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To know Christ and to make Him known

2019

A Thought from the Rector

Do you have a favorite movie or novel, one that you love so much that you could watch or read it over and over again? Or a desert island album? What is it about certain things like films, books, and songs that they always manage to speak to us afresh? Our church operates upon this same premise, that certain words never grow tiresome. Martin Luther once was asked why he preached about God's grace every single Sunday. To this he responded, "Because every week the people forget it."

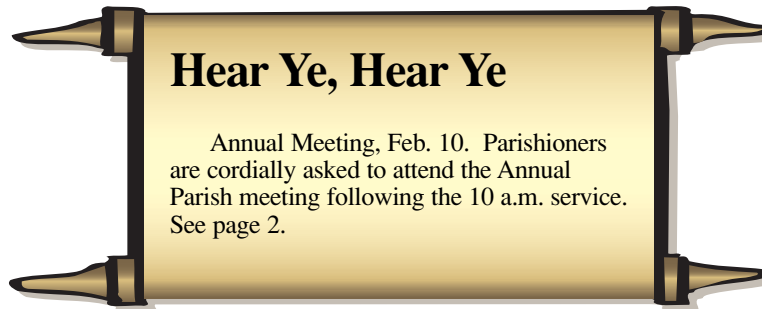
The truth is that we need to hear that we are loved by God again and again. This is a message that never gets old. Perhaps it's because the distractions of this world cause us to forget it. Or maybe it's because we behave in ways that cause us to doubt it. But whatever the reason, the "song remains the same." (Led Zeppelin).

I was given a fresh image of grace to ponder just this past week, and it came from the 7th Century Bishop of Ninevah, St. Isaac the Syrian:

"As a handful of sand thrown into the great sea, so are the sins of all flesh in comparison with the mind of God. And just as a strongly flowing stream is not obstructed by a handful of dust, so the mercy of the creator is not stemmed by the sins of his creatures."

Let that soak in. Throw your handful of dust at the sea.

Grace & peace,



Hear Ye, Hear Ye

Annual Meeting, Feb. 10. Parishioners are cordially asked to attend the Annual Parish meeting following the 10 a.m. service. See page 2.


Art Show: Bedford Continues Feb. 1-3

After a smashingly successful Preview Party of art, wine, hors d'oeuvres, friends and a first weekend of the exhibition and sale, there is still time to enjoy the second weekend of the juried show that features collector-quality artwork and crafts from this region. The Show continues on Fri., Feb. 1 through Sun., Feb. 3 in the Fellowship Room from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit our newly updated website at www.artshowbedford.com to view artists' works and bios and to obtain more information about this exciting show.



We have planned a very special event Saturday evening, Feb. 2 from 5-6 p.m., when all are invited to attend a Collector's Evening with Lewis and Laura Kruger offering their insightful perspectives on collecting art. Lewis Kruger is Chairman Emeritus at the Museum of Arts and Design in New York City. Laura Kruger, an art historian, is the curator of the Hebrew Union College Museum. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door for \$45, which includes wine and hors d'oeuvres.

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Sun., Feb 3 at 11:15 a.m.
The Super Bowl Bake Sale

Add to the fun of the Game with an hors d'oeuvres or treat purchased from the Bake Sale.

Sponsored by St. Matthew's Church School
Our proceeds will be directed to benefit Hour Children at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility.

Stewardship Update: It's Not Too Late to Pledge

Thank you to the 170+ families listed who have thus far responded to our Annual Stewardship Campaign. Our ultimate goal is 100% participation in our pledge campaign – last year we received 236 pledges and look forward to increasing that number to at least 250 this year. That increase in revenue can make a big difference in the kind of programs and activities that the church is able to undertake.

Financial concerns take a backseat to spiritual health here at St. Matthew's, but we need your generous monetary support to fund three-quarters of the church budget, which supports clergy and staff, programs, and upkeep of the buildings and grounds that we love. New this year is pledging online through Realm (confidential and protected), which not only allows you to pay by credit card—think POINTS!—but gives you the opportunity to make automatic payments and to keep track of your pledging. Pledge cards are also available from the Parish Office.

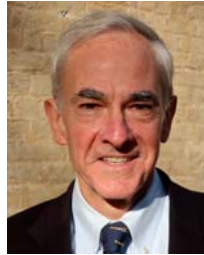
Annual Parish Meeting, Feb. 10.

The St. Matthew's Church Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service in the church on Sun., Feb. 10. The Wardens and Treasurer will report on the past year's parish results and will propose the following slate of Vestry candidates to be voted on by the attending parishioners:

- John Walker for his first two-year term as Senior Warden
- Michael Struble for his second three-year term as Vestry Member
- Noriko Akinla for her first three-year term as Vestry Member
- James Garten for his first three-year term as Vestry Member
- Simeon Ketchum for his first three-year term as Vestry Member

• John Walker, Candidate for Warden

John Walker and his wife, Caroline, have been members of St. Matthew's Church for over 36 years. John has served on the Vestry for three years and he taught Sunday school for 10 years. Each of John's and Caroline's four children was confirmed at St. Matthew's. John is a retired partner of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, where he practiced banking law for 30 years. He began his career at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C.



• Noriko Akinla, Candidate for Vestry for first term

Noriko Yokoi has been a parishioner at St. Matthew's Church since 2009 and confirmed in 2018. She has been involved in teaching church school since her arrival and now serves as the head of Children and Youth Ministries Commission (CYMC). She also serves as a lay minister in both the main church and children's services. In the fall, she began a pilot high school ministry offering together with two other parishioners, Susannah Swanson and Inness Hancock. Her other volunteer activities include serving on the board of the Young Artists Philharmonic, and she is also training to be a strokes and turns judge for USA Swimming. Professionally, after a 20-year career in advertising, Noriko stepped aside to spend more time with her family and founded her own brand consultancy, Amber + Forge. Noriko lives in Bedford with her husband Dale, and twins, Rachel and Sebastian, who are being confirmed this year.



• James Garten, Candidate for Vestry for first term

James has been a parishioner at St. Matthew's since 2012. He grew up in New Rochelle and attended Trinity Episcopal Church, where he was confirmed. James' youngest three children were baptized at St. Matthew's. James has volunteered as an usher and now co-chairs the usher corps.

Professionally, James continues to be involved in tax advantaged structured finance transactions. He lives in North Salem with his wife Leigh and his four youngest children; Sophia (16), Ruby (9), Pip (7) and Peter (3).



• Simeon (Sim) Ketchum, Candidate for Vestry for first term

Sim Ketchum has been a parishioner of St. Matthew's since moving to Bedford in the spring of 2013. Both of his children, James (5) and Phoebe (3), were baptized at St. Matthew's. He serves as an usher and is a member of Rev. Zahl's Transition Committee. His wife, Sally, served on the Search Committee following Terry's retirement and was previously on the Board of St. Matthew's Preschool. Professionally, Sim has been in banking and private equity for his entire career and is based in NYC with Astor Place Holdings, the private investments arm of Select Equity Group, an asset management firm. Originally from the Boston area, Sim's interests include music and anything involving the outdoors.



Please join the Vestry in thanking Daniel de Menocal, Mark Weigel and Camillo Santomero for their outstanding contributions to St. Matthew's over the many years. Dan has served as Senior Warden for the past eight years, and is completing his 13th year on the Vestry. His leadership over the past eight years, especially throughout our Capital Campaign, the Church Restoration project and our recent transition to a new Rector, has been exemplary. Mark has served as Treasurer for the past five years and has served on the Vestry for six years. He will remain a leader of the Music Committee. Camillo has served on the Vestry for three years and has been instrumental in the Church Restoration project and in moving the Church's IT system forward. Thank you, Dan, Mark and Camillo, for their dedication to St. Matthew's Church.

Bedford Chamber Concerts Spring Series

The Bedford Chamber Concerts continues its historic nineteenth season with three concerts this coming spring. Tickets may be purchased online at www.bedfordchamberconcerts.org or reserved at (914) 522-5150.

March 20: Internationally renowned pianist Vladimir Feltsman will be the guest performer. One of the great pianists of our time, we are honored to be presenting him to our audience.

April 10: The main theme will be the guitar, including Boccherini's Fandango Quintet, featuring the world-renowned performer Benjamin Verdery. Our own Tony Newman will debut his Easter Quintet and Mozart's Prague Symphony, which he arranged for chamber orchestra.

May 15: The last concert of the 2018-19 season will feature Bach's glorious choral setting of the hymn of the Annunciation, the Magnificat, celebrating Mary being informed she will give birth to Jesus; and Pachelbel's Canon.

St. Matthew's Preschool

We are delighted to share with you that the 2019 Bedford Town Guide has named St. Matthew's Preschool as the best preschool in Bedford. Congratulations to our director, Susan deBrigard, and to her wonderful teaching staff!

2019 is off to a wonderful start. The children love Children's Chapel with Rev. John Zahl and the parents enjoy joining them for Family Chapel once a month. The Westmoreland Nature Curriculum is another favorite. In January, they learned about mammals and enjoyed a visit from Nature Steve and his furry friends.

Our Parent's Association kicked off their planning process for our Spring fundraiser. Mark your calendars for April 6! Classes for next year are filling quickly, but there are a few spaces remaining. Please contact Susan deBrigard at 234-7890 for a tour and additional information.



Art Show: Bedford



The Art Show: Bedford Preview Party sizzles a cold winter's night with the warmth of friends, wonderful artwork, great music and tasty food. Over forty artists are participating in this year's show, selling paintings, photographs and sculpture, as well as hand-made jewelry, glass items and pottery. Works run the gamut from contemporary to traditional styles, and there is something to appeal to everyone.

Guests happily purchased paintings, drawings, and other pièces de résistance, further tempted knowing that the Women of St. Matthew's donate one hundred percent of the proceeds of the show to support many local nonprofits that benefit needy and marginalized persons throughout Westchester.



Children's Ministry

We will be starting the month with our Super Bowl Bake Sale on Sun., Feb. 3 – so if you are reading this on Feb. 1 or 2, then it is perfect timing to head for the kitchen and get creative! Please share one of your favorite homemade snacks or treats and help the children (who will be running the table) raise money for Hour Children, children whose mothers are at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. **Looking ahead to our February Church School lessons:**

Feb. 3: Jesus heals the sick. We will read about how Jesus was able to heal people of all circumstances not just physically but spiritually.

Feb.10: Jesus calls his Disciples. This lesson focuses on Jesus' disciples and how he called everyone, especially commoners and pariahs, to follow him.

Feb. 24: Jesus teaches with parables. We will talk about how there is good and evil in the world but that the kingdom of heaven can exist in all of us if we choose to live in it.

Church School Changes

Finally and importantly, I'd like to explain some changes that we are making to what the children will be doing on Sunday mornings. Going forward, on the first Sunday of each month the children will go straight to their classrooms for Sunday school before joining the congregation in Church (after the sermon) when we will all share communion together.

On all other Sundays, the children will start the morning in the Children's Chapel for our children's service and then go to their classrooms as usual.

This means that the 4-7th graders will only be in Church once a month rather than every Sunday and we will no longer have junior crucifers processing out of the Church. The purpose of these changes is to allow for more teaching time, i.e. a lesson from the Lay Reader in the Children's Chapel and quality age-appropriate time in small groups. It will also give the parish a regular opportunity to come together as a whole group to celebrate communion and give even our youngest children a chance to be in the main church.

I am excited about these plans and as we introduce them and would welcome your feedback.

Have a fabulous February! Tara Deeks

Confirmation & High School Youth Group News

On Sun., Feb. 10 at 4 p.m., there will be Confirmation Class with Rik in the Vestry Room; and also, at 4 p.m. a Spiritual Deep Dive with pizza for our High Schoolers in the Fellowship Room hosted by Noriko Akinla, Susannah Swanson and Inness Hancock. Everyone is then encouraged to come to the Children's Chapel for our 5 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist.

“God is not subtle.”

These are the words our Deacon Elena lives by, and preaches. She has cited countless experiences of hers and others where God has somehow intervened in life and the impact these experiences have made. They are words to remember and be aware of as we go about our daily lives.

Deacon Elena Barnum has been an important and integral part of the life of St. Matthew's for nearly eight years and her keen and gentle pastoral presence has been a blessing to us all in so many ways. Certainly, Deacon Elena has epitomized the role of a deacon in a parish church. Both she and her late and great husband Mac have been solidly “in our corner” when we needed them, whether helping in our transition period to guiding us through the Safe Church program or pastoral coaching. Elena has been a caring teacher who has had much to offer St. Matthew's, for which we are truly grateful.

As she begins a new chapter in her life in New York City, we all wish her the best and hope that she will continue to keep St. Matthew's and our parishioners in her prayers. Thank you, Elena!

Dan de Menocal



February Church Calendar



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 3

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Ms. Morella and Mrs. Reeder
Ushers: Messrs. Bowers and Fagan
Lay Reader: Mrs. Reeder
Lector: Mrs. Tilt
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II and All School Communion**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner
Ushers: Messrs. Lovering, MacLean, Maybank and McKenna
Lay Reader: Mrs. Tisi
Lector: Helen Dorothea Jorgensen
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Borner

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 10

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mesdames MacDonald and Reed
Ushers: Messrs. MacDonald and Reed
Lay Reader: Mr. Heath
Lector: Philip Bolen
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Annual Meeting and Church School**
Ushers: Messrs. Miller, Ryan, Scully and Struble
Lay Reader: Mr. Brown
Lector: Polly Finn
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Meyer

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 17

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Fagan and Tilt
Ushers: Messrs. Bowers and Boe
Lay Reader: Mrs. Fagan
Lector: Mrs. Talty
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I and Church School**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
Ushers: Messrs. Mockridge, Moore, Robinson and Sturz
Lay Reader: Mr. Jackson
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Talty

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, February 24

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott
Ushers: Messrs. Bolen and Vincent
Lay Reader: Mrs. Fagan
Lector: Mrs. Tilt
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Church School**
Ushers: Messrs. Inglis, Keller, Kent and Ketchum
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson
Lector: Mrs. Ehrlich
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Walker

Last Sunday after the Epiphany, March 3

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Ms. Morella and Mrs. Reeder
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Fagan
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster
Lector: Mr. Vincent
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II and All School Communion**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner
Ushers: Messrs. Akinla, Borner, Belknap and Brown
Lay Reader: Mr. Brown
Lector: Mr. Gale
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Meyer

Comings & Goings

New or Returning Parishioners

Mack & Elizabeth Lindsey 1218 Old Post Road Katonah, NY 10536	John & Anne Nolon 108 Cobb Lane Tarrytown, NY 10591
Marty & Kristen Schneider 6 Settlers Lane Ridgefield, CT 06877	Mark Blanchard & Jennie Nolan 107 Prospect Avenue Tarrytown, NY 10591



Ann Mellow, the Associate Director from the National Association of Episcopal Schools, came to visit our Preschool on Jan. 17 and spent the morning learning about our program. We have joined the NAES which supports, serves, and advocates for the vital work and ministry of nearly 1,200 Episcopal schools, early childhood education programs, and school establishment efforts throughout The Episcopal Church.



Mardi Gras 2019

Sunday, March 3 at 6 p.m.

<i>Dixieland Jazz Band</i>	<i>Dancing</i>	<i>King's Cake</i>
<i>Fun dress, masks and beads</i>	<i>Crafts and games</i>	
<i>Finger lickin' Pot Luck</i>	<i>Crowning of King and Queen</i>	



You bring family and friends and a dish to share.
 We provide wine, beer, kid drinks, and entertainment.
 All have a rollickin' good time!
 Sign up on Realm *HERE* or in the Parish House





WITH GRATITUDE

The Vestry of St. Matthew's Church thanks the parish families listed below who have pledged financial support to our parish for 2019. While we will graciously accept financial gifts anytime during the year, your early support allows us to more accurately budget the ministry of St. Matthew's.

Dale & Noriko Akinla	Sally Cross	Dave & Caroline Grubb
Ron & Betsy Atkins	Pierre & Christian Daviron	Connie Hamilton
Nancy Baker	Millie Davis	Jill Hamilton
Chuck & Susan Banks	Dan & Linda de Menocal	Jamey & Inness Hancock
Randy & Ginny Barbato	Michael & Tara Deeks	Ben & Laura Harris
Margaret Barrett	Gracemarie Dell'Angelo	Burrill Haskell
Carter & Denise Bays	Claudia Dovman	Tony & Anna Hass
Paul Bird & Amy Parsons	Andy & Cindy Dwyer	Andrew Heath
Faith Blacker	Jonathan & Libby Edwards	Paul & Lisa Hennessy
Roger & June Blanc	Selby Ehrlich	E. C. Hoffman
Sam & Karol Boe	Terry & Nancy Elsberry	Betsy Hoguet
Jerry & Margot Bogert	Thomas & Catherine Eshoo	Andree Hussar-Izzo
Alex & Eliza Bolen	Joyce Espy	Michael & Katherine Hutchings
Steve & Candy Borner	Arthur & Evelyne Estey	Michael Jackson
Philip & Suzanne Bowers	Bill & Sha Fagan	Charles & Babs Johnson
Andy & Kathy Brenner	Bob & Kirk Ferguson	Scott & Kelley Johnston
Scott & Holly Brown	Bobby & Polly Finn	Robert & Deb Jones
Caesar & Gail Bryan	Nick & Edmee Firth	Timothy & Nancy Joyce
Chris & Illyria Burdick	Patrick & Deborah Fisher	Timothy Joyce
Coley & Susan Burke	April Foley	Jani Jussel
Michael & Charlotte Cady	Kitty Foley	Pat Keesee
Seth & Kirtley Cameron	Herb & Tina Foster	Peter & Lindsay Keller
Elizabeth Carlton	Jeff & Landa Freeman	Ed & Janet Kelly
Frank Carnabuci & Mary Farley	Don Gale	Ryan & Meredith Kent
Jacob & Anne Citrin	James & Leigh Garten	Sophie Kernan
Michel Citro & Laura Blau	Ginger Getz	Sim & Sally Ketchum
Abe Claude	Adelma Gillespie	Wilmot & Julie Kidd
Bob & Liza Clymer	Arthur Gosnell & Page Vincent	Douglas & Michele Kim
Connie Combes	Gosnell	Peter Knipp & Alison Gregory
Whit & Ellen Conrad	Will & Debbie Gourd	Loring & Diana Knoblauch
John & Jenny Convery	Mary Grandy	Keith & Susan Kroeger
Jeff & Mary Cox	Loren Griffin & Traci Toll-Griffin	Steven & Sally Kroll

Eric & Nancy Kronenberg	John & Leslie Needham	Leslie & Teresa Scott
Robert & Teri Kulick	John & Anne Nolon	Nick & Martha Spofford
Kevin Lahart & Mary Chisholm	Femi & Modupe Otelaja	Twig & Susie Stickney
Lawton & Heather Lamb	John & Julie Owen	John & Anita Stockbridge
Tom & Ursula LaMotte	Chris & Allyson Pachios	Michael Struble & Christina Bresani
Tony & Heather Langham	David & Meredith Pakman	Paul & Laurie Sturz
Shirley Lindefjeld & Tom Sullivan	Foxy & Helen Parker	Missy Swan
Connie Lindsay-Stewart	Norah Parkins	Mark Swank
Nelson & Terry Long	Eric & Kathleen Parsons	Susannah Swanson
Nick & Kym Louras	Luther Peacock & Julie Bacon	Steel & Tricia Swift
Amanda Lovell	Jeff & Liz Peek	Had & Louise Talbot
Joseph & Lisa Lovering	Chip Perry	John & Adele Talty
Piers & Bonnie MacDonald	Clark & Michelle Petschek	Bill & Susan Thorn
Jody Mack	Rik & Tracy Pike	Roddy & Marilen Tilt
Ian & Deanna MacLean	John & Jan Pinckney	Bonnie & Charles Tisi
Don & Cynthia Marcotte	Sam & Anne Polk	Jane Tissot
Joseph & Virginia Maybank	Diane Rapp	Roger & Nancy Vincent
Dave & Robyn McCree	Creighton & Heather Reed	John & Caroline Walker
Brian & Shannon McKenna	Bob & Lorraine Reeder	John & Phillis Warden
William & Lara McLanahan	Donna Reimer	Neil Wattles
Tom & Betsy Meyer	Jim & Missy Renwick	Mark Weigel & Dyllan McGee
Tyler & Katie Miller	Chris & Mary Ann Robinson	Aimee Whitman
Tad & Laura Lee Montross	Camillo & Denise Santomero	Charles & Kerry Wilson
Daniel & Alyse Moore	Diana Saunders	Nancy Wise
Kimberly Morella	Larry & Debbie Schiro	John and Deirdre Zahl
John & Kim Morris	Janet Schloat	
Jeffrey & Lynn Neeck	Dave & Whitney Schwartz	

St. Matthew's also recognizes those who give freely of their time and talent, and thanks them for their generosity of spirit.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the names above and we apologize if we have missed someone. If your name is not included above, and you have made a financial commitment to St. Matthew's for 2019, please contact the Parish Office so that we may recognize your contribution next time.