



# THE KEY

## ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

### BEDFORD N.Y.

January

To know Christ and to make Him known

2012

## New Year's Resolution: Let's Start "Tebowing"

Dear Friends,

Jesus told us we should not hide our light under a bushel. One way we shine forth as our true Christian selves is to shine forth the light of Christ in the world.

Denver Bronco quarterback Tim Tebow has been doing just that. He does it in two ways. One is by publicly thanking Jesus Christ for his innumerable victories on the field. He does this verbally. He says, "I'd like to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." He also does it in a graphic, physical way by "Tebowing," the newly-coined word for what Tim does at the end of a game. He bends his knee and bows his head in prayer.

The other way Tim Tebow shines the light of Christ into a world that badly needs it is by reaching out to other people. He raises money and also does a lot of hands-on helping of those who cannot help themselves. Plus he encourages his teammates and classmates to follow his lead in these acts of compassion.

It's New Year's Resolution time.

Maybe this year we can top our list of resolutions by looking for ways we, too, can shine the light of Christ around. As Christians we have the Spirit of God within us. The Spirit is eager to reach out and through us to help and care for people who need God's help. He just needs us to be willing, each in our own way, to go where He would have us go and do what He would have us do so that His light might shine forth in powerful, constructive and life-changing ways.

In this new year, let's do some "Tebowing" of our own!

Faithfully,

## Art Show: Bedford Goes Contemporary

Preview Party: Jan. 20

Show: Jan. 21 & 22

The main event in January at St. Matthew's will no doubt be the 39th Annual Art Show: Bedford. In a slight break with tradition, as suggested by co-curator Leslie Henshaw, this year's artwork will have a more contemporary flair. The blend of contemporary and traditional art should attract new buyers, and will certainly expand the reach of and interest in the show. Be sure to mark the 39th Annual Art Show: Bedford on your social calendars, and begin the New Year in style by attending the Champagne Preview Party on Fri., Jan. 20, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

At the Preview, potential buyers can mingle with the artists and discuss the inspiration for and background of a particular work of art. The works represented will include paintings, sculptures and photographs. Susan Grissom, manager of Contemporary Art at the Lionheart Gallery in Pound Ridge, is curator for the show, along with Ms. Henshaw. Approximately 50 artists will participate this year. The cover art on the invitation, called "Maya One," is an acrylic, charcoal on linen, by Ashley Andrews.

The Art Show committee, co-chaired by Laura Blau and Laurie Sturz, will once again produce a festive and enjoyable event. "While the theme of the show is contemporary this year, we want people to know that the Preview Party will be our traditional, beautiful evening, with a fire glowing, a pianist playing and wonderful hors d'oeuvres provided by Table Local Market," said Laura Blau. "Come and enjoy the warmth and fellowship of this fabulous party."

After attending the Preview Party on Friday night, having chatted with the artists and viewed all the pieces, come back on Saturday or Sunday to make your purchases. Original art makes wonderful gifts for family and friends, providing unique items created by local artists. The show is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 21, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sun., Jan. 22.

Keep in mind that Art Show: Bedford benefits local charities supported by St. Matthew's, with 100% of the proceeds directed to these causes. The charities include Abbott House, The Bedford Hills Correctional Facility Children's Center, The Bridge Fund, The Caring Circle of Hospice Care, The Chaplaincy Committee of NWH, Community Center of Katonah, Fessenden House, Hospice Care in Westchester and Putnam, Iglesia Memorial de San Andres, Midnight Run, Mt. Kisco Childcare Center and Hope's Door.

Be sure to purchase tickets for the Preview Party either now or early in 2012! Tickets are \$100 in advance; \$125 at the door; show admission is free on Saturday and Sunday. To sign up, call the church office at 234-9636 (deadline is Jan. 9), or visit [www.stmatthewsbedford.org](http://www.stmatthewsbedford.org).



"Maya One" acrylic, charcoal on linen, by Ashley Andrews, 2011.

## January Events

Epiphany Sunday, January 8	
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tues. Jan. 17	
9:30 a.m.	Women of St. Matthew's Open Meeting
Fri., Jan. 20	
6:30-9 p.m.	Art Show: Bedford Preview Party
Sat., Jan. 21	
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Art Show: Bedford
Sun., Jan. 22	
12-4p.m.	Art Show: Bedford

Nancy Dexter

# Christmas at St. Matthew's

## A Bountiful Brunch



It was a joyful and festive day on Dec. 4 for our annual Parish Christmas Brunch. The Fellowship Room was brimming with wreaths, plants, gifts, foodstuffs... and plenty of happy parishioners. There was even a visit from a fat old guy in a red suit!

Many thanks to the Women of St. Matthew's and everyone who worked so hard to make the day a success.

# Joy to the World



## Tree Sales

For the third year, Paul and Lindsay Matthews organized a great Christmas Tree Sale on Dec. 3 and 4. This not only raised money for the church, but also supplied many people with the best Christmas trees they will ever have. Thank you, Paul and Lindsay.

## House Tour

On Dec. 14, six St. Matthew's families did a huge amount of work, decorating and preparing for the first St. Matthew's House Tour. Inside and out, the houses were spectacularly done, and deepest appreciation is extended to all involved.



## Wreath Making

Again, Phillis Warden provided St. Matthew's the facility - and her expertise - for our wreath-making crew. The beautiful wreaths produced were sold at the Brunch.

## St. Mary's

Nothing better to get the seasonal spirit going, than to drive to St. Mary's deep in the Middle Patent woods, and have a traditional Christmas service, with the Rev. Dr. Paul Briggs, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church presiding and members of the Antioch choir joining with the congregation singing carols.



## Friendship in the Fellowship Room

What could be better than gathering around the fireplace and singing Christmas carols? Well, add chili and you have and you have a perfect holiday night.

# What a Glorious Season!

## The Pageant Brings the Christmas Story to Life

They were all there – from the friendly beasts to Mary, Joseph and Jesus – when the Church School Pageant brought the Christmas story to life.



# and Peace on Earth



## What a Sweet Day

It wasn't frosting on the cake, but frosting on the gingerbread houses on Dec. 10, when the St. Matthew's School Parents Association hosted the annual gingerbread house decorating day. Sugar, spice and happiness was the order of the day.



## Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfasts are always full of great fellowship, but in December add to that a multi-course cholesterol-filled breakfast, and you end up with a bunch of happy male parishioners.



## Great Charity

While all these fun events were going on, St. Matthew's did some wonderful charity work for our community. A partial list includes: dozens of toys were donated to the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility; our "Wish Tree" provided items requested by someone at Hope's Door or A-HOME; and foodstuffs of all kinds was delivered to the Community Center. That's what Christmas is all about.



## Music

Throughout all the events in December, the music was spectacular. The Festival of Music on Dec. 11 was outstanding with our super choir performing parts of Handel's Messiah – so good that the audience gave them a standing ovation. Then there was the final 2011 Bedford Chamber Concert on Dec. 14, featuring Sean Lee on the violin and a dozen members of the Bedford Chamber Ensemble. Every Sunday, Tony on the organ was stupendous – providing us little mini-concerts before, after and during services. We are so lucky to have Tony as our music director, to have such a strong choir and a Music Committee leading the way.



## Women of St. Matthew's Open Meeting, Jan. 17

The Women of St. Matthew's are having an open meeting on Tues., Jan. 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the Vestry Room. We will hear from any non-profits who would like to be considered for outreach funds from our organization. This meeting is open to all parishioners who would like to hear more about the work of the non-profits in our area. Any questions should be directed to Ursula LaMotte (234-3228) or Kim Gaynor (234-6167).

The Women of St. Matthew's had a very successful Christmas brunch as a result of lots of busy hands helping to make wreaths, Christmas candles and decorating the beautiful tree in the Fellowship Room, given by the de Menocals. Thanks to all of you who helped in these efforts with such good cheer!

## Join the Midnight Run, Mar. 9

On Mar. 9, St. Matthew's will be participating in Midnight Run. The project is to take food, clothing, and toiletries to needy people in New York City in the middle of the night. We need a whole parish effort to acquire the needed items to make a successful Midnight Run; and we need people to participate in the run itself. Please let Danny know ASAP if you are interested in volunteering. This is an amazing outreach opportunity and one that is vital to Westchester and New York. Please consider becoming an integral part of this program. We would like to have a team in place by the middle of January to begin the preparation. Contact: [dlennox@stmatthewsbedford.org](mailto:dlennox@stmatthewsbedford.org)

## Put these into your appointment calendar!

### Annual Meeting, Sun. Feb. 12

The annual St. Matthew's Parish Meeting will be held on Sun., Feb. 12 following the 10 a.m. service. All parishioners should make an effort to attend to become better informed about the church and its programs. Rector Terry Elsberry, Senior Warden Dan de Menocal and Treasurer Peter Keller will present the Annual Report and give an overview of the state of the church, highlights of the past year, and its goals for 2012.



### Mardi Gras Party, Feb. 12!

It's always the party of the year at St. Matthew's, so make sure Feb. 12 is in your appointment book for our annual Mardi Gras party. Get all decked out in your costumes and be prepared to dine, have fun and dance to the best Dixieland band north of the Mason-Dixon Line. For the kids, there are arts and crafts activities, a parade and the crowning of the king and queen of Carnival. Childcare will be provided for younger children.

### Superbowl Bake Sale, Feb. 5

Get ready for the big game with baked goods and party treats at our traditional Superbowl Bake Sale on Feb. 5. You will surely score a big touchdown when you get home with some of the goodies offered at the coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service that day.

## An Army of Elves

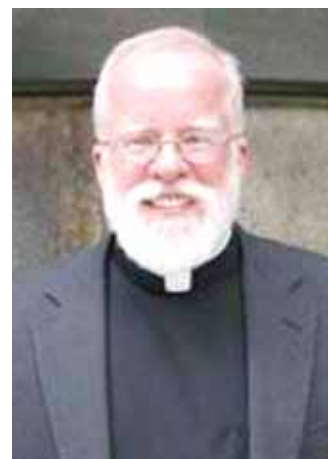
Throughout December, St. Matthew's School collected supplies to send to a U.S. Army troop stationed in Afghanistan. The response was overwhelming. Our little elves brought in gallons of shampoo and lotions, hundreds of chapsticks and toothbrushes, eye drops, and Band-Aids and every sort of small item that says a big THANK YOU to our troops overseas. With help from elves the next size up in the form of our Confirmation Class, who wrote letters and packed the assembled supplies, the final tally was five huge boxes weighing over a hundred pounds. Merry Christmas from St. Matthew's!



*L to r: William Bae, Meghan Moran, Gabby Yablonski, Danielle Kulick and Jack Farrell pack supplies*

## New Bishop Coadjutor-Elect

The Rev. Canon Andrew M.L. Dietsche was declared the bishop coadjutor-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of New York - a position that gives him automatic right of succession to the current Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Mark S. Sisk, when he retires. Dietsche, a Poughkeepsie, NY, resident who is currently on the diocesan staff as Canon for Pastoral Care, was elected on the third round of balloting by a majority of the active clergy of the diocese and delegates from all of its congregations. Canon Dietsche was one of two candidates nominated "from the floor" in addition to the five who were put forward by a special Committee to Elect a Bishop - the committee that Terry Elsberry served on.



The bishop coadjutor-elect must now receive the consent of a majority both of the other diocesan bishops of the Episcopal Church and of the standing committees of the Church's dioceses, before he can be consecrated in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Sat., Mar. 10, 2012. Dietsche will become the new Diocesan Bishop on Bishop Sisk's retirement, which must take place on or before his 72nd birthday in August 2014.

## Perfect Attendance!



For the school year 2010/2011, 10 children had perfect attendance in St. Matthew's Church School. (From right to left) Congratulations to Sam Pakman, Clara Pakman, Caroline Johnston, Brady Johnston, Cliff Belknap, Eloise Pakman, Eva Dwyer, Christian Kim, Sebastian Akinla and Rachel Akinla.

## Helping Families to Live Free From Abuse

Hope's Door, formerly The Northern Westchester Shelter, has provided victims of domestic violence with caring services and comprehensive programs that heal bodies, minds and hearts. Since 1980, thousands of men, women and children have received vital services that include a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter, counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, children's programs, teen dating abuse prevention and community education.



Our mission, to end domestic violence and to empower victims to achieve safety, independence and healing from the trauma of abuse, becomes easier and more attainable with help from the community. From the beginning, the kind people of St. Matthew's have provided support. Unfortunately, the holiday season can cause domestic abuse to escalate by adding more pressure to already-stressed relationships. Financial burdens and high expectations for seasonal joy can send some abusers over the edge.

The staff and board of Hope's Door strongly believe that in order to end domestic violence, we must teach our children about healthy relationships, and how to avoid those that are based on power and control. Our teen education coordinators visit local high schools to do just that: encourage students to speak out against relationship abuse and to embrace values that make happy, healthy partnerships, like respect, honesty, open communication and trust. Many teens join our STAR group, Students Terminating Abusive Relationships. This past October, approximately 275 high school students, guidance counselors, teachers, professionals and parents attended the Hope's Door Annual Symposium to learn more about how together we can put end to domestic abuse.

To learn more, volunteer, or make a safe, secure donation, please visit our website, [www.HopesDoorNY.org](http://www.HopesDoorNY.org) or me at 914-747-0828. Thank you for all your help

*Andrea Naso-Nord, Director, Community Relations*

## A Bit of Potter-y

Sometimes when you are doing a bit of research a fact or two is uncovered that changes the whole exercise. Such is the case with the Potter plaque. The plaque is on the left side of the sanctuary near the front of the church and is a remembrance of Frank H. Potter and Flora McDonald his wife. It proclaims both his service on the Vestry and her commitment to community. What it doesn't say is where they lived, and the significance of that location.



Flora McDonald (or MacDonald as it appears on deeds and in the press) was a Woodcock. She was the granddaughter of William Palmer Woodcock and niece of Mary Ann Astor Woodcock. It is with Mary Ann that our story begins. Mary Ann was the maiden daughter of William, and when she died in 1907, she left her large property on Girdle Ridge to her niece Flora. The Potters would make their home here until 1918 when they sold it to Carrie Moore Bain Hoyt and her husband Charles. Unfortunately, five years later Carrie Hoyt died. In 1928, her husband Charles would sell the property, which now was an estate inclusive of lavish gardens, to his friend and business partner Walter Rosen. Walter and his wife Lucie Bigelow Rosen named their new home Caramoor in memory of their friend Carrie. As we all know, since 1938 Caramoor has been the center of musical and cultural entertainment in Westchester County.

A small plaque remembering the Rosens can be found on the left side wall of the sanctuary. The memorial is seen at pew level near the overhang of the organ loft. Interestingly, Frank and Flora Potter, Carrie Hoyt and the Rosens, all who at one time lived on the same property continue to do so, albeit on a different property as they are all buried within several hundred feet of each other in our St. Matthew's churchyard.

*John Stockbridge*

## The very best of a cappella from Amherst, Princeton, Trinity, Vassar, Williams and Yale.

What better way to start off the new year than to get a cd of the singing groups at these fine colleges for family members, friends and colleagues. They're lots of fun to hear, and the sale benefits St. Matthew's. CDs are \$22 each or 2 for \$40. There are lots of different CDs to choose from, so please contact [CollegeJamboree@gmail.com](mailto:CollegeJamboree@gmail.com) to make arrangements to pick your order up in the Parish House.



## Mark Your Calendars

Sun., Feb. 5	11 a.m.	Super Bowl Bake Sale
Wed., Feb. 22		Ash Wednesday
Sun. Feb. 12		Mardi Gras
Sun. Feb. 12		Annual meeting, 10 a.m. service

Midweek Holy Eucharist on  
Wednesday at 10 a.m.

# January Church Calendar



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## First Sunday after Christmas, January 1, 2012

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella and Ginger Getz  
Ushers: Mr. Bogert and A.J. Heath  
Lay Reader: Mr. Claude  
Lector: Mr. Bogert  
Acolytes: Gabby Yablonski and Katrina Yablonski

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Blacker  
Ushers: Messrs. Markowski, Borner, Lovering, Keller  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Allen  
Lector: Mr. Keiser  
Acolytes: Cooper Talty and Mac Talty

## Epiphany Sunday, January 8

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Whitman and Meyer  
Ushers: Messrs. Boe and Bowers  
Lay Reader: Ginger Getz  
Lector: A.J. Heath  
Acolytes: Natalie Harrington and Matthew Harrison

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and Church School**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Blacker  
Ushers: Messrs. Burdick, de Menocal, Swift, Freyberg  
Lay Reader: Mary Hamill  
Lector: Mr. Bogert  
Acolytes: Brendan McCree and Colin McCree  
Junior Crucifers: Charlie Lewis and George Marcogliese  
\*Lay Minister: Mrs. Foster

## Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 15

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Altar Guild: Mrs. Keese  
Ushers: Messrs. Bolen and Claude  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster  
Lector: Mr. Cox  
Acolytes: Gus Carlson and Charlie Carpenter

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz  
Ushers: Messrs. Moody, Gaynor, Sturz; Lee Brown  
Lay Reader: Andrew Heath  
Lector: Mrs. Finn  
Acolytes: Will Conway and Lily Edwards

## Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 22

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott  
Ushers: Mr. MacDonald and Roger Vincent  
Lay Reader: Kimberly Morella  
Lector: Mrs. Finn  
Acolytes: Henry Farrell and Jack Farrell

**10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church School, and Sermon**  
Ushers: Messrs. Fife, Maybank, Taylor, Belknap  
Lay Reader: Mr. Jackson  
Acolytes: Georgia Morley and Sophie Boyd  
Junior Crucifers: Chase Mockridge and Sam Pakman  
\*Lay Minister: Mary Hamill

## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, January 29

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Altar Guild: Mrs. Boe  
Ushers: Mr. & Mrs. Fagan  
Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge  
Lector: Mr. Freeman  
Acolytes: Alexander Foote and Gamble Freyberg

**10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church School, and Sermon**  
Ushers: Messrs. Mockridge, Tingue, Lange; Rob Vincent  
Lay Reader: Mr. Seaman  
Acolytes: Brooke Edgar and Erik Long  
Junior Crucifers: Mason Santomero  
\*Lay Minister: Andrew Heath

## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 5

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella and Ginger Getz  
Ushers: Mr. Bogert and Roger Vincent  
Lay Reader: Jane Wood  
Lector: Roger Vincent  
Acolytes: Sam Kawachi and Jack Marschke

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and Church School**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Blacker  
Ushers: Messrs. LaMotte and Baldwin;  
Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay-Stewart  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Allen  
Lector: Amb. Foley  
Acolytes: Christian Magnan and Tucker Johnston  
Junior Crucifers: Eliza Altman and Ashleigh Brennan  
\*Lay Minister: Mrs. Thompson

## Comings & Goings

### New or Returning Parishioners

Mrs. Nancy Benkhart 3166 Meadow Ridge Redding CT 06896	Dr. & Mrs. Robert Salerno 28 Ambler Drive Bedford NY 10506
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### Change of Address

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Wamsley Sunrise Senior Living, Apt. 201 4870 Belfort Road Jacksonville FL 32256	The Rev. & Mrs. Andrew W. Walter 1133 East West Hwy., Apt. 1318W Silver Spring MD 20910
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### Holy Baptism

*Received into Christ's Holy Church*

Alex Belle Lawson Lanier, November 23, 2011  
Grace Hudson Lanier, November 23, 2011  
Clifford Anderson Lanier IV, November 23, 2011

### In Memoriam

*In sure and certain hope*

Paul T. (Pete) Haskell, November 16, 2011  
James Douglas, December 8, 2011

While making your New Year's resolutions, please add "Stewardship of St. Matthew's" to your list. Please support the Every Member Canvass! If you have yet to pledge, please do so! If you have already pledged, thank you, you can tick that one off of the list!

*Steel Swift*

Thanks again for everyone involved in the very successful Shopping Boutique in November!

