



THE KEY

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

BEDFORD N.Y.

February

To know Christ and to make Him known

2007

Farewell, Betsy

My Assistant Betsy Fisher begins her new position as Vicar of St. Thomas Church, Amenia Union, the first of this month.

It is a bittersweet time for me, personally. I will greatly miss Betsy. On the other hand, Amenia Union is only about ten minutes away from Betsy's and Doug's home in Millbrook, where Doug is Rector of Grace Church. So, hard though it is for us to say goodbye to Betsy, it makes logistical sense.

There are two other reasons why it is time for Betsy to leave us for her new post. These reasons have application for all of us in our own walks with God.

One is that Betsy has been given by God spiritual gifts which the people at St. Thomas Church need very much. Her God-given talents in the areas of preaching, teaching, mercy and compassion—to say nothing of her warmth, wisdom and great sense of humor—will be used by God to help St. Thomas move forward in new and positive directions. Keep your spiritual eyes open for new ways God might want to use YOUR spiritual gifts for His purposes.

Two, God has called Betsy to this new ministry. It was not a decision she made hastily, but after thorough prayer and seeking of God's will for her life. When we receive the call of God for a new beginning, we know it. And if we are obedient and step out in the new direction He has for us, good things happen—for us and for other people. So pray God continues to show you His direction for your life. Trust that He WILL show you. Move out in the ways and directions His Spirit indicates you should go. And then good things will happen, for you and other people, because it's God's plan.

May the Lord bless you in all your directions this year, and may He bless Betsy in her new direction.

Faithfully,

It's Mardi Gras, Feb. 10

Feast and merriment for all ages! Get out your costumes, decorate your masks and join in the dining and dancing at St. Matthew's 2007 Mardi Gras celebration on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. 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.



It's fun for all every year at Mardi Gras!

The observance of "Carnival," or Mardi Gras, which takes place before the penitential season of Lent, dates back to second-century 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 which leads up to the great celebration of Easter.

Join the celebration by signing up in the Parish House or calling 234-9636, and bringing a favorite dish for the potluck supper. Suggested donation at the door is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

February Key Dates

Thursday, Feb. 1	7 p.m.
Men of St. Matthew's: Dinner and Speaker: John Needham (p.2)	
Sunday, Feb. 4	8 and 10 a.m.
Bishop Philip M. Duncan II, preaching	
Sunday, Feb. 4	after 10 a.m. service
Super Bowl Bake Sale (p.5)	
Saturday, Feb. 10	6 to 9 p.m.
Mardi Gras Party	
Sunday, Feb. 11	after 10 a.m. service
Annual Parish Meeting	
Tuesday, Feb. 20	5:30 p.m.
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	
Wednesday, Feb. 21	10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Ash Wednesday services with imposition of ashes	

Annual Meeting Feb. 11

Parishioners are encouraged to attend St. Matthew's Annual Parish Meeting on Feb. 11, following the 10 a.m. service. Rector Terry Elsberry and Senior Warden Had Talbot will present the Annual Report and give an overview of the state of the church and its goals for 2007. Parishioners will also vote on a warden and three candidates to the Vestry. (see page 2 for details)

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The Old and New Vestry

Three vestry members and one warden will be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on February 11. Robert Cummings is the Senior Warden nominee, joining Missy Renwick, current Junior Warden. Nominated for their first three-year terms are Sally Farrell, A. J. Heath and Jack Lange (see thumbnail profiles below). In addition to the wardens, the officers of the new Vestry, when it reorganizes in February, will include Mary Farley, Treasurer, and Peter Keller, Assistant Treasurer. Kelley Johnston remains the Clerk of the Vestry.

Very special thanks go to our retiring Vestrymen for their many years of dedicated service to St Matthew's: Had Talbot, Senior Warden, John Talty, Treasurer, and Faith Blacker.

The new nominees include the following:



Sally Farrell, a parishioner since 1995, has been a youth ministry leader, a lay reader, a Sunday school teacher, and past chairman of the annual Mardi Gras celebration. She is also a teacher at Bedford Village Nursery and president of the Bedford Free Library Board of Trustees.



A. J. Heath, a parishioner since 1997, has been a delegate to the New York diocesan convention, a confirmation class instructor, an usher, a lector and a member of the Saturday Men's Fellowship. He is a lawyer with broad experience in international banking and business, a published author and educator.



Jack Lange, a parishioner since 1983, has been a Sunday school teacher, an usher and a member of the Men of St. Matthew's. He is a tax consultant with a major New York accounting firm and serves Bedford Hills and the Town of Bedford in important leadership roles.

Daily Prayer Series Changes to "Forward Day by Day" Booklet

St. Matthew's daily prayer program, "10 Minutes a Day," has been going strong for the past four months. Starting in February, we will change from the weekly bulletin inserts to using the wonderful booklet "Forward Day by Day."

"Forward Day by Day" gives daily readings and reflections based on themes. It is pocket-sized and very convenient to take along wherever you go, so you can always find a way to fit in your 10 minutes a day. The booklets have readings for three months at a time. Your first issue is included in this issue of the Key. Subsequent issues can be found in the back of the church or in the parish house for all who want them. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Terry or Bob.

Gentle Reminder: Have You Pledged Yet?

We are immensely grateful to those of you who have returned your 2007 EMC pledge cars. If you have not sent in your pledge card yet, we still need your help in funding the vital operations and good works of St. Matthew's.

John Needham to Speak to Men's Night Dinner, Feb. 1



Come hear John Needham, St. Matthew's parishioner and CEO of the Clinton Global Initiative, speak on "Leadership in Today's World." The Clinton Global Initiative is a non-partisan project of the Clinton Foundation that brings together world leaders to work on global problems

like poverty and AIDS. Through his work at Fortune Magazine where he worked for 16 year, John has had a long history of working with leaders such as Bill Gates and Warren Buffet on issues of globalization and leadership. He will share his unique perspective with us over dinner on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Parish House. RSVP: 234-9636

Central Gulf Coast Bishop to Visit, Feb. 4

The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan II, Bishop of the Central Coast, will be visiting St. Matthew's on Feb. 4 and preaching at both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. service. This is the much anticipated visit by Bishop Duncan originally planned in the fall. He will be speaking on how his diocese is coping with reconstruction now a year and a half since Hurricane Katrina.

One of the two major Bedell grants given to the Katrina reconstruction was given to St. Mary's by the Sea in Coden, Alabama in the Central Gulf Coast Diocese.

22nd Annual Bedford Spring Antiques Show, March 30-April 1

The invitations to this very "hot" event are in the mail, so check your mailboxes, and be sure to RSVP promptly. The show will open at Rippowam Cisqua School on Friday, Mar. 30 and continue through Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 31 and Apr. 1. There will be with a Champagne Preview Party on Friday, Mar. 30, followed by a dinner and a live auction at Glen Arbor Country Club. This is our major fundraiser, so have fun, do good!

Pancake Supper Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 20

Come young, come old. Come one, come all. One of our many fun traditions is the Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday. The flipping begins at 5:30 p.m. and lasts until 7:30, with lots of pancakes, syrup, bacon, sausages and ice cream sundaes. So for a lively (and a little fattening) time with family and friends, come join in the festivities and celebrate "Fat Tuesday" at St. Matthew's. A donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family is suggested.

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, and in French speaking countries, it is known as Mardi Gras. Let us not say that at St. Matthew's, we don't have fun — we celebrate both Shrove Tuesday and Mardi Gras!

Fellowship of Timothy and Lent

All high school students are invited to join the adult leaders for a powerful, challenging Lenten program called "The Lives of Young Christian Martyrs." Using a variety of media from ancient texts to DVDs, each meeting will look closely at the heroic lives of young Christians from the early Church to the 21st century. The group discussion will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on four consecutive Sundays: March 11, 18, 25 and April 1. And, of course, lunch will be provided.

What is Lent?

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, 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 *lecten*, 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 consists of the “40 days,” including the 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, (although our celebration will take place on Feb. 10). It is traditionally a day of fun and revelry before the penitential period of Lent. In some countries, it is celebrated as Shrove Tuesday, the last day

after the Epiphany or as Fat Tuesday, traditionally a day when Christians would empty their kitchen of fat. We remember this with an evening of pancakes 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 the Last Supper. 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 Seder. Good Friday is a time for remembering Jesus’ death. 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 and royalty. These practices help the worshipping community mark this season of renewal as a special time in the Church year.



Ash Wednesday Services

We strongly encourage your participation at one of our two services on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21. The services, both with Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes, are at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.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 from 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.” Please join us.

Book Discussion and Tea

This Lent, join Bob Flanagan for a cup of tea and book discussion. The book for discussion, *Meditations on the Cross*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Manfred Weber, is the perfect book for Lent. Each chapter in this 94 page book is “brief, focused, uplifting and devastating.” Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor who died in a Nazi prison in 1945 and wrote passionately and compellingly about Jesus’ suffering, passion and resurrection. Many consider his discussions on these themes to be the best of the 20th century. The sessions will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. on four consecutive Thursdays: March 8, 15, 22 and 29. Childcare will be available. Contact the parish office to sign up.



More Meetings for Men’s Fellowship in Lent

The St. Matthew’s Men’s Fellowship will meet in February as usual on the third Saturday of the month: Feb. 17. There will a continental breakfast with warm fellowship at 7:30 a.m., a short talk, lively discussion and adjournment at 8:45.

Starting the following week, the first Saturday in Lent, meetings will take place weekly on Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. There will not be a meeting April 7, the day before Easter Sunday.

In 2005 and 2006, many attendees found the weekly meetings allowed them to observe Lent more meaningfully. So we hope all men of the parish will accept the cordial invitation to come for some spiritual enrichment whenever their schedules permit.

Terry’s Lenten Series

“Faith for Each Day”

- Teaching
- Discussion
- Dessert
- Coffee

Mondays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 at 7 PM

RSVP: 234-9636

We Congratulate Betsy and Bid Her a Very Fond Farewell

It seems as if Betsy just joined us — but it has been a good two years. She has touched so many of us with her "Ten Minutes a Day" and her Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Study — and excellent sermons! We will miss her - but wish her all the best.

Had Talbot



Had and Terry present gifts



Betsy admires her farewell cake



Betsy with her family: Grace, Doug and Geoff

Betsy Will Bring Her Spirit to St. Thomas, Amenia Union

St. Thomas, Amenia Union is a small congregation in Dutchess County, a mile from the Connecticut border. The congregation worships in a charming historic landmark church. Historically, the community has been a Sundays-only parish, led by part time vicars for the past 150 years. Amenia Union, however, is experiencing a huge boom, thanks to the Metro North station that was recently opened in town. The parishioners, along with the diocese, have decided that they want the parish to grow along with the town and to have a seven day a week presence in the community. So, for the first time in its 150 year history, St. Thomas will have a full time vicar, our own Betsy Fisher.

Dear Friends,

Where have two years gone? It seems like a month ago I was settling into my office in the parish house and preparing for my first Sunday here at St. Matthew's. My time here has flown by, but it has been filled with enormous growth and learning for me. The first thing you notice when you enter the grounds of St. Matthew's is how utterly beautiful this place is. But I have found that the physical beauty of St. Matthew's pales in comparison to the inner beauty of the people who worship here. I have been blessed and honored to be invited to walk with you all on your spiritual journey these past two years. You have made Christ known to me in new and exciting ways.

It can't be easy for a parish to see so many assistants come and go through the years. But I hope you know what an invaluable ministry you provide for the greater Church. There are not many churches in our dioceses that can provide the kind of experience and learning for a new priest the way St. Matthew's can. It is a true gift for us "newbies" to be able to grow into our priesthood in this amazing community, under the wise and compassionate leadership of such a wonderful rector as Terry.

People ask me what I will miss most about St. Matthew's. There are so many things. But I tell people that St. Matthew's is one of the kindest communities I have ever met. Your sense of welcome and hospitality to me right from the very beginning touched me deeply. I will never forget that, and I will miss your warmth and welcome tremendously. And I will miss my clergy colleagues, Terry, Bob and Speed, who have so graciously taught me "the ropes" these past two years. Thank you for your care and wisdom, and for making my two years here so much fun!

May God bless you all, and may God bless all whom you love and care for.

Betsy

The Key's Mini Book Review

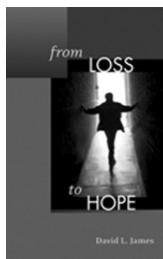
We don't pretend to be *The New York Times*; but when we have a published author in our midst, that's news that's fit to print.

Parishioner David James has written *From Loss to Hope*, published by Forward Movement, a non-profit agency of the Episcopal Church. It is a wise little book that discusses some twenty-five aspects of life that we as humans inevitably lose; it then offers words and verses to renew the spirit.

"Living means losing," writes the author who is also an Episcopal priest. "From the loss of the perfect environment of the womb, through the loss of childhood innocence and broken relationships, to the loss of beauty, health and life itself, life is a series of losses and searches for hope. Sometimes remembering the wideness of God's mercy is the only hope we have."

Adding beauty and inspiration to the book's reflections are excerpts from scores of hymns -- some familiar, some not. As a child, the author took comfort and strength from the music of the hymnal. He still does today, just as all of us are uplifted by the music of the church.

For readers who are seeking peace in a period of loss (and who among us is not?), we heartily recommend this uplifting book. It can be obtained online at www.forwardmovement.org.



Outreach and Thank You!

Scotts Corner Market has been an important link to providing food to the needy in our area. Monday through Saturday, volunteers from our parish pick up day-old baked goods and deli-food and deliver these items to a variety of recipients. These include: the Community Center, Neighbors Link in Mount Kisco, Abbott House group home and the Northern Westchester Shelter. Marge Farrington, our angel in Mount Kisco, single-handedly helps distribute food to the needy. Without the help of Scotts Corners packing their surplus food for us to pick up, thousands of pounds of good food would never make it to our local families in need. Thank you Scotts Corner Market! You have truly been a lifesaver. To volunteer, please call Jan Pinckney at 234-3902. We need your help!

Consortium of Endowed Parishes Conference

St. Matthew's will be sending a delegation including Bob Flanagan, Mike Chace, and Paul and Laurie Sturz to the Consortium's annual conference in Fort Lauderdale, FL, March 1-3. The theme will be "Centering in Christ, Open to the Spirit," and one of the keynote speakers will be Father Thomas Keating, OSB, founder of Centering Prayer.

Spotlight: Lenten Mite Boxes Make a Difference!

An old Lenten tradition will be observed on Feb. 25 as mite boxes are distributed so that our Church School students might remember those in need. The boxes can also 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.

Again this year all of the mite box contributions will go to The Carpenter's Kids, a parish-to-parish partnership formed by our New York diocese and the Anglican Diocese of Tanganyika to support AIDS orphans between the ages of six and twelve.

Last year's collection of over \$1,100 was sent through The Carpenter's Kids to "sponsor" children orphaned by AIDS in Mundemu Parish in Tanzania. To put these donations in perspective, one "sponsorship" of \$50 provides a child with schooling, books, two school uniforms and, most importantly, breakfast for an entire year.

Please read and share with your children the following excerpt from The Carpenter's Kids' newsletter. It touchingly demonstrates how the generosity of the children of St. Matthew's has made a difference.

"On 10 June 2006, the wait was over for the 50 children who had been selected to participate in The Carpenter's Kids at Mundemu Parish, Tanzania. Mundemu Parish was the fourth parish in the [Diocese of Tanganyika] to be linked with a parish in the EDNY. Mundemu's link parish is St Matthew's, Bedford.

Mundemu is located approximately 32 kilometres from Dodoma's town centre. Crops grown at Mundemu include millet, sorghum and maize for food along with karanga (peanuts), njugu, sesame and sunflower seeds, and cassava for sale.

There are many challenges facing Mundemu. Anecdotal evidence suggests that there are over 250 orphans in the villages and over 400 other vulnerable children. There is no source of clean drinking water within the village, and [it] must be collected from sources outside the village, so people at Mundemu must walk to collect water for drinking.

However! The future for fifty of their most vulnerable children is hopeful, thanks to the support and love of St Matthew's, Bedford. We understand that the Sunday School children at St. Matthew's were instrumental in raising support within St Matthew's for The Carpenter's Kids. An amazing group of young people by the sound of it. Your example inspires us here in Dodoma—asanteni sana marafiki!"

Mark Your Calendars

March 5, 12, 19, 26	"Faith for Each Day," Terry's Lenten series, with dessert and coffee
March 21	Soirée Society: Ran Dank, solo pianist
March 25	Joint Service with Antioch Baptist Church, at St. Matthew's, followed by a reception
March 28	Bedford Chamber Concert series: Handel's Israel in Egypt
March 30	Bedford Spring Antiques Show Preview Party and Dinner
March 31	Bedford Spring Antiques Show
April 1	Bedford Spring Antiques Show
April 1	Palm Sunday, Liturgy of the Palms and Reading of the Passion

Super Bowl Bake Sale, Feb. 4

The Church School is baking again and asking all bakers and sweets lovers for help. If you have a favorite goody to bake, please bring it to sell at the Super Bowl Bake Sale. And for everyone else, please momentarily forego your New Year's diet resolution and purchase a little morsel. The money raised will fund our ongoing ministry at the Children's Center at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Last year, the Super Bowl Bake Sale raised over \$1100 for two riding animals on springs for the Children's Center. This year, the Children's Center has asked for specific help with their Nursery (see following article).

BHCF Nursery Will Appreciate Super Bowl Bake Sale Proceeds

The Nursery at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility is a unique residential unit which provides a comprehensive program for women who give birth while incarcerated. The mothers chosen to participate in the program are given 18 months of support services by The Children's Center staff to enhance and improve their parenting, work, education and social skills. Parenting guidance and classes are given in areas such as health, nutrition, child development and first aid and safety.



We currently have 14 babies in residence in the Nursery and one expectant mother. The Nursery includes an Infant Care Center so the mothers can attend GED classes and vocational and substance abuse programs.

Since fresh air is important for the infants' health and experience, our day includes, weather permitting, a visit to our outside baby playground. We have a paved area for walking young babies in carriages and a grassy area for toddlers to toddle as well as a few picnic tables for staff and mothers.

We would like to add a toddler playground equipment piece for standing toddlers who are learning to walk and can have a sturdy surface to pull up on and practice standing, walking and crawling while out in the fresh air. We appreciate St. Matthew's making this project the recipient of the Super Bowl Bake Sale. Thank you.

Elizabeth Hamilton, Infant Center Manager

Martin Luther King Tribute

Last Monday, it was Martin Luther King Day, and as a tribute to him, the Antioch Baptist Church held a ceremony in his honor. I was asked to represent St. Matthew's as a guest reader in the ceremony. This was a special ceremony, because it was in honor of a special man. Not only were there readers from Episcopal churches, there were also readers from Presbyterian, Methodist, and Jewish places of worship. All were there in honor of Dr. King, who led the Civil Rights Movement to end discrimination of all peoples.

During the ceremony, there were many varieties of songs sung, from hymns to Jewish prayer songs. All were encouraged to join in clapping, foot tapping, and singing. There was also a guest speaker, Dr. Emmet Price III, who is a renowned African musician, Baptist pastor, and philosopher from Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Price talked about how music was a great part of the civil rights movement and that songs like "We Shall Overcome" have been used since the 1800's by plantation slaves. He also spoke about other songs from even further back, which also had an impact on the Civil Rights Movement.

Community youth members and I read excerpts from Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. As I was listening to the others, I thought about how the Antioch Baptist Church was bringing the cultures of so many of the communities of northern Westchester together, and how this would brighten the moral flame of Dr. King's message in those communities.

Adrian Crasto

February Church Calendar

Weekly Events

Every Wednesday: Holy Eucharist, 10:00 a.m., Bible Study and Prayer Group, through June

Thursday, February 1

7 p.m. **Men of St. Matthew's: Dinner and Speaker: John Needham on "Leadership in Today's World"**

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 4

8:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Moncure and Kimberly Morella
Ushers: Messrs. Boe and Tingue
Lay Reader: Mr. Seaman
Lector: Mr. Bogart
Acolyte: Pell Bermingham

10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and Church School**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Blacker and Borner
Ushers: Messrs. Cummings, Belknap, Heath, Bowler
Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge
Lector: Mr. Wyeth
Acolytes: David Estey and Sam Robinson
Junior Crucifers: Clement Swift and Teddy Vallar
**Lay Minister: Mr. Claude*

Coffee Hour SuperBowl Bake Sale

Saturday, February 10

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

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 11

8:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Mankiewicz and Whitman
Ushers: Messrs. Ehrlich and Seaman
Lay Reader: Mr. Windsor
Lector: Mr. Freeman
Acolyte: Caroline Bowers

10:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer, Church School, and Sermon followed by Annual Parish Meeting**
Ushers: Messrs. LaMotte, Brown, Cady; Mrs. Burdick
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson
Acolytes: Caroline Lange and Katie Dexter
Junior Crucifers: Peter Weld and Robert Workman
**Lay Minister: Mr. Banks*

Saturday, February 17

7:30 a.m. **Men's Fellowship Meeting**

Last Sunday after the Epiphany, February 18

8:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Ehrlich and Keese
Ushers: Messrs. MacDonald and Vincent
Lay Reader: Jane Wood
Lector: Mr. Heath
Acolyte: Catherine Bryt

10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
Ushers: Messrs. de Menocal, Edgar, Heath, Thompson
Lay Reader: Mr. Banks
Lector:
Acolytes: Chase Clymer

Shrove Tuesday, February 20

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Ash Wednesday, February 21

10:00 a.m. **Ash Wednesday service, with imposition of ashes**
Altar Guild:

7:30 p.m. **Ash Wednesday service, with imposition of ashes**
Altar Guild:

Saturday, February 24

7:30 a.m. **Men's Fellowship Meeting**

First Sunday in Lent, February 25

8:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Reese and Scott
Ushers: Messrs. Fagan and Foster
Lay Reader: Mr. Claude
Lector: Mrs. Ehrlich
Acolyte: Sarah Burdick

10:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer, Church School, and Sermon**
Ushers: Messrs. Lange, Markowski, Perry, Rob Vincent
Lay Reader: Mr. Chace
Acolytes: Lucy Sandwick and Amanda Weld
Junior Crucifers: Andrew Bowers and Sophie Boyd
**Lay Minister: Mrs. Foster*

Second Sunday in Lent, March 4

8:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Moncure and Kimberly Morella
Ushers: Messrs. McVicar and Tingue
Lay Reader: Mrs. Farrell
Lector: Kimberly Morella
Acolyte: Alec Côté

10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and Church School**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
Ushers: Messrs. Reynders, Sturz, Swift, Waters
Lay Reader: Mr. Cunningham
Lector: Mr. Gale
Acolytes: Alison Bianco and Andrew D'Avanzo
Junior Crucifers: William Conway and Julia Conway
**Lay Minister: Mr. Conrad*

*Children's service

Comings & Goings

Please Update Your Parish Directory

New or Returning Parishioners

Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Hawkes 21 Robinson Avenue Bedford Hills NY 10507	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Marcotte 138 Indian Hill Road Bedford NY 10506
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Meyer 333 Bedford Center Road Bedford Hills NY 10507	

Change of Address

Mr. & Ms. John B. Babcock, Jr. P.O. Box 935 East Dennis MA 02641	Mrs. Florence Clark 28 Hopp Ground Lane Bedford NY 10506
Mr. & Mrs. Fenton R. Talbott 350 Delgado Santa Fe NM 87501	

Holy Baptism

Received into Christ's Holy Church

Elizabeth Natalie O'Brien, December 23, 2006

In Memoriam

In sure and certain hope

June Simpson Peters, January 6, 2007

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The Key is the monthly publication of St. Matthew Church, Bedford. Parishioners are encouraged to submit ideas for articles or photographs of Parish events. Articles and photographs should be e-mailed to KeyArticles@aol.com by the second Monday of the month, or by arrangement with Herb Foster.

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