



THE KEY

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

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To know Christ and to make Him known

2009

Time to Come Back

This is an old, but true story: an Illinois woman got so carried away with housecleaning and paring down of "things," she threw away all her old books. Threw them out; recycled them! Only hours later, when it was too late, did she remember that she'd slipped a check for four thousand dollars into one of those books. In her acute dismay, she realized that without really thinking she'd gotten rid of something valuable.

Some people in this country have over the past few years, without really thinking, gotten rid of something valuable. Call what we've tossed aside Christian Principles, for want of a better description. Of course, we need to make money and succeed and do the best we can in life, and for many of us that means in business. But we also need to base our success on a moral compass that takes into account things aside from simply "Making it Big." We need to ask: "How is what we're doing here going to affect the greater number?"

We need to come back. We need to return. We need to place new value in old principles. For Christians like us, old principles mean basing how we live our lives on how our Master lived His. And that means living by faith, truth, humility, compassion, wisdom, and integrity, and by hooking ourselves up to the God who expects the best of you and me.

God has given each of us this life as a sacred trust. Let's make the most of it. Let's lead the way in returning to the touchstone principles. Let's follow His lead and value what we've been given.

See you in church.

March Key Events

Sat., Mar. 7,14,21,28 7:30 a.m.

Men's Fellowship Lenten Breakfasts

Wed., Mar.18 8 p.m.

Bedford Chamber Concert: Pianist Matthew Cameron

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Bedford Spring Antiques Show '09 "Feel Love," Apr. 3-5

The Bedford Spring Antiques Show '09 will celebrate its 24th anniversary this year with the theme, "Feel Love," love to help St. Matthew's, when it opens at the Rippowam-Cisqua School. The Committee is headed by Missy Renwick, show chair and Michael Jackson, show manager. The weekend begins on Fri., Apr. 3, from 6-9 p.m. with a Champagne Preview Party



Left to right: Eric and Ellen Reimer, Missy Renwick, Michael Jackson, Lisa and Bob Clymer

chaired by Liza and Bob Clymer and Ellen and Eric Reimer and catered by Elizabeth Drew Loesch. The show itself runs Sat., Apr. 4 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun., Apr. 5 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. We are thrilled to once again offer the very popular Appraisal Fair on Sat., Apr. 4 from 10-3 p.m. The Antiques Show is a major fundraiser for St. Matthew's, so please come and bring friends - either to the Preview Party or the show itself.

Five Great Reasons You Shouldn't Miss the Antiques Show!

- 1. Fabulous Antiques** - No question, it is universally recognized as one of the best antiques shows in our area. It will feature over 26 top-drawer dealers representing over 10 states. The dealers will be offering vintage treasures in categories such as fine art, silver, estate, antique prints, jewelry, American and Continental furniture, porcelain, decorative arts and much more. Some of the returning dealers include B. Fine Art (Antique prints, maps, custom frames), Donald Rich Antiques (18th and 19th century English and French), Olivier Fleury (18th and 19th century French), and Brad Reh Inc. (fine estate and signed jewelry).
- 2. Appraisal Fair Returns Again** - The Antiques Show is hosting the popular Appraisal Fair on Sat., Apr. 4 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. We are privileged to have the following knowledgeable appraisers host our Fair: Phil Musante of Shoreline Auctions, Paul Charbonneau of Arts and Antiques, Carl Pheriault of K& A Auctions, and Jack DeStories from Fairfield Auction. They will appraise items on glass, ceramics and mid-century-modern, Art Deco and Art Nouveau, silver, paintings, prints, toys, jewelry, textiles, furnishings and more. Photographs of pieces too large to bring are welcome. Tickets are \$10 for each item to be appraised. This is a wonderful service that we are proud to offer again this year. Bring in that antique or painting you have always wondered about!
- 3. A Preview Party Not to Be Missed** - Everyone will be there, will you? Get to see all the antiques and your friends at the same time at the Champagne Preview Party on Fri., Apr. 3, from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
- 4. Super Silent Auction at the Preview Party** - Many thanks to Suzanne Bowers for assembling these great items. This year's Silent Auction is filled with fabulous opportunities, so check your calendars,

198th Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held on Feb. 8, following the 10 a.m. service. After opening the meeting with a prayer, Rector Terry Elsberry thanked our wonderful clergy and staff who have worked so tirelessly on behalf of the church. Terry expressed his gratitude to the commission and committee heads for helping to lead St. Matthew's into its third century. He also thanked the Vestry members for their dedication, particularly Mary Farley and Peter Keller, who have been managing the very difficult budgeting process.

Senior Warden Robert Cummings gave a brief overview of the year. He noted that, while 2008 brought many challenges, he has been overwhelmed by the support, generosity and creativity of our parishioners. The outlook for the 2009 budget has improved somewhat, but Bob cautioned that 2010 is likely to be another very difficult year.

Retiring Junior Warden Missy Renwick noted the increased rentals of the St. Matthew's facilities and urged parishioners to keep our facilities in mind when looking for meeting space. While plans for the 2009 Antiques Show are well underway under the leadership of Liza Clymer and Ellen Reimer, Missy and show manager Michael Jackson are reviewing the long-term viability of the show. It may be time to pursue a new fundraising idea – suggestions are welcome!

Treasurer Mary Farley reviewed the 2008 financials and addressed the numerous financial challenges faced in 2009 and 2010. She noted that, while the 2009 budget is a balanced one, the Vestry had to make a number of very difficult cuts across the board.

The final order of business was the approval of the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee. Robert Cummings was elected for a second two-year term as Senior Warden. John Belknap was elected Junior Warden to complete the remaining year of Missy Renwick's term. Mike Chace, Peter Keller and Dan de Menocal were all re-elected to serve their second three-year terms. Jack Lange was elected to serve his first full three-year term (after completing an unexpired term). Steel Swift was elected to join the Vestry for his first three-year term.

This annual meeting was Missy Renwick's last one as a member of the Vestry. She has been a member of the Vestry for eight years, serving as Junior Warden for the last five years. Her energy, initiative and good cheer are the stuff of legend. As Terry noted: "Missy Renwick is always right there asking, "What can I do?" In honor of Missy's many years of tireless work on behalf of the parish, Terry presented her with the Rector's Key Award.



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., Apr. 3. Additional envelopes are also available in the Parish House.



Amadeus Conservatory at St. Matthew's Parish House
Come join an Amadeus class or private music lesson this spring!
Children, including very young children, and Adult
Voice and Instrumental
For information: 234-7280 www.amadeusconservatory.com

People from St. Matthew's Past: Jacob Gould Schurman

Jacob Gould Schurman, who is memorialized on a stone plaque in the rear of the main sanctuary, was born in 1854 in Freetown, Prince Edward Island. Dr. Schurman was President of Cornell University from 1892 to 1920; and in 1912 and 1913, he was asked to accept the additional responsibility of United States Minister to Greece and Montenegro during the First Balkan War. Mr. Schurman further served his country as Minister to China from 1921 to 1925, and United States Ambassador to Germany in the tumultuous years 1925 to 1930. He retired to Bedford in 1930, and became an active member of the St. Matthew's family.



Jacob and his wife, Barbara Forrest Munro, and their nine children lived across the street from St. Matthew's in what was once the Rectory to the First Particular Baptist Church. The Baptist Church, which sat on the triangle where the Bedford Cross is now, was razed in 1921, however the "Rectory" still stands. In addition to the "Rectory," there was a little cottage on the property. Parishioner Polly Winans Finn (nee Harrison) remembers the cottage. "As a little girl, we kids called the cottage the 'Witch House' where we had numerous scary afternoons playing 'hide and seek' and 'boo.'"

All who were acquainted with Dr. Schurman knew of his devotion to his family, his country, and St. Matthew's. Maynard Moser, in his 1981 biography of Dr. Schurman states that "within Schurman's thinking evolved three basic tenets concerning the nature of man: man's equality under God, man's individuality, and man's wholeness." In his own words, Schurman summed up his belief that "the essence of intelligence consisted of consciousness of the world, consciousness of self, and consciousness of God: these three realities are the soul of knowledge." Jacob Gould Schurman, philosopher, educator and diplomat died in 1942, and rests in a large family plot in the northern end of the St. Matthew's Churchyard.

John Stockbridge

Outreach: Abbott House

One of the many charities that the Women of St. Matthew's supports is Abbott House. It is a local group home located on Route 22 in Bedford, which houses ten children ranging in age from 11-18 years. Children placed there have been removed from family situations that are dangerous or compromising to the child's welfare. The ultimate goal is to reunite each child with his family. While family problems are being resolved, Abbott House provides a stable "real home" environment. All children attend Bedford public schools and enjoy the Bedford town park in the summer. St. Matthew's provides assistance in two significant ways: first, with donations of food from Scotts Corner Market and the delivery of left over food from church functions, and secondly, outreach funds make it possible for Christmas wishes to come true for the first time in many of these children's lives. Jan Pinckney takes the children shopping, wraps the gifts and delivers them to the house in time for Christmas morning.

Abbott House is always looking for volunteers and mentors to be positive role models in the lives of their youth. Sometimes, all it takes to make a difference in the life of a child is being there. For more information about the ways you can help Abbott House and their kids, visit their website at www.abbotthouse.net or call Director of Development & Community Relations Sandy Randell at (914) 591-7300 ext. 3056.

Bedford Chamber Concert Kicks Off Spring Season, Mar. 18

Spring is indeed in the air as we plan for three wonderful concerts, designed to make the spirits soar with the union of glorious music and talent.

Mar. 18 - Say Goodbye to Winter Piano Evening. Our original artist, Claire Huang Ci has received an appointment to the Paris Conservatory, but Tony, ever the impresario, has been able to get the much-sought-after Matthew Cameron for us. Those who attend the piano concerts will remember this dashing young, romantic (yes, ladies, he is both!) who performed with us last year when he received rave reviews and a standing ovation. He has a fiery style, full of bravado and vigor, that will help us end winter with proper *éclat*. We are thrilled that he will be performing for us again. Tickets: \$30

Apr. 1 - Spring in Vienna. One of our favorite soloists, Yoon Kwan, will join Tony and members of the Bedford Chamber ensemble in an evening featuring the great composers of Vienna, with sonatas by Beethoven, Brahms and Mozart. Though there is nary a waltz on the program you will be dancing in the aisles with extraordinary music played by the best musicians. Bitsy Tatnall and her refreshment committee are promising such goodies and Seckht and Sacher torte to go with it all. Tickets: \$35

May 6 - Festival Finale in London. Our tour of Europe reaches its crescendo with an evening of music of Handel (the Water Music suite) and Haydn (the Concerto for Trumpet in E Flat). The Fellowship Room will resound with the music of these two great 18th century composers played by a full Baroque orchestra. While I would prefer steak and kidney pie or haggis, we have been promised sweeter fare from Bitsy and knowing Bitsy it will be delectable. Tickets: \$40

For tickets and additional information call 914-234-3984.

There is also news on the Music Committee itself. Dick Henshaw has decided to step down as Co-Chair to be replaced by Roger Blanc. While we will miss Dick, Roger has already been a key member, having been President of the Choir for several years. Sam Tatnall has also been named Vice President. Welcome Roger and Sam! Thank you, Dick, for all your help, and for the fact that you will continue be a hardworking member of the committee.

Mike Chace

Men's Lenten Breakfasts

One notable quality that has kept Christianity going for all these centuries is its ability, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to make everything new again. Penitential practices antedate Christianity by a long chalk, and Christianity's penitential practices have themselves undergone great changes. Who, after all, makes a special trip to the lingerie department or the local haberdasher to get herself or himself a new hair shirt or hair camisole on the weekend before Ash Wednesday? Nevertheless, the spirit of the Lenten season lives on, and we acknowledge the need to do something special that will help us be mindful, to heighten awareness, so that we might better let the Spirit shine. That's what Jesus was doing when he went to the wilderness for forty days.

St. Matthew's Parish House is no wilderness, but it is a place apart, and during Lent, the men of St. Matthew's who meet there on the third Saturday of each month will change their schedule to meet once a week. We'll begin, as usual, at 7:30 a.m. and end promptly at 8:45. Coffee, a little something to eat, a short presentation followed by good conversation among good men makes up the order of the morning. Please join us for this time apart on Mar. 7, 14, 21 and 28. All men are welcome.

Kevin J. Lahart

Church School News

Activity Sundays, Mar. 15 & 29 - In March, there are three Sundays when the local schools are on vacation, and consequently, there is no Sunday School. For those children in town, however, we have planned two Activity Sundays on Mar. 15 and 29, when we will have a special activity for them. On the 15th, children attending church are invited to join us for pretzel-making fun during the 10 service. On the 29th, we will be making the palm crosses that will be handed out the following week on Palm Sunday.

Mite Boxes - Lent for our children is also a time to remember children who are less fortunate. They do this through donating part of their allowance and doing tasks to raise money for their mite boxes. The boxes will be distributed on Mar. 1 during Sunday School, or can be picked up in the Christian Education office at any time. To help the children with their efforts, grown-ups will have a grown-up size mite box in the foyer of the Parish House.

As in the past, the money raised will be donated to the support of the Carpenter's Kids program of our "linked parishes" in Mendemu and Impagala in Tanzania. The money raised pays for school uniforms, breakfast and school supplies. It is our goal again to be able to support 100 children, who might otherwise, not even have one meal a day or be able to attend school.

Bedford Spring Antiques Show '09 cont.

talk with friends and come ready to bid. Plan ahead... Here are the auction items...

- **Love to Wine and Dine** - Elegant dinner for 12 catered in your home with wine tasting
 - **Love Time Spent by the Fire** - Cord of wood delivered to your home
 - **Love to Live on Island Time** - One week in a delightful Harbour Island home
 - **Love the Christmas Spirit** - Outdoor tree wrapped in Christmas lights by Harry Evarts
 - **Love Culture** - Private tour for 4 of the Frick Collection given by Helen Clay Chace followed by tea at The Carlyle
 - **Love to Get Flowers** - Monthly arrangement delivered by Cecily Grand
 - **Love the One You're With** - Two nights at the St. Regis Hotel
 - **Love to Be Wild** - Private party at the Bronx Zoo
 - **Love the Fairways** - A round of golf at Fishers Island Club and Long Island National Golf Club
 - **Love the 'Ole Ball Game** - 4 tickets to a game at the new Yankee Stadium
 - **Love to "Sleep in Heavenly Peace"** - One week in a charming Vermont home
5. **Love to "Feel Love"** - Purchase a "Feel Love" t-shirt for \$10 to show you "Love to Help St. Matthew's" and help support Bedford Spring Antiques Show '09. T-shirts will be sold every Sunday after the 10 a.m. service in the Fellowship Room until Apr. 3, or at other times, at the front desk in the Parish House.

Missy Renwick and her dedicated Antiques Show Committee are asking all fellow St. Matthew's parishioners to come, have fun with friends, and support this vital fundraiser by becoming an Angel, Benefactor, Sponsor, or Patron. It's also not too late to volunteer. We are still in need of help in many areas: check-in table, decorating, selling "Feel Love" t-shirts, and luncheon. Those interested in volunteering, please contact Missy at 234-6742. Tickets for the Champagne Preview Party will also be available at the door for \$100. The entrance fee to the Show is \$10 on Sat., Apr. 4 and Sun., Apr. 5.

March Church Calendar

Weekly Events

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

First Sunday in Lent, March 1

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
 Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella and Ginger Getz
 Ushers: Messrs. Claude and MacDonald
 Lay Reader: Mrs. Farrell
 Lector: Mr. Vincent
 Acolytes: Tora Hallström and Gracie Tenney
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, and Church School**
 Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
 Ushers: Messrs. Lovering, Mockridge, Montross, Schimmel
 Lay Reader: Mr. Windsor
 Lector: Mr. Bogert
 Acolytes: Michael Gourd and Ben Colley
 Junior Crucifers: John Cunniff and Charlotte Fleming
 *Lay Minister: Jane Wood

Second Sunday in Lent, March 8

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
 Altar Guild: Mesdames Mankewicz and Whitman
 Ushers: Messrs. Bryt and McVicar
 Lay Reader: Mr. Seaman
 Lector: Mrs. Banks
 Acolytes: Sayre Reimer and Peter Reimer
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church School and Sermon**
 Ushers: Messrs. Belknap, Boyd, Durfee, Freyberg
 Lay Reader: Mr. Conrad
 Acolytes: Tommy Farrell and Sam Kelly
 Junior Crucifers: Mary-Ward Freyberg and Drew Gregory
 *Lay Minister: Mrs. Allen

Third Sunday in Lent, March 15

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
 Altar Guild: Mesdames Ehrlich and Keesee
 Ushers: Messrs. Bernson and Seaman
 Lay Reader: Kimberly Morella
 Lector: Mrs. Ehrlich
 Acolytes: Philip Bowers and Erik Long
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
 Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
 Ushers: Messrs. Harrison, Lange, Markowski, Moody
 Lay Reader: Mrs. Farrell
 Lector: Mr. Wyeth
 Acolytes: Harry Woodhull and Luci Edgar
 An "Activity Sunday" for children

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 22

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
 Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott
 Ushers: Mr. Boe and Roger Vincent
 Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster
 Lector: Mrs. Finn
 Acolytes: Place Wilson and Mac Talty
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon**
 Ushers: Messrs. Henshaw, Sturz, Swift, Thompson
 Lay Reader: Mr. Jackson
 Acolyte: Cathy Kulick

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 29

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
 Altar Guild: Mrs. Boe
 Ushers: Messrs. Fagan and Foster
 Lay Reader: Kimberly Morella
 Lector: Mr. Bogert
 Acolytes: Natalie Bryt and Hannah Swift
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon**
 Ushers: Mr. & Mrs. Burdick, Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay-Stewart
 Lay Reader: Mr. Seaman
 Acolytes: David Estey and Luci Edgar
 An "Activity Sunday" for children

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

*Children's service

Mark Your Calendars

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

Comings & Goings

Please Update Your Parish Directory

Change of Address

Mr. & Mrs. John Scully
 297 McLain Street
 Bedford Hills, NY 10507

Change of Telephone Number

Andrew Health (914) 299-0463

Holy Baptism

Received into Christ's Holy Church

Corinne Isabella de Nigris, January 17, 2009

In Memoriam

In sure and certain hope

Gerald Vernon Gale, January 25, 2009

Ruth Welch Ashley, January 17, 2009

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