



THE KEY

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

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June

To know Christ and to make Him known

2011

What is Joy?

Dear Friends,

For me, this is the most joyous time of year. In Easter we celebrate the glorious reality: Jesus has risen from the dead.

In nature's vivid hues, we celebrate another resurrection: Springtime's rising from the dead of winter.

Both these occurrences define for me the meaning of joy. But for us as Christians, joy is supposed to mean more even than these soaring realities. For Christians, joy ought to be not just a spring and Easter experience. Joy is supposed to be



an every day, ongoing experience. The Bible tells us "the joy of the Lord is our strength." But how do we maintain our joy, find that strength for living, in real life?



We may work hard, find material success and the happiness money can buy. We can become psychologically well adjusted, physically fit and learn how to live productive lives. But

all this is in vain if we're working too much, battling stress, and never find the time to develop true, lasting fulfillment at the deepest level.

Where we find this true joy – which lies deeper than superficial happiness, and gives us lasting strength to endure the stresses and storms of life – is in relationship with God. When we accept the reality of the risen Jesus in our lives, when we make getting to know Him a daily priority, then we experience His love and support as real. Then we are able to tap into His wisdom and courage for the living of each day. Then we come to know the security He wants us to have. Then we experience the by-product of faith: true joy. And we know that joy as the strength we need to live successful lives.

Then the words "If God be for me, who can be against me?" become more than theory. These words become the story of our lives.

Faithfully,

June: A Shift to Summer

On June 5, Church School ends and we celebrate a school year well done and the beginning of a more relaxed schedule with our Annual Picnic at 5 p.m. The Annual Picnic is just what you would expect it to be – a lot of fun, good food and great friends. Hamburgers and hot dogs are grilled by the Men of St. Matthew's and scrumptious appetizers, salads and desserts are prepared by parishioners. Games for younger parishioners are also provided. So put June 5 on your calendar as a "must-do," sign up for a dish to bring, and come enjoy a late afternoon at St. Matthew's delighting in the beauty of nature and joy of friendships.

On June 12, Bishop Catherine Roskam will be joining us at the 10 a.m. service for the very special rite of Confirmation. For the past year, our eighth-graders have been working toward this day when they will make a "mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and ... will be ... confirmed or received by a Bishop of this Church ... in communion with this Church." Following the service, there will be a reception in the Parish House to greet Bishop Roskam and the newly confirmed.

Also starting on June 19, the 8 a.m. service shifts to the glorious Chapel-in-the-Woods. With trees as its church walls and roof and a babbling brook and birdsongs as its music, this service is a truly unique experience. (If it rains, signs will be posted indicating that this service will be held in the church.)

Looking Forward to Fall

Our 2011 Distinguished Speaking Series launches this fall:

Wed., Sept. 14: Dr. James D. Watson, Chancellor Emeritus of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, whose Nobel Prize-winning work on DNA has had a profound impact on medicine and human life.

Wed., Oct. 12: Russell Reynolds, Chairman of RSR Partners and one of the world's most successful executive search industry leaders.

Wed., Nov. 9: The Honorable Abdullah Hussain Haroon, Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations (date subject to final confirmation).

June Key Dates

Sat., June 4	9:30 a.m.	Spring Trail Walk
Sun., June 5	5 p.m.	Annual Parish Picnic
Sun., June 12	10 a.m.	Confirmation with Bishop Roskam
Sun., June 12, 19, 26 & July 3	11:15 a.m.	Adult Education series: Doctrine of the Church
Sun., June 19, 26	8 a.m.	Chapel-in-the-Woods (weather permitting)

Adult Education: Doctrine of the Church

The Church is something we love and something we regard as holy, but why? Join Danny throughout June for a series of lectures on the Doctrine of Ecclesiology (the Church). These lectures will examine the nature of the Church, its theological importance and its sacramental grace. All are welcome to attend. The class begins Sun., June 12 in the Conference Room after the 10 a.m. service. Grab a cup of coffee and join in. Lectures will run for four weeks: June 12, 19, 26 and July 3.

Spring Trail Walk, June 4

Please join Chris Burdick and Fred John for a guided tour of one of the most magnificent woodlands in northern Westchester, our beautiful Ketchum Sanctuary. The approximately 2-hour walk begins at 9:30 a.m. at the trail head at the end of the church parking lot. Please make sure to wear good walking shoes as the trail is rocky in spots, and bring a bottle of water. E-mail Chris at cwburdick@verizon.net for more details and so that he and John know you are coming and can contact you if there are any changes in plans.

3rd Annual Down to the River to Pray and Sing Sun., July 24 at 6 p.m. Chapel-in-the-Woods

Join in the fun and give thanks to God. All are welcome!
Hamburgers and hotdogs cooked on the lawn afterwards
Come down to the river to pray!
Bring blankets, family, friends, and anyone who loves music and good fellowship.

And bring your singing voices, too!



Women of St. Matthew's Annual Meeting

On May 18, following a Holy Eucharist service in the church, the Women of St. Matthew's held their Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Ursula LaMotte and Kim Gaynor, co-chairs, reported on the great successes of the year and thanked everyone for all their hard work. The work of the Women of St. Matthew's goes toward funding outreach programs, as well as directly supporting many of the activities of the church such as the Christmas Brunch, coffee hour and the Art Show.

Catherine Crier, award-winning journalist, judge, and author was the guest speaker at the Luncheon. She believes that the country is at a critical crossroads, where our government cannot be called a democracy because of the special interests which control our elected representatives through campaign contributions. She feels that we need a balance between the citizens and the powerful corporations who control so much of this country's wealth. Campaign reform is the way to start. Ms. Crier had a "conversation" with her audience, and was very well received. She will publish her fifth book, "Patriot Acts—What Americans Must Do to Save the Republic" in November.



Could Teaching Be Your Calling?

Play an important part in your child's religious life. Be a Church School teacher. Sign-up is June 5, or speak to Linda de Menocal (deMenocal@aol.com or 914-234-0084

The Confirmation Class Celebrates Morning Prayer

Some say today's young people are the future of the church. If the service on May 15 was any indication, they are also its present! The parish was treated to Morning Prayer offered by the members of this year's Confirmation class, including four distinguished preachers: Lily Edwards, Chris Gourd, Tucker Johnston and Georgia Morley. In strong and individual voices, our preachers spoke of God's use of unlikely heroes, of our Christian duty towards friend and stranger, of sacrifice and courage, and encompassing it all, of love, and love's power to heal the world. God's Word was heard!

Next up on the Confirmation schedule is a trip to NYC to explore and understand different ecclesiastical architecture. And then, on June 12 Bishop Roskam will be at St. Matthew's to confirm these 15 bright lights into an adult understanding of their baptismal faith. To have spent the year with these young members of our parish, to have watched them ask questions and seek answers, to see them grow into roles of leadership and service, is to know that the future of the church is in good hands! Please continue to pray for our confirmands and be with us on June 12 to celebrate their big day.



Happy Birthday, Tony

"I try always to see, to recognize and to savor the music of Tony Newman. We are gifted with his presence. This year it will be for twenty years. I am not mouthing a p.r. platitude when I tell you that Tony is one of the greatest musicians of our time. "The high priest of Bach," Time Magazine called him. There is no finer Baroque organist in the world today than this man we hear play for the glory of God here in our little church every week. Plus, he is a remarkably gifted harpsichordist, pianist, composer, conductor and teacher. Today at the coffee hour we'll be celebrating another landmark event in Tony's life: his seventieth birthday. We can say how old he is with pride, because he shows no lessening of his powers. It's a remarkable achievement to be seventy and this good!"

Extract from Terry's sermon delivered May 8, 2011



Concert Season Comes to Rousing Finale

The 10th Anniversary, 2010-11 Bedford Chamber Concert season came to a rousing conclusion with a two piano concert featuring keyboard virtuosi Tony Newman and Steven Beck in a program largely celebrating the genius of Mozart. This was a fitting close to a series of exciting evenings focusing on specific instruments played by outstanding artists performing great concerti and other works.

As always, Tony led an ensemble of top-notch musicians in performances worthy of Lincoln Center. As an added treat, each concert also featured works by Tony that displayed the wide range of his compositional genius.

Starting with the cello, we enjoyed the dynamic young virtuoso Narek Hakhnazaryan's masterful performance of the Haydn D major Cello Concerto, followed by dual (but not dueling) violists Toby Appel and ensemble regular Danielle Farina's joyous rendition of Bach's sixth Brandenburg Concerto. Another long-term resident of the series, Renée Jolles joined Appel for a truly inspiring performance of Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat.

Christmas brought another pair of gifted young artists, violinists Sean Lee and Yoon Kwon, bearing the Beethoven Violin Concerto and Vivaldi's Four Seasons as priceless gifts to gladden our hearts. Pianist Matthew Cameron appeared as an early sign of spring, despite the snow still falling, with an incredible all-Liszt program. And Eugenia Zukerman returned to Bedford with another Mozart gem, his Flute Concerto in D, and a 3-flute concerto by Bach (as arranged by Tony).

This season also saw our very successful first Children's Concert which featured Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf and Stravinsky's The Soldier's Tale.

The words used somewhat immodestly to describe each concert on the program covers — splendid, extraordinary, festive, irresistible, and immortal — did not overstate the case. This was truly a year to remember. Only to be followed by another. Stay tuned.



Woodlands Commission Welcomes New Co-chair

Fred John, an active member of the Woodlands Commission over the last few years, has graciously agreed to step up as co-chair replacing John Morris, whose work and travel schedule keep him from continuing on as co-chair. Many thanks to John for his tremendous service to the Commission for several years — guiding trail walks, leading trail clean-ups and providing leadership.

Other news from the Commission is the successful trail clean-up on May 14. We got a good chunk of work completed — partially clearing trees and vines blocking the trail in the Ketchum. We also mapped out with Bob Blacker ways of clearing out a storm created blockage down river from the footbridge crossing the Beaver Dam Creek. The blockage is undermining the river bank. Connie Combes, Fred John, John Morris and Bob Blacker are to be commended for all their help on the clean-up. Great teamwork.

Chris Burdick, Co-Chair



Van Cortlandt Memorial

On the outside wall of the Vestry wing of the church, near the kitchen door, is a seldom seen, but beautiful memorial to Augustus Van Cortlandt, III, given by his mother Katherine Gibson Van Cortlandt. "Gus," as he was known to both family and friends, was killed on Apr. 22, 1945 while serving his country in WW II, barely two weeks before the War ended in Europe.

Gus's sister Kathy Van Cortlandt Wilberding remembers her brother well. Standing in her library, in the house that sits across the road from where she and her brother grew up, Kathy shared some history of her brother, and the Van Cortlandt family. Both she and Gus attended Rippowam and the family all went to St. Mark's Church in Mount Kisco, except her father, who Kathy said "was not a churchgoer." So where is the St. Matthew's connection to this beautiful memorial? Most likely, it developed a decade after Gus' death, when his mother Katherine had remarried and began attending St. Matthew's.

Interestingly, Poppy Cummings' father Philip C. Walsh was Gus Van Cortlandt's best friend and was fighting in the same unit when Gus was killed. Gus's mother Katherine gave Philip the drinking cup her son had as a baby. Poppy said that her father kept the cup as a remembrance of his best friend. "It was always kept in our house," she said. "We used it as a sugar bowl."

The Van Cortlandt memorial is a small terra-cotta font sculpted by Elizabeth Abell. The scene depicts a young St. Francis offering sustenance to the animals, for whom he is the patron saint. On the edge of the font are the words of Samuel Taylor Coleridge, "...who prayeth best, who loveth best, all things both great and small."

John Stockbridge

St. Matthew's School

The first graduating class of the new St. Matthew's School has given a new playground structure to the school as their class gift. The moms and children assembled the structure, with Cliff's help. Great fun was had by all! Their graduation will take place on June 7 at 6:30 p.m.



St. Matthew's School

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

June Church Calendar



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Sunday, June 5

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella and Ginger Getz
Ushers: Mr. Bogert and Roger Vincent
Lay Reader: Mr. Claude
Lector: Mr. Bogert
Acolytes: Hailey Schimmel and Cooper Talty
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and Church School Closing**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Blacker and Borner
Ushers: Messrs. Fife, Swift, Talty, Burdick
Lay Reader: Mrs. Allen
Lector: Mr. Keiser
Acolytes: Alex Bae and Max Schiro
Junior Crucifers:
**Lay Minister: Mrs. Farrell*

Sunday, June 12

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Mankiewicz and Whitman
Ushers: Mr. Boe and Roger Vincent
Lay Reader: Mr. Conrad
Lector: Roger Vincent
Acolytes: Lily Edwards and Sophie Boyd
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Borner
Ushers: Messrs. Cummings, Fife, Swift, Burdick
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster
Lector: Mrs. Finn
Acolytes: Colin McCree and Mack Talty
Torch Bearers: Daniel Rinaldi and Taylor Matthews

Sunday, June 19

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II****
Altar Guild: Mrs. Keese
Ushers: Messrs. Foster and Bowers
Lay Reader: Mrs. Farrell
Lector: Mrs. Mankiewicz
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
Ushers: Messrs. Haskell, Talty, Burdick, Lange
Lay Reader: Mary Hamill
Lector: Amb. Foley

Sunday, June 26

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I****
Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Fagan
Lay Reader: Ginger Getz
Lector: Mr. Cox
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon**
Ushers: Messrs. Freyberg and Lovering; Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay-Stewart
Lay Reader: Andrew Heath

Sunday, July 3

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II****
Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella and Ginger Getz
Ushers: Messrs. Bolen and Roger Vincent
Lay Reader: Mr. Claude
Lector: Roger Vincent
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Blacker
Ushers: Messrs. McCree, Tingle, Maybank, Baldwin
Lay Reader: Mrs. Farrell
Lector: Mr. Gale

* Children's Service

** 8 AM service at Chapel-in-the-Woods, weather permitting

Comings & Goings

Please Update Your Parish Directory

Holy Baptism

Received into Christ's Holy Church

Ellis Harrison Cilley, April 23, 2011
Colette Christine Inglis, May 8, 2011
Eloise Elizabeth Inglis, May 8, 2011

In Memoriam

In sure and certain hope

Henry Randolph Marschke, April 29, 2011

St. Mary's

Our sister church, St. Mary's, has released its schedule of services for 2011, based around a central theme of interfaith understanding and tolerance.

June 12, 5:30 p.m. – Oren Fader, Internationally Recognized Classical Guitarist

Sept. 18, 5:30 p.m. - William Weisenbach, Sen. Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Katonah

Oct. 16, 5:30 p.m. – Donald Gregg, Former U.S. Ambassador
Nov. 23, 6 p.m. – Thanksgiving Service, with Daniel Martin, Founder, Cross River Connections

Dec. 23, 6 p.m. – Christmas Service, with Paul Briggs, Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church

In addition, the joint St. Matthew's, St. Mary's and Antioch Baptist annual service will be held on Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. at Antioch.



Chapel-in-the-Woods Starts June 19



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