



# THE KEY

## ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

### BEDFORD N.Y.

March

To know Christ and to make Him known

2017

### This Lent: How Well Do I Love?

Have you ever asked yourself that question? Are there ways to love that we've never even thought of? Do we just sort of go through life feeling love for this person or that, maybe doing the best we can? Or do we say: Am I doing all I can to show him, her, them how very much they mean to me?

Since Lent, beginning March 1st for forty days, is the time set aside each year for us to focus inward, why not turn our gaze inside to ponder the most important practice of loving each other?

For starters, I suggest going back to the "Love Chapter," of the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in 1 Corinthians 13. Here's what he said. Do we love like this?

**"Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude.**

**Love does not demand its own way. It's not irritable or touchy. It doesn't hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong.**

**It's never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out.**

**If you love someone, you'll be loyal to them no matter the cost. You'll always believe in them, always expect the best of them, always stand your ground in defending them.**

**All the special gifts and powers from God will someday come to an end, but love goes on forever. The greatest is love."**

Come to church this Lent. Let's ponder together what love really means.

Faithfully,

## BEDFORD SPRING ANTIQUES SHOW

at The Harvey School

Champagne Preview Party  
Friday, March 31, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

\$125 advance purchase  
\$150 at door

Show Hours

Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 2, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission \$15



The Bedford Spring Antiques Show is just around the corner. We have some exciting surprises in store! The show is proud to announce that Christopher Spitzmiller will serve as this year's Honorary Design Chair. Mr. Spitzmiller is best-known to design enthusiasts for his beautiful hand-thrown ceramic lamps, often featured in publications such as *Architectural Digest*.

Festivities begin with the Preview Party on Fri., Mar. 31. We are extending the Preview Party hours from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., replacing the dinner we have hosted in previous years. The Preview Party promises to be a stylish night of cocktails and ample hors d'oeuvres plus the opportunity for guests to mingle, peruse a wide array of fabulous items and make early purchases before the event opens to the public. Tickets for the Preview Party are \$125 in advance and \$150 at the door. The ticket price includes readmission to the show throughout the weekend.

### March Key Dates

Wed., Mar. 1	10 a.m.
Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	
Sat., Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25	7:30 a.m.
Men's Lenten Breakfasts	
Sat., Mar. 4	5 p.m.
Family Twister Tournament	
Sun., Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26	9 a.m.
Bible Study (Conference Room)	
Sun., Mar. 5	5 p.m.
Lenten Evensong & Eucharist	
Wed., Mar. 22	8 p.m.
Bedford Chamber Concerts	
Fri., Mar. 31	6:30 p.m.
Bedford Spring Antiques Show Preview Party	

## Save the Dates

We're celebrating Terry and Nancy!

Saturday, June 3

A Dinner Dance in their honor

Pentecost Sunday, June 4

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services - Guest Preacher Susan Wyper

5 p.m. service - Terry preaching

Sunday, June 11

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. service

Terry's Final Sermon at St. Matthew's,

followed by a special Coffee Hour

5 p.m. All Parish Picnic

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday Morning Bible Study, spearheaded by Terry Long and the Christian Education Committee in February, is going strong and will continue until the end of May. The focus is the Gospel of John; and the book, John: *An Eyewitness Account of the Son of God* by Whitney Kuniholm is being used as a guide. Please join us at 9 a.m. every Sunday in the Conference Room of the Parish House. Come as frequently as you like; you are always welcome.

## Watch Terry's Bible Shorts

Noriko Akinla, Julie Bacon and Sophie Kernan organized several videos of Terry Elsberry summarizing and explaining the relevance of Bible stories for our church school teachers and parents. These have been so popular, one is attached each week in the weekly blast on Thursdays for the entire parish to enjoy. Keep an eye out for these "Bible shorts" that are just a few minutes each. These videos will now also be on our website, as they become available.



## Lenten Evensong & Eucharist, Mar. 5

Continuing the 5 p.m. series of seasonal liturgies this parish year, on Mar. 5, the first Sunday in Lent, the Children's Chapel will play host to a Lenten Evensong & Eucharist. Come contemplate what the season of Lent may mean for you and listen to Mark Weigel's beautiful musical arrangements. Worship in peace and find some time towards the end of this particular Sabbath day to allow the Lord in as we gather and prepare together for a good Lent.

## 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 office by Apr. 3 for inclusion in the church bulletin.

## Blazer Pub Lunch

Lunch on Feb. 1 at the Blazer Pub was a good opportunity for many talk.



## Bedford Chamber Concert: Dichters and Four Hands, Mar. 22

The first chamber concert of 2017, on Mar. 22, will be a delightful piano four hands performance of music composed by Schubert, the master of the genre, and Mozart. Misha and Cipa Dichter met at The Juilliard School and have performed in recital and with major orchestras throughout the world, bringing to the concert stage many previously neglected works of the two-piano and piano-four-hand repertoires.



The Dichters' North American engagements have included recitals in all the major cities in the United States and Canada, as well as appearances with the symphonies of Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh and Seattle. Abroad, the Dichters have performed in the music capitals of France, Germany, Holland, Spain and Switzerland. They perform regularly at many leading summer festivals, including Aspen, Mostly Mozart, Ravinia, the Hollywood Bowl, Caramoor and the Mann Center. Following a concert by the Dichters at New York's *Mostly Mozart Festival*, the *New York Times* declared: "One was struck not only by the synchronism of their musical impulses, but also by the vigor and elegance of the execution."

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

## Psalm 27



In honor of Terry Elsberry and to celebrate his many years of devoted service to Saint Matthew's Church, I was commissioned by the Vestry to set Psalm 27, Terry's favorite, to music. This was a great challenge and delight – to create a composition for someone who is so knowledgeable of music and also has come to be such a close friend.

This setting of Psalm 27 combines the 14 verses into eight movements, which are sung by duets, trios, quartets, and full choruses, with a few solos interspersed. The duets are between soprano and tenor, and between tenor and bass. The work starts and ends with big choruses; indeed, the end of the final chorus states the opening verse of the psalm in four different languages—Latin, Italian, French, and German—simultaneously!

At occasional 10 a.m. services throughout this year the choir has sung individual movements from the composition. It will be premiered in full at the Bedford Chamber Concert Special Tribute to Terry on May 3. It is scored for strings, three trumpets, piano, and timpani/percussion. I have adopted what I call my *Secondo pratico* style, after the second style of Monteverdi, which was a church style appropriate for sacred music, like a neo-Baroque or neoclassical style.

Tony Newman

## Church School

Religious education and telling the stories of the Bible are central to our children's life at St. Matthew's. However, we also want our children to appreciate the church as a social place where they can participate with family and friends in activities together, whether they are purely fun such as Bingo or have a Christian goal such as raising money through the Bake Sale to benefit those less fortunate.

### March Curriculum

The younger children (pre-K to 1st grades) begin their Sunday morning in their own service in the Children's Chapel led by a lay minister before walking to class to read a story and do activities related to the story; the older children (2nd to 7th grades) stay in church, leaving for class during the sermon hymn.. In class, the March Bible topics being discussed are: *Who Does Jesus Say He Is?*; *The Man Born Blind*; *Jesus Brings Lazarus to Life*; and *Mary Prepares Jesus for Burial*. At the All-Church School Communion (the first Sunday of each month) on Mar. 5, ashes from last year's palms that had been burned by children in pre-K to 3rd grades on Feb. 28 will be used in the communion service. Mar. 19 will be an Activity Sunday and children will make a Lenten Tree with pledges of kindness.

### Super Bowl Bake Sale

The Bake Sale was a great success on Feb. 5, with many thanks to the numerous contributors of baked goods. Amoret Jorgensen and Connie Combes did an amazing job of preparing for this event to support Hour Children, an organization helping the children of women incarcerated at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Over \$800 was raised through sales and donations, and the Harris family was the lucky auction winner of Connie's imaginative cake, *Breakfast of Champions*.



### Family Bingo

The sleet and snow on Feb. 12 did little to hinder turnout at Bingo in the Fellowship Room. Camillo Santomero called out numbers for participants to win sweet treats; and Lucas Peacock was the big winner of the afternoon, taking home an iTunes gift card. Everyone enjoyed pizza, snacks and fellowship. Thank you for the group effort in set-up, cleaning and adding a fun vibe to the event.

*Sophie Kernan, Church School Director*

## Twist & Shout



### WHO:

Everyone who loves to play TWISTER  
All Ages!!! Children, Parents, and Grandparents

### WHAT:

FAMILY TWISTER TOURNAMENT  
PIZZA, SNACKS, PRIZES  
& LOTS OF FUN!!

Beer and Wine for Adults

### WHEN:

Saturday, March 4, 2017~5:00 PM

### WHERE:

St. Matthew's Parish House  
SUGGESTED DONATION:

\$10 family

## Mite Boxes

On Mar. 5, mite boxes will be distributed in class. Our children will help raise money to give to the American Friends of Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) for support of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, which operates churches, schools and hospitals in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. St. Matthew's began a relationship with the Diocese and AFEDJ with a Bedell grant to the Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children in Jerusalem for the renovation of their dining room. Our Pilgrims visited the Center on their visit to the Holy Land in 2015; the renovation was completed just before Christmas 2016. Further information about the AFEDJ can be found at [afedj.org](http://afedj.org)

Children contribute to their mite boxes by earning money and/or donating their allowance. Parishioners can also help the children's Mite Box Fund by depositing cash or checks into the large mite box in the Parish House. Mite boxes have a long history of giving in the Church, and the term "mite" historically referred to how significant a gift from anyone can be including the very poor who only had a "mite," the least valuable coin that could be given.

## Woman 2 Woman

"I was in prison and you came to me." *Matthew 25:36*

Many inmates turn to God in prison. It's very hard to get through a prison experience without God. The Bedford Hills Correctional Facility is a maximum security prison for women. Most of the inmates have committed violent crimes. Most of them are deeply ashamed. Many are cut off from their families, who have lost faith in them. A very high percentage have children. Many women get no visits from their families, their children, or friends. They start to feel like forgotten human beings. Prison conditions are far from warm and cozy. Far too often, there is an environment of threat and intimidation. Many women long for a simple relationship with another human being. They want someone to talk to, someone to share life's ups and downs with. They long for a friend.

I have been a friend to multiple women at the Bedford Hills Correctional. I have found the experience to be enormously rewarding. This is God's work. It is deeply satisfying. There is currently a long list of inmates who would like to have a Christian friend. That means us. St Matthew's has been working in collaboration with Bedford Presbyterian Church. There is a training session on Sun., Mar. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Bedford Presbyterian Church. It is important that you attend this session in order to get an inmate assignment. Please contact me or call 914-533-6161 to sign up, or for more details.

*April Foley*

# March Church Calendar



## Ash Wednesday, March 1

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with imposition of Ashes**  
*Altar Guild: Mrs. Meyer*

## First Sunday in Lent, March 5

**8:00 a. m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
*Altar Guild: Ms. Morella and Ms. Getz*  
*Ushers: Messrs. Boe and Bowers*  
*Lay Reader: Mrs. Reeder*  
*Lector: Thomas Bolen*  
*Acolytes: Ben and Brayton Howard*

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I and All School Communion**  
*Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Blacker*  
*Ushers: Messrs. Burdick, Eshoo, Inglis and Struble*  
*Lay Reader: Mr. Jackson*  
*Lector: Mr. Gale*  
*Acolytes: Jack and Alex Foote*  
*\*\*Lay Minister: Mr. Kim*

**5:00 p.m. Lenten Evensong and Eucharist, Children's Chapel**  
*Lay Assistant: Renn Carlson*

## Second Sunday in Lent, March 12

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
*Altar Guild: Mesdames Reed and Whitman*  
*Ushers: Messrs. Reed and Fagan*  
*Lay Reader: Mr. Heath*  
*Lector: Mr. Vincent*  
*Acolytes: Trip Brown and Chase Mockridge*

**10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Church School**  
*Ushers: Messrs. Kim, Lange, Lovering and Maybank*  
*Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson*  
*Acolytes: Clara Pakman and Sofia Soderberg*  
*\*\*Lay Minister: Mr. Kim*

**5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**  
*Lay Assistant: Amelia Frelinghuysen*

## Third Sunday in Lent, March 19

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
*Altar Guild: Mesdames Fagan and Tilt*  
*Ushers: Messrs. MacDonald and Foster*  
*Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge*  
*Lector: Mrs. Tilt*  
*Acolytes: Lucy McGinnis and Brady Johnston*

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II and Church School Activity Sunday**  
*Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Borner*  
*Ushers: Messrs. Robinson, Oden, Lange and Talty*  
*Lay Reader: Mrs. Tisi*  
*Lector: Mrs. Ehrlich*  
*Acolytes: Ethan and Reed Gatfield*  
*\*\*Lay Minister: Mrs. Reeder*

**5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**  
*Lay Assistant: Charlie Gaynor*

## Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 26

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
*Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott*  
*Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Reeder*  
*Lay Reader: Ms. Getz*  
*Lector: Mrs. Tilt*  
*Acolytes: Sam Pakman and Harry Whitman*

**10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Church School**  
*Ushers: Messrs. Cameron, Keller, Mockridge and Moore*  
*Lay Reader: Mr. Kim*  
*Acolytes: Dixon Matthews and Pearse O'Brien*  
*\*\*Lay Minister: Ms. Wood*

**5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**  
*Lay Assistant: Brayton Howard*

## 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 Blacker*  
*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*

## Comings & Goings

### New or Returning Parishioners:

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Breuer  
344 Cherry Street  
Bedford Hills, NY 10507

## Helping a Sister Church Through a Bedell Grant

St. John's Pleasantville recently gave members of the Bedell Committee a review of their newly completed restoration, partially funded by a Bedell Grant. The work provided much needed weather proofing to the main structure, repair of the exterior masonry, and the regrading of the areas surrounding the church to allow rainwater a better escape route.

Rev. Mary Gregorius enthusiastically noted that the entire Pleasantville Village community has recognized that St. John's is now "safer, brighter, vital and alive. We are most thankful to the parishioners of St. Matthew's for your help in making this possible." Already, two new families have joined the church and, perhaps even more noteworthy, 15 former parishioner families have re-activated their memberships.

Lastly, following the research conducted on the history of the building before the restoration project commenced and with support from US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, St. John's has now been added to the "National Register of Historic Places." The 1912 late neo-Gothic church and 1795 rectory are prominent local landmarks. St. John's has made an extraordinarily valuable investment in the structural soundness of the church, ensuring its long-term place in the Pleasantville community, and St. Matthew's through the Bedell Fund should take pride in having played an important part in this endeavor.

