



# THE KEY

## ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

### BEDFORD N.Y.

April

To know Christ and to make Him known

2017

### Are You an Episcopalian?

Dear Friends,

You don't have to be an Episcopalian to be a member of St. Matthew's.

But if you've not been confirmed (or what we call "received" as either a Lutheran or Roman Catholic), or are an Episcopalian who'd enjoy a "brush-up," you can take the class I'm teaching on Sat., Apr. 22 at 11 a.m. in the Vestry Room. I'm planning a crash course, call it "What it Means to be an Episcopalian 101."

You then can be confirmed or received a week later, when Bishop Dietsche will be here presiding at our 10 a.m. Confirmation service on Apr. 30.

We have a long history of adult confirmation and reception here at St. Matthew's. In the years that I've been rector we've always had a lot of members who come to us from other denominations.

I hope you will make every effort to attend the class. (I say that having some idea of how busy Saturday mornings can be.)

I love teaching it.

I love being an Episcopalian – a church I chose at age 25.

I love the things about our brand of Christianity that set us apart. Things like:

**Our emphasis on the centrality of Jesus – God come to earth in human form. (The incarnation.)**

**Our openness to differences of opinion and tolerance of people different from ourselves.**

**Our reverence for Creation and creativity, as we find God in nature and the arts.**

**Our traditional cornerstones of scripture, tradition, reason and experience.**

**Our practicing the love of God by helping people who need our help.**

**Our sense that the Abundant Life Jesus talks about is every Christian's birth right. The joy of the Lord is our strength!**

Join me on Apr. 22 and celebrate what it means to be an Episcopalian! (Please call the parish office to sign up.)

Faithfully,

### Looking for Signs of New Life

I will never forget the moment. My wife and I were at Weill Cornell Medical Center in the City, having a scan knowing Tracy was initially pregnant with twins. And we were for the first time looking for signs of a heartbeat or two, and confirmation all was still well. We were quite anxious, and sat there with the doctor, watching the dark screen ahead of us as we looked quietly for signs of life. And suddenly, there they were! Not one, but two, beating hearts on the screen – two little LED lights blinking amid the darkness. Two new hearts and two new lives. It was a moment I will never forget as long as I live, and I was changed for a lifetime.

I imagine that could reflect in some part what our own experiences of Holy Week can be. From the triumph of the entry into Jerusalem, to those fateful few days in that holiest of cities, to a last supper, the cross – and then a mortal darkness. And we then draw together and await expectantly, amid the darkness, for signs of new life. For a beating heart, and for the promise of new birth – and for the sound of the rock being rolled back as the sun rises on a remarkable new morning.

We look forward to welcoming you all at St. Matthew's this Holy Week, and to rejoice with you on Easter morning when we realize that life has indeed trumped over death for an eternity, and we have all in turn been changed for a lifetime and beyond. See you in church!



### April Key Dates

Apr 1., Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Bedford Spring Antiques Show
Apr. 2, Sunday	11 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Bedford Spring Antiques Show
Apr. 9, Palm Sunday	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	10 a.m.	Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
	5 p.m.	Liturgy of the Palms Eucharist
Apr. 13, Maundy Thurs.	7 p.m.	Supper
	8 p.m.	Service: Bishop Shin
	9 p.m.	Gethsesame (all night)
Apr. 14, Good Friday	7 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Chapel of Holy Spirit
	Noon	Good Friday service
Apr. 15, Holy Saturday	10 a.m.	Family Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt
Apr. 16, Easter	7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Easter Service
	9:15 & 11:15 a.m.	Festival Holy Eucharist
Apr. 30, Sunday	10 a.m.	Confirmation: Bishop Dietsche
	5 p.m.	Come as You Are Eucharist: Ibrahim Faltas, followed by reception

### Confirmation Sunday

April 30 at the 10 a.m. Service  
 Presided by Rt. Rev. Andrew M.L. Dietsche  
 Join in celebrating the confirmation of

Cora Brennan	Renn Carlson	Brayton Howard	Lucy McGinnis
Hale Brown	Amelia	Brady Johnston	Chase Mockridge
Trip Brown	Frelinghuysen	Diana Jorgensen	Sam Pakman
Gunnar Carlson	Charlie Gaynor	Lucy Olds Larkin	Mason Santomero
Lars Carlson	Ben Howard	Charlie Lewis	Harry Whitman

## Bedford Chamber Concert: Bruch and Beethoven, Apr. 5

The second concert of 2017 on Apr. 5, will feature Bruch's great Violin Concerto, Beethoven's Sixth Symphony – better known as the "Pastoral" – both adapted for chamber ensemble by Anthony Newman, and two of his own compositions.

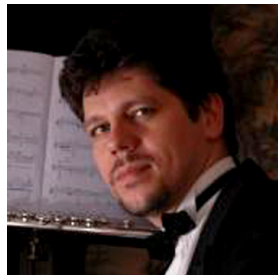
The two short works by Anthony Newman are an overture and concerto for flute, and one for string quartet and piano that is a transcription of the basic concerto for recorder and strings. The flute concerto will be played by Gergely Ittzés, the great Hungarian flutist, who has played for the Bedford Chamber Concerts in the past, and has commissioned an entire CD's worth of Newman's music for the flute. The string quartet will be performed by Renée Jolles and Emily Daggett Smith on violin, Danielle Farina on viola, and Arash Amini on cello.

The third piece on the program is the magnificent Violin Concerto No. 1 in g minor (Opus 26) by Max Bruch, performed by the towering violinist Regi Papa with the Bedford Chamber Ensemble. Born in Athens, Regi Papa made his debut at Carnegie Hall at age 19 in 2006, received his master's degree from Juilliard in 2010, and is currently studying for his doctoral degree in violin performance at Stony Brook University. Bruch's Violin Concerto, composed in 1866, remains among the most popular of the genre, as well as the best known of his compositions.

The second half of the concert is completely dedicated to one of music's towering masterpieces: Beethoven's Sixth (or Pastoral) Symphony. It will be performed by the Bedford Chamber Ensemble, consisting of Jolles and Smith on violin, Farina on viola, Amini on cello, and Stephen Sas on bass, joined by Ittzés on flute.

The concert starts at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Sumptuous treats are provided by the Chamber Concert Committee at intermission. Tickets (\$40) can be reserved by phone at 914-522-5150 and paid for at the door, or ordered online at <http://bedfordchamberconcerts.org> or as part of a series subscription. Student tickets, which can only be purchased at the door, cost \$10. Children and their parents are welcome to attend the rehearsal, from 6 to 7 p.m., for free!

The last concert of our series, on May 3, is very special, as it is a celebration of Terry Elsberry's ministry at St. Matthew's and opens with a setting of Psalm 27 written by Anthony Newman in his honor. The second half of the program is devoted to the third part of Handel's great oratorio The Messiah, conducted by Mary Jane Newman.



## Confirmation Class 2016 - 17

Confirmation class this year continues apace with 19 teenagers participating. As April and May approach, activities begin to come thick and fast, and in preparation for these springtime events, we've spent the last six months coming together monthly for class and studying the Bible, our Church, Theology, the Creed and The Book of Common Prayer. This may sound like a lot – and it has been! Folks have been trying to work out the Trinity for two millennia, and we've tried to get our heads round it in less than an hour! But, we've had plenty of fun discussion and laughter, the teens have positively engaged with the teaching, and I remain very thankful for all the parents who have helped me out on Sunday evenings keeping order and occasionally feeding our hungry confirmands.

In April, we will have the Stump-the-Rector class (the 2nd), Sponsorship Dinner (the 23rd) and Confirmation Sunday (the 30th); and in May, we have scheduled our overnight retreat to Holy Cross Monastery (the 6th & 7th) and our Confirmation-Led Service (the 21st). It's been a real honor and pleasure working with some of our older parish children these past few months, and I look forward to leading the class forward as we round out their confirmation year.

Rik



## Distinguished Speaker Series: Dyllan McGee, May 8

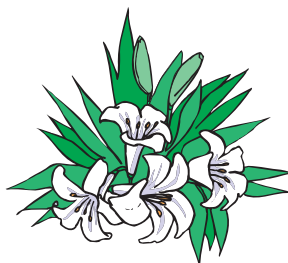
We are delighted to welcome parishioner Dyllan McGee as our guest speaker on Mon., May 8 at 7:45 p.m., with a short reception at 7:30 p.m. She will be speaking on "Rewriting Women into History." While we may know her better as Mark Weigel's wife and Max's and Henry's mother, Dyllan's professional accomplishments fill "reels" of film and numerous awards.

Dyllan is a two-time Emmy Award-winning filmmaker and Founder and Executive Producer of MAKERS, as well as McGee Media, a documentary film company dedicated to producing content that inspires a more fair and equitable world (founded with her husband, Mark). McGee Media projects currently in production include: *Africa's Great Civilizations* (PBS); *Rancher, Farmer, Fisherman* (Discovery); *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.*; and *First In Human* (Discovery). Other Executive Producer credits include: Emmy Award-nominated 6-part MAKERS series on women in space, Hollywood, politics, war, comedy, and business (AOL/PBS); Emmy and Peabody Award-winning, *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross* (PBS); and Emmy-nominated, *In Memoriam; 9/11/01* (HBO). McGee is the Executive Producer of the annual MAKERS Conference in California and in 2014 was presented with the New York Women in Communications' Matrix Award and the Planned Parenthood Visionary award for her work preserving women's stories.



## Easter Flowers

Envelopes for memorial flowers are available in church or from the office. Please return your envelope with the names of loved ones to the Parish Office by Apr. 3 for inclusion in the church bulletin.







go to: <http://a-homehousing.org> to register

## A Special Visitor from the Diocese of Jerusalem, Apr. 30



On Apr. 30, Ibrahim Faltas, Advisor on Administration and Management and Executive Director of the Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children, will be visiting St. Matthew's. He will give the homily at the 5 p.m. service, speaking on the "Role of the Diocese of Jerusalem in the Region" and "What is the Life of a Christian in the Holy Land Today."

Mr. Faltas works with the Bishop on strategic and operating planning for the Diocese, which operates churches, hospitals, and schools in Israel/Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. He is a recognized leader in the education and rehabilitation of disabled children and a powerful voice in advocating for the integration and empowerment of children with disabilities and their families. He previously worked at Save the Children International, the Quartet Mission for the Middle East peace talks and the Canadian Representative Office to the Palestinian Authority. He holds an MA in Comparative Political Science from the Institute of Political Studies in Aix-En-Provence in France, and an MBA from Glasgow University Business School in Scotland.

Afterwards, the St. Matthew's Pilgrims will host a reception for Mr. Faltas in the Fellowship Room and everyone will have a chance to meet him. He will also be thanking St. Matthew's for the Bedell grant to the Princess Basma Center for the renovation of the Center's communal dining room.

Also, coincidentally, our children have been raising funds for their mite boxes for the Diocese of Jerusalem. That evening, they will now be able to present Mr. Faltas their donations in person. If you would like to add to their gift, there is a big mite box placed in the church on Sundays and in the Parish House on weekdays. (Please make checks payable to AFEDJ (the American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem).)

We look forward to seeing you on the 30th at the 5 p.m. service and the reception that follows.

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join us on Sunday mornings from 9 - 9:45 a.m. between the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services for Bible Study. We meet each Sunday (except Easter Sunday and Confirmation Sunday) through May in the Conference Room and focus on the Gospel of John. Come as frequently as you like; you are always welcome. We use as a guide *John: An Eyewitness Account of the Son of God* by Whitney Kuniholm.

*Terry Long and the Christian Education*

## Church School

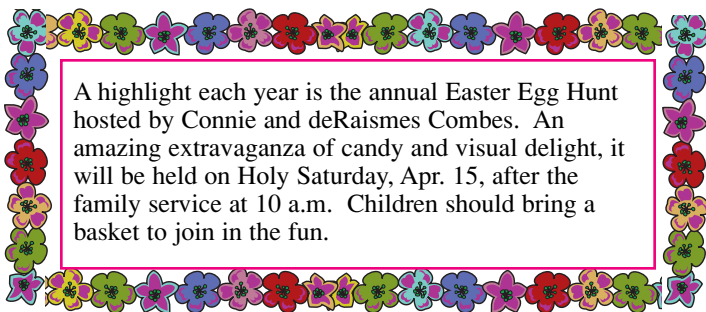
April Lessons:

Apr. 2: The Last Supper

Apr. 23: Jesus Is Alive! The Risen Jesus Comes to Dinner

Apr. 30: Jesus Helps Catch Fish

As we approach Easter, the children continue to focus on Lent and the awareness of Jesus' goodness and sacrifices. Our stories have carried a theme of the Pharisees feeling threatened by the work of Jesus and the power of His message. On Apr. 2, the children will be making palm crosses in class while discussing The Last Supper. On Palm Sunday, there will be no classes, and children will join their families in church.



A highlight each year is the annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Connie and deRaismes Combes. An amazing extravaganza of candy and visual delight, it will be held on Holy Saturday, Apr. 15, after the family service at 10 a.m. Children should bring a basket to join in the fun.

On Easter, children join their families at the 7:30, 9:15 or 11:15 a.m. services.

On Apr. 30, Confirmation Sunday, fifth and six graders will sit with their families during the service; pre-k to fourth graders will follow their usual Sunday schedule.

Throughout the Lenten season, children are encouraged to keep earning money through chores and good deeds to help fill their mite boxes to benefit the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The boxes should be returned to church school by Apr. 30.

## Mardi Gras – A Razzling, Dazzling Party

We do many things very well at St. Matthew's, and that includes throwing a great party. With the last gasp before the penitence of Lent, everyone was in the mood to eat, drink, be merry and dance the night away.



# April Church Calendar



## Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 2

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Altar Guild: Ms. Morella and Ms. Getz  
Ushers: Messrs. Bowers and Vincent  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster  
Lector: Mrs. Talty  
Acolytes: Lars and Gunnar Carlson
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I and All School Communion**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner  
Ushers: Messrs. de Menocal, S. Brown Jr., Kent and Struble  
Lay Reader: Mr. Heath  
Lector: Mrs. Finn  
Acolytes: Robbie Villani and Graham Agee  
\*\*Lay Minister: Mr. S. Brown
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**  
Lay Assistant: Ben Howard

## The Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday, April 9

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Reed and Whitman  
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Fagan  
Lay Reader: Mr. Brown  
Lector: Mr. Freeman  
Acolytes: Cora Brennan and Mason Santomero
- 10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner  
Ushers: Messrs. Akinla, Belknap, Borner and L. Brown  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Tisi  
Lector: Mr. Gale  
Acolytes: Trip Brown and Gus Carlson
- 5:00 p.m. Liturgy the Palms Eucharist**  
Lay Assistant: Sam Pakman

## Maundy Thursday, April 13

- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Supper**
- 8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar**  
Ushers: Messrs. Borner and Foster  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster
- 9:00 p.m. Gethsemane Watch through the night**

## Good Friday, April 14

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit**
- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service**

## Holy Saturday, April 15

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Family Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt**  
Ushers: Mr. & Mrs. Akinla

## Easter Sunday, April 16

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Easter Service**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Fagan and Tilt  
Ushers: Messrs. Bower and Reeder  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Reeder  
Lector: Mrs. Tilt  
Acolytes: Renn Carlson and Amelia Frelinghuysen
- 9:15 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz  
Ushers: Messrs. Ketchum, LaMotte, Sturz and Swift  
Lay Reader: Ms. Getz  
Lector: Mrs. Ehrlich  
Acolytes: Madeline Brown, Charlotte Scully, Nathalie Campbell and Sophia Garten
- 11:15 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner  
Ushers: Messrs. Belknap, Hancock, Kim and Moore  
Lay Reader: Mr. Brown  
Acolytes: Ethan and Reed Gatfield, Alex & Jack Foote

## No 5:00 p.m. Service

## Second Sunday of Easter, April 23

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Reeder  
Lector: Mr. Bogert  
Acolytes: Lucy McGinnis and Brady Johnston

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer**  
Ushers: Messrs. S. Brown Jr., Eshoo, Ryan and Scully  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson  
Acolytes: Dixon Matthews and Pearse O'Brien
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**  
Lay Assistant: Charlie Lewis

## Third Sunday of Easter, April 30

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Mrs. Boe  
Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge  
Lector: Mr. Freeman  
Acolytes: Charlie Lewis and Hale Brown
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner  
Ushers: Messrs. Cameron, Garten, Keller and Miller  
Lay Reader: Mr. Jackson  
Lector: Mason Santomero  
Acolytes: Clara Pakman and Sofia Soderberg
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**  
Guest Speaker: Ibrahim Faltas  
Lay Assistant: Chase Mockridge

## Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Altar Guild: Ms. Morella and Ms. Getz  
Lay Reader: Ms. Getz  
Lector: Mr. Vincent
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I and All School Communion**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner  
Ushers: Messrs. Cummings, Fooshee, Gaynor and Kent  
Lay Reader: Ms. Wood  
Lector: Drew Gregory  
Acolytes: Ethan & Reed Gatfield
- 5:00 p.m. Celtic Evensong and Eucharist, Children's Chapel**  
Lay Assistant: Lucy McGinnis

\*\*Children's Service

## Comings & Goings

### New or Returning Parishioners:

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Breuer 344 Cherry Street Bedford Hills, NY 10507	Mr. & Mrs. Philip Cox 385 Stone Hill Road Pound Ridge, NY 10576
---	---

### Holy Baptism

*Received into Christ's Holy Church*

William Ross Chisholm MacLean – February 25, 2017  
Lachlan August Chisholm MacLean – February 25, 2017  
Eleanor Vaughn Breuer – March 11, 2017

### In Memoriam

*In sure and certain hope*

Harold Cutler Whitman, III – February 27, 2017

## Maundy Thursday

As we come together on the day before Jesus' crucifixion, we remember his last meal with his disciples, with our own Maundy Thursday supper at 7 p.m. Please bring a dish to share – vegetable lasagna or a salad – and sign up in the Parish House.

Afterwards at 8 p.m., we move to the church for the Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar. We are most honored that the Rt. Rev. Allen K. Shin will be presiding at this service, which prepares us for the last hours of Jesus' life on earth.