



# THE KEY

## ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

### BEDFORD N.Y.

April

To know Christ and to make Him known

2009

### AUTHENTIC MIRACLE REPORTED! CRUCIFIED CARPENTER SEEN ALIVE!

The above might be something like the headlines in Jerusalem newspapers the morning of the first Easter Day. Certainly Jesus' resurrection was an authentic miracle. By authentic I mean not faked; no sleight-of-hand but a true miracle. A miracle is defined as: "An event that appears unexplainable by the laws of nature and so is held to be supernatural in origin or an act of God."

And a miracle it was. Jesus the carpenter and teacher from Nazareth, crucified as a criminal of the state, by an act of God really did come back to life. He was seen and more than seen. He talked. He went from place to place. He ate. He laughed. He taught. He lived again in bodily form.

God has performed other miracles in the long course of human history. But none can compare with this. And the good news for you and me is that it's our miracle, too.

Jesus is alive. He lives forever. Because we believe in Him, so will we. That's the good news of Easter. Hallelujah!  
See you in church,

### Spring Clean-up – Two Saturdays – April 18 & 25

The annual St. Matthew's Spring Clean-up will be held on two days this year — Sat., Apr. 18 and Sat. Apr. 25 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, both days. We are doing two days because there is a lot of work to be done – please come and join us! The more people who come, the more fun we'll have and better our church grounds will look. No need to bring anything but lots of energy and enthusiasm.

Let's remember how lucky we are to have such a spectacular property for our parish — so let's get a great turnout of parishioners for the Spring Clean-up!



### Antiques Show This Weekend!

The 24th annual Bedford Spring Antiques Show begins with a Champagne Preview Party and Silent Auction this Friday night, Apr. 3 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Rippowam Cisqua School. If you haven't sent in your response, please do so immediately, and if you need an invitation please pick one up as you walk into the Parish House. OR – you can pay at the door! We really need your support and it is, of course, the party of the spring! The Silent Auction features 11 items this year. You can bid on a week in Harbour Island, a catered dinner with wine tasting, a private tour of the Frick Collection, a night at the St. Regis Hotel, two beautiful rounds of golf, Yankee tickets, or a week in Vermont to name just a few. The show features approximately 30 dealers from all over the country and continues Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. On Saturday we host our own Appraisal Fair from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring your favorite antique treasures to be professionally appraised by our panel of experts. Tickets are \$10 per item. Lunch is available also. For more information, go to our website: [stmatthewsbedford.org](http://stmatthewsbedford.org), or email us at [bsas@stmatthewsbedford.org](mailto:bsas@stmatthewsbedford.org).



Committee member Liza Clymer holds "Feel Love" t-shirt

### A Busy April – Be There!

Wed., Apr. 1	Bedford Chamber Concert	8 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 3	Bedford Spring Antiques Show Preview Party, at Rippowam	6 - 9 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 4	Men's Fellowship Lenten Breakfast	7:30-8:45 a.m.
	Bedford Spring Antiques Show, at Rippowam	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
	The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday, Apr. 5	
	Liturgy of the Palms and Reading of the Passion	10 a.m.
	Bedford Spring Antiques Show, at Rippowam	11 a.m.-5 p.m.
	Maundy Thursday, Apr. 9	
	Maundy Thursday Supper	7 p.m.
	Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar	8 p.m.
	Youth Service in Parish House	8 p.m.
	Good Friday, Apr. 10	
	Good Friday One-Hour Service	12 p.m.
	Holy Saturday, Apr. 11	
	Holy Saturday Family Service, followed by Easter Egg Hunt	10 a.m.
	Easter Day, Sun., Apr. 12	
	Holy Eucharist Sunrise Service	7:30 a.m.
	Festival Holy Eucharist	9:15 a.m.
	Festival Holy Eucharist	11:15 a.m.
	Sat., Apr. 18	
	Spring Clean-Up (first day)	8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Sat., Apr. 25	
	Spring Clean-Up (second day)	8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Sun., Apr. 26	
	Woodlands Symposium	3 p.m.
	Wed., Apr. 29	
	Spring Shopping Boutique	10 a.m. 6 p.m.

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## Holy Week at St. Matthew's



### Sun., Apr. 5, Palm Sunday

The 10 a.m. service features the traditional Reading of the Passion enacted by members of the parish. No Church School classes scheduled, but bring the children to see and hear the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and His final days there.

### Thurs., Apr. 9, Maundy Thursday

All-parish supper in the Fellowship Room at 7 p.m. followed by service at 8 p.m. As we remember the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples, we will share a meal together as His friends. The menu will be vegetable lasagna, prepared by parishioners. Afterwards, adults will gather in the church for a celebration of the Eucharist and the stripping of the altar. Children will remain in the Parish House for a special event led by Church School Director Linda de Menocal.

### Fri., Apr. 10, Good Friday

The 12 noon service (lasting one hour) helps us remember the

Crucifixion of Jesus through hymns and meditations that focus on individuals who played key roles in the Passion of Christ. The service may not be suitable for children below fourth or fifth grade. Child-care provided

### Sat., Apr. 11, Holy Saturday

Family service at 10 a.m. followed by the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages. Come rain or shine. (In the Parish House, if inclement weather.)

### Sun., Apr. 12, Easter Day

7:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Sunrise Service  
9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Services of Festival Holy Eucharist celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord. Bring the whole family to church; no Church School classes. Our Easter acclamation—He is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!—is the great cheer resounding throughout the family of Christ.

## Woodlands Commission Fifth Symposium

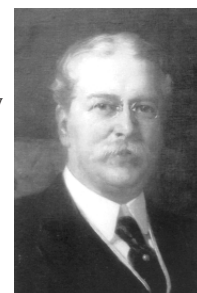
### Water & Wastewater Issues - Bedford and Beyond

Mark your calendar for Apr. 26. The Woodlands Commission is sponsoring its fifth symposium for that date between 3 and 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. The symposium will address the key issues of ensuring safe and high-quality drinking water, tackling septic leaching into the aquifer, providing sewers to areas of the community where existing septage is problematic and funding these expensive, but critical projects. You may recall that the Woodlands Commission sponsored a symposium in Apr. 2006, titled "Water Quality and Wastewater Management Issues". There was sentiment that we should re-visit the issue in three or four years' time. As much has occurred since then, we believe you will find the discussion timely, lively and of interest and concern to you.

As many may know, these issues are not confined to Bedford, but are regional in nature – hence "Bedford and Beyond." Bringing the regional perspective, Westchester County Legislator Peter Harckham has agreed to be one of the panelists. Peter represents several northern Westchester communities and chairs the County Legislature's Septic Subcommittee. He has been at the center of trying to fashion solutions and will provide insight as it applies to Bedford, as well as other communities. We are pleased that Bedford Supervisor Lee Roberts also will join the panel. Lee and Bedford's Town Board have been working toward construction of a new water filtration plant to serve the hamlets of Katonah and Bedford Hills, drawing on New York City's Delaware aqueduct. Bedford also has been moving ahead to provide sewers to Katonah and Bedford Hills. We will have other panelists who are active participants in these matters, including a representative of New York City's Department of Environmental Protection, which manages the City's water supply.

Chris Burdick, co-chair of the Woodlands Commission and a member of the Bedford Town Board, will serve as moderator. Each panelist will make a brief presentation followed by questions and answers from the audience as well as among the panelists. Whether we can rely upon a dependable source of clean water and safe disposal of effluent has become a critical issue for Bedford and surrounding towns. Come join us and become better informed on what's at stake.

## People from St. Matthew's Past: Clarence Whitman & Harold Cutler Whitman



Clarence Whitman

On the back wall of St. Matthew's sanctuary is a large memorial plaque to **Clarence Whitman**. Mr. Whitman served on the St. Matthew's Vestry for a total of 37 years, 25 of those years as Warden. He was chosen to become Warden during the ministry of the Rev. Lea Luquer, and in his tenure as Warden was influential in attracting the Rev. Arthur Ketchum to succeed Rev. Luquer. Clarence Whitman and his wife Mary Hoppin Whitman moved to Bedford in 1891 and purchased the "Katonah's Wood" property from Henry Pellew. Mr. Pellew, in his own right was a significant Bedford citizen having been a President of the Farmer's Club and a founder of the Katonah Village Improvement Society (KVIS). He was twice a son-in-law to Judge William Jay (he married two of Judge Jays daughters).

The accomplishments of Clarence Whitman were many; most notably the formation of the Katonah Land Company which organized the moving of Old Katonah to its new home. He brought in the famous Olmstead Brothers landscape firm to create the plan for the new village. On his estate, Mr. Whitman bred fine Guernsey cattle.

On the front left wall of the sanctuary there sits another Whitman memorial. This plaque memorializes **Harold Cutler Whitman**, the third son of Clarence and Mary Whitman. Harold Whitman succeeded his father on the Vestry of St. Matthew's. He served on the Vestry for 23 years, the last 5 years from 1949-1954 as Warden. In addition to his service to St. Matthew's, Harold Whitman gave to the Bedford Historical Society the two acres of land on which sits the Bedford Oak, and the Oak itself was gifted to the Town of Bedford and its citizens in memory of his wife Georgia Squiers Whitman. Harold Cutler Whitman was the first of five generations to have this name and worship at St. Matthew's. His grandson Harry, great-grandson Cutler, their spouses Aimee and Libby, and great-great-grandson Harry the fifth continue the Whitman tradition at St. Matthew's.

John Stockbridge

## Bedford Chamber Concert

Wed., April 1- Spring in Vienna

Two of our stars—**Yoon Kwon** on the violin and **Tony Newman** on the piano—will bring three of Vienna's greatest composers to the Fellowship Room on Apr. 1. They will play Mozart's Violin Sonata in D (1778), Beethoven's Violin Sonata Number 7 in C Minor (1802), and Brahms' Violin Sonata Number 3 in D (1888).

Probably half of classical music's greatest works were written in Vienna, which is thought by many to be the music-lovers capital of the world. Even today, music composed by some of the world's most renowned composers is performed almost continually in that city. In selecting violin sonatas from three Vienna-based composers representing different music eras, Tony Newman has distilled the essence and breadth of Viennese music. Come share an evening of wonderful music played by brilliant musicians as you enjoy Austrian wine or kaffee, and Sacher torte.



*The Music Committee*

## Keep Filling Your Mite Boxes!

Proceeds from our Church School Mite Boxes have always been designated to help others. Particularly during Lent this is an important lesson for our children. For the past 3 years, we have chosen to support the Carpenter's Kids program in Tanzania. The Carpenter's Kids program provides annual tuition, books and supplies, uniform, shoes and breakfast for AIDs orphans. We support 100 children with our Mite Box contributions. As our parishioner, Jani Jussel, will tell you, these children have nothing and our support is so very necessary and appreciated.

It is through the Church School, particularly our Mite Boxes, that this outreach is successful. Once begun, we must not stop. These children depend on our generosity to continue their education. We have approximately 150 students in our Church School. We are supporting 100 orphans in Tanzania. Please be as generous as possible. Help your children to help others in this time of Lenten self-examination, reflection and renewal. Please encourage your children to fill their Mite Boxes to the brim – by giving of themselves -- either earning money or putting aside a portion from their allowance. Our goal is \$5,000. (We have an "adult" Mite Box in the Parish House for any and all parishioners who would like to support this effort.)

## Christian Conditioning

Have you been curious about the connections between prayer, meditation, breath work and movement? Depending on community interest, parishioner Elizabeth Heilman Brooke, a certified yoga teacher, will teach a series of eight classes on the benefits of breath work, prayer and movement for relieving stress, fatigue, anxiety and depression, bringing a refreshed vitality to body, mind and spirit. If you are interested in participating in a once a week one hour class, please let Susan or Elizabeth know some best possible times for you and confirm your availability for eight classes in April and May. [swyper@stmatthewsbedford.org](mailto:swyper@stmatthewsbedford.org), [ehbrooke@yahoo.com](mailto:ehbrooke@yahoo.com)

## Easter Memorial Flowers

It is not too later to remember departed loved ones with lilies in the church on Easter Day. Memorial donation envelopes were sent with the March Key and are available in the Parish Office. Please return the envelopes with names and donations to the Parish Office by April 3rd.

## SPRING SHOPPING BOUTIQUE



Wednesday, April 29, 2009

St. Matthew's Church

382 Cantitoe Street • Bedford, New York  
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Born to Shop? You (and all your friends!) can't miss this fabulous shopping day in the Fellowship Room at St. Matthew's! Unique vendors will be selling gourmet treats, garden accessories, exquisite gifts, clothing and accessories to match your every need. Think Mother's, Father's Day, Graduations, Birthdays, Weddings or just you! Lunch will be available. See you there!

### 2009 Participating Vendors:

Amanzi Tea	Asiatique	Belted Cow
Catch All	Denali Four	Elizabeth McKay
Everything is Rosey	Fete	Ilyse's Pieces
Little Follies	Lighten Up	Robert Redd

*15 percent of all sales will be donated to St. Matthew's.*

## Community Center of Northern Westchester Feeds Record Numbers

As the result of the economic downturn, the Community Center of Northern Westchester is providing supplemental food to unprecedented numbers of Northern Westchester families. More families than ever are coming to the Center for help for the first time, including people who never dreamed they would need this help. In addition, families are visiting us more often. Please consider donating food or money, or organize a food drive and enlist your neighbors and friends. We gratefully accept your donations Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 84 Bedford Road in Katonah.

*Thank you for helping us help our neighbors in need.*

## Sermon Sunday – April 19

The Confirmation class invites parents, sponsors and all interested parties to hear the Word preached by some of St. Matthew's youngest preachers. Is the next Terry Elsberry in our midst? Come listen and find out! Sermon Sunday happens in the church immediately following the 10 a.m. service on Apr. 19. We begin at 11:15 and conclude by 12:30. Preparing and preaching a short sermon is a tradition of St. Matthew's Confirmation program and is one of the most anticipated pieces of a year of study before the big day on June 7. Our young preachers have begun to explore their assigned Scripture passages with sponsors and friends, to seek the guidance of the Spirit and to pray for the peace which passes all understanding, and quiets all nerves. Come give them your support. As we sang on Palm Sunday, All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer King! to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. We'll be ringing on the 19th!

# April Church Calendar

## Weekly Events

Holy Eucharist, followed by Bible study, will be held at 10:00 a.m. every Wednesday

### The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday, April 5

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
 Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella and Mrs. Getz  
 Ushers: Messrs. Bernson and MacDonald  
 Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge  
 Lector: Mr. Freeman  
 Acolytes: Colby Burdick and Eleanor Sednaoui
- 10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Reading of the Passion**  
 Ushers: Messrs. LaMotte, Proctor, Reynders; Rob Vincent  
 Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson  
 Children attend church with parents

### Maundy Thursday, April 9

- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Supper**  
**8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar**  
**8:00 p.m. Youth Service in Parish House**

### Good Friday, April 10

- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service**

### Holy Saturday, April 11

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Family Service, followed by Easter Egg Hunt**

### Easter Day, Sunday, April 12

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunrise Service**  
 Altar Guild: Mesdames Mankiewicz and Whitman  
 Ushers: Messrs. McVicar and Seaman  
 Lay Reader: Mr. Windsor  
 Lector: Mr. Heath  
 Acolyte: Bowen Clymer and Colin McCree
- 9:15 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist**  
 Altar Guild: Mesdames Sturz and Pinckney  
 Ushers: Messrs. Brown, Cummings, Keller, Maybank  
 Lay Reader: Jane Wood  
 Lector: Mrs. Mankiewicz  
 Acolytes: Tom Farrell and Keith Donlon  
 Torch Bearers: Greg Owen and Christine Owen
- 11:15 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist**  
 Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Blacker  
 Ushers: Messrs. Borner, de Menocal, Schimmel, Sturz  
 Lay Reader: Mrs. Allen  
 Lector: Mrs. Banks  
 Acolytes: Blythe Crasto and Katie Dexter  
 Torch Bearers: Andrew D'Avanzo and Adrian Crasto

### Second Sunday of Easter, April 19

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
 Altar Guild: Mesdames Ehrlich and Keesee  
 Ushers: Mr. Fagan and Roger Vincent  
 Lay Reader: Mr. Claude  
 Lector: Mr. Vincent  
 Acolytes: Xiaoling Keller and Taylor Matthews
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, and Church School**  
 Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz  
 Ushers: Messrs. Freyberg, Talty, Taylor, Thompson  
 Lay Reader: Mr. Banks  
 Lector: Mrs. Finn  
 Acolytes: Margaretta Burdick and Conor Morris  
 Junior Crucifers: Brian Gourd and Caroline Johnston  
 \*Lay Minister: Mr. Chace

### Third Sunday of Easter, April 26

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
 Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott  
 Ushers: Messrs. Foster and MacDonald  
 Lay Reader: Mrs. Farrell  
 Lector: Mrs. Ehrlich  
 Acolytes: Frances Kronenberg and Erik Long
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church School, and Sermon**  
 Ushers: Messrs. McCree, Needham, Swift, Tingue

Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster  
 Acolytes: Caroline Bowers and Tom Farrell  
 Junior Crucifers: Brooks Hennessy and Andrew Hennessy  
 \*Lay Minister: Mr. Conrad

### Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
 Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella and Ginger Getz  
 Ushers: Messrs. Boe and Claude  
 Lay Reader: Mr. Conrad  
 Lector: Mrs. Finn  
 Acolytes: Gracie Tenney and Mac Talty
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and Church School**  
 Altar Guild:  
 Ushers: Messrs. Belknap, Blacker, Boyd, Durfee  
 Lay Reader: Mrs. Allen  
 Lector: Mr. Gale  
 Acolytes: Dylan Rubino and Jireh Swift  
 Junior Crucifers: Isabel Kronenberg and States Langham  
 \*Lay Minister: Mr. Cunningham

\*Children's service

## Mark Your Calendars

- Wed., May 6 8 p.m.  
 Bedford Chamber Concert
- Sun., May 10, Mother's Day 10 a.m.  
 Youth-conducted Service, and Flowering of the Cross
- Wed., May 13 10 a.m.  
 Holy Eucharist, followed by Annual Meeting of the Women of St. Matthew's with guest speaker, Ambassador April Foley

## Comings & Goings

Please Update Your Parish Directory

### Holy Baptism

Received into Christ's Holy Church  
 Nicholas Altman, February 22, 2009

### In Memoriam

In sure and certain hope

Margot Graham Moncure, February 15, 2009  
 Frederic J. Schaettler, February 15, 2009  
 Ruth Montgomery Murphy, February 11, 2009  
 Oliver J. Hazard, February 22, 2009

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