



THE KEY

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

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To know Christ and to make Him known

2008

Where is Christ in Our Culture?

As Americans, we can't seem to separate the two. Witness the current race for the White House. Mike Huckabee is a Baptist preacher. Mitt Romney feels compelled to make a statement concerning his Mormonism. Rudy Giuliani is a life-long Roman Catholic who endorses abortion. Why do these things matter to voters anyway?

Why is religion so important to us when it comes to choosing our leaders? Such is not the case in England. Tony Blair is one of the few Prime Ministers in recent history to proclaim a practicing Christian faith.

When it comes to church and state, we have a Constitutional separation. Yet in our minds and actions, the two often seem fused, sometimes confused. What does this say to us and about us?

Maybe it has to do with some fundamental opinions we hold as Americans and as believers. As Christians, we hold certain principles and beliefs. But do they, should they, mold our political life? Should they influence our culture at large? Is God interested in what's happening in the culture? Is He somehow present and working in it?

These and questions like them are among those we'll be exploring together in a new adult education class I'll be teaching this Lent. The class CHRIST AND CULTURE will meet in the Fellowship Room Monday evenings Feb. 11, (no class Feb. 18, Presidents' Day), Feb. 25; Mar. 3, 10 and 17. We'll gather at 7:30 p.m. for dessert and coffee, with teaching at eight, out by nine. Please plan to come and bring a friend.

What role, if any, do you think Christ should play in today's culture? I look forward to hearing from you.

Faithfully,

Mardi Gras, Feb. 2

It's time to break out your finest purple, green and gold clothes again as, believe it or not, the St. Matthew's Annual Mardi Party is just around the corner! The party will be held on Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. in the Parish House. As always, it will feature a live Dixieland Band, a delicious potluck supper with wine and beer, face-painting and arts and crafts for the kids, as well as child care for the wee ones. And of course, we will have our own Mardi Gras parade where we will crown this year's king and queen! The party is a great time for the entire family, and what better way to start Lent then with your fellow St. Matthew's parishioners!



Preparations for the party are well under way but we can still use your support! There will be a sign up sheet at coffee hour to bring food and/or to volunteer to help with set up or take down. Donations will be gladly accepted at the door.

So bring your masks and costumes, and join in the fun and merriment on Feb. 2. Please RSVP to 234-9636.

The observance of "Carnival," or Mardi Gras, dates back to the second-century of Rome. It consisted of a feast which lasted for several days. During this period, participants donned costumes, feasted and partied until Ash Wednesday. The observance of Ash Wednesday halted all revelry for the forty days of Lent and led up to the great celebration of Easter.

February Key Dates

Sat., Feb. 2	Mardi Gras Party	6 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 3	Super Bowl Bake Sale	Coffee Hour
Tues., Feb. 5	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	5:30 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 6	Ash Wednesday	
	Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes	10 a.m.
Sun., Feb. 10	Annual Parish Meeting following 10 a.m. service	
Mon., Feb. 11, 25	Rector's Lenten Classes	7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 9, 16, 23	Men's Fellowship Meetings	7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

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Don't Miss the Church Annual Meeting, Feb. 10

Parishioners are encouraged to attend St. Matthew's Annual Parish Meeting on Feb. 10, following the 10 a.m. service. Rector Terry Elsberry and Senior Warden Robert Cummings will present the Annual Report and give an overview of the state of the church and its goals for 2008. Parishioners will also vote on two new candidates for the Vestry: Holly Brown and John Belknap.



Holly Brown

Holly Brown has been a member of St. Matthew's since 1994 and lives in Bedford Hills with her husband Scott and three children: Madeline, Trip, and Kingsley. Holly grew up in Greenwich, Connecticut and graduated from Greenwich Academy before attending Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois. Before having children, Holly taught elementary school in New York City and San Francisco. Upon returning from San Francisco, Holly obtained her real estate license and went to work for Sotheby's. Holly has been an active member of St. Matthew's, serving as the head of Coffee Hour, a member of the Women of St. Matthew's, a Sunday School teacher, and organizer of Mardi Gras for the past three years.

John Belknap and his wife Alison have been active members of St. Matthew's since joining in 1999 (10 o'clockers, left side). John currently chairs the Men of St. Matthew's, is an usher and has been a member of the Bedell Committee since 2006. John commutes daily to Manhattan where he is the CEO of a distribution company. He was raised overseas, returning to the U.S. to attend The Choate School and Cornell University, followed by business school at Cornell. The Belknaps have a four-year old son, Cliff, who is also a regular fixture at St. Matthew's. The Belknaps live in Bedford with four cats and a Golden Retriever puppy, Snickers.

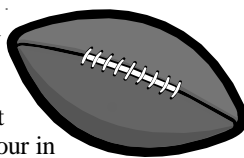


John Belknap

To our retiring Vestry – Tina Foster and Laurie Sturz — go our very special thanks. Both are excellent examples of the St. Matthew's spirit of service to their community and to their church. Indeed, it is hard to go over to the church or run around town, and not bump into either Tina or Laurie working on one of their innumerable projects.

Super Bowl Bake Sale, Feb. 3

The Church School is cooking again and asking all bakers and cooks for help. If you have a favorite goody to bake, or special "game" snack or dip, please bring it to sell at the Super Bowl Bake Sale, held at Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Room after church on Sunday, Feb. 3. And for everyone else, momentarily forego your New Year's diet resolution and purchase a little morsel. You will savor every calorie and know that you are helping a great cause. The money raised will fund our children's ongoing ministry at the Children's Center at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility.



Through the Bake Sale, our children are able to help other kids by brightening their experience when they visit their mothers incarcerated at BHCF. Last year, the Super Bowl Bake Sale raised \$1000 for a piece of toddler playground equipment; the year before, we raised \$1100 for two riding animals on springs.

Please call Linda de Menocal (tel. 234-0084) for more information about the Bake Sale, or Libba Claude (tel. 669-5273) for more information about the BHCF Children's Center.



The Pancakes Are Coming, The Pancakes Are Coming...

Fat Tuesday, Feb. 5 is the annual Pancake-a-thon at St. Matthew's. From 5:30 p.m. on, we will be flipping flapjacks, frying up bacon and sausage, and finishing the evening off with ice cream sundaes!! What a way to fatten up for Lent. Please join us for this fun and calorie laden event. We will be happily serving families in two shifts, we encourage families with younger children to come and enjoy the feast; while from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., we encourage families with older children or adults with no children at home to come and enjoy a quieter dining atmosphere. Donation: \$7.50 per person or \$25.00 for families of 4 or more.

In England, Shrove Tuesday is frequently known as Pancake Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday or Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, is the last day of Carnival in Latin Europe and America. In the French speaking world, it is known as Mardi Gras. No one can say we don't have fun at St. Matthew's — we celebrate both Shrove Tuesday and Mardi Gras!

Bedford Spring Antiques Show '08 Goes Green, Apr. 4-6

Mark your calendars...The 23rd annual Bedford Spring Antiques Show is Apr. 5 and 6 at Rippowam-Cisqua School, with the Champagne Preview Party on Friday night, Apr. 4. We go "green" this year with our color theme and some environmentally-friendly auction items. Unlike previous years, there will be no dinner or live auction after the preview party. Instead, we will be featuring a large silent auction at the preview party along with a raffle. In the March KEY, we will be featuring our fabulous auction and raffle items, but until then we are still looking for more donations. If you would like to contribute, please contact Suzanne Bowers (tel. 234-5404) or skbowers03@yahoo.com. We also still need help for the many jobs involved in making our major fundraiser for St. Matthew's a huge success. Please join the committee and contact Missy Renwick (tel. 234-6472) or renwick5@renwin.com.

Gentle Reminder: Have You Pledged Yet?

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the families that have sent in their pledge cards in response to this year's EMC.

If you have not yet submitted your pledge, please take the time today to send it in—we need everyone's help to raise the roof on our "steeple" with one hundred percent participation in our pledge drive. If you have misplaced your pledge card, please call the church office and we will have another one mailed to you. Or, you can pick one up in the Parish House.

Also, if you have not already done so, please pick up your offering envelopes in the Parish House hallway. Thank you.



Jack Lange and Laurie Sturz

What Is Lent?

On Wed., Feb. 6, we will enter one of the most important seasons of the church year—the “40 days” of Lent. The word “Lent” comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, or spring, the time of year when the days begin to lengthen. Lent is a season of preparation leading up to Easter. For centuries, it has been observed as a special time of self-examination and penitence. It is an introspective period during which we take stock of our lives and our relationships—a time for concentration on fundamental values and priorities. Lent is not meant to be a time for self-punishment.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, the Lenten season includes the 40 weekdays and five Sundays before Holy Week and the culminating triumph at Easter. Lent has two major focuses:

- The first is on baptism, which in the early Church occurred only at Easter. The Sunday readings emphasize the meaning of baptism.
- The second Lenten theme is that of fasting and renunciation. This theme recalls Jesus’ 40 days in the wilderness, and through them the discipline of self-denial reflecting the sacrifice of our will to the purpose of God.

The season of Lent includes many special days and services. Mardi Gras is held just before Lent begins. It is traditionally a day of fun and revelry before the penitential period of Lent. Shrove Tuesday, the last day after the Epiphany, also known as Fat Tuesday is traditionally a day when Christians

would empty their kitchen of fat. We remember this with an evening dinner of pancakes, sausage and lots of butter and syrup. On Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, the imposition of ashes on the forehead symbolizes penitence. Palm Sunday, the last Sunday of Lent and the Sunday before Easter, commemorates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem and is marked by a reading of the story of Jesus’ Passion on the cross. Maundy Thursday, the Thursday of Holy Week, is a time for remembering Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples. At the conclusion of this service, the altar is stripped of ornamentation, and crosses are removed or veiled to mark the solemnness of the occasion. St. Matthew’s also observes this day with the annual Maundy Thursday Supper and children’s program. Good Friday is a time for remembering Jesus’ death for our sins. The service is traditionally held at noon because Jesus hung on the cross from noon until 3 p.m. At the conclusion of Lent, the joy of the Easter season begins.

Throughout Lent, worship services take on a simpler tone, appropriate to this season. The word “Alleluia” is not used in the words of the liturgy or hymns. The liturgical color of Lent is purple for penitence. It is also the color of royalty, reminding us that Jesus is our King. These practices help the worshiping community mark this season of renewal as a special time in the church year.



Ash Wednesday Services

We strongly encourage your participation at our service on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6. This service with Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes is at 10 a.m.

Traditionally, we observe Ash Wednesday by attending a service where we receive the imposition of ashes. The ashes were created from the palm branches of previous Palm Sunday observances. Using the ashes, the priest marks the sign of the cross on our foreheads. The ashes remind us of our mortality and penitence so that we remember that our life is a gift from God. As written in the Book of Common Prayer, this service helps “put in mind the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.”

Men’s Fellowship Meets Weekly in Lent

Woody Allen had a point when he said that showing up is 90 percent of life. The same is true of Lent—the trip itself into the wilderness to pray and fast is a huge part of the enterprise. As in past years, the usually monthly Saturday Men’s Fellowship will meet weekly on Saturday mornings during Lent—Feb. 9, 16 and 23; Mar. 1, 8 and 15. Please join us (or, if you will, show up) for a light breakfast, a brief presentation and lively conversation. We begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 8:45 sharp. Sackcloth optional.

Wednesday Bible Study

“Tomorrow, if all literature was to be destroyed and it was left to me to retain one work only, I should save Job.”

- Victor Hugo

Job? That bleak and sorry tale of suffering and loss, of inept friends and a seemingly capricious God? This Lent, the Wednesday Bible Study group will explore this ancient and difficult text. You are not promised easy answers but an honest and searching look at the fundamental question: Does man fear God for naught? Come read the story and explore for yourself your understandings of God and righteousness and faith. God dialogues with Job; come dialog with us as we seek to know God and make meaning in difficult times. To struggle with the hard questions of suffering, loss and grief will prepare us to gratefully sing the promised alleluias of Easter. Needing food for the journey, we begin each Wednesday with Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

No previous study is necessary and each week will be its own offering. For more information, contact Assistant Minister Susan Wyper at swyper@stmatthewsbedford.org.

Easter Memorial Flowers

An Easter memorial envelope is enclosed with this issue. If you would like departed loved ones remembered with festive flowering plants on Easter, please return your envelope to the Parish Office by Fri., Mar. 14. Additional envelopes are also available in the Parish House.



Art Show: Bedford Returns

In January, the Women of St. Matthew's hosted the 35th Anniversary Art Show: Bedford. This year marked a new format for our beloved show, which is the primary fund raiser for the Women of St. Matthew's outreach endeavors. Proceeds raised from the event go to support local charities.

The evening included music, champagne, a delicious dinner, stunning art, and of course, a wonderful crowd. This year we were delighted to have Mary Berol, as the evening's honoree. Mary founded the Art Show 35 years ago and shared with us stories about the Show's humble beginnings and how it evolved over time. Mary thanked all those who contributed to the show's success over the years.



*Leslie Henshaw, Art Show Chair
Cynthia Brennan with honoree Mary Berol and Laurie Sturz*

The talented Jerry Bisceglia painted one hundred unique bluebird paintings to be sold. The bluebird is not only our New York State bird, but is a symbol of hope. Each painting was numbered and signed, destined to become treasured keepsake.



Vicky Allen admiring the bluebird wall

This year's show could not have been a success without the hard work and dedication of so many of our talented and dedicated volunteers. I would to thank this year's chair Cynthia Brennan and

the committee comprised of: Leslie Henshaw, Laurie Sturz, Laura Blau, Christian Daviron, Katherine Bang, Geri Campbell, Catherine Downs, Kimberly Gaynor and Vandra Haywood.

Michele Schimmel



Terry with Mary Berol and Kirk Ferguson

Our fabulous musicians, led by parishioner Mark Weigel



Memorial Flowers

The Flower Committee has several dates open for memorial flower arrangements for the Church. Please contact Connie Lindsay-Stewart (tel. 203-938-2579) for more information.

These dates can be reserved for one year or on an on-going basis:

Altar: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Jun. 29, Sept. 28, and Oct. 12.

Vestibule: Jan. 6, Jan. 27, Apr. 6, May 4, Jun. 29, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Aug. 31, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Nov. 23, and Dec. 23.

Right Window: Jan. 6, Mar. 30, Apr. 6, Apr. 27, Jun. 29, Aug. 3, Aug. 17, Aug. 24, Aug. 31, Nov. 2, Dec. 14, and Dec. 23.



Comings & Goings

Please Update Your Parish Directory

New or Returning Parishioners

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Altman 190 Baldwin Road Bedford Corners NY 10549	Mr. Lloyd Bedford Cox P.O. Box 183 Bedford NY 10506
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Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Fabbie 235 Haines Road Bedford Hills NY 10507	Mr. & Mrs. David Fife 137 Upper Shad Road Pound Ridge NY 10576
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Changes of Address

Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Corless
97 Upper Shad Road
Pound Ridge NY 10576

In Memorium

In sure and certain hope

Allison Eckardt Ledes, January 8, 2008

St. Matthew's History:

A Moment from Our Past

On May 22, 1706, the Rev. George Muirson, rector of the parish in Rye, Mamaroneck and Bedford, issued the following report: "Every fourth Sunday I preach at Bedford, and I am afraid, without success, for they are willful, stubborn people in that town. There are about 120 unbaptised, and not withstanding all the means I have used. I could not persuade them of the necessity of that holy ordinance till of late (thanks be to Almighty God for it) some of them begin to conform."

Interim Church School Director

Wendy Markowski is taking a leave of absence in order to ready her house for sale and to move. During her leave, Linda de Menocal has kindly volunteered to take on the role of interim Church School Director through March. Linda, former Junior Warden and longtime member of our St. Matthew's Vestry was for several years Church School Director in the late eighties and early nineties. You can direct any Church School questions to Linda at the Parish House, Ext. 13, or at her e-mail: ldeMenocal@stmatthewsbedford.org.

Dinner for Newcomers

at the Home of Susan and Keith Kroeger
Sun., Mar. 9

Keep an eye open for your invitation and join us to make new friends and banish the winter blahs



Mite Boxes Return!

Once again, this Lent, the Church School undertakes its important and ambitious project in support of the Carpenter's Kids program. As you may know, St. Matthew's parishioners support 100 Tanzanian children who have been orphaned or made vulnerable because of HIV/AIDS. These children are reached through the Carpenter's Kids program that was established by Bishop Roskam of New York and Bishop Mhogolo of Tanzania almost four years ago. When it was established, the bishops wanted to elicit the help of local parishes on both continents. So they designed the program to create "linked parishes" whereby congregations in New York would be linked to specific congregations in Tanzania. St. Matthew's has been linked with two parishes that are located in Mundemu and Impagala.

Mite boxes are an old Lenten tradition that we observe through our Church School for students to remember those less fortunate. The boxes will be distributed on Feb. 10 during Church School, or can be picked up in the Christian Education office at any time. During the six weeks of Lent, please encourage your children to fill their boxes by donating a portion of their allowance and earnings from doing small (and large) chores around the house. Adults, you can help this effort by depositing your donations into the "big" mite box in the foyer of the Parish House.

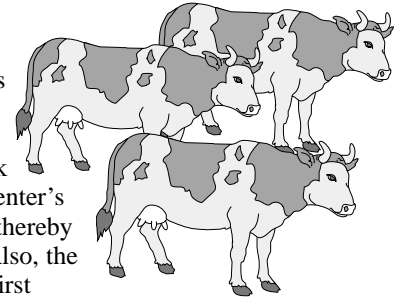
The money raised pays for school uniforms (required in Tanzania), breakfast, and school supplies. Without the help of St. Matthew's parishioners, many of the children who receive help could not count on even one meal a day and would not be able to attend school. That is just how important our financial support is. For only \$50, a child receives two uniforms, breakfast for the year and all school supplies. St. Matthew's goal is to continue supporting 100 children. With your generous donations and the children's mite boxes, St. Matthew's will once again be able to support 100 children in need.

Confirmation Sermon Sunday

Each February for the past several years, the confirmation class, teachers, sponsors, parents and interested adults have gathered to listen to the confirmands give their sermons on what is known as Sermon Sunday. This year, Sermon Sunday is Feb. 3, with the sermons starting at 11:40 a.m. The students' sermons are based on biblical readings, and the students speak about how the reading has been important to them or provide an important lesson for all to learn. Their sermons are powerful, enlightening and always special. Our hats are off to this year's class for all the hard work they have put into preparing their sermons. We also thank the Bedford Historical Society for allowing us to use the historic Court House for this special event.

Cows!

Thanks to your generous support, three cows will be purchased in Tanzania. The cows provide nutritious milk in the morning for the Carpenter's Kids orphans in the parish, thereby increasing their nutrition. Also, the cows will be bred, and the first offspring will be given to the priest serving each parish. The priests do not have any kind of retirement fund, so the cow will give them property which will secure their future. On behalf of Bishop Roskam, Bishop Mhogolo and the Carpenter's Kids, we extend a big thank you and blessings for the New Year!



Outreach: Neighbors Link

Over the years, St. Matthew's parishioners have made a world of difference to the people who come to Neighbors Link seeking guidance through a new, difficult and sometimes overwhelming world. We are truly blessed to be able to count on St. Matthew's as a vital partner in our continued efforts to promote cultural understanding and peaceful solutions within our local community.



Neighbors Link is used by more than 1,000 people each week, as they work to rebuild their lives and integrate into a new culture. If you have not visited us recently, you may have missed hearing about our new programs aimed at continuing and advancing the progress we have seen our clients make in the past few years.

- Westchester Community College at Neighbors Link: We have joined in an unprecedented partnership with Westchester Community College (WCC) to provide a certificate ESL program at Neighbors Link. At the present time over 300 students throughout the week take ESL classes at Neighbors Link. They are taught by WCC instructors and assisted by volunteer tutors.
- Learning Links: The Learning Links After-School Enrichment Program is only a few months old and is proving a very effective education program for 25 students of low income families at Mount Kisco Elementary School. Classroom teachers are reporting significant improvements in school work and test scores for pupils in the program.
- Mother's Link: This program offers expectant and new mothers an opportunity to participate in an exchange network of gently used furniture, strollers, toys and baby clothes. Participating mothers are encouraged to take care of the items so they can pass them along to other new mothers.
- Latin Sol and the Entrepreneurial Development Program: In late 2006, we expanded our model of the Latin Sol Sewing Workshop into an Entrepreneurial Development Program run by a successful and retired Latino businessman. Already, three graduates have incorporated a weekend enterprise involving the production of custom-made draperies and curtains. In 2007, the new consortium was on-target to net over \$10,000, equally divided among participants.

We invite all of you to visit Neighbors Link and see how all of you are helping to build a better community together! Check us out at www.neighborslink.org to learn more.

Carola Bracco
Executive Director

February Church Calendar

Weekly Events

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

Saturday, Feb. 2

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Mardi Gras Party

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, Feb. 3

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Altar Guild: Mrs. Moncure and Kimberly Morella
Ushers: Messrs. Boe and Claude
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster
Lector: Mr. Bogert
Acolytes: Ben Colley and Keelin Sweeney

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and Church School

Altar Guild: Mesdames Blacker and Borner
Ushers: Messrs. Perry, Proctor, Talty, Tingle
Lay Reader: Mr. Cunningham
Lector: Mrs. Finn
Acolytes: Sam Robinson and Hope Walker
Junior Crucifers: Henry Mockridge and Eliza Sclater-Booth
**Lay Minister: Mr. Chace*

11:00 a.m. Super Bowl Bake Sale at Coffee Hour

Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 5

5:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6

10:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday service, with Imposition of Ashes
Altar Guild: Mrs. Sturz

First Sunday in Lent, Feb. 10

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Altar Guild: Mesdames Mankiewicz and Whitman
Ushers: Messrs. Bernson and Ehrlich
Lay Reader: Mr. Seaman
Lector: Mr. Heath
Acolytes: Sarah Cox and Christine Owen

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church School, and Sermon, followed by Annual Parish Meeting

Ushers: Messrs. Edgar, Waters, Lindsay-Stewart; Mrs. Lindsay-Stewart
Lay Reader: Mrs. Farrell
Acolytes: Claire Talty and Katie Dexter
Junior Crucifers: Vann Strasen and Hadley Talty
**Lay Minister: Mr. Claude*

Second Sunday in Lent, Feb. 17

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Altar Guild: Mesdames Ehrlich and Keese
Ushers: Messrs. Fagan and Foster
Lay Reader: Mr. Seaman
Lector:

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
Ushers: Messrs. Cady, Cummings, de Menocal, Harrison
Lay Reader: Mr. Jackson
Lector: Mr. Freeman
Acolyte: Catherine Bryt

Third Sunday in Lent, Feb. 24

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Altar Guild: Mesdames Scott and Meyer
Ushers: Messrs. MacDonald and McVicar
Lay Reader: Mr. Windsor
Lector: Mrs. Ehrlich
Acolytes: Ellie Lovering and Scott Montross

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church School, and Sermon

Ushers: Messrs. Heath, Lange, Markowski, Maybank
Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge
Acolytes: Leigh Needham and David Estey
Junior Crucifers: Kemp Taylor and Emily Downs
**Lay Minister: Jane Wood*

Fourth Sunday in Lent, Mar. 2

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Altar Guild: Mrs. Moncure and Kimberly Morella
Ushers: Messrs. Boe and Seaman
Lay Reader: Mr. Chace
Lector: Kimberly Morella
Acolytes: Michael Gourd and Sam Kelly

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, and Church School

Altar Guild: Mesdames Blacker and Borner
Ushers: Messrs. Moody, Reynders, Swift, Thompson
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson
Lector: Mr. Wyeth
Acolytes: Blythe Crasto and Justin Crasto
Junior Crucifers: Gamble Freyberg and Matthew Harrison
**Lay Minister: Mrs. Farrell*

* Children's Service

Mark Your Calendars

Palm Sunday, Mar. 16

Liturgy of the Palms and Reading of the Passion 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, Mar. 20

Maundy Thursday Supper 7 p.m.

Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar 8 p.m.

Good Friday, Mar. 21

Good Friday service 12 p.m.

Holy Saturday, Mar. 22

Family Service, followed by Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m.

Easter Day, Mar. 23

Holy Eucharist Sunrise Service 7:15 a.m.

Festival Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m.

Festival Holy Eucharist 11:15 a.m.

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