

# St. Mary's Church

Bedford & North Castle



## OUR 2019 SERVICES

**Sunday, May 19, 5:30 pm-**

*Father Mark Connell*

**Sunday, June 23, 5:30 pm-**

*James Farley*

**Sunday, September 15, 5:30 pm-**

*Peter Georgescu*

**Sunday, October 20, 10:45 am-**

*Joint Service at Antioch with St. Matthews*

**Sunday, October 27, 5:30 pm-**

*Philip Kunhardt*

**Wednesday, November 27, 5:30 pm-**

*Thanksgiving Eve*

*The Reverend John Zahl*

**Monday, December 23, 5:30 pm-**

*Christmas Service*

*Pastor Merle McJunkin*

### Our Address:

197 Hickory Kingdom Road, Bedford, NY  
at the junction of  
Hickory Kingdom & East Middle Patent Roads

## ST. MARY'S 2019 – CONTINUING TO CELEBRATE COMMUNITY, FAITH AND DIVERSITY

Started as a farmer's church in the middle of the 1800's, St. Mary's continues the tradition of celebrating Community, Faith and Diversity. These principles, always important, but even more so to the world in which we live – we hope that you will find the time to listen to our speakers this year and reflect on their talks, as they present issues which we think are critical in the current climate. In May, we're thrilled to welcome Father Mark Connell, Executive Director and Director of Graduate Success Program, at San Miguel Academy in Newburgh NY. The title of Father Connell's talk is "See, I make all things new" discussing urban education in America - using the Gospel to transform the learning experience for low opportunity kids.

In June, we welcome to St. Mary's for the first time, renowned keyboard artist James Farley. From musical director at the Apollo Theater to performing at Lincoln Center, James has performed with such well-known stars as Nancy Wilson, Gerald Albright, Marion Meadows, Blue Magic, Harold Melvin's Blue Notes, Peabo Bryson, Vesta, Glenn Jones, McCoy Tyner, Ruth Brown, Joe Williams, Stanley Turrentine and Stevie Wonder. This will certainly not be a service to miss.

In September, we're pleased to welcome back Peter Georgescu, who will be discussing "Why does inequality matter in America? How can we fix it?" Peter is the Chairman Emeritus of Young & Rubicam, and has become a vocal advocate for income equality and opportunity for all Americans.

October ushers in two services. First, on the 20th, our traditional joint service with St. Matthews and the Antioch Baptist Church in Bedford Hills, hosted by our friends at Antioch, and led by their Pastor Merle McJunkin. The second service, one week later, we again welcome Philip Kunhardt. Philip's title for his talk is "Henry David Thoreau – The Awakened Life". This talk will explore the human depths and spiritual joys of one of America's most enduring philosophers and famous nature writers.

We're delighted to have the Reverend John Zahl, the new Rector of St. Matthews lead our traditional Thanksgiving service on Nov. 27. Finally, we close out the year with our annual Christmas service (December 23), where we'll again be joined by members of the wonderful Antioch Baptist Choir, and led in service by their Pastor, Merle McJunkin.

## ST. MARY'S, A COMMUNITY CHURCH.... SINCE 1853

Built by farmers in the nineteenth century, St. Mary's has been a vital part of the community for over 150 years. Today, it stands out as a classically beautiful, simple country church where seven or eight times a year friends and neighbors of many faiths gather for evening services. Each service is a special experience, featuring speakers of diverse backgrounds, music, and spiritual opportunities in a lovely historic setting.

In many ways, St. Mary's represents what is so wonderful about our community. This picturesque church, surrounded by woods and rural roads, captures the quiet essence of the area – the history, the beauty of the surroundings and the strong spiritual heritage. Volunteers maintain St. Mary's in its peaceful and natural setting, preserving the Church as a community place.



## FATHER MARK CONNELL

*"SEE, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW" URBAN EDUCATION IN AMERICA - USING THE GOSPEL TO TRANSFORM THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR LOW OPPORTUNITY KIDS*

MAY 19—5:30 P.M.

Mark Connell was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of New York in 1986. He has served in parish work in New Rochelle and Chappaqua. Most of Mark's ministry has been in education as a high school and college instructor. He earned his Doctor of Ministry from Drew University in 2005 while at the same time leading socially minded laity to create an educational alternative in the very troubled city of Newburgh. Today Mark directs San Miguel Academy which is presently assisting 200 low opportunity families find educational equality and access to higher education for their sons.



## OUR ANNUAL MUSIC SERVICE, FEATURING JAMES FARLEY

JUNE 23—5:30 P.M.

James Farley is the founder, keyboardist and music director of the nationally and internationally acclaimed band "JAZMYN". He performed in Vegas for nine years calling Mandalay Bay home, while playing Caesar's, Luxor, Excalibur, Monte Carlo, the Orleans, Paris and others. He has toured the Caribbean, Mexico, Israel, Scandinavia, China, Japan and the Philippines'.

So, treat yourself to a musical journey that can engulf you in the hustle and flow of New York City, the sway of the Caribbean, or the *mystic* of the Orient.

Yes... **ONE** musician can do all of this with his keyboard.



## PETER GEORGESCU

*WHY DOES INEQUALITY MATTER IN AMERICA? HOW CAN WE FIX IT?*

SEPTEMBER 15—5:30 P.M.

Peter Georgescu, Chairman Emeritus of Young & Rubicam, was born in Bucharest, Romania. While his parents were on a New York business trip in 1947, the Iron Curtain fell forcing them to remain in the U.S. as they became enemies of the Communist regime.

Peter and his brother were left in Romania and imprisoned in a work camp for eight years. In 1953 his father was approached by Romanian Communist diplomats and asked to spy in exchange for his children's safety. He refused and went to the press, causing an international scandal. In 1954, the family was reunited.

Peter attended Exeter Academy, Princeton and Stanford. In 1964, he became a trainee at Young & Rubicam, retiring 37 years later as Chairman and CEO.

He is Vice Chairman of New York Presbyterian Hospital, Director of Just Capital and several other nonprofit organizations.



## PHILIP KUNHARDT

"HENRY DAVID THOREAU – THE AWAKENED LIFE"

OCTOBER 27—5:30 P.M.

Philip Kunhardt has served over the past decade at New York University as Distinguished Scholar in Residence in the Humanities, where he teaches innovative courses in History and English in the College of Arts and Sciences. He focuses on the lives of transformative figures, and among his courses is "Emerson and Thoreau: The Writing Life." The co-author of six books, including *The Photographs of Abraham Lincoln* (2015), *Looking for Lincoln* (2008), and *The American President* (1999), he was a writer and producer for many years at Kunhardt Productions. From 1984 until 1991 he was Rector of St. Paul's on the Hill Episcopal Church, and served for many years on the staff of St. Mark's Church, Mt. Kisco, NY. He is a graduate of Groton School, College of the Atlantic, and Episcopal Divinity School.



## TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE-

### THE REVEREND JOHN ZAHL

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27—5:30 P.M.

For our traditional Thanksgiving Service, we welcome Reverend John Zahl, the Rector at St. Matthews in Bedford. Before coming to St. Matthew's, he served for six years as Canon Missioner at Grace Church Cathedral, Charleston, SC. He was ordained in 2007, and served his curacy at Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, SC.

John is a graduate of Kenyon College, holds a Master of Divinity degree from Oxford University and is completing work toward the Doctor of Divinity in Preaching degree from Sewanee University.

The son of an Episcopal minister, John grew up at Grace Church, Manhattan, and has also lived in Westchester, Charleston, Zurich (CH), Surrey (UK), Birmingham, AL and Brooklyn. The author of two books (*Sermons of Grace and Grace in Addiction*), John regularly contributes to Mockingbird Ministries (mbird.com) and also moonlights occasionally as a DJ and collector of obscure disco records.



*St. Mary's is available for  
weddings, baptisms,  
memorial services and  
community meetings.*

*Please Call:  
Tina Foster  
914-282-3054*

*or*

*Andre Hunter  
914-649-4509*

*A schedule of services at  
St. Mary's is always posted  
on the bulletin board in  
front of the church.*

## OUR FESTIVE CHRISTMAS SERVICE-

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23—5:30 P.M.

There is no better way to get into the holiday spirit than to attend the traditional St. Mary's annual service of lessons and carols. St. Mary's welcomes back Merle McJunkin, Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church. Add together our seasonal hymns and readings, with members of the Antioch choir, and our own Earl Brown on the organ and Earlina Thevenin leading the congregation in song and you get a most marvelous fun, moving service, and a strong celebration of spirit.





**St. Mary's Church**  
 P.O. Box 701  
 Bedford, NY 10506

**Your Community Church  
 Around the Corner  
 Services Start May 19**



**A Beautiful  
 Community Church**

St. Mary's is supported entirely by voluntary contributions which are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Checks payable to "St. Mary's Church" may be mailed to St. Mary's Church, PO Box 701 Bedford, NY 10506

**THE ANNUAL JOINT SERVICE -  
 ST. MARY'S, ST. MATTHEW'S & ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCHES  
 AT ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH,  
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 10:45 AM**

Join us for a wonderful celebration of true community spirit, as three churches gather together for a service filled with music and joy! The congregations of St. Mary's, St. Matthew's and the Antioch Baptist Church worship side-by-side in a special service at Antioch in Bedford Hills. The energy that arises from these gatherings fills us with fellowship and is a highlight of our spiritual year. Clergy from both St. Matthew's and Antioch will lead the service together; however, it is the Antioch choir that isn't to be missed!



**OUR ST. MARY'S VESTRY**

**Andre A. Hunter, Senior Warden**

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| Stacy Albanese      | William G. Foulke, Jr. | Christopher Robinson |
| Earl Brown          | Emily Grand            | Nancy Steiner        |
| Holly Brown         | Margaret C. Gregg      | Melissa Vail         |
| Nancy Christie      | Katherine Hall         | John Stockbridge     |
| Nicholas Firth      | Terry Long             | June Weissinger      |
| Christine P. Foster | Piers M. MacDonald     | Jane P. Wood         |
| Anthony C. Godino   | John Needham           |                      |