public Service. In addition to being on the Board of Governors of the West Point Society of New York, he serves on the President's Council of the Phoenix House. On the business side, he retired in 2000 from New York advertising firm Young & Rubicam, after 22 years, as Senior Vice President and Director of Promotion.



DR. MAHJABEEN HASSAN

CHAIRPERSON, AMERICAN MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSN.

OCT. 5—5:30 P.M.

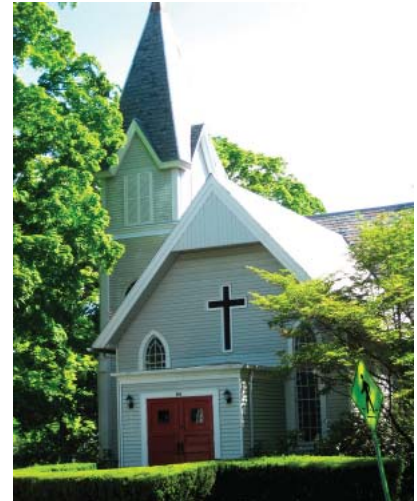
Dr. Mahjabeen Hassan is the Chairperson of the American Muslim Women's Association and co-founder of the Center for Jewish-Christian-Muslim Understanding. Born in Pakistan, she studied medicine in New York, training as a plastic and reconstructive surgeon, and practices in Sleepy Hollow and at Phelps Hospital. She has spoken widely to community, education and interfaith groups about Islam; she believes she can be effective as a healer, correcting apprehensions and misperceptions both here and in Pakistan; she has worn the hijab since 2001. She will speak about the Muslim community in Westchester.



THREE CHURCH JOINT SERVICE

OCT. 26—10:45 A.M.

Talk about a spirit of community! This joint service brings together the congregations of St. Mary's, St. Matthew's and the Antioch Baptist Church for a special service at Antioch Baptist Church in Bedford Hills. The energy of fellowship that arises from these gatherings fills us with joy and sharing as highlights of our spiritual year. The Reverend Dr. Paul S. Briggs, Pastor at Antioch, and our own Rev. Terry Elsberry will preside and speak.



The Antioch Baptist Church

THANKSGIVING EVE—DONALD GREGG

CHAIRMAN OF KOREA SOCIETY & FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR

NOV. 26—6:30 P.M.



After a 43-year career in government, with service in the CIA, as national security advisor to Vice President George H.W. Bush, and as U.S. Ambassador to South Korea, and with postings to Saipan, Japan, Burma, Viet Nam and Korea, Don Gregg returned "home" to Westchester. (He grew up in Hastings-on-Hudson and after U.S. Army tour attended Williams College.) He is now Chairman of The Korea Society, a New York based non-profit organization dedicated to education and cooperation between the peoples of the U.S. and Korea, which played a significant role in the arrangements for the NY Philharmonic concert in Pyongyang last February.

*St. Mary's is available for
weddings, baptisms,
memorial services and
community meetings.*

Call:

Hilda Minarik

St. Matthew's

914-234-9636

*A schedule of services at
St. Mary's is always posted
on the bulletin board in
front of the church.*

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

THE REV. PAUL BRIGGS—DEC. 23—6:00 P.M.



The traditional St. Mary's annual Christmas Story and Christmas Carol service is sure to get everyone in the holiday spirit, with the Rev. Dr. Paul S. Briggs, Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, presiding and spectacular music by members of the Antioch Chancel Choir and Earl B. Brown, Antioch's Director of Music and St. Mary's Vestry member and organist! A favorite service for all of us!

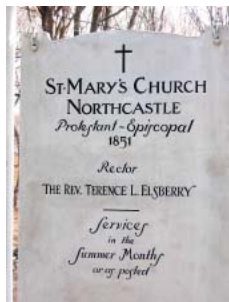




St. Mary's Church

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Bedford, NY 10506



ST. MARY'S CHURCH... SINCE 1853

St. Mary's Church was built by farmers in the nineteenth century. Today, it stands, resplendent in its simplicity, as a place where – approximately six to eight times per year – friends and neighbors of many faiths gather for evening services. Each service is a special experience, featuring speakers of diverse backgrounds, music and spiritual opportunities in a lovely historic setting.

In many ways, St. Mary's represents what is so wonderful about our community. This lovely, picturesque church, surrounded by woods and rural roads, captures the quiet essence of the area – the history, the beauty of the surroundings and the strong spiritual heritage.

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St. Mary's is supported entirely by voluntary contributions which are welcome and greatly appreciated.

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