



THE KEY

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

BEDFORD N.Y.

April

To know Christ and to make Him known

2007

We Need Easter

Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but I need Easter this year more than ever.

Every year the world seems to become a darker place. The news from around the world grows worse. Corruption, degradation, immorality, hatred and killing—you know, the usual.

If it weren't for the reality of Easter in our lives, we could feel pretty upset and depressed.

But Easter is a reality for us. Jesus did rise from the dead. He did show us victory over death and hand it to us as one of His gifts to us—His people. He did promise an ultimate future of hope and joy with Him. Plus, He gave us His own Spirit so that we have divine power, a power far greater than our own, to live victorious lives.

Because of these things we can rejoice. We can give thanks. We can celebrate Easter again this year with a joy like no other . . . because we've never needed it more.

See you in church!

Faithfully,



Bob and Tony with the St. Matthew's Staff, see page 4

Spring is Here!

As the panorama of blue skies set against the yellows, pinks and greens of the hillside replace the grays and browns of winter, we know that spring has arrived. And as the temperature rises up so do our spirits, and we shed our sweaters and coats for short sleeves and cottons. So as Easter is a time of rebirth for our spirit, it is also a time of rebirth of nature—and the sights and sounds of rebirth are all around us. Yes, spring is a glorious time!



It is also a very busy time at St. Matthew's as we celebrate and appreciate the beauty of our church and the Glebe and the community of our church family. Join us this month for some of these wonderful events.

April & Holy Week Key Dates

Sunday, April 1, Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Reading of the Passion
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bedford Spring Antiques Show

Thursday, April 5, Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday supper
8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, followed by Stripping of the Altar
8:00 p.m. Children's Eucharist in the Parish House

Friday, April 6, Good Friday

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 7, Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Family Service, followed by Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 8, Easter Day

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunrise Service
9:15 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 18

8:00 p.m. Season's Finale Bedford Chamber Concert: Te Deums by Newman and Mozart

Saturday, April 21

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

Sunday, April 22

Coffee Hour following 10 a.m. service Newcomers' Orientation
3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Nature Symposium, sponsored by Woodlands Commission

Wednesday, April 25

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Spring Shopping Boutique

Saturday, April 28

8:30 - Noon Spring Clean-up

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Holy Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday, April 1, Palm Sunday

The 10 a.m. service features the traditional Reading of the Passion rendered dramatically by members of the parish. No Church School classes scheduled; but bring the children to see and hear the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his final days there.



Thursday, April 5, Maundy Thursday

All-parish supper in the Fellowship Room at 7 p.m. followed by services at 8 p.m. As we remember the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples, we will share a meal together as His friends. The menu will be prepared by parishioners. Afterwards, adults will gather in the church for a celebration of the Eucharist and the stripping of the altar. Children will remain in the Parish House to join in an instructed Eucharist. Youth Group members are invited to help lead the Eucharist or gather in the church with the adults. Childcare will be provided for children under 3.

Friday, April 6, Good Friday

The 12 Noon service (lasting one hour) helps us remember the Crucifixion of Jesus through hymns and meditations that focus on individuals who played key roles in the Passion of Christ. The service may not be suitable for children below fourth or fifth grade.

Saturday, April 7, Holy Saturday

Family service at 10 a.m. followed by the annual Easter Egg Hunt produced by the Combes family for children of all ages. Come rain or shine. (In the Parish House, if inclement weather.)

Sunday, April 8, Easter Day

7:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Sunrise Service

9:15 and 11:15 a.m. Services of Festival Holy Eucharist celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord. Bring the whole family to church; no Church School classes. Our Easter acclamation—He is risen! The Lord is risen indeed!—is the great cheer resounding throughout the family of Christ.

Mite Boxes Can Change a Life With Just Your Spare Change

Mite boxes were handed out in the classrooms on Feb. 25. This year once again the money will go to help AIDS orphans through the **Carpenter's Kids**, a parish to parish partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Central Tanganyika. For the past year, we have been linked with a parish in Mundemu, Tanzania. Every \$50 donated provides sponsorship of a child covering breakfast every day, school books and two school uniforms for an entire year.

Please place your donations in the SUPER SIZE wooden mite box on a stand in the Parish house and encourage your children to fill their mite boxes.

Spring Clean-up, April 28

The annual St. Matthew's Spring Clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 28 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The more people who come, the more fun and better our church grounds will look! No need to bring anything but lots of energy and enthusiasm.

There is a lot to be done, so let's get a great turnout of St. Matthew's parishioners for the Spring Clean-up!



Patrick Brennan and Doug Schimmel

Season Finale of Bedford Chamber Concerts

Will Highlight the Premiere of Anthony Newman's "Te Deum," April 18

The premiere performance of "Te Deum for St. Matthew's," composed by our own Anthony Newman and commissioned for our church, will highlight the gala season finale of the Bedford Chamber Concerts at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18. Also featured on the program will be Mozart's "Te Deum," a jubilant work composed by the young genius at the age of 13. "Te Deums," beginning with the words "Te Deum Laudamus (We Praise Thee, O God)," date to a Fifth Century liturgical hymn and are traditionally sung at morning prayer in Anglican churches. This concert, the fifth in the season, will be rounded out with Mozart's world-popular Symphony #29 ("Little Night Music"), written in the "happy" key of A and filled with rollicking humor and optimism.



As usual, the concert will be held in St. Matthew's Fellowship Room. Tickets are priced at \$40 per person. Checks should be made out to Bedford Chamber Concerts and sent to St. Matthew's Church, PO Box 293, Bedford, NY 10506. Alternatively, tickets can be reserved by telephoning (914) 234-9636. All tickets will be held at the door.

The Music Committee



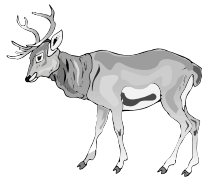
April 25: Born to Shop?

Mark your calendars for an exceptional day of shopping! Wednesday, April 25 St. Matthew's Fellowship Room 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Unique vendors will be selling exquisite gifts, clothing and accessories for your shopping pleasure. Grab a friend or two, come have lunch and buy some gifts for Mother's Day, Graduations, Birthdays, Weddings or just you! A plant sale will help get you in the Spring time spirit! A percentage of all proceeds will be donated to St. Matthew's. Come... Shop... Socialize... Do Good!

Woodlands Commission Fourth Annual Symposium: Deer Control and Control of Invasive Species, April 22

Infuriated with deer overrunning your property? Frustrated with invasive plants taking over your garden? Can anything be done? Mark your calendar for April 22 and find out. The Woodlands Commission is sponsoring its fourth annual symposium that day between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.



The panel will include Rod Christie, Executive Director of the Mianus Gorge Preserve, who will concentrate on the impacts of deer on the forest both in terms of reduction in biodiversity and their contribution to the spread of invasives; Andrew Messinger, a Property Manager with botanical background and also Vice Chairman of the Town of Bedford Wetlands Control Commission, who will discuss invasive diseases and insects, invasive plants and deer control; Trevor Price, with Nature Technologies, who will discuss commercially available devices for deer control; Laura Simon, Field Director of the Urban Wildlife Program of The Humane Society, who will discuss deer avoidance strategies; and Jon Powers, Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Pound Ridge who will discuss his Town's experience with controlled deer hunts as a strategy for reducing the deer herd. Christopher Burdick, co-chairman of the Woodlands Commission and Chairman of the Bedford Wetlands Control Commission, will serve as moderator.

Each panelist will make a brief presentation followed by questions and answers from the audience as well as among the panelists. Come join us and become better informed on what you might do about these nettlesome problems!

Help Us Welcome Those New to St. Matthew's at Easter

We are planning a special Easter welcome for those who may be with us for Easter and would like to learn more about St. Matthew's. In the spirit of Christian friendship, if you see a new face or two at Easter, please welcome them to St. Matthew's and bring them to our Welcome table set up outside, weather permitting. We will be wearing yellow nametags and would love to officially welcome them with an Easter daffodil.



Janet Schloat and the Hospitality Committee

Saints in the Kitchen Has Arrived!!!

The St. Matthew's Cookbook, **Saints in the Kitchen**, will be available on Wednesday, April 25 at the Spring Shopping Boutique from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Please come purchase your copy of this remarkable book or pick up your reserved copies. If you can not come that day please contact Wendy Markowski at 914-234-9636 to arrange for pick-up. We hope you will be as happy as we are with this true treasure of wonderful recipes and masterful artwork!



Saints in the Kitchen

Cookbook Committee

Adult Confirmation Class

If you were never confirmed or would like to reaffirm your faith, please talk to Terry for details on this class.

What We Think of Our Church

Last year we conducted two separate surveys, utilizing the same questionnaire issued by the national church. One was done following the 10 a.m. Sunday service, the other was mailed out. A total of 232 St. Matthew's parishioners filled out the in-depth form. Here are some very positive results:

MEANINGFUL WORSHIP. Respondents were very satisfied with the nature and structure of our worship services. St. Matthew's scored very high (in the 93rd percentile, compared with other churches nationally) in rating sermons and preaching as being one of the three most valued aspects of our congregation. Eighty-five percent of both groups feel their spiritual needs are being met at St. Matthew's and 85 percent of both groups are rarely bored or frustrated during services.

SENSE OF BELONGING. A very high percentage reported that some or all of their close friends attend St. Matthew's. Respondents agreed (99-100 percent) that there is a "good match" between the congregation and our rector.

CARING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. Seventy percent of in-church respondents and 60 percent of home respondents are satisfied with children and youth ministry, in line with overall national averages.

COMMUNITY FOCUS. St. Matthew's scored extremely well in community, charitable and outreach participation—92 percent of in-church and 98 percent of home respondents gave to charities outside of St. Matthew's. We scored in the 99th percentile nationally for involvement in community social service activities.

EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP. We are in the 95th percentile in uniform agreement that: A. Our leaders encourage and inspire parishioners to take action; and B. Our rector takes into account the ideas of worshipers.

All this is remarkably good news. In his well-known book "Good to Great," Jim Collins writes that his intense studies of businesses show that the truly great organizations have certain traits in common. One is that they don't spend time worrying about their weaknesses and problems but rather build on their strengths. Above are some of the strengths you the people of St. Matthew's have found at St. Matthew's. Obviously, there are many more: such as how we care for our properties, manage our resources, fund our activities, and touch the lives of hurting people—both within the church and outside to the greater community. Hopefully, we will continue to build on them in the future, for the good of our Christian community and for the furthering of God's mission.

Please Join Us

Newcomers' Orientation

*Sunday, April 22 after the 10 a.m. Service
during Coffee Hour*

*Get a cup of coffee and then join
members of the Vestry,*

*Clergy, and Welcome Commission in the Parish
House Conference Room*

to learn more about St. Matthew's

Behind the Scenes: St. Matthew's Staff

When we think of St. Matthew's, we think of our beautiful church and its grounds, our friends and fellow parishioners, our thoughtful and inspirational clergy, and the beautiful music that makes our spirits soar. But behind all this is a group of people who keep this wonderful organization running smoothly and seamlessly — the staff of St. Matthew's. We thank them for their dedication, cheerfulness and hard work to allow St. Matthew's to serve its community.

Wendy Markowski, Church School Director

Wendy has lived in Bedford and has been a parishioner at St. Matthew's for over twenty years. In the past, she has served as a board member of the Women of St. Matthew's and as head of Coffee Hour and Hospitality. She spent many years teaching Church School and became the Christian Education Director in 1999. Her son Alexander is a senior at Fox Lane High School, and her daughter Katie is a sophomore at the College of Charleston.



Hilda Hockley Minarik, Parish Secretary

Born and raised in Bedford, Hilda went to Church School and was confirmed at St. Matthew's. Hilda holds a B.A. in Art History and a Master's degree in Library Science. She lived for many years in the Boston area and worked as a librarian at Harvard University, before returning to Bedford. She worked in New York City as a librarian at the American Museum of Natural History just prior to taking her position at St. Matthew's in 1992. She and her husband Jiri live in Hilda's ancestral home on Guard Hill Road, just a stone's throw from St. Matthew's.



Christina Miraglia, Business Manager

Christina joined St. Matthew's Church in 2002. She has an accounting degree from Iona College, and over 20 years of corporate financial experience. Chris lives in Somers with her husband Joe, and children, Jacqueline (Villanova Univ.) and Christopher (Somers HS).



Kelly Napolitano, Bookkeeper

Kelly's background is in Hospitality Management, and before having children was a Hotel Manager for many years. She has two young boys and has worked part-time in the business office at St. Matthews since 2005. She handles the accounts payables and weekly collections, but has recently been responsible for changing over the database to a new computer system.



Clifford O'Donnell, Superintendent

Cliff is a property management and landscaping specialist, having worked in the business in Westchester County for over 15 years, handling both private and commercial properties. He is a man of multi-talents – not only knowledgeable about proper handling of lawn and plants, but is also skilled at keeping the required motorized equipment running smoothly so our grounds are always perfectly manicured.



George Fernandez, Sexton

We should all feel safe with George around. He was a Port Authority Police Officer for 22 years until his retirement in 2003! George also has his own business, Safescapes Design, which does landscaping and property management. He and his wife, Noreen, have three children.



Whit Conrad: Serving on the Standing Committee for the Diocese

Late last fall it was announced in church that the Diocesan Convention had elected me to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York.

Standing Committee? What's that? I had the same question when asked last year if I would "stand" for election. Answering this was even more difficult at the two pre-convention caucuses I attended (Dobbs Ferry and Newburgh) where I had to stand up and give a speech as to why I was qualified for this mystery body.

I have now attended several of the monthly meetings and I have a better idea. According to Canon Law, every Diocese in the U.S. must have a standing committee. In New York, it consists of four clerical and four lay members who serve four-year terms. It acts as a body of advice to the Bishop, and, in the absence of the Bishop, it is the Ecclesiastical Authority in the Diocese.

More specifically, under Canon Law, it's the body which:

- approves applications of parishes to sell real property interests (we recently adopted some very significant guidelines which would require parishes to place proceeds from sales of key real estate under the "control" of the Diocese);
- approves applications for the Diaconate or Priesthood (we recently approved Andrew Walters' application);
- consents to the election of Bishops (we recently did not consent to the controversial election of Mark Lawrence as Bishop of South Carolina due to his lack of commitment to keep his diocese in the Episcopal Church); and
- deals in the first instance with issues of clergy misconduct (we have been dealing recently with one very visible issue).

In our Diocese, the practice is for the Bishops to briefly share their views on various issues at the beginning of our meetings, then leave us to our deliberations. As you can imagine, given all the recent issues roiling the Episcopal Church, it has so far been an interesting assignment.

New Sound System in the Church

Thanks to a very generous donation from anonymous parishioners and the hard work of several of our vestry members and staff, worshippers now enjoy a clear, robust, natural audio experience in the sanctuary. For many years now, parishioners, especially our seniors, have struggled to hear all facets of worship. At times, the audio was too soft or muffled and at other times too loud and unnatural. So in order to provide our worshippers with the best possible experience, St. Matthew's has brought in a high quality sound system company with expertise in church worship space to make improvements. So if you see a new speaker or two in the sanctuary, know that it is the new, high quality system. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Terry or Bob.

Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes Conference

The Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes held its annual conference in Weston, Florida from Feb. 28 to Mar. 3. Bob Flanagan, Mike Chace, and Laurie and Paul Sturz represented St. Matthew's.

We joined over 400 people from all over the country to attend and discuss topics that covered every aspect of church life. Most lectures were open for discussion to the attendees and as such we could ask questions of particular concern to our parish. The conference was well-organized, fast-paced, educational, and fun.

Paul Sturz



Jeff Freeman welcoming the two vestries



Terry and Rev. Sserwadda

Vestry Retreat with Our Sister Parish

On a bright winter Saturday, the Vestries and Clergy of Church of the Ascension in Mount Vernon and St. Matthew's convened at St. Matthew's Parish House in a combined retreat—a first-time experience for all, but one that proved of great value.

After a welcome from co-facilitators Linda de Menocal and Jeff Freeman, a number of Vestry members from each congregation offered comments about how they had become involved as volunteers in their parishes. Emmanuel Sserwadda and Terry Elsberry each then presented "visions for our parishes." Thereafter, the vestries and clergy for each parish met for some directed brainstorming around key questions.

1. What do we do best?
2. Where do we need improvement?
3. How are we perceived by: our members; our communities; potential members?

As various parish spokespersons alternated in reporting back, what struck all particularly was the similarity in the matters of importance and concern to each parish. Geographically, the parishes are 45 minutes away from each other, and serve communities that are quite different in several ways. How interesting, therefore, to see that both parishes share common concerns—including increasing Sunday attendance, improving financial support, attracting younger members, and reaching out into and serving the community.

In the afternoon, participants from both parishes organized into combined workshops that addressed these issues, which yielded many practical ideas. There's never time, in a one-day session, to accomplish all that we would like, but each team came up with a "road map" leading toward generating workable solutions. The workshops were still going strong when the co-facilitators, at about 4 p.m., broke off and convened all for a final summary of the session.

The participants ended the day by gathering in the St. Matthew's Church Sanctuary, with late sun streaming through the windows, for a moving Evening Prayer Service led by Bob Flanagan and supported by Tina Foster and Nicole Rivers, Lay Reader from Church of the Ascension.

Help Needed: BHCF Visitor's Hospitality Center

The Bedford Hills Correctional Facility is looking for volunteers to help in their Visitor's Hospitality Center. The center will be open on weekends and holidays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Responsibilities would include greeting visitors, helping them complete the visitor registration paperwork, and answering general questions. Training will be provided by the facility. Please contact Lisa Brennan, Supervisor of BHCF Volunteer Services at 914-241-1268 ext. 4650. Many thanks.

Libba Claude

Episcopal Summer Camp!

Looking for a sleep-away camp for your child this summer? Located in coastal Connecticut, on 700 wooded acres surrounding a mile-long private lake, Incarnation Camp is the nation's oldest co-ed camp. Incarnation Camp has been serving the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of Episcopal children since 1886. It provides campers, ages 7-15 with a fun-filled, traditional camp experience. If you're interested in more information contact Bob Flanagan or logon to www.incarnationcamp.org.

Outreach: Fessenden House

Last year, Brother Christopher Jenks of Fessenden House in Yonkers came to speak to the Women of St. Matthew's about their wonderful mission work to provide supportive housing to men in recovery from Substance Use Disorders (alcohol & drugs). All residents are referred to Fessenden House from inpatient (hospitals) and outpatient (clinics) rehab programs in the lower Hudson Valley, New York City, and northern New Jersey. Residents are referred by city, county courts, and by substance abuse programs operating in correctional institutions in New York State. There is no set time limit for residence as some persons need a supportive living environment for a few months while others need more than a year.

Residents are asked to contribute \$350 per month to stay at the house. The house accommodates nine men in recovery and two live in staff. The men must attend AA step meetings for 90 days for the firsts three months and at least four meetings per week thereafter.

Fessenden House accepts men as residents regardless of their religious beliefs. However, Fessenden House is a religious house and religious resources are available. The Daily Office of the Episcopal Church is prayed daily in the Chapel and all residents are invited to participate. The brothers on staff are available to talk with the residents also regardless of religious beliefs.

Fessenden House depends on a small group of donors whose collective generosity provides 70% of their annual budget of \$133,000. St. Mathew's is grateful they can contribute to this worthy cause.

Brother Christopher thanked the Women of St. Mathew's for helping make a difference in the lives of the men who have committed to sobriety. If you would like to visit the house, please call Brother Christopher or Brother Randy at 914-966-8051.

The Women of St. Matthew's

Comings & Goings Please Update Your Parish Directory

New or Returning Parishioners

Mr. & Mrs. John H. Bernson
10 Bedford Road
Chappaqua NY 10514

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Kim
708 Union Valley Road
Mahopac NY 10541

Change of Address

The Rev. & Mrs. James H. Billington, Jr.
3385 Tivola Street
Santa Ynez CA 93460

Mr. & Mrs. Michael N. Schaus
24 Oakley Lane
Greenwich CT 06830

In Memoriam

In sure and certain hope

Joseph E. Swan, Jr. February 26, 2007

April Church Calendar

Weekly Events

Holy Eucharist, followed by Bible study, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month.

The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday, April 1

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Moncure and Kimberly Morella
Ushers: Messrs. MacDonald and McVicar
Lay Reader: Mr. Banks
Lector: Mr. Ehrlich
Acolyte: Jane de Menocal
- 10:00 a.m. The Liturgy of the Palms and Reading of the Passion**
Ushers: Messrs. Borner, Bowler, Cady, Lines
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson
Acolytes: Alison Bianco and Josephine Wilson
Children attend church with parents
- 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bedford Spring Antiques Show**

Wednesday, April 4

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, followed by Bible Study**

Maundy Thursday, April 5

- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Supper**
- 8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar**
Acolyte: Amanda Weld
Instructed Eucharist for Youth

Good Friday, April 6

- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday service**

Holy Saturday, April 7

- Family service, followed by Easter Egg Hunt**

The Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Day, April 8

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunrise service**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Mankiewicz and Whitman
Ushers: Messrs. Fagan and Foster
Lay Reader: Mr. Claude
Lector: Mr. Gale
Acolyte: Susannah Maybank
- 9:15 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
Ushers: Messrs. Belknap, Blacker, Haskell, Moody
Lay Reader: Mr. Windsor
Lector: Mrs. Finn
Acolytes: Juliana Burdick and Margaretta Burdick
Torch Bearer: Cathy Kulick
- 11:15 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Blacker and Borner
Ushers: Messrs. Edgar, Waters, Lindsay-Stewart;
Mrs. Lindsay-Stewart
Lay Reader: Jane Wood
Lector: Mr. Heath
Acolytes: J.T. D'Avanzo and Andrew D'Avanzo
Torch Bearers: Pierre Estey and David Estey

Second Sunday of Easter, April 15

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Ehrlich and Keesee
Ushers: Messrs. Boe and Claude
Lay Reader: Mr. Chace
Lector: Kimberly Morella
Acolyte: Chandler Keller
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, and Church School**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
Ushers: Messrs. Harrison, Cummings, de Menocal;
Mrs. Burdick
Lay Reader: Mr. Conrad
Lector: Mr. Freeman
Acolytes: Alex Markowski and Sophie Bickley
Junior Crucifers: Tucker Johnston and Spencer Matthews
**Lay Minister: Mr. Claude*

Wednesday, April 18

- 8:00 p.m. Bedford Chamber Concert: Te Deums by Newman and Mozart**

Saturday, April 21

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

Third Sunday of Easter, April 22

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Reese and Scott
Ushers: Messrs. Ehrlich and McVicar
Lay Reader: Mr. Claude
Lector: Mrs. Finn
Acolyte: Maya Kawachi
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church School, and Sermon**
Ushers: Messrs. Durfee, Estey, Keller, Lovering
Lay Reader: Mr. Cunningham
Acolytes: Blythe Crasto and Isabella Swift
Junior Crucifers: Mary McGarr and Jamie Perry
**Lay Minister: Mr. Conrad*
- 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Nature Symposium**

Wednesday, April 25

- 9:00 a.m. Spring Shopping Boutique**

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 29

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Mrs. McVicar
Ushers: Messrs. Fagan and Foster
Lay Reader: Mrs. Farrell
Lector: Mr. Freeman
Acolyte: Hammy Morley
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church School, and Sermon**
Ushers: Messrs. Markowski, Talty, Waters; Rob Vincent
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster
Acolytes: Hadley Keller and Katie Dexter
Junior Crucifers: Rosie Rinaldi and Hailey Schimmel
**Lay Minister: Mrs. Thompson*

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 6

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Moncure and Kimberly Morella
Ushers: Messrs. MacDonald and Polk
Lay Reader: Mr. Jackson
Lector: Mr. Bogert
Acolyte: Leigh Needham
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, and Church School**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Blacker
Ushers: Messrs. Maybank, Mockridge, Sturz, Swift
Lay Reader: Mr. Seaman
Lector: Mr. Wyeth
Acolytes: John Owen and Greg Owen
Junior Crucifers: Camillo Santomero and Charlotte Santomero
**Lay Minister:*

*Children's service

Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, May 2 Holy Eucharist, Annual Meeting of the Women of St. Matthew's with guest speaker The Rt. Rev. Catherine S. Roskam, followed by luncheon.

Sunday, May 20 Confirmation, with Bishop Sisk

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