



# THE KEY

## ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

### BEDFORD N.Y.

December

To know Christ and to make Him known

2009

### Advent: The Wonder of Waiting

Dear Friends,

We're Americans and what that means, among other things, is that most of us don't much like waiting. We want the answer now. We want the decision now. We want the show to begin now. We want to see results now.

But when God designed the human experience, He made waiting a part of it. So waiting, like it or not, is something we all have to deal with. But some waiting is good. Sometimes you and I have to be prepared for what's coming. God may have a work to do in us. If we get something too soon, we may not be able to handle it.

Maybe that's why He decided it should take nine months to create a new human being—so we'd be ready. But He may also have given us this time to be excited, to anticipate the new arrival. What will the little mite look like? What will he or she BE like? One thing is sure, when that baby arrives nothing will ever be quite the same again. A new life has entered the world and that means new hope and endless opportunity.

So do we in Advent, our church season of waiting, anticipate another Christmas, another celebration of the birth of the baby we all hold in common: our Jesus. Instead of nine months, we only have four weeks. And for many of us these may be the busiest weeks of our year.

But somehow, in some ways that work for you, open your heart and mind in these weeks. Open them to the Lord. Ask Him to make you ready for what His arrival can mean for you. Ask Him to give you this Christmas the gifts only He can give: the gift of hope and the gift of endless opportunity. Then ask Him what gifts you can give Him.

See you in church,

### Help St. Matthew's While Shopping












Don't forget that you can make a contribution to St. Matthew's while Christmas shopping. Go to the St. Matthew's website ([www.stmatthewsbedford.org](http://www.stmatthewsbedford.org)), and click on the Amazon logo which will take you to Amazon's website. To ensure that St. Matthew's receives credit for your purchase, make sure that you enter Amazon's site through St. Matthew's website and that you do not leave the site until you have completed your purchase.

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### A Wonderful Season at St. Matthew's

Advent and Christmas are a magnificent time to be a member of the St. Matthew's family, sharing together the joy and warmth of the season and the wish for peace. It is a happy, busy time at the church, filled with a variety of services, music and special activities for all ages—guaranteed to fill parishioners with the wonderful spirit of Advent. Here is an overview of some of the special events going on — see inside for more details:

-  **CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** – Join in the spirit and get some early presents at the annual Christmas Brunch, following the 10 a.m. service on Sun., Dec. 6. Wreaths, gingerbread houses, great food and Christmas treats. Don't miss it!
-  **CHRISTMAS TREES** – Get your Christmas Tree at St. Matthew's on Sat., Dec. 5, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 6, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
-  **WISH TREE** – The St. Matthew's Christmas Wish Tree will be set up in the Fellowship Room on Dec. 6 with tags suggesting gifts to go those in need. Members of the parish take a tag and return the gift by Dec. 14.
-  **ADVENT AT Danny Lennox's**– Every Tuesday in Advent at Assistant Minister Danny Lennox's house, beginning Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.
-  **LESSONS & CAROLS** – Sun., Dec. 6 – The annual service of Lessons and Carols are sure to get you in the festive mood.
-  **GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING** – Sat. Dec. 12, 3 to 5 p.m. – A family fun afternoon of decorating your own gingerbread house!
-  **FESTIVAL OF MUSIC SERVICE** – Sun., Dec. 13, 10 a.m. service – Enjoy our great St. Matthew's choir as they perform portions of Handel's Messiah.
-  **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST** – Sat., Dec. 19, 7:30 a.m. Great food and wonderful fellowship
-  **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** - The children and youth of St. Matthew's capture your heart, acting out the Nativity on Sun., Dec. 20, at the 10 a.m. service. See inside for rehearsal information.
-  **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** – Don't miss the magnificent Christmas Eve services at St. Matthew's. The 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. services will be the traditional Manger services of lessons and carols, which end with parishioners carrying their lighted candles into the night. Then at 11 p.m., there will be Festival Holy Eucharist, preceded at 10:30 p.m. by a special concert by the St. Matthew's Choir.
-  **CHRISTMAS DAY** – Holy Eucharist, celebrated at 10 a.m.

### Memorial Poinsettias

There are few things that capture the spirit of Advent as well as the St. Matthew's altar at Christmas time, surrounded by bright red poinsettias. It is not too late for parishioners to participate in this wonderful tradition. Make a donation in the name of a departed loved one with a poinsettia as a holiday memorial, and you will be doing your part to keep St. Matthew's bright and colorful. Please use the envelope enclosed with the November Key, or stop by the Parish House to make your donation. All names should be given to the Parish Office by Dec. 14.

## Art Show: Bedford Jan. 8 – 10

Come join us when ART SHOW: BEDFORD kicks off its 37th annual show in the Fellowship Room at St. Matthew's Church on Jan. 8 with a preview party, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The exhibition and sale will run for two days, Sat., Jan. 9 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sun., Jan. 10 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.

The theme of ART SHOW: BEDFORD will again be "Buy and For," buy a painting for a good cause. There will be approximately 30 artists selling their work. Twenty-four top selling, successful artists from previous St. Matthew's art shows will be exhibiting, plus a few new artists. Some of the artists include Jerry Bisceglia, Paul S. Briggs, Cary Thorp Brown, Jessica Dalrymple, Kim Dittrich, Anna Feld, Karen Ford, C.J. Guerin, Christine Jenkinskim, Tom Key, Kendall Klingbeil, Gary L. Kollberg, Daisy de Puthod, Ethel Renek, Wendy Shalen, Susannah Leighton Swanson, Phyllis Tarlow, Kate Townsend, Carla Wales and Leslie Wortmann.

This is the major fundraising effort of the Women of St. Matthew's with 100% of the proceeds going to worthy non-profit organizations that serve our community in many important ways. A selection of organizations that have been supported by ART SHOW: BEDFORD are:

- Abbott House
- The Children's Center at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility
- The Bridge Fund
- The Caring Circle of Hospice Care of Northern Westchester and Putnam
- The Chaplaincy Program in Northern Westchester Hospital
- The Community Center of Northern Westchester
- Fessenden House
- Hospice Care of Northern Westchester
- Midnight Run
- Mount Kisco Day Care Center
- Northern Westchester Shelter

Please mark your calendar and save the date for a fun evening to support a great cause! Look for your invitation in the mail or call 234-9636 to RSVP. Here's a chance to find and buy original artwork for your home or as a gift.

## Advent Book Study at Danny Lennox's

Throughout Advent we will sit down on Tuesday nights, 7 - 8:30 p.m., at Danny Lennox's home in the Farms, 40 Jefferson Lane, to discuss Peter Singer's latest book *The Life You Can Save*. We will intertwine Singer's ethics with our own Christian theology and explore what it means to be saved by a Christmas babe named Jesus Christ. The Advent Book Study will take place on Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22. Those interested in partaking should RSVP to [dlennox@stmatthewsbedford.org](mailto:dlennox@stmatthewsbedford.org). Singer's book is available at all bookstores and online at Amazon. Please join us for this unique study.

Do you want to see pictures of St. Matthew's activities? Thank you to Bob Blacker, who has done a wonderful job updating our website. If you go there, you not only can see the wonderful work done by Bob but there are links to photos of St. Matthew's events. We encourage everyone to visit our site on a regular basis – it is full of church news, Terry's sermons and more. [www.stmatthewsbedford.org](http://www.stmatthewsbedford.org).

*Kudos to Ada B. Combes, who did an outstanding job driving interest in the Crop Hunger Walk at the Pound Ridge Reservation. Here, representing St. Matthew's from left to right, Connie Combes, Poppy Cummings, Ada B., Terry Long and Laurie Sturz.*



## St. Matthew's 2010 EMC is Underway!

Last month, the 2010 EMC kicked-off on All Saints' Day, and the initial response has been great! As you know, St. Matthew's has a 200-year history of standing together in good times and bad, and this was proven yet again during the events of the past year.

The annual Every Member Canvass provides our parish with the critical funding required to maintain the beautiful grounds and buildings of this church which many of us hold so dear in our hearts. It also supports community outreach, and all the myriad programs St. Matthew's offers as it continues its 200 year old mission.

We are off to a great start in terms of receiving pledges so far this year, but it is crucial that we continue this momentum between now and the end of the year so that we can finalize our budgeting process for 2010.

The Stewardship Commission wishes to thank all of you who have submitted your pledges on such a timely basis. Your generous donations provide the foundation for St. Matthew's continued success in these difficult times. If you have yet to send in your pledge, we hope that you will send it in at your earliest convenience. We are extremely grateful for your continued support, and look forward to hearing from you soon!

## Terry To Be Honored by Episcopal Charities

Terry will be honored by Episcopal Charities of New York at their annual Tribute Dinner, on Thurs., Dec. 3, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Terry has served on the Board for many years and has devoted much time and effort to Episcopal Charities, which provides funding and support to a broad range of community-based human service programs throughout the Diocese of New York. Because the overhead costs for Episcopal Charities are all paid by the Diocese, all contributions are able to go directly to its programs. These programs serve disadvantaged individuals, youth and families on a non-sectarian basis. This is a wonderful honor for Terry, as well as a reflection of St. Matthew's contribution toward improving lives throughout the Diocese.

## Many Thanks ...

Tommy Farrell has been honored for the work he did detailing our Glebe and Ketchum Trails, having his Eagle Court of honor on Nov. 13. For the ceremony, parents Chris and Sally Burdick had trail maps printed up for everyone to see and they are now available for trail walkers. Congrats, Tommy!

## Long Range Planning

A sincere thank you to the almost 200 of you who took the time to complete the Parishioner Preference Survey. The survey has resulted in excellent information which will be most helpful in completing the Long Range Plan over the winter. In a month or so we will be publishing the results of the survey. Again, many thanks!

*The Survey Team*

# 'Tis the Season

## See you at the Christmas Brunch, Dec. 6

Start your holiday off with a bang at the annual St. Matthew's Christmas Brunch, Dec. 6. Come to the Fellowship Room after the 10 a.m. service, and you'll be surrounded by Christmas cheer! Enjoy a spectacular brunch and pick up some decorations for your home or friends. There will be wreaths, colorful plants, mini-Christmas trees and don't forget the wonderful gingerbread houses. Grab a poinsettia or a seasonal plant to make your house festive or just gather around the tree and enjoy Yuletide fellowship. The Women of St. Matthew's have been working hard to make sure this Brunch is a perfect start to the season. Special refreshments and a visit from Santa have been planned for the children. Mark your calendar and plan to join us as we ring in this joyous season!

## Men's Fellowship Breakfast Dec. 19

If any of you guys have not attended the annual Men's Fellowship Christmas Breakfast, you have missed one of the gustatory highlights of the holiday season. Don't let this year's event pass you by! Mark your calendar for Saturday morning, Dec. 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. You will be cheerfully nourished and will depart at 9 a.m. full of Christmas spirit, well-fortified to tackle your Yuletide chores. This breakfast is traditionally an unbelievable repast, so...*Come dine ye merry gentlemen; let nothing keep you away!*

## Christmas Pageant, Dec. 20 & Pageant Rehearsals

It is a great St. Matthew's tradition every year when the Church School presents the Christmas Story to the parish. This year's pageant will be held on Sun., Dec. 20 during the 10 a.m. service. The pre-kindergarten through fourth grade students act as the friendly beasts, shepherds, angels and handmaidens. The fifth, sixth and seventh graders will take part by reading the Christmas Story, the opening sentences and the collects. There will be rehearsals on Dec. 6 and 13. The children will rehearse in the church immediately following class. Parents who are not attending the Christmas Brunch on Dec. 6 are asked to pick up their children at 11:45 a.m.; All other children will join their parents in the Fellowship Room at a special table and a visit from you-know-who.

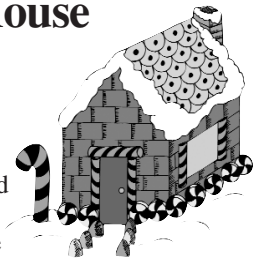


## Festival of Music Service – Dec. 13

A huge part of the holiday season is the wonderful music, filled with joy, familiarity and warmth...so don't miss this superb Festival of Music Service at the 10 a.m. service on Dec. 13. The outstanding St. Matthew's choir will lead the celebration, which will include portions of Handel's Messiah. Young and old, you will come out of this service filled with the spirit of Advent.

## Family Gingerbread House Decorating – Dec. 12

If you have a child, you shouldn't miss this afternoon of fun and frosting! You and your children will be provided a gingerbread house and all the supplies necessary to create a candy house of your dreams to take home, as well as hot cocoa and other refreshments to sustain you during the creative process. Fee: \$30 per gingerbread house. Sat., Dec. 12 – 3 to 5 p.m.



## Visit the Wish Tree and Make a Child's Christmas Happy!

The traditional St. Matthew's Wish Tree will be set up for the Christmas Brunch on Dec. 6, glittering with stars. Each star will include a suggested gift for a needy person at the Northern Westchester Shelter, A-Home or infants of mothers at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Hopefully, each star will be taken by a parishioner and gifts brought back by the following Sun., Dec. 13. This is a fantastic way for members of our church to make sure wishes do come true for disadvantaged members of our community.



## Get Your Christmas Tree, Dec. 5 & 6

You have to get a Christmas tree, so why not get it from St. Matthew's? On Sat., Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., beautiful trees will be for sale in the field by the parking lot. There will be high quality long-lasting Douglas Firs and Fraser Firs to choose from; and there will be plenty of trees, even if you did not make a reservation.



## St. Mary's Christmas Service – Dec. 23, 6:00 p.m.

It is the classic New England Christmas scene. beautiful St. Mary's Church, located deep in the woods, lit by candles and warmed by the spirited singing of family and friends. The traditional St. Mary's annual Christmas Story and Christmas Carol service will be held on Dec. 23 at 6 p.m., 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, organist. This service has been going on since the church was built by farmers in the nineteenth century. If you have never been to St. Mary's for this service, you shouldn't miss it.



## Bedford Chamber Concert: Dec. 9

The beloved Brandenburg Concerti were almost lost to history, because the disinterested Margrave of Brandenburg put it aside in his library. Frederick the Great's sister found the concerti, rescuing them from destruction or oblivion.

Written over a period of years and finished during his tenure as kapellmaster of Koethen then the concerti were dedicated to Margrave Christian Ludwig on Mar. 24, 1721, quite possibly to curry favor when Bach was looking for a new position. This will be the Bedford Chamber Concerts' third complete performance of these masterpieces, which are among the greatest hits of classical music. The orchestra is composed of many instrumentalists who play in the Orpheus Ensemble and the New York Philharmonic.

Start your Christmas season with the beloved Brandenburg Concerti. Kaffee mit Schlag and food from the period will be served. The concert will take place on Dec. 9 in the Fellowship Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$45 each; reservations may be made by calling 234-9636 ext. 28. Checks should be made out to Bedford Chamber Concerts. This is a very popular concert so make sure that you make your reservations now.

*The Music Committee*

Facebook is the most popular social media service and now, as part of the St. Matthew's Social Media Initiative we have a page. If you are already on Facebook, please become a "Fan" of St. Matthew's Church Bedford. We will post upcoming events, and pictures of happenings in and around the St. Matthew's community so we can all stay connected...and don't forget to "friend" Terry Elsberry!



## Welcoming Newcomers!



John and Adèle Talty were kind enough to lend their house for a party to welcome newcomers to our parish family. Here, in the left photo, from left, Anita Stockbridge, Terry and newcomer Jennifer Stockbridge Morello; and in the right picture, Janet Schloat, Jill and Rob Cleveland, Patrick Freyberg.

## Christmas Boutique



On Nov. 18, the Fellowship Room was filled with holiday gifts and shoppers.

## Amy Jones & Eloise Payne Luquer



As we pass through the Advent season, looking forward to Christmas Day, it is interesting to remember one of those things that we take for granted, but would sorely miss if it were gone, the magnificent tree which graces the St. Matthew's Christmas Eve services.

Terry reminds us each year that the large, beautifully decorated tree first appeared in 1866, and was the idea of Lea Luquer in the first year of his fifty-three year ministry. The scene, as related by his daughter Eloise, "I fancy I am the only member of the congregation who remembers the first Christmas tree at St. Matthew's. I was a very small child (four years old), but this Festival made a great impression on me. I had heard that my father Dr. Luquer had gone to the woods and had cut down an evergreen tree, had put it in the church and had decorated it with beautiful colored ornaments. (There was no one to help him at that time.) When Christmas Eve came I was taken out in the dark...and when I entered the church I was enchanted by the blaze of light. I did not understand why there was so much light, for we only had lamps and candles then. The bright ornaments on the tree, the scent of balsam and fir, and the candles—it was like fairyland! Some of the ornaments used that night are still being used."

To get a fuller sense of what our Christmas Eve service looked like in past years, one need only look at the paintings of our church that sit on the left side walls near to the entrance of the Parish Hall. The paintings are the work of Amy Jones, a long-time St. Matthew's parishioner and well-known artist, muralist and printmaker. The paintings need to be seen as a pair. In the first we see parishioners arriving at St. Matthew's on a snowy Christmas Eve, with the sparkling tree in the window and angels above. The second painting is entitled "Candlelight," and clearly depicts the anticipation of Christmas. If you look closely you will see the Rev. Arthur Ketchum handing out candles to the children. The white bearded man in the lower part of the painting is said to be George Bernard Shaw (reflective of Amy's sense of humor), and the proper lady with the prim hat and her hair in a bun is identified by Martha Spofford and Polly Finn to be Christina Rainsford.

Apart from being an accomplished and well-known artist, Amy Jones was also the Art History teacher at Rippowam School, and according to Linda Denison, "an inspiration to all her students." Pat Keesee also remembers Amy as a lively lady with a good sense of humor, and "a delightful character." She painted this lovely Christmas Eve scene in 1949, and she and her husband Donald Blair gifted the painting to St. Matthew's shortly thereafter. Eloise Payne Luquer and Amy Jones never met, but they were kindred spirits. They were both creators, they were both women of renown and, they both loved St. Matthew's.

*John Stockbridge*

## Chuck Banks Awarded Bishop's Cross

At the annual convention of the Diocese of New York on Nov. 20, Chuck Banks was awarded the Bishop's Cross by the Right Reverend Mark Sisk, Bishop of the Diocese. The Bishop's Cross is the highest award bestowed by the diocese on a lay person - what a tremendous honor for Chuck! The proclamation said in part: "It is both a privilege and a pleasure to be granted the opportunity to work with someone who approaches their profession with a deep sense of vocation. In such a relationship, labor assumes the creative and transformative aspects which give strength to the Church and the glory of God. With such an individual our common endeavors become an offering of integrity and sincere dedication as well as an act of prayer. We have experienced this privilege in our association with the Honorable Charles G. Banks, Jr."

After noting the "countless hours" he has devoted to his community, the proclamation went on: "He has offered distinguished and sacrificial service as Vice-Chancellor of this Diocese for eleven years, counseling the Bishops and Diocesan leaders and working indefatigably with parishes on all matters of problems and opportunities. At the same time, he has served his parish of St. Matthew's Bedford as a lay reader, former Clerk of the Vestry and long-time legal counsel. We have benefited incalculably by his consistent endeavor to display, by word and example, fidelity to his calling and devotion to his baptismal covenant."



Chuck with Bishop Sisk and his wife, Susan.

The Diocesan convention was held at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, and St. Matthew's was represented by Terry and Danny as well as lay representatives Phyllis Warden, Andrew Heath, Vicky Allen, and Bob Blacker.

## Our Baritone Ray Diaz Available for Tutoring

Raymond Diaz, our talented Choir baritone, has offered to encourage St. Matthew's youngsters with their singing and sight-reading. He would be delighted to go to the student's home after school hours for a half hour of private instruction. Parents interested in improving their children's musicality and their IQ can contact Ray directly after the 10 a.m. service or call his cell phone: 914-391-6068.

## Haunted Hike



It was a great Haunted Hike Night – with many thanks to all the youth that did the haunting, plus Mark Weigel, Aaron Taylor, Will Keiser, and the Men of St. Matthew's.



## Bicentennial Brief

### Project Leadership Interview

### Kurt Harrison and Piers MacDonald – Churchyard Chamberlains



Kurt and Piers have supervised the care and keeping of the Churchyard for the last few years. As part of the Bicentennial, they are embarking on major projects that will have an impact that will last for generations

~ **R&M:** What major projects do you have planned? **K&P:** We will be cleaning and repairing many of the old stones – a restoration that only takes place once every 25 years or so. The old wrought iron railings will also be stripped of rust and refinished. Many old cemeteries don't bother with this and just remove them. We feel they maintain the character of the old cemetery. ~ **R&M:** How are the churchyard records kept--any plans for those? **K&P:** The current system is a file box of cards that have been kept for years. We plan to convert these to an electronic database that can be searched on different fields. In addition, this software will link the records to an interactive map of the churchyard. This will enable visitors to easily determine -- literally -- where the bodies are buried. ~ **R&M:** The new boxwood hedge has been a major improvement. Do you have any further landscaping plans? **K&P:** Since Tom Reilly was devoted to the churchyard and knew its denizens well, we are finalizing plans for an appropriate memorial to him within the churchyard. ~ **R&M:** Who is one of the more interesting residents of our churchyard? **K&P:** Virginia Gildersleeve, dean of Barnard College from 1911 to 1947, was one of the most influential women of the 20th century. She founded the WAVES (women's naval corps) and drafted the preamble to the United Nations charter. She retired to Bedford and is buried with her companion, Elizabeth Reynard. ~ **R&M:** What options are available to parishioners now? **K&P:** There are many spaces in the columbarium, along with several conventional plots. Anyone interested in either should contact one of us.

### Did You Know...?

- The term "glebe" refers to revenue-generating land belonging to a parish. In earlier times, the minister was expected to derive his income from this land in lieu of a salary. The original 40 acres of St. Matthew's glebe was purchased for \$1,625 from James Guion in 1803.
- Until 1921, parishioners rented their customary pews (in lieu of pledges). The organ gallery (today what we know as the choir loft) and a few back rows were used to seat those unable to afford the pew rents.

Roger and Mary

Midweek Holy Eucharist followed by Bible Study is held Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.

# December Church Calendar



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## Second Sunday of Advent, December 6

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella and Ginger Getz  
Usher: Mr. MacDonald  
Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge  
Lector: Mr. Heath  
Acolyte: Pierce Côté
- 10:00 a.m. Advent Lessons & Carols, and Church School**  
Ushers: Messrs. Belknap, LaMotte, Lovering, Schimmel  
Acolytes: Greg Owen and Christine Owen  
Junior Crucifers: Blake Côté and George Fox  
\*Lay Minister: Jane Wood

## Third Sunday of Advent, December 13

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Whitman and Meyer  
Ushers: Messrs. Fagan and Marcotte  
Lay Reader: Jane Wood  
Lector: Mrs. Ehrlich  
Acolytes: Susannah Davies and Virginia Durfee
- 10:00 a.m. Festival of Music, and Church School**  
Ushers: Messrs. Markowski, Proctor, Swift, Thompson  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson  
Acolytes: Adrian Crasto and Luci Edgar  
Junior Crucifers: Alexandra Frey and John Gregory  
\*Lay Minister: Mr. Conrad

## Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Ehrlich and Keese  
Ushers: Mr. Foster and Roger Vincent  
Lay Reader: Mr. Stickney  
Lector: Mr. Vincent  
Acolytes: Brooke Edgar and Andrea Fleming
- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant**  
Ushers: Messrs. de Menocal, Haskell, Lange, Taylor  
Lay Reader: Mr. Chace  
Acolyte: Harry Woodhull
- Christmas Eve, December 24**
- 4:00 p.m. Manger Service**  
Ushers: Messrs. Belknap, Brown, Cummings, Mockridge
- 6:00 p.m. Manger Service**  
Ushers: Messrs. Blacker, de Menocal, Farrell, Haskell
- 10:30 p.m. Pre-Service Concert**
- 11:00 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz  
Ushers: Messrs. Borner, Lange, Bernson  
Lay Reader: Mr. Stickney  
Lector: Mr. Bogert  
Acolytes: Margaretta Burdick and Cathy Kulick  
Torch Bearers: Andrew D'Avanzo and Conor Morris

## Christmas Day, December 25

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**  
Altar Guild: Mrs. Borner  
Ushers: Messrs. Maybank and Talbot; Mr. and Mrs. Burdick  
Lay Reader: Jane Wood

## First Sunday after Christmas, December 27

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott  
Ushers: Messrs. Bowers and Claude  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster  
Lector: Mrs. Finn  
Acolytes: Andrew Harrison and Andrew Izzo
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon**  
Ushers: Messrs. Baldwin, Farrell, Freyberg, McCree  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Allen  
Acolyte: Tommy Farrell

## Second Sunday after Christmas, January 3

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella and Ginger Getz  
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Fagan  
Lay Reader: Mr. Claude  
Lector: Mr. Freeman  
Acolytes: Victoria Lange and Patrick Foote
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Blacker  
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Burdick; Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay-Stewart  
Lay Reader: Mr. Chace  
Lector: Mr. Gale  
Acolytes: Dylan Rubino and Katherine Lange

\* Children's Service

## Mark Your Calendars

Fri., Jan. 8	6:30-9:00 p.m.	Art Show: Bedford Preview Party
Sat., Jan. 9	11 a.m.-5 p.m.	Art Show: Bedford
Sun., Jan. 10	11 a.m.-4 p.m.	Art Show Bedford

## Comings & Goings

Please Update Your Parish Directory

### New or Returning Parishioners

Ms. Pamela Dwyer 36 Green Hill Road Goldens Bridge NY 10521	Mr. & Mrs. Maurizio Morello 84 Millertown Road Bedford NY 10506
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### Changes of Address

Mrs. John B. Jessup 40 New Street Ridgefield CT 06877	Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth B. Kunhardt, Jr. 1020 Fairview Lane West Palm Beach FL 33404
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony G. Langham 6 Meadow Brook Road Katonah NY 10536	Mr. & Mrs. Alfred E. Wamsley 2233 Seminole Road, #42 Atlantic Beach FL 32233

### Holy Baptism

Received into Christ's Holy Church  
Drew Robert Boniface, November 8, 2009

### In Memorium

In sure and certain hope  
Elma Morrill, October 29, 2009

## Fall Cleanup



Many thanks to everyone who showed up for the two fall clean-up weekends.