



THE KEY

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

BEDFORD N.Y.

October

To know Christ and to make Him known

2018

Here we are, rolling into Autumn, and all is well. I could not be happier or more grateful to all of you for making St. Matthew's the special place that it is.

Our recent Harvest Festival was truly one for the books. Seeing so many parishioners come together for food, fellowship, and fun was really heart-warming. Witnessing zillions of kids running around the property, and being pulled on the tractor by St. Dan (a Senior Warden in overalls), is a sight that we can all thank God for. Daphne, my daughter, told me afterward: "Daddy, I wish the Harvest Festival could start over again right now." So mark your calendars for next year's reprise.

Another recent event needs to be singled out, that of Cindy Swank's funeral. The way our church rallied around the family, and experiencing that precious service, made a very deep impression upon all who attended. We are here to serve not only our parishioners, but also the community outside our doors, and Cindy's service gave us a blessed opportunity to convey it.

A fresh year of children's ministry is now fully underway, and thanks to Tara Deeks' capable leadership and the help of so many volunteers, our youngsters are flourishing. The same goes for St. Matthew's Pre-School, where the new director, Susan deBrigard, is doing a fabulous job helping our new students to settle in. At this point, only the parents are crying at drop-off.

Please note that our Blessing of the Animals is coming up on Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. What could be better than church with your beloved pets? I hope that someone brings a zebra!

With all of these pieces in place, my focus is now turning to Adult Education and Youth Ministry. Stay tuned. And if you didn't catch the recent interview and write-up about St. Matthew's in the Record Review, try to track down a copy. It sets the stage nicely for the coming year's hopes and tenor. All are welcome; we're off to a great start; and things are just ramping up. Jesus is smiling.

Grace and Peace,

After a quiet summer, our parish has had an exciting, glorious start to our new year! Not only the wonderful welcoming of our new Rector John Zahl but also with the restoration on the church being finished, a new leader for our Church School, a new head of St. Matthew's pre-school and much, much more. From the first services to the Harvest Fair, a new energy and enthusiasm can be felt throughout St. Matthew's. Now we can carry that momentum into our fall activities and all parishioners should join in. It is a great time to be a member of our church.



Haunted Hike & Spaghetti Dinner, Oct. 28

Let's show our new Rector how hauntingly scary we all can be Oct. 28. The evening kicks off with a special 5 p.m. All Hallows' Eve Service – it's a lot of fun, and many children wear their costumes to the service in the Children's Chapel.

Following the service, at 6 p.m. there will be a hearty spaghetti supper to prepare you for the Haunted Hike through the Churchyard. Whom will you meet for tricks and treats?? At 6:30, the younger children will have a guided walk to keep the most ghoulish fiends at bay, but at 7:00...walk it if you dare!

Welcoming Our New Rector!

September was a month with many welcoming activities for our new Rector John Zahl and his family, from wonderful coffee hours to a spectacular Harvest Fair. Kudos go to all who organized these events.



More Harvest Fair photos at

<http://www.stmatthewsbedford.org/photo-gallery>

Restoration Update: September

With the majority of the restoration work completed, we were able to reopen our Church building on Sun., Sept. 9 to welcome our new rector to St. Matthew's. While we are not finished with some of the lighting, plumbing, electrical upgrades and cleaning of the organ, we have our sanctuary back with a firm foundation for the future. Fresh paint, refinished floors, restored windows, new carpet, new HVAC (including air conditioning,) new slate roof, brick apron at the entrance, and especially the excavation, shoring and support system for our foundation, has made our Church ready for generations to come. The restoration will continue through September as we work through the punch list to complete the work that remains.



Our great restoration team, from left: George Fernandez, Kathleen Brenner, Dan de Menocal, Camillo Santomero, (John Walker missing)

You may have noticed a new stone bench near the Miracle Tree by the Vestry door. The seating stone was discovered and unearthed when we re-laid the Vestry brick path. It was buried under several inches of earth and we determined that it must have been an entry step to our original Church. Another find, in an old safe in the basement, was a silver paten stand that was part of the Jay family silver dated 1810. It will now be present at our Holy Eucharist services.

Thank you for your patience and financial support for this expansive restoration project. It has been a project that has had some interesting surprises, and some frustrations, but we were able to meet our target reopening and, so far, we are under budget. Once we have finished our punch list and settled all accounts, we will give you a final report.

Thanks to the Altar Guild and Flower Committee for bringing color back to the Sanctuary, our Superintendent Sam Godoi and Sexton George Fernandez who made sure the Church was ready to reopen, and to Connie Combes who once again coordinated the move of all of our cushions and kneelers. Everything in its proper place!

Restoration Committee

Kathleen Brenner, Dan de Menocal, George Fernandez, Camillo Santomero, John Walker

Save the Date – Episcopal Charities To Honor John Talty

This year Episcopal Charities will honor John Talty at its annual Tribute Dinner, Mon., Dec. 3 at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

John stepped down in June after 11 years on the Board, the last 5 as President. He oversaw significant expansion of the reach of Episcopal Charities and transformed the organization into what it is today, benefiting the lives of many people and organizations. Under his compassionate stewardship, fundraising and grant making grew to record levels.

There is no place more magical than the Cathedral at night and we look forward to a big St. Matthew's turnout this year to honor John. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Keller or Episcopal Charities.

*As a note, Peter Keller has succeeded John as President, so the commitment of St. Matthew's to the support of Episcopal Charities continues.

SAVE THE DATE



BEDFORD BOUTIQUE

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

9:00 am to 7:00 pm



Open to the Public!

Bedford Golf and Tennis Club

535 Cantitoe Street, Bedford

Sponsored by and in support of St. Matthew's Church, Bedford

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And if you haven't set up your Realm account yet, but are now ready, find your emailed "invitation" and sign up. Our resident guru is Kelly Napolitano, our Parish Administrator, but we love questions too.



June Blanc, Mary Farley and Camillo Santomero

Bedford Chamber Concert

The Bedford Chamber Concert Series starts its 19th season on Oct. 10 at 8 p.m. with Tony Newman on piano. The first concert will feature Beethoven's beloved Fifth Symphony, arranged for chamber orchestra by Hummel, a life-long friend of Beethoven's. It will also include Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante, featuring Renée Jolles on violin and Danielle Farina on viola. The evening will conclude with Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, one of the most popular compositions of the classical period.



Danielle Farina

The concert will be presented in St. Matthew's Fellowship Room. Single tickets (\$45) and season subscriptions for all six concerts may be reserved at (914) 522-5150, purchased online at www.bedfordchamberconcerts.org, or purchased at the door. Sumptuous refreshments are provided during the intermission. School-aged children are welcomed at St. Matthew's Fellowship Room to quietly attend, with a caretaker, the preconcert rehearsal from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 10, without charge.

Upcoming concerts will be on Nov. 7 (Mozart, Haydn, Tchaikovski and Beethoven) and Dec. 12 (Vivaldi, including his Four Seasons).

Children's Ministry

On Sept. 16, we celebrated Welcome Back Sunday with our new Rector and at Coffee Hour enjoyed extravagant treats to start the school year.

Continuing with the curriculum, Weaving God's Promises, we are back at year one and as usual the fall focuses on the Old Testament and in Advent we transition to the New Testament.

The Church School Calendar is now on the website along with the updated Parent's Information document. We are no longer using paper registration forms for Church School as all the details previously requested can now be captured by Realm. Please be sure to sign up to Realm and enter your children's details so that we know which grade they are in and can celebrate their birthdays. Also, the all important allergy and medication information can be entered online. Realm is an essential tool for communicating with Church School families so please take time to sign up.

Sunday School Lessons for October

7th	No Church school – Columbus weekend, nursery open
14th	Abraham and his adventures with God
21st	Slaves in Egypt, the Passover and Exodus
28th	All Saints' Day preparation lesson

The theme of these lessons is very much about obedience to God and trust. Wherever we are in life, if we look for God, He will show us the way. How great is that!!

The 9th Annual St. Matthew's College Jamboree

The Yale "Whiffenpoofs" are a tough act to follow. That's the challenge that faces every a cappella group fortunate enough to share the stage with the venerable songsters from New Haven. This year, we believe we found their equal, but with a very different kind of performance—the intense young women from "Pitch, Please!" at Northeastern University in Boston. Come to the Fellowship Room to hear these two very different and very talented groups serenade Bedford at 5 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 27. Tickets are \$38 and may be purchased online through Realm, by check to the office, or at the door. (We recommend advance purchase to avoid disappointment.) Refreshments will be served. For questions, please contact CollegeJamboree@gmail.com



Woman 2 Woman Training Session

Launched by Bedford Presbyterian Church in 2013, Woman 2 Woman is a prison ministry program that connects women in our congregation and community with women incarcerated at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. These women have little to no outside contact and the visiting program is designed to provide much-needed emotional support, encouragement and friendship. Several women in the parish are part of this program and have found it to be a very fulfilling and joyous activity.

If you are interested in becoming a visitor, or want to find out more about the program, there will be a training session on Sun., Oct. 21 from 1 – 3 p.m. at Bedford Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Jenny Convery or April Foley.

Newcomers' Party, Nov. 4 at 6:00 p.m.

An early alert: The Newcomers' Party will take place on Nov. 4, at 6:00 p.m. If you are new to St. Matthew's, please put the date on your calendar; invitations will follow.

St. Matthew's Preschool joins with Westmoreland Sanctuary to offer a Nature Curriculum to its students. Collin Martin, the Director of Education, and Steve Ricker, the Director of Conservation, will be visiting St. Matthew's monthly to do programming with the two, three and four-year-old children attending the preschool. The curriculum will include live animal studies, and nature programs using the beautiful St. Matthew's Campus. Susan deBrigard, Head of School, is very excited to offer this new program as it directly benefits the children as they learn about the world around them. Physically touching and interacting with nature promotes empathy, inquisitiveness, and an ease when trying new things. The first class will begin on October 19 with a "Stream Study." For further information on St. Matthew's Preschool visit our website at; www.stmatthewsschool.org



Confirmation Begins This Month!

Confirmation classes for St. Matthew's Eighth Graders begins this month, and the registration deadline is Fri., Oct. 5! If your son or daughter are not yet registered, please get in touch with Rik ASAP.

Classes will take place on occasional Sundays at 4 p.m., and the confirmands and their families are encouraged to join us at the 5 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist immediately afterwards in the Children's Chapel. As we approach Confirmation in late Spring, they will be a variety of activities for the confirmands, their parents and sponsors – including a quiet day centered on prayer led by a monk from Holy Cross Monastery.

We look forward to a great year ahead and welcoming your children to class this month – and with their full participation in the All Hallows' Eve parish celebrations on Sun., Oct. 28!

October Church Calendar



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 7

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Ms. Morella and Mrs. Reeder
Ushers: Messrs. Joyce and Vincent
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster
Lector: Mr. Vincent
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner
Ushers: Messrs. Garten, Gaynor, Hancock and Inglis
Lay Reader: Mrs. Akinla
Lector: Mrs. Finn
***Children's Homily by the Rector*
- 2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals**
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Walker

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, October 14

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Mesdames MacDonald and Reed
Ushers: Messrs. Reed and MacDonald
Lay Reader: Mrs. Reeder
Lector: Elizabeth Deeks
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Church School**
Ushers: Messrs. LaMotte, Lange, Lovering and Maybank
Lay Reader: Mr. Brown
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Sturz

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, October 21

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

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, October 28

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Fagan
Lay Reader: Mrs. Fagan
Lector: Mr. Freeman
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Church School**
Ushers: Messrs. Akinla, Belknap, Brown and Borner
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson
- 5:00 p.m. All Hallow's Eve Eucharist, Children's Chapel**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Talty

All Saints' Sunday, November 4

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Altar Guild: Ms. Morella and Mrs. Reeder
Ushers: Messrs. Bolen and Foster
Lay Reader: Mrs. Reeder
Lector: Erik Soderberg
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II and All School Communion**
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner
Ushers: Messrs. Kent, Ketchum, Kim and Mockridge
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson
Lector: Mrs. Finn
- 5:00 p.m. Come As You Are Eucharist, Children's Chapel**
Altar Guild: Mrs. Borner

Comings & Goings

New or Returning Parishioners

Mr. & Mrs. Conor Tochilin Mr. & Mrs. Charles Reeder
205 E. 63 St. Apt 18D 144 Honey Hollow Rd.
New York, NY 10065 Pound Ridge, NY 10576

Change of Address

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Ault
105 Tierra Rica Drive
Sante Fe, NM 87505

October St. Mary's Events

Oct. 14, 10:45 a.m., Annual Joint Service with Antioch Baptist Church, St. Mary's & St. Matthew's

Don't miss this wonderful celebration of community spirit as three churches gather together for a service filled with music and joy – at the Antioch Church in Bedford Hills. Our new Rector, John Zahl, will be preaching, and the great Antioch choir is not to be missed.

Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m. - Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe

Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe serves as Senior Rabbi for Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester in Chappaqua. He also serves as co-chair of the Chappaqua Interfaith Committee and sits on Hebrew Union College's President's Rabbinic Council. Jaffe earlier served as Rabbi and Education Director of Congregation Emanu-El of San Francisco from 2007-2014, where he was on the boards of the Jewish Community Federation's Peoplehood Commission, the San Francisco Interfaith Coalition, and the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis.

Orientation for Newcomers

If you are new to St. Matthew's or would just like to learn more about our Parish, please join members of the Vestry, Welcome Commission and Clergy for an Orientation, on Oct. 21, after the 10 a.m. service. We meet from about 11:25 until noon in the Conference Room. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and meet the church leadership. Hope to see you then.

Blessing of the Animals, Oct. 7

We will celebrate St. Francis Day on Sun., Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. with a special Blessing of the Animals. Bring your dear companions, be they furry, feathered or scaled, to this special service on the back lawn. A blessing will be administered by John, which will be followed by treats for pets and people.

This year, the Blessing of the Animals' donations given in memory of our beloved pets will benefit Blue Path Service Dogs, an organization that works with families of autistic children.

<http://www.bluepathservedogs.org>