



THE KEY

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

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February

To know Christ and to make Him known

2011

The Christmas Sheep That Got Away Annual Meeting, Feb. 6

Dear Friends,



I'll always remember this last Christmas Pageant. I know it's the one I'll never forget. Here's why.

My clergy friends and I have an ongoing joke. It comes under the heading "the things they didn't tell you in seminary." After this Christmas, my colleague Danny Lennox could add another chapter to that chronicle.

For every Christmas Pageant since I've been rector, I've dressed up like a shepherd and with varying degrees of success, ushered in a live animal. I've brought down the aisle a duck, goats, sheep, a belted Galway calf and—one pageant when it was too icy for a sheep to get to St. Matthew's—our yellow Lab Belle sporting antlers.

This year Shirley Bianco kindly contributed, as she has many times in the past, another of her lovely sheep. I introduced myself to the little woolly before the service, so she'd feel better prepared emotionally to join me in the pageant. Then I went inside to open the service. After opening, I ducked into the vesting room to put on my shepherd's costume. I had just adjusted my middle eastern head dress, grabbed my shepherd's crook, and was heading outside to re-connect with my sheep, when Herb Foster accosted me at the vestry room door.

"You may not need that outfit this year," Herb said.

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"Your sheep got away."

"She what?"

"Broke loose and took off running up Twenty-two."

Then Linda de Menocal stepped up. "Not to worry," she said. "I've called Jane. She's bringing our dog. You'll still have an animal."

I rushed out just in time to see Jane de Menocal drive in with Daisy the Labradoodle happily bouncing around the back seat.

At least I had an animal. But what about the poor lamb? Lost on a busy highway. What a sad way for this year's pageant to end.

Just then I looked away from my surrogate Daisy, to see my sheep, led by Shirley, trotting around the side of the church. The day was saved! My cohorts, the little shepherds, were heading in the front door of the church. My sheep and I were on. I gave the little run-away a friendly pat, whispered in her ear, "Your name's Runner." And off we went to contribute our bit to the most magical of annual church services: the church school pageant.

How was Runner retrieved?

After the service, I got the answer. It seems the lamb lurched out of Shirley's grip and took off running. Several ushers tried to salvage the situation and nab the sheep. To no avail. Off Runner took, trotting up Route 22. At that moment, Dede Persina drove up, someone appropriated Dede's car and drove up the road after the sheep.

But it was Danny Lennox, Associate Rector of St. Matthew's, and accomplished long distance runner, who saved the day. Danny took off after the sheep. Risking life and limb, running in leather-soled shoes, Danny was finally able to outrun one of God's fleet-footed creatures. Danny laid hold of the panicked little beast, hauled her around, and brought her back to church. Just in time for Runner's starring role.

We may see several truths in this happy ending story: One, there are things they never tell you in seminary. Two, it pays to have a clergy colleague who is not only in great shape, but who can also run. Three, God is faithful. We love our pageant at St. Matthew's. So, obviously, does the Lord!

Faithfully,

Every year, on the first Sunday of February after the 10 a.m. service, the parish of St. Matthew's convenes its Annual Meeting. This year, it will be on Feb. 6. At this meeting, some very important things happen. Our Senior Warden guides us through a look-back over the accomplishments of our church the past year and touches on our goals for the coming year. (Because we are a busy and vibrant church, we offer so many activities and events for parishioners and the community that it would take hours to recount, but fortunately, the details are contained in the Annual Report that is distributed at the meeting.) The Treasurer then addresses the financial state of our church and presents the budget for the upcoming year. Terry will also speak on the culmination of our long-range planning process.

Most importantly, at this meeting, we will be electing new members and officers to our Vestry (con't page 2) and thanking our outgoing Vestrymen and officers for their leadership and selfless offer of time, expertise and spirit to the betterment of our parish.

Thank You For Your Leadership

Robert Cummings

Robert has been an outstanding Senior Warden. He has guided us skillfully through some wonderful times, such as the Bicentennial celebration and some challenging times, such as the budget crunch after the financial markets collapse. In addition to his four years as Warden, he also served another four years on the Vestry and been involved in numerous other church activities – such as representing St. Matthew's on the board of the Interfaith Food Pantry and co-chairing the "Raise the Roof" fundraiser for Antioch Baptist Church.

Mary Farley

For years, Mary has been a financial backbone for St. Matthew's, having been the business manager for three years and serving as the treasurer for the Vestry. She has also been very active on numerous fronts – on the board of the Women of St. Matthew's, the Christian Education Commission, taught Church School and led the Youth Group. And who can forget the role she played in our Bicentennial, and her key role on many other projects such as the development of our website.

Mike Chace

Not only has Mike been a leader on the Vestry since 2005, but he has also been a driving force behind the church's music programs. He is co-chair of the Music Committee and one of the founding members of the very successful Bedford Chamber Concert Series. Mike has also been chairman of the Woodlands Commission, a Lay Reader and a delegate to the Diocesan Convention.

February Key Dates

Wed., Feb. 2	8 p.m.	Pillars of Music Lecture Series: J.S. Bach
Sun., Feb. 6	11 a.m.	Annual Parish Meeting
Sun., Feb. 6	Coffee Hour	Super Bowl Bake Sale
Sat., Feb. 19	7:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast

For Election to Our Vestry (con't from page 1)

As Senior Warden: Dan de Menocal



Standing for election as our new Senior Warden is Dan de Menocal. A member of St. Matthew's since 1987, Dan has been on the Vestry since 2006 and a vital leader of our church for many years. In addition to his formal duties, Dan has been a serial volunteer: if there is a project to be done, count on Dan to step forward. He is an active member of the Property Commission, Project SMILE, the Bedell Committee, and an usher. In the other world, he is a Managing Director and Head of Equity Capital Markets with BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC. He is also Treasurer of The Bedford Village Chowder & Marching Club, a civic organization in Bedford. Dan and his wife Linda, who is Director of our Church School, make a dynamic team.

As Vestry Member: Patrick Brennan



Since joining St. Matthew's in 2001, Patrick, his wife Cynthia, and their three children May (10), Cora (7), and Patrick (5) have been very active members of our community. Patrick has been a member of the Property Commission for eight years, serving as co-chair for the past five. Additionally, he has served on the Long-Range Planning Committee, co-chaired the Bedford Spring Antiques Show Preview Party, and taught Sunday school.

Outside of St. Matthew's, he gives his time and expertise to several community organizations including the Westmoreland Sanctuary, the Katonah Museum of Art, and the Katonah-Bedford Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Patrick heads-up a unique design-build practice providing both architectural design and construction management services. As a licensed architect and home improvement contractor, he provides complete start-to-finish design and construction services. A graduate of Deerfield Academy and the Rhode Island School of Design, he is a member of the American Institute of Architects and the U. S. Green Building Council.

As Vestry Member: Mary Hamill



Mary Hamill has been a whirlwind of activity since she joined St. Matthew's in 2002. An enthusiastic participant at the Wednesday 10 a.m. service and Bible Study group, she has served on the board of the Women of St. Matthew's, the Coffee Hour committee, and this year, became a Lay Reader. Each month, she helps bring food and serve meals to the homeless at Open Arms in White Plains, an outreach program of St. Matthew's.

Her professional background is impressive. She worked as an attorney for various Bell System companies (AT&T, New York Telephone, NYNEX) as Vice President, Chief Technology Counsel; and then was in the same role, Chief Technology Counsel, supporting Citibank's Global Asset Management Group and Salomon Smith Barney. Currently, she is Of Counsel at the law firm Boies, Schiller & Flexner, LLP. She is also active with Hope's Door, a shelter for domestic violence in Northern Westchester. Her two grown sons live in Manhattan.

As Vestry Member: John Stockbridge



John was confirmed at St. Matthew's in 1995, and has served the church as lector and Lay Reader since 2003. He and long-time parishioner Anita Braganca were married in the Chapel-in-the-Woods in 1982. A frequent contributor to the "Key," John was also quite involved with a number of the Bicentennial celebrations. John serves Bedford as Town Historian, chairs the Historic Building Preservation Commission, sits on the Boards of the Town Wetlands

Commission, the Westmoreland and Marsh Sanctuaries, the Westchester County Historical Society, and is an ex-officio member of the Bedford Historical Society, the Bedford Hills Historical Museum and an active participant in the preservation of the town's cemeteries. He also is on the Vestry of St. Mary's Church. A Wall Street veteran, having worked at Salomon Brothers, Morgan Stanley and Dillon Read, John holds a BA from Princeton University and an MBA from Columbia.

Changes to the Bedell Commission

As of Jan. 1, three new members have been named to the Bedell Commission: Nancy Vincent, Scott Brown and Keith Kroeger. Many thanks to retiring members John Belknap, Virginia Maybank and Paul Sturz for all their hard work.

Three Pillars of Western Music

On Wed., Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Room, Tony Newman will present the first in a series of lecture-demonstrations on the three pillars of Western music: J.S. Bach, W.A. Mozart, and Beethoven. Tony, whom Winton Marsalis called "the high priest of Bach," will give us an inside look into the life and music of Bach. Many regard J.S. Bach as the "father," or the "Shakespeare," of music. Tony will delve into stories about Bach's life and times, as well as play music from the different periods of his life.



This is the opportunity to take that Music 101 class that you wished you had taken especially from a world-renowned musician and professor (Juilliard and SUNY Purchase). The lecture will last about one hour. Wine and cheese will be served afterwards, with the opportunity to chat with "the professor." Admission is \$20 at the door. Save the dates for the other lecture-demonstrations:

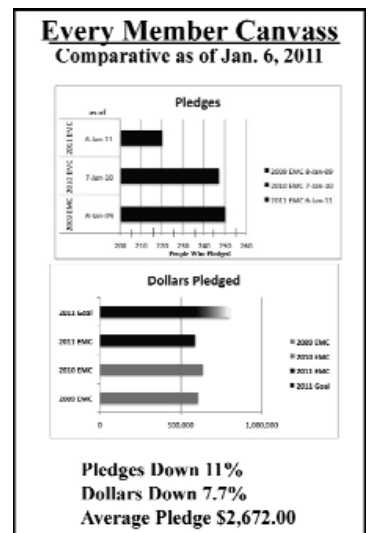
Wed., Mar. 2, 8 p.m.: Mozart

Wed., Mar. 30, 8 p.m.: Beethoven

Every Member Canvass

St. Matthew's relies on the support of the Parish to maintain the programs and facilities that make us so special. Unfortunately, EMC pledges continue to trend downward. For those who have already pledged, our sincere thanks. For those who have yet to pledge, please do so as soon as you are able.

St. Matthew's is depending on you!



Super Bowl Bake Sale, Feb. 6


You don't have to be in Cowboy Stadium in Arlington, Texas to cheer for your favorite team in the Super Bowl, but instead -- home, enjoying the comfort of your own sofa with friends and family feasting on treats and sweets from the Super Bowl Bake Sale. These special morsels and munchies will be for sale at Coffee Hour following the 10 a.m. service. The Bake Sale is sponsored by the Church School, with proceeds to benefit the Children's Center at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. If you'd like to contribute baked goodies or special snacks, please bring them to the Fellowship Room before the 10 a.m. service on Feb. 6.



Bedford Chamber Concerts
Peter and the Wolf
 By Sergei Prokofiev

Sat., Apr. 9: 4 to 5 p.m.: St. Matthew's Fellowship Room

Bring the whole family to come see **Peter and the Wolf** performed by an intimate chamber music quartet of world class musicians led by our own Anthony Newman. Music to be accompanied by visual interpretations of the spoken story.




Don Costume and Mask
Mardi Gras 2011
 Sun., Mar. 6, 5 to 8 p.m.
Swing to Dixieland Jazz
Arts and Crafts for Children
Potluck Supper
RSVP: 234-9636



Memorial Flowers

The following dates are available for Memorial Flowers in the Church:

Altar: June 27. Right Window: Mar 14, July 31, Aug 7, 14, 21. Oct 30.
Vestibule: Feb 6, Mar 14. May 29. June 12, 19. Aug 7. Oct 16, 23, 30. Dec 4.
The Chapel: Almost always available. These flowers are also used for the children's Sunday Service.
 For more information, please contact: Connie Lindsay Stewart at 203-938-2579.



Outreach Spotlight:
SPCA's Golden Outreach Pet Therapy Program

One of the programs that the Women of St. Matthew's supports is a pet therapy program bringing cats and dogs from the SPCA shelter to visit patients in area healthcare facilities. This program provides important social stimulation for those in need: patients and special program residents longing for contact with the outside world, and dogs and cats at the SPCA shelter who are waiting for new homes. Patients in healthcare and rehabilitation facilities, particularly those who remain for prolonged periods or on a permanent basis, are often anxious about being absent from their homes and loved ones. Visits from friends and families can be infrequent. Adjustment to chronic conditions can cause depression and detachment.

The SPCA of Westchester made 74 weekly visits to healthcare facilities throughout Westchester, Bronx and Putnam Counties in 2009. New facilities added to our roster include: Westchester Correctional Facility in Valhalla; The Veterans Administration Hospital in Montrose; Glen Island Nursing Home in New Rochelle; The Richmond Home in Yonkers, and Drum Hill Nursing Home in Peekskill.

Save the Date!!

Bedford Spring Antiques Show
 at
Rippowam Cisqua School
 Rt. 22 & Clinton Rd.
 Bedford NY

Champagne Preview Party
 Fri., Apr. 8, 2011 from 6-8:30 p.m.
Dinner to Follow at The Bedford Golf & Tennis Club

Show Dates
 Sat., Apr. 9 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Sun., Apr. 10 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Bach Organ Preludes and Fugues, Mar. 13

To hear one or two of Bach's preludes and fugues is always moving and inspirational, but to hear all 24 in three concerts is an experience not-to-be-missed. Renowned world-wide for his mastery of the organ, Tony Newman, who has not given organ recitals in our area, will perform all 24 of Bach's preludes and fugues, eight in each of three concerts. The first of these will be on Mar. 13 at 4 p.m. at St. Matthew's. This concert will be a fundraiser for St. Matthew's Church. The second recital will be at the South Salem Presbyterian Church on Mar. 20 at 4 p.m., and the third at Christ Church, Greenwich, CT on May 13 at 7:30 p.m. Admission \$20 at the door.

Art Show: Bedford

Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these revelers from the swift completion of the Art Show: Bedford.

What do a few (or many) inches of snow, or icy, slippery roads, or frigid, windy air mean to Art Show: Bedford supporters? Apparently, not much. On Jan. 7, they turned out in fancy dress and high spirits to greet one another and enjoy delicious appetizers from Table and juried paintings, photographs and sculptures from local artists for purchase. Our thanks to the Art Show committee and their chairs, Laura Blau and Laurie Sturz, for a fun and successful evening for artists and art appreciators alike.



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

February Church Calendar



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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 6

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella and Ginger Getz
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Fagan
Lay Reader: Mr. Jackson
Lector: Mrs. Ehrlich
Acolytes: Julia Conway and William Conway
- 10 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church School, and Sermon, followed by Annual Parish Meeting**
Ushers: Messrs. Boyd and Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Burdick
Lay Reader: Andrew Heath
Acolytes: Jireh Swift and Hannah Swift
Junior Crucifer: Max Weigel
*Lay Minister: Mrs. Foster

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 13

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Whitman and Meyer
Ushers: Messrs. MacDonald and Foster
Lay Reader: Kimberly Morella
Lector: Mrs. Finn
Acolytes: Georgia Morley and Sophie Boyd
- 10 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church School, and Sermon**
Ushers: Messrs. Tingué, Proctor, Moody, Keller
Lay Reader: Mr. Seaman
Acolytes: Tommy Farrell
Junior Crucifers: Grace Brennan and Katherine Cunniff
*Lay Minister: Mr. Conrad

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, February 20

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Keesee
Ushers: Messrs. Claude and Bowers
Lay Reader: Jane Wood
Lector: Mr. Freeman
Acolytes: Charlotte Santomero and Camillo Santomero
- 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
Ushers: Messrs. Moody, Sturz, Gourd, Freyberg
Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge
Lector: Mr. Bogert
Acolytes: Claire Talty and Katherine Lange

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 27

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott
Ushers: Messrs. Boe and Bowers
Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge
Lector: Roger Vincent
Acolytes: Hailey Schimmel and Tucker Johnston
- 10 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon**
Ushers: Messrs. McCree, Lange, Talty, Boyd
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson
Acolytes: Erik Long and Douglas Vallar

Last Sunday after the Epiphany, March 6

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella and Ginger Getz
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Fagan
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster
Lector: A.J. Heath
Acolytes: Lily Edwards and Sophie Boyd

- 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and Church School**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Blacker
Ushers: Messrs. Moody and Swift; Lee Brown and Scott Brown
Lay Reader: Mrs. Allen
Lector: Amb. Foley
Acolytes: Dylan Rubino and Jack Vallar
Junior Crucifers: Blake Côté and Jack Foote
*Lay Minister: Mrs. Farrell

* Children's Service

Comings & Goings

Please Update Your Parish Directory

Change of Address
Mrs. Phyllis L. Schofield
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Holy Baptism
Received into Christ's Holy Church
Cordelia Kwon Blanc, December 26, 2010
Theodore Kwon Blanc, December 26, 2010

In Memoriam
In sure and certain hope
Ada B. Combes, December 27, 2010

Mark Your Calendars

Wed., Mar. 2	8 p.m. Pillars of Music Lecture Series: Mozart	
Sun., Mar. 6	5 - 8 p.m. Mardi Gras Party	
Wed., Mar. 9	10 a.m. Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist, with imposition of ashes	
Sun., Mar. 13	4 p.m. Organ Concert at St. Matthew's: Tony Newman	
Wed., Mar. 23	8: p.m. Bedford Chamber Concert	
Sun., Mar. 30	8 p.m. Pillars of Music Lecture Series: Beethoven	

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