

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

What a long and cold winter this has been. However, I think I can safely acknowledge it is finally over. The Lord has indeed blessed us this year with the joy of another Spring. Maybe that sounds obvious, but I believe one of the biggest problems the average Christian has today, is that he or she takes too much for granted. God has always given us Spring and He always will. Or will He? God certainly doesn't have to. All of us must take time to think about what the world would be like without the many beautiful things we do take for granted. The list is almost endless and very unique. What would the world be like without laughter – without food, and yet many people in the world go daily without either.

We spend far too much time worrying about what we do not have instead of what we do have. With just a couple of weeks left in our Lenten season, why not take a few minutes out of your time and jot down the things that you are most thankful for. How about just the joy of being alive – of being able to read these words. This is the time to proclaim that God loves us so much that he gave us his Son, who reigns in eternal glory. This is the time to look at the beauty of creation, to look at the wonderful colors of spring. This is the time to take the time to be a participant in creation and not simply an observer.

I remember reading an article several years ago by an Anglican priest who said that Lent should be shortened, so that it would make a greater impact. Isn't it a shame that we sometimes have trouble with just six weeks per year? The Easter season is 50 days long – a season of feasting and rejoicing, and yet I have never heard anyone suggest that it be shortened. Apart from the fact that it would be wrong to shorten Easter, it seems that people have no trouble celebrating. I think we see this happen in worship. Our churches are packed for the feasts and rather empty for the fasts. People really want to avoid the unpleasant, and identifying with our Lord's suffering is not pleasant. When we consider that we contribute to His passion, I suppose that we don't really want to look at Him.

We really must put all of these things into perspective. There is a time to fast and there is a time to feast. Life

would be very boring if it were always the same. This month is a transitional month for us as we go from Lent to Easter. Our church seasons, which follow the life of our Lord, gives us variety, as do our liturgies. Take a look at the brief explanation of our Holy Week services in this issue of the Carillon and you will get some taste of our experience of the Divine in diverse ways. If our lives do not follow the seasons, then the church must seem out of step. We have a responsibility, I believe, to pass on the tradition. We profess the faith of Christ crucified and live the life of Christ Risen, awaiting for his coming again.

In joyful anticipation of a glorious Easter,
Cn. Richard+



Easter Holy Communion

If you or someone you know is sick, shut-in or not able to attend church and take part in the Lord's Supper during the Easter Season, please let the Parish Office know so that the clergy can take Holy Communion to that member during the great fifty days of Easter. Also, if you know someone who is not currently receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis from our Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Pastoral Care Visitors, or the clergy, please speak to Cn. Richard.

Our Caroline Church Vision Statement:

*To help people encounter the living God together
and live transformed lives for Christ.*



Our Mission Statement

** We, the parishioners of Caroline Church of Brookhaven, are committed to Jesus Christ, to His teaching, His life, death and resurrection, in our call to serve and worship Him, in the tradition of the Anglican Communion.*

** We strive to share our faith and blessings for the furtherance of His kingdom in an environment of love, understanding, and support, through prayer, worship, Christian education, and fellowship.*

Fr. Farrell Graves

Religious Athletes (and I Do Not Mean Tebow)

Recently, a well-intentioned and generally thoughtful Episcopalian posted on his Facebook account that “Spirituality is a personal relationship with God; religion is crowd control.” In this brief statement lie two fallacies about the church. The first is that one goes to church primarily to learn to be obedient to “God’s staff,” as another person on Facebook put it. In other words, they think that church is primarily about the relationship with the clergy in contrast with a relationship with God. In reality, church is primarily about a community of people. One goes there to be a member of that community, to live and grow in community with other seekers of God. Clergy are not even members of the church we serve. We come and go, but the community remains. Church is not crowd control, but a group journey on which people assist one another along the way, and the clergy are trail guides who are trained to assist by reading the signs of the path.

The second fallacy in the statement is the distinction between spirituality and religion. People who subscribe to it often clarify that they are against organized religion. What this means is that they are against joining with others along the journey, which requires organization. In Japan in 1901, Uchimura Kanzo founded a Churchless Christianity (無教会キリスト教) movement that asserted that it would call no person bishop or pastor save Christ. Ironically, without liturgy or a stable gathering place, without *organization*, the survival of the movement depended primarily on the charisma of the individual leaders who gave lectures in rented halls. It became, in other words, a leader-focused group rather than a community-focused group and there was a limited sense of common purpose.

“I have a personal relationship with God. That’s all I need,” readily justifies passivity, a spirituality that is about concepts rather than about actively loving our neighbors. Churchless Christianity, for example, did advocate for pacifism, but tended not to produce concrete, organized acts of charity that inquired about and responded to the needs of our brothers and sisters.¹ We must ask ourselves, how good can our relationship with God be when the only thing that is important to us is *my* relationship with God, when we only love God and not our neighbor, except in some abstract way? Thinking about loving others no more makes us a Christian than watching the Nets play a game makes us an athlete. This may seem like a glib comparison, but early Christians were actually called athletes (ἀθλητής) because of their spiritual training. There was nothing abstract about being a Christian in those days. Just as then, Christ calls us to love our neighbors *concretely, actively*. If Christianity means nothing more than being polite, donating to charity, and keeping one’s lawn mowed,

“do not the gentiles do the same?” As the church, we must be involved in the needs of our community. As we say in Eucharistic prayer C, “Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.” May God give us the strength to aid in the renewal of the world.

¹ That is, concrete acts of Christian love for humanity (from Latin, *caritas*). The word “charity” has been degraded to mean merely giving to the poor, but it rightly includes listening to someone who needs an ear, sharing a meal with someone who needs a friend, organizing a meeting to address a community issue, building a hospital or school, praying with someone, praying for someone, forgiving someone. In short, charity is everything we do to build up the body of Christ and requires listening to and responding to the needs of others and not merely imposing our ideas upon them.



Daughters of the King

Prayer, Service & Evangelism

We have started a new chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King at Caroline Church. All women of the church are invited to attend.

We are currently in the process of a monthly study to discern whether we each feel called by God to become a daughter. If you would like to participate in the study, it is not too late. Please contact Chris Muffly and she will be happy to give you the materials.

In order to complete the study we are meeting monthly on Saturday mornings from 9:00am-10:00am in the parish house. Our next meeting is April 5th at 9:00am.

The Order of the Daughters of the King® (DOK) is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. We have made a commitment to Jesus as our Savior, and we follow Him as Lord of our lives. We are an Order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the Historic Episcopate.

Our Anglican Heritage

George Augustus Selwyn

Selwyn was born in London in 1809 and educated at Eton and Cambridge. As an undergraduate at St John's College, he took part in the very first Boat Race held in 1829, in which he was leader of the Cambridge crew. He was elected a fellow of St John's and became a Doctor of Divinity. In 1833 he was ordained and became curate in Windsor, but continued to be a fellow of St John's. In 1840 New Zealand came under British jurisdiction and the following year, aged just 32, Selwyn was appointed as its first Bishop. On the long voyage to his new diocese he learnt to speak Maori and how to navigate by boat. When he arrived, he toured the islands meeting the Maoris and was able to talk to them in their own language. He laid the foundations of the Church, not only in New Zealand, but throughout the islands of Melanesia. (This was the result of a clerical error. The northern boundary of his diocese was supposed to be the parallel of latitude 34 degrees south of the equator. The official document read "north" instead of "south," and Selwyn cheerfully accepted responsibility for the vast Pacific regions of the Melanesian and Polynesian islands as well as New Zealand. In 1957 the Islands became a separate Province of the Anglican Communion.) He readily championed the Maori cause against white settlers and acted as peacemaker during the Maori War of 1855. In the ten-year war between the Maoris and the European colonists, Selwyn managed to keep the confidence of both sides, and ultimately at the first general synod of the Church in New Zealand in 1859 to secure the adoption of a Constitution that established the principle of full participation by Maori Christians at all levels of Church government. His diocese also included many of the Pacific islands of Melanesia and he sailed to these and gathered congregations on them. He was a modest unassuming man and on one occasion he actually slept in a pigsty in an attempt to achieve peace. The Maori were determined to humble him, and when he arrived as an ambassador, they assigned him to the sty. Rather than lose the opportunity for peace, he calmly gathered herbage from nearby, made a bed in the sty and laid down.

He organized his diocese, creating a Synod that was a model copied elsewhere - eventually even in England. He helped to create the Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops from around the world. He is also regarded as one of the founders of New Zealand.

Towards the end of his successful life, he reluctantly accepted the Bishopric of Lichfield at Queen Victoria's request and returned to England. He died in 1878 and is buried in Lichfield Cathedral. Four years later Selwyn

College, Cambridge, was founded in his memory, funded by public subscription, ensuring that his name would not be forgotten. His son, John, was the first Master of the College, and later followed his father as Bishop of Melanesia. His feast day is celebrated each year in the Episcopal Church on April 11.



Lent 2014: Praying in the Arms of Christ

The Joint Adult Education Committee of the Caroline Church and All Souls has planned a series of intergenerational Lenten meetings to strengthen communal bonds and prayer. *Praying in the Arms of Christ* continues the theme of intergenerational prayer, on April 2nd we will have a soup supper followed by praying through the labyrinth, which provides a miniature pilgrimage. Finally, on the week before Passover/Holy Week, we will have a soup supper and watch a DVD on the history and meaning of the seder and its relation to the Lord's Supper. Each event begins at 6:30 PM and ends at 8:00 PM. Bring your whole family and friends to pray together.

Lent Madness

Who will Win the Golden Halo?

Join in this fun Lenten activity for the whole parish family as the clergy of Caroline challenge you all to take part in Lent Madness, a playoff of saints competing for the Golden Halo award? Lent Madness got underway on Ash Thursday, and it has been sweeping the nations! More than 10,000 people from around the globe have voted each day, and you, too, can join the madness by voting daily (Monday - Friday) for your favorite saint of the day.

Simply log on each day to: <http://www.lentmadness.org/> to be enlightened about the two saints competing that day, and then cast your net ...er ...vote for your favorite. It's that simple, and it's great fun to see who wins when the polls close! Who will be in the Saintly Sixteen, Elate Eight, and Final Four? Who will win the Golden Halo?

CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK 2014

The rites of Holy Week (April 13th-20th) are ancient and by nature different from the liturgical celebrations of the rest of the Church Year. This difference is meant to focus our attention on the mysteries being celebrated in this sacred time. If the time between Palm Sunday and Easter Day seems endless, it is with a purpose. Time is suspended as we reflect on and celebrate the great mysteries of our salvation.

Passion/Palm Sunday

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Holy Eucharist and Blessing of The Palms

Palm or Passion Sunday, celebrated this year on April 13th, begins with the outdoor blessing of the palms and a symbolic procession into the Church, led by our children at half past nine o'clock. This service also includes a dramatic Gospel reading of our Lord's passion. Our liturgy recalls Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but also demonstrates that our Lord's mission was to go to the cross.

Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Choral Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar, & Nightwatch

Maundy Thursday, observed this year on April 17th, will begin with a representation of Our Lord's Institution of the Holy Eucharist. The service also recalls the law of love, in Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet. At the conclusion of the service after the sacred vessels are reserved at an altar of repose, the altar and chancel area are stripped of all furnishings to symbolize the complete emptying of Jesus, even to death on a cross. Most of us then depart in silence; some will remain to begin the Gethsemane Watch at the Altar of Repose. These hours of prayer and watch will last until ten o'clock Friday morning.

Good Friday

10:00am Stations of the Cross

12 noon Three Village Ecumenical Service

5:00pm Children's Good Friday Service

7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy

On this day we remember Jesus' death on the Cross. For the Stations of the Cross, we will gather to pause for prayer, versicle and response, and the reading of Scripture as we ponder a series of depictions of events in the narrative of Christ's passion. The Good Friday liturgy in the evening includes John's passion account, the Solemn Collects, a sermon, Veneration of the Cross, and music. Good Friday is a day of fasting, abstinence, and penance.

Holy Saturday

8:00am Liturgy of the Word

8:30 – 9:30am Sacrament of Penance

There is no Eucharist this morning. A brief Liturgy of the Word will be offered focusing on the time Christ lay in His tomb before the Easter resurrection. The opportunity for you to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is extended.

Easter Eve

7:00pm The Great Vigil of Easter

With the ancient Jewish custom of worshipping from sunset to sunset in mind, on this exciting day we celebrate the Feast of Christ's resurrection from the dead. This lengthy but beautiful liturgical experience is the central and most important rite of the entire Christian year. Since the third century, this rich service begins in darkness with the lighting of the new fire, from which the Paschal candle is lighted. The Easter Vigil continues with lessons, which trace the history of God's people in the Old Testament, the renewal of our Baptismal vows, and the first Eucharist of Easter. Exquisite flowers, 'Alleluias', bell ringing and glorious hymns mark Easter. Come and give God joyful praise as we enjoy fellowship and the hope of eternal life.

Easter Day

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day April 20th

6:30am Sunrise Service (Setauket Beach)

8:00am Choral Festal Holy Eucharist

9:30am Family Holy Eucharist

11:15am Choral Festal Holy Eucharist

The Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday will take place with joyful music, glorious flowers and striking vestments. The Fifty Days of Easter feasting begins as we remember what Our Lord has accomplished for us!

The Watch

The Watch will take place starting at 9:00pm on Maundy Thursday, April 17th through 10:00am Good Friday Morning. **Please see the sign up sheet in the back of the church.** This is a good time to spend alone with God in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Matthew 26:36-45 (NIV)

Gethsemane

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."



HOLY WEEK

Looking for Readers

We are looking for some people who would like to be a part of the "Passion's", which take place during Holy Week. You do *not* have to be a 'regular' reader to participate in this ministry.

Please call Janet in the parish office if you would like to read a part. You only have to read for 1 service.

Palm Sunday:

8:00am:

Narrator, Judas, Chief Priest, Pilate

9:30am:

Judas, Disciple, Witness, Servant Girl, Bystander, Jeremiah, Pilate, Centurion

11:15am:

Judas, Pilate

Good Friday 7:00pm:

Witness, Peter, Pilate, Soldier

Holy Saturday 7:00pm:

Cleansing - Ezekiel 36:24-28

HOLY WEEK **DATES:**

April 13th - Palm Sunday

April 16th - Tenebrae Service

April 17th - Maundy Thursday

April 18th - Good Friday

CYC Youth Group

The CYC will meet in the Cave after the Maundy Thursday service on April 17th to stuff eggs and watch a movie. We will also have an opportunity to take half-hour shifts in the Nightwatch, lasting until 11:00pm.



Tenebrae Service

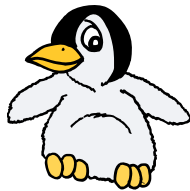
Wednesday, April 16th
7:00 p.m.

In the tradition of the Church, we are offering a service of Tenebrae on Wednesday evening of Holy Week, April 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

The word "tenebrae" is Latin for "darkness" or "shadows," and this liturgy has been offered in monasteries and churches since ancient times.

We will read from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet, and from the Psalms, and we will pray as the candle light diminishes, and as hope is restored.

Come, bring a friend, and experience darkness and light in a new way as part of your Holy Week journey.



CYC Youth Group

Always keep those bottles and cans coming! Please sort out the ones from specialty stores like Wild by Nature and Costco if you don't mind (we'll do it if you do mind!)

Wednesday, April 2nd the CYC will partner with the Choir to host the Lenten Soup Supper. Our part will be to bring bread, butter and cookies. The lesson will be on walking the labyrinth, so it should be interesting. Dinner is at 6:30 with program to follow. Please let me know if you're able to come and what you'd like to bring.

Lindsay Porter

Attention - ECW Evening Branch Ladies



The next meeting of the Episcopal Church Womens evening branch group will be on Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:00pm in the PARISH HOSUE. This is an important meeting as we will be discussing our participation in the Spring Fling (May 10th) and the Caroline Church Fair (May 31st.) All hands are needed on deck. Anyone who hasn't been to one of our earlier meetings or who has recently returned from warmer climes, please come and join us for an evening of planning and of course, socialization. Light refreshments will be served. For further info. or questions, please call Terry Russell at 631-509-1722 or e-mail me at tandrussell@aol.com.

African Team Ministries

The African Team Ministries sale will take place at Caroline Church on two Sundays. April, 27th and May 4th. The sale will take place following the 8:00 and the 9:30 a.m. services on both dates.

African Team Ministries is a non-profit organization based in California serving as an intermediary between African and American churches of Episcopal and Anglican denominations. The Ministries oversees the sale of craft items and jewelry handmade by people living in East Africa. All proceeds from these sales benefit the dioceses in East Africa, providing:

- ♦ Care and education of African orphans in eight Anglican dioceses;
- ♦ Jobs for unemployed women as they make crafts, enabling them to care for their children and parents;
- ♦ Funding for projects of refugee relief, health education, especially AIDS education and prevention, clergy and lay education, and building repair.

Make sure to stop and see the many unique and special treasures on display. These items make wonderful spring gifts for Mother's Day, a graduation, wedding, or birthday and your participation and support of this outreach brings relief to so many in need.



Eastertide Decorations

We are now accepting contributions for Easter decorations in the Church. If you would like to make a gift of flowers for the altar on Easter Sunday, please fill out and return the form below to the Parish Office, 1 Dyke Rd., Setauket, NY 11733, by no later than Sunday, **April 13th**. Any gifts received after April 13th, will be placed in the following weeks bulletin. Please make checks out to the '**Caroline Church**', with "Easter flowers" noted on the memo portion of the check.

My Offering for Easter Flowers

In loving memory of _____
(Please print names clearly)

In Thanksgiving for _____
(Please print names clearly)

Name: _____ Envelope No. _____

Amount: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to '**Caroline Church**' and mail to the Parish Office, or place in the collection plate.



Caroline Campus Cares...

We are getting ready to send out our Spring Care Packages to our students studying away from home.

We will be packing our boxes on Wednesday, April 23rd in the MCS building at 7:00pm. Our Wish List of supplies needed will be posted in the MCS Coffee Room – watch for them each Sunday. We are so grateful for all the contributions we have received from our Parish Family over the past nine years, and hope you will continue to support this ministry to our young adults. The youth do so appreciate knowing that we are thinking of and praying for them.

Address updates, or new names can be sent to Eileen Hazell at ehazell@optonline.net. All donations should be brought to the MCS building as soon as you purchase them. Please consider being part of this ministry. If you have any questions please call Eileen at 751-2623 or Linda Sanders at 689-2588.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Workshop

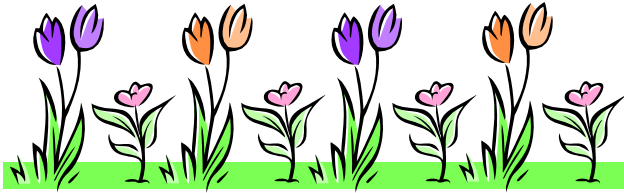
Saturday, May 3, 2014

10:00am to 1:00pm

St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church,
18 Magnolia Place, Selden, NY

Led by Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo. Since the last time we invited Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo to do a workshop for us in 2007, Prayer Shawl Ministry has grown significantly throughout churches all over the country. We are pleased to invite these authors back to show how they combine the practices of caring and prayer with the love of knitting and crocheting and how it can be a blessing to both the crafter and the recipient.

Bring your needles, yarn, and a personal journal and come share a day of prayer, sharing, shawl making, and guided meditation followed by a Q&A session and tips/ideas/guidelines. Registration for this webinar/workshop requires pre-payment by Master Card, Visa or e-check. If you would like to pay by check or to make other arrangements please call 631-821-2255



12th Annual Summer Fair May 31st

Yes it is moving along with still much to do. Date is set: Saturday May 31st, with a rain date of Sunday June 1st. All committees could use extra help so if you have not signed up it is not too late.

We meet every Tuesday through April in the MCS building from 6:30 – 7:30pm

Note: We especially need someone(s) who can coordinate our publicity and advertisement. If you have experience across all media avenues, we could use the help.

Peace
Mark



April Birthdays

04/01	Hank Hull	04/19	Virginia Apmann Jack Lukianchuk
04/03	Daniel DeCastro Emma Hengerle	04/20	Nancie Johnson Thomas Cribbins
04/04	Marcia Seaman Daniel Acker Joshua Spata	04/21	Don Harrison Nancy Vitale Brendon Campbell Erica Davis
04/05	Alyssa Klinzing	04/22	Jason Butruch Kaeln Garrett
04/06	Susan Olsen Bonnie Rampone Jennifer DeRose John Lang	04/23	Jo Edmonson Darlene Homire Lisa Flynn
04/07	Allison LaRocco	04/25	Denise Laraque
04/08	Bill Granger Kyle Rickey Charlotte O'Dell	04/26	Aidan Brazier Shannon Brazier
04/09	Barbara Delfyett Victoria LaRocco Savannah Savage	04/27	Alan Bence John Zipfel
04/10	Marshall Irving Mary Ann Garofala Patti Schmitt	04/28	Gianni Ashley Charles Porter
04/11	Frank Thornhill	04/29	Lorraine Taylor Audrey Brazier Matthew Savage
04/12	Lory Lockerbie Tina Anderson Casey Bratone	04/30	Gordon Melvin Tyler Flynn
04/13	Laurie Groth Chelsea Church		
04/14	Evan Freeman		
04/16	John Monastero Corey Manning Blake Aversano		
04/18	Jerry Bowling, Sr. Ivymarie Bone Katrina DiSclafani		



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Grief Support Group

Our next meeting is April 10th. Anyone who has lost a loved one is cordially invited, even if your loss was years ago. Your attendance may be the spark to help someone else. We follow a basic structure and all sharing or discussions are held confidential.

For additional information, please contact Cn. Richard at the parish office, or Don Muffly at 689-8804.

Vestry Highlights March

- ◆ New Youth Vestry Representative - Alex Shane
- ◆ Safe Church Training being encouraged. Please check with Mary Doherty, Chris Haring or Cn. Richard if you have questions
- ◆ Exploring options on the Carriage Shed
- ◆ Spring Fling May 10th
- ◆ Joint Foyer dinner successful
- ◆ Review of Holy Week Services, all are encouraged to attend.
- ◆ Approved three community events for May on the Village Green

Barbara M. Russell
Clerk of the Vestry

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

On Saturday March 15th, the Men & boys of the church were treated to a wonderful breakfast hosted by the women of our parish. Complete with entertainment of beautiful singing, our communion breakfast was complete. Our guest speaker from Habitat for Humanity gave us some good insight and a new understanding of the whole process that recipients must go through to be approved for a habitat home. We send a big thank you again for the women taking time out to provide for us – it was wonderful.

Looking forward, the men host the March 26th Lenten series with soup, bread and desserts

- ♦ April 12th will be our annual brotherhood retreat at Little Portion Friary. Topic to be determined.
- ♦ May 10th is our tentative date for the women's communion breakfast
- ♦ May 31st the brotherhood sponsors the annual summer fair.

Blessings
Br. Mark



Theophilus Healing Mission

A Chapter of the Order of St.
Luke the Physician

Our next Healing Service is Friday, April 4th at 7:30pm at St. Cuthbert's Church, Magnolia Place, Selden (behind CVS). There will be no OSL meeting this month because our meeting would fall on Good Friday.

Next month our Healing Service will be at Bethel AME Church on Friday, May 2nd at 7:30pm. Also looking ahead to May will be our Region 2 Healing Conference at Shrine Mont Conference Center in Orkney Springs, Virginia May 19-22, 2014. Our speakers will be The Rev. Jack and Anne Marie Sheffield from Deep River Ministries. Fr. Jack is also the North American Director for the Order of St. Luke. The Conference runs from Monday night to Thursday at noon. Bev and Barbara Tyler will also be speakers at this conference. They will be showing a program from the October International PSL Conference in New Zealand. You do not have to be OSL member to participate. If you would like to join us, please speak to Barbara Tyler, our registrar, for this conference. Come and join us as we gather in the mountains in a "place apart".

Ginny and Ann
Co-Covenanters

Caring for the Caregiver Support Group

Come once, occasionally or regularly – whatever works for you!

The caregiver support group meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturday of the month in the Caroline Church Parish House from 9:30 – 11:00am. Coffee, tea and light refreshments are served. The meetings for this month will be held on Saturday, April 12th and Saturday, April 26th.

The meeting is free, non-denominational, non-sectarian, and non-disease specific; it is open to all caregivers. I am again happy to share with you news of a new caregiver support group that meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Brookhaven Town Rose Caracappa Senior Center in Mt. Sinai.

That group meets from 10:30am to 11:30am and is also free and open to all caregivers. The next meeting is scheduled for April 1st. There is a flyer advertising the support group at Caroline Church. If you know of a good place to post the flyer, i.e. your doctor's or dentist's office, the local gym, stores that you frequent, etc. feel free to do so. If you would like some flyers mailed to you for the purpose of distributing within the community, please contact me. The group has been a tremendous support for many in our community unaware of its existence.

Finally, if you would like more information feel free to contact me at 631-428-0902.

Virginia Cash
Support Group Facilitator



Ultreya!

Ultreya is a Spanish word, meaning Onward! It was in common use by pilgrims to greet and encourage one another along the way. All Parishioners and their friends are welcome to join us for Ultreya. It is a shared time of fellowship, singing and spiritual encouragement.

We will meet on Friday, April 25th at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join us.

“Whatever gift each of you may have received, use it in service to one another...” 1 Peter 4:10

Parish Ministry Opportunities

Annual Summer Fair

As you know we have a fantastic Annual Summer Fair on the village green. This year as in the past there will be children’s games, food stands, pony rides, various vendors, music, and carnival contests. Saturday, May 31 is a date you want to reserve on your calendars for a fun time for the entire family. Do remember though that something this big requires not only many days of preparation but many willing hands and hearts to help make this a successful parish event. You are needed! The Coordinators of each event could use the help of all parishioners who can give a few hours of their time working in one or more areas. The Summer Fair Committee will continue to communicate with the parish through meetings, Sunday Bulletin announcements and newsletter articles the venues most in need of helping hands. Do give Chairperson Mark LaSorsa a call at 609-0993 or e-mail him at lasorsam@optimum.net and say you will do your part in helping with this year’s fair. Don’t be surprised if you have a fun time doing so.

Gift Card Seller

We are still looking for one person to sell food gift cards at coffee hour one Sunday (the second) a month. The proceeds from the sale of these cards directly helps the parish at no cost to the purchaser. Call the parish office and let Janet know you can help.



Camp DeWolfe

Camp Registration 2014 is now open by families returning the flyer form located in the parish office or online at www.campdewolfe.org.

There is an Early Bird Discount and there are Episcopal Charities Scholarships for up to 50% fees before June 1st. Applications are on the Camp DeWolfe website or can be emailed upon request. Caroline Church will partner with you, to make sure every youth has the opportunity to experience God in the outdoors at Camp DeWolfe this summer. All parishioners are invited to the Camp DeWolfe annual Open House on Sunday May 18th at 1:00 pm.



Sonshine Ministries

The Sonshine Ministry is here for **YOU!** Let us make your life easier as you or a loved one recuperates. Many fellow parishioners are on hand to bring a hot meal to your home. All that’s required is to **ASK!** If you, or someone you know is in need of this ministry, please contact Dianne Johnson, 473-7913; Claire Mis 689-1210 or cmis@hotmail.com; or Barbara Delfyett at 751-3658.



Buildings & Grounds

As I write this, the vernal equinox is a few hours away. A few bulbs have shoots sticking out of the ground. The snow piles in parking lots that were becoming a hazard to aircraft are nearly melted. So these are all good signs. However, the long term forecast still has cold weather for the first week of spring, and even a possibility of more white stuff. I keep telling myself that long term forecasts aren’t too accurate. Sure hope that’s right.

But we are wrapping up some indoor projects and getting ready for outdoors. The gray lower walls on the first floor of the MCS Building are now blue. Back stairwells in that building have been given a fresh coat of paint. We have not started painting in the church undercroft (volunteers welcome) but have made great progress in culling out the library. We have also found a solution to the lack of heat down there and should have that corrected shortly—just in time for the warmer weather!

Outside, the two major goals will be the carriage shed and headstones. As most have seen, we had to brace up the carriage shed in March when the snow load caused the structure to shift to a dangerous degree. We are following through with engineers to study the various options. We are also getting a written proposal to repair and restore cemetery headstones. Some of this will clearly involve an expert. But we are setting up a training session conducted by that expert to show us how to clean and make minor repairs in house. Volunteers will be needed to join in this effort. Stay tuned.

Chris Haring, Chair
Buildings and Grounds

Safe Church Policy

At the last Diocese of Long Island Convention Proposition #4 was unanimously passed by all delegates. It was a change in the Canons of the Diocese to better align our local parishes with the current best practices of the wider church with respect to Safe Church issues.

According to the Safe Church Training Guidelines introduction: *The Diocese of Long Island intends that every parish congregation and every ministry be always places of community, learning, grace, insight, and caring. This begins by assuring that they are safe places. By that we mean, places where the vulnerable are protected from harm, and where all live and work with respect for one another. This beginning point aims toward an end point at which our gathering places for worship, community, and service are experienced as anticipations of the Kingdom of God.*

There are now new policies for Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation, and Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Long Island. Caroline Church also has Policies in effect within those areas.

I am sure we all understand the seriousness of these issues and want our parish to be a welcoming, nurturing and safe environment for all. This being the goal, all parishes within the Diocese, will be requiring that certain individuals within a parish participate in safe church training. Many of our parishioners have already done so with either in-person training or on-line training. However, if you have completed your training over 5 years ago, you must renew.

Diocesan directive for training applies to:

- ♦ Vestry Persons, because of the authority they have to effect parish policy, procedures and program.
- ♦ Leaders of Groups who regularly use our church facilities, because of their wide access to church settings where children, youth and vulnerable populations are present.
- ♦ Key-holders, because of their unencumbered access to church facilities.

This directive then includes all employees of Caroline Church, Clergy and staff, Eucharistic Visitors, church school teachers, Children's Choir Director, Lay youth ministers, volunteer youth directors, nursery workers, Confirmation Mentors, VBS teachers and adult helpers, adults who participate in overnight activities with children or youth more than twice a year, and all those of whatever age possessing a key to the church, parish house or MCS building.

Although you can participate in Safe Church Training by attending a class at Mercer School of Theology in Garden City, almost all of our parishioners would be able to complete an on-line course at any time convenient for them. Safeguarding Online provides training in short, focused courses that can normally be completed in 30 – 40 minutes, and may be taken from any location where a high-speed internet connection is available. A specific password will be given to each individual user.

We have two Caroline Church Safeguarding Online Administrators, Mary Doherty and Chris Haring, who will assist members of our parish in signing in and accessing Safeguarding Online training. If you have any questions about this policy please speak with them or Canon Richard.

It is our goal for everyone to complete their training by Easter. I know this may be a challenge for some of you but we must do everything we can to keep our children and youth safe and respect the dignity of all. *RDV*

Parish Family News

Yllka-Jalldyz Qosej, 87, mother of Triumf Qosej of Caroline Church, passed away peacefully (after a long illness) in the midst and care of her immediate family members, on December 22, 2013 in Tirana, Albania. Yllka was a great caring and loving mother and wife with a big heart for her sons and her family. Her sons and husband remember her for her invaluable motherly and spouse counsel, her grace, her serene and cheerful nature, her patience, wisdom and the deep knowledge of life. We kindly ask that you keep her in your memories, who is now in heaven, and pray for Triumf's family back in Albania in this time of grief and mourning.

Parishioner News Events: Please send items of interest (weddings, accomplishments etc.) to Maritza Groth at mlgroth@aol.com or Irene Ruddock at peace2429@optonline.net



Church School News

Our Lenten Program begins with a soup supper on April 2nd followed by a walk around the Labyrinth. Come join us as we continue to learn about different ways in which we are *"Praying in the Arms of Christ"*.

On April 6th, during Church School time, all classes will be making Palm Crosses to be handed out on Palm Sunday. All are invited to join us.

Our Final Lenten Program will be April 9th. Soup supper begins at 6:30pm followed by DVD learning about a Seder Supper.

On Palm Sunday, April 13th, Services will be at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:15am in the Church. Confirmation class will be attending the Passion Play at Smithtown Gospel Tabernacle at 3:30pm. Remember to get there early!

Maundy Thursday, April 17th, we have the Stripping of the Altar at 7:00pm followed by a Nightwatch. The Youth will fill the eggs for the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny while intermittently going into the Church for the Nightwatch between 9:00pm and 12:00 midnight.

Good Friday, April 18th, at 5:00pm will be our Pretzel Service.

April 19th at 9:30am we will have an Easter Egg Hunt followed by Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Bring your camera, hop on down and join us!

Easter Sunday, April 20th, Services will be at 6:30am at Setauket Beach, 8:00, 9:30 and 11:15am in the Church. Join us for this celebration of the Resurrected Christ!

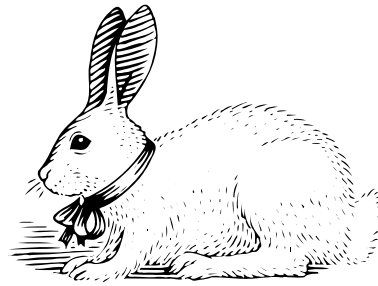
April 27th we will decorate eggs for the Resurrection Tree.

April is a very busy month. We hope to see you at the many ministries that are offered. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Mary Doherty
Church School Director

Camp De Wolfe Service Day

We will be participating in a Day of Service at Camp DeWolfe on Saturday, May 10th. The day begins at 9:00am and ends at 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided. The day is open to grades 5th-12th. This is a great way to get Community Service hours. Please speak to Mary Doherty if you would like to participate



You are cordially invited to our Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt!!

Date: April 19th, 2014

Place: Caroline Church, MCS building

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

RSVP by April 15th to 941-4245 if you are able to make it.

Don't forget to bring your cameras to take a picture. Who will find the Golden and Silver Eggs? We will also have a contest for the best Home-made Easter Hat. Be creative. Prizes will be given out!!!

Episcopal Youth Scholarship Available for Leadership and Community Service

Two students will receive an accolade from the Bishop and \$500. Applications are open to all high school students in Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island. The deadline for applications is May 30.

Requirements:

- ◆ An essay (less than 1500 words) describing why you deserve this award.
- ◆ Curriculum Vitae
- ◆ Letter of recommendation (from teachers, mentors, supervisors, leaders)

Criteria:

- ◆ Demonstrated leadership and service
- ◆ Service projects/works involved
- ◆ Creativity
- ◆ Good moral character

For more information, please contact Father Pae at gemrevpae@gmail.com or explore www.greatneckepiscopal.org