

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Can you believe how quickly the summer is passing? In just a few weeks fall will be upon us, and many will be getting ready for school. Vacations have taken up a portion of our summer, but as in any family, there is work to be done at all times. Many thanks to all the parishioners who don't take a vacation from volunteering at church, whether it is on Sunday at Mass, in the parish office, or in and around our parish buildings. You exhibit a faithful love of God and do ministry that is most appreciated. Where charity and love are, there is God.

I often refer to our parish as a family, because there are many aspects of family life that our Caroline Church faith community reflects. There are many problems in our society that undermine family life and the communication that exists in a family. It is not easy to foster a cohesive daily gathering of children and parents. In any family, there are a number of interests, temperaments, and likes and dislikes, but the members learn to love each other, because anything that is worthwhile is worth working for. A family must stick together, and a parish is a family.

In any family, some brothers and sisters get along better than others. This is natural, but that does not mean that those few brothers and sisters can form an exclusive club. Cliques and restricted groups and friendships break up a family, and a parish is a family. Whenever, Dad or Mom slips up, and shows some partiality at any given time to one child over another, jealousy takes place, and Dad or Mom becomes defensive and not very objective about the "favored" child. The heads of the house should never show favoritism. The priest is the Father or Mother of the "house," and a parish is a family.

Whenever a family needs help, no matter what the project, members of the family chip in. Some family members don't have any time to help, so they give extra money to make up for it. Some family members have lots of time, but little money, so they do extra work. Family members must work together or else the house falls apart. Our church building is God's house, and a parish is a family. Whenever someone has a special party or celebratory meal, family members do everything they can to be there. They try not to say they are too tired, or they

don't eat with hypocrites, or they would rather sleep than eat – they try to be there, because they love each other or are at least working at it. Every Sunday worship service is a party, and a parish is a family.

So you see, Caroline Church truly is a big family in different sizes, shapes, and attitudes. What really counts is that God is the true head of our family. Please don't let your family down, we all need each other. Enjoy the remaining summer days.

Together in the family of Christ,
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

Self-Awareness/Other Focus vs.
Self-Focus/Other Awareness

Recently, a friend of mine proposed that we spend twenty-four hours without complaining—a kind of mini-Lent. At the end of a full day, I realized that I tend to complain very little . . . out loud. The exercise brought about more self-awareness on my part and should lead to a deeper relationship with God. Prayerful self-awareness is the foundation of greater spiritual growth.

The Donaldson Correction Facility in Bessemer, Alabama, the state's highest security prison, offers Vipassana meditation to its inmates. Those who sign up spend ten days meditating together from ten to thirteen hours per day. Silence is maintained during meditation. The instructor does not tell the inmates how to be or what the goal is, but merely instructs them in how to focus, how to meditate. The rest is up to them. This approach short-circuits potential resistance to paternalism and the projection of past animosities on the teacher. Each inmate is left with only himself and the support of his fellow inmates. His success or failure is entirely in his own hands. For many, though not all, by the end of ten days, the extended period without distraction produces remarkably increased self-awareness. Many inmates begin to see things as they are, and that includes seeing themselves clearly. The result for those who complete the 10-day program has been the formation of strong bonds among them and the development of a newfound delight in helping others—*self-awareness leads to other-focus* and to healing.

Contrast this with those who are concerned primarily with how others see them. Their lives are focused on the constant struggle of erecting and maintaining an image. They become consumed with the pursuit of power, wealth, and other outward markers of success. In the film that we viewed at the Caroline Church in July, “La Veuve de Saint-Pierre,” the civil officials of an island off the coast of Newfoundland are concerned primarily with how they are viewed in the eyes of ever-shifting Paris officials. When a captain and his wife—people of impeccable integrity—move to the island, their ideals come in conflict with the more self-serving officials who feel threatened and seek to destroy the couple— *1 other-awareness leads to self-focus.*

The point of self-focus is to be admired. The point of self-awareness is to understand. Many on a spiritual path mistake self-focus for self-awareness and are concerned to look good in the eyes of the congregation or the clergy. As they say in 12-step programs, however, what others think of us is none of our business. If we are to follow

God unwaveringly, that may lead us to challenge accepted social practices, or at the very least, to explore alternatives—a path well-trod by the saints.

- 1 *For more information, one can google the topic. It has been featured on Youtube, NPR, in the New York Times, and is the focus of a film, “The Dhamma Brothers,” found on Netflix. The program was suspended by the Christian prison chaplains, but after they moved on, more reasonable chaplains were hired and the program was reinstated.*

Our Anglican Heritage

John Mason Neale

John Mason Neale was born in London in 1818, studied at Cambridge, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1842. He was offered a parish, but chronic ill health, which was to continue throughout his life, prevented him from taking it. In 1846 he was made warden of Sackville College, a position he held for the rest of his life. Sackville College was not an educational institution, but an almshouse, a charitable residence for the poor.

In 1854 Neale co-founded the Sisterhood of St. Margaret, an order of women in the Anglican Church dedicated to nursing the sick. Many Anglicans in his day, however, were very suspicious of anything suggestive of Roman Catholicism. Only nine years earlier, John H. Newman had encouraged Romish practices in the Anglican Church, and had ended up joining the Romanists himself. This encouraged the suspicion that anyone like Neale was an agent of the Vatican, assigned to destroy the Anglican Church by subverting it from within. Once Neale was attacked and mauled at a funeral of one of the Sisters. From time to time unruly crowds threatened to stone him or to burn his house. He received no honor or preferment in England, and his doctorate was bestowed by an American college (Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut). However, his basic goodness eventually won the confidence of many who had fiercely opposed him, and the Sisterhood of St. Margaret survived and prospered.

Neale translated the Eastern liturgies into English, and wrote a mystical and devotional commentary on the Psalms. However, he is best known as a hymn writer and translator, having enriched English hymnody with many ancient and mediaeval hymns translated from Latin and Greek. More than anyone else, he made English-speaking congregations aware of the centuries-old tradition of Latin, Greek, Russian, and Syrian hymns.

Neale died on August 6, 1866 (age 48). Since August 6 is the Feast of the Transfiguration, he is remembered on August 7 throughout the Anglican Communion.

Juice & Cookies on the Slype Host/Hostess

Sign up for 2014

Please feel free to sign up for this wonderful time of sharing. Open to families, organizations or individuals who would like to share their 'hostess' gifts.

The sign up list is on the clip board in the MCS building. You may either just sign up on the list, call the parish office at 941-4245 or contact Len Calone at 928-2019.



Church School Teachers Needed for September

As you know we are revamping our Church School program for our children and youth. We are in need of adult parishioners of any age to help teach our children during Church School time on Sunday mornings. We would like to have two teachers for each grade level, to share the responsibilities thus allowing for weeks of family commitments or worship attendance.

Fr. Farrell will continue to assist with our program, to be sure our current and new teachers will be thoroughly trained in the particular curriculum they will be teaching and receive ongoing practical advice and counsel.

We cannot have a Christian formation program for our children unless adult parishioners share their time and faith to teach our young ones. Please prayerfully consider this vital educational ministry and speak with Cn. Richard or call the parish office.



We would like to remember in prayer,
those who are serving in the
Armed Forces.

Michael Cardamone, Adam Fullerton,
Roy Raguso, Mike Hanna, Kevin O'Donahue
Kevin LoRusso, Melanie Gonzalez, Don Gonzalez.

**May God protect them, bless them,
and bring them home soon.**

New Christian Education Program for Children and Youth to Begin in September

We will formally divide our Christian formation program into two separate ministries: Children and Youth.

A new position, **Director of Children's Ministries**, will focus on our Sunday morning Christian education program. This program will be held at the same time as last year, beginning with Sunday worship in the main sanctuary and Children's Chapel at the 9:30 a.m. hour, followed by Church School at 10:00 a.m. in the MCS building for all lower grades.

The new position of **Director of Youth Ministries**, will focus on the spiritual development of our teenagers, strengthening their relationship with each other, learning more about their faith, and reaching out in mission and discipleship within our community.

If anyone you know has an interest in the formation of our young people's faith here at Caroline Church, and would like to apply for these new positions, please have them contact Cn. Richard at the church office 941-4245.



Caring for the Caregiver Support Group

Caregiver Support Group Summer Schedule

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

NO CHANGE IN SCHEDULE!! The responsibilities of caregivers doesn't allow for a reduced schedule or a vacation, so the Caregiver Support Group will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 9:30 - 11:00 am in the Parish House.

Mark your calendar and/or pass these dates along to a friend or colleague that might benefit from attending. The dates for the summer meetings are August 9th and 23rd. Contact Virginia Cash, group facilitator, at 428-0902 for any additional information.



Join Us For the 10th Annual

Camp Caroline!

What is Camp Caroline?

Camp Caroline is an extension of our school year children's program. During Camp Caroline, your children will have the opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith through stories, arts and crafts, songs, and games.

How does it Work?

Come to church during the summer and bring your children into church with you. Right before the sermon (about 20 minutes into the service), the Camp Caroline teachers will stand up in the aisle. All children, ages 4 through fourth grade, will be invited to stand up and will be led out of the church to the basement of the Parish House, where they will participate in a casual, stimulating, fun, hands on summer church program. At the end of church, you can pick up your children in the basement of the church.

When is it?

Camp Caroline will run for 12 Sundays, beginning Sunday, June 15th and ending Sunday, August 31st. Remember, starting on June 15th, the usual 9:30am worship service starts one hour later, at 10:00 A.M.

How can you help?

We need both adult and teen volunteers to assist Camp Caroline this summer. Please consider volunteering one Sunday this summer. No experience is necessary. There will be a sign up sheet at coffee hour, or you may call me to let me know what Sunday is good for you. We need only 12 People to sign up. Please give this some thought as you plan your summer schedule. Thank you.

For more information call Don Pollard at 846-9599.

We look forward to seeing you and your kids at Camp!



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.

Adult Christian Ed

Looking ahead, the Adult Christian Ed Committee will be offering the following for the summer. Please mark your calendars and join us.

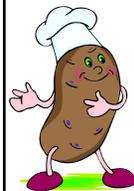
August 10th, 6:00 PM: Movie "Papadapolous and Sons" with snacks. "Papadapolous" is a morality tale for the whole family that proposes that success can impede our happiness.

August 24th, 6:00 PM: discussion articles on Missional Churches with sandwiches. These short articles are available on the "What's New" page of our website and explain the meaning of the concept of "Missional Church" that is advanced by our Bishop. They are presented solely for edification and discussion.



Missionary Appreciation Night for the Congregation Monday, August 11th at 5:30pm, MCS

Please join us for a baked potato supper with all the fix-in's on Monday, August 11 at 5:30 at the MCS building. The participants will share stories and reflections from the trip, and there will be a photo slideshow. Free of charge! Please come and let us say **THANK YOU** for all the wonderful support you've showed the CYC! We'd like to especially invite those who might be interested in next summer's trip, which is open to rising 9th graders and above.



Please RSVP to Lindsay at:
lindsay.baldwin.porter@gmail.com
so we know how many spuds to bake.

Church School News

We had a wonderful week at Vacation Bible School in July. The week was filled with great weather, laughter, excitement, Bible stories and singing. I would like to thank all of our volunteers that helped during the week. We had approximately 100 children, and 60 volunteers. We were able to donate \$350 to Protestant Campus Ministries and \$2,000 to Support the Kidd/Kids for Cancer.

In the next few weeks you will be receiving a Church School packet. It will include a registration form for you to fill out. Please make sure to fill it out and return it to the church office before September 14th. The form is used to update our records for each year.

We are looking for a few teachers for next year. If anyone would like to volunteer to make a difference in our children's Christian Education, please let Cn. Richard know.

The Teachers Installation will be on Sunday, September 7th at the 10:00am. The first day of Church School will be September 14th, with us resuming all three Services. Church School begins at 9:30am.

See you in September.



Calling All Acolytes!

All those entering 6 Grade or above, are invited to serve on the Altar at Caroline Church. This is a great opportunity to serve your parish community by helping the priest and the people worship Our Lord on Sunday mornings. Also our Acolyte Corp have a fun time together with BBQ's, game days, and a Paint Ball outing planned. There will be one more training session for new acolytes this month. Call the parish office and let Cn. Richard know you would like to be trained as a new acolyte this summer.

For all present and new acolytes there will be a BBQ at the Specht's home. A date is still being determined, but watch for future notices.

Summer Evening Services

E.a.T. at Caroline!

Eucharist at Table
worship in the style of the first followers of Jesus

This summer as, in the past we have gathered together for combined worship and fellowship on selected Saturday evenings. The Services will be held in the tradition of the early church, with a Eucharist woven into the context of a shared meal.

The dates for these remaining evening services are:
August 9th, 23rd.

All gatherings begin at 5:30 p.m.
All meals will take place in the Marco C. Smith building.

Bring along your family and friends of all ages, and food to share. Iced tea, lemonade, and tableware will be provided. Assistance with set up and clean up is most welcome. Fuel your body! Feed your soul! Follow Jesus!

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

Parish Ministry Opportunities

Camp Caroline Teachers/Counselors

We are still in need for parishioners to help out with our Camp Caroline Summer Sunday School program for the month of August. If you can help out by teaching one Sunday morning from a prepared curriculum, please call the parish office or talk with Don Pollard at 846-9599.

Church School Teachers

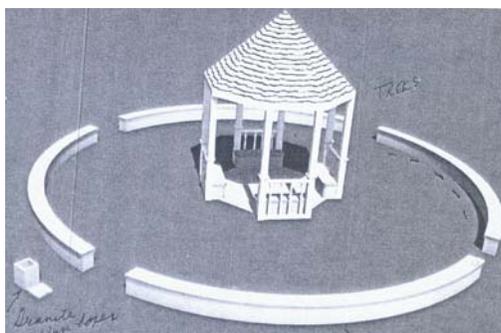
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Proposed Columbarium For Graveyard

If you take a walk through the graveyard and come upon the cremains area you may remember that several years ago it was necessary to remove the large beech tree. More recently the overgrown shrubs surrounding the cremains area were also removed. This left the space without a specifically designated area.

The Churchyard Committee in conjunction with the Long Range Planning Committee have been researching how to develop and beautify the cremains area of the graveyard for the present and future generations. Several members of the Vestry have been researching various designs and getting estimates for each design. Recently the members met and consulted with Mr. Fred Byrant of the Bryant Funeral Home regarding design possibilities. Mr. Bryant explained that over the years more burials are of the cremation type, citing 40% of all burials are cremains. After reviewing three designs the committee has received, Mr. Bryant agreed that an above ground Memorial Columbarium would meet the need for the present and future and also beautify the space.

One design the committee is researching is shown below:



The walls are made of Granite and have 108 places for cremains. Each space having a granite top for engraving the deceased name and dates. This does not preclude anyone's cremains from being placed in the ground, but provides the option for cremains to be placed above ground in the wall. A Gazebo-like structure, with benches, is being considered for the center of the area. The roof of the structure is planned to match the church steeple.

Before proceeding further, and as more of the regular gravesites are being reserved, the committee would like to have a general idea of how many families would consider reserving a space in such an above ground columbarium as pictured above. Such numbers may help us to defray the cost of the project.

The advantages of a memorial Columbarium:

- ♦ It is theologically sound within the Christian tradition.
- ♦ It provides comfort to the family having a memorial to their deceased on church property.
- ♦ It is a visible sign that the church cares for its members and believes in life after death.
- ♦ It makes a beautiful addition to the graveyard. "Looks like it has always been there."
- ♦ It provides an easy way to handle pre-need concerns relieving surviving family of difficult decisions at the time of death.
- ♦ It has extremely favorable economics as compared to other methods of interment.
- ♦ It is environmentally friendly.
- ♦ It provides perpetual care to the site.

For additional information, please see Ginny Apmann or Don Muffly



women of faith TOUR
FROM SURVIVAL TO REVIVAL 2014

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, November 7th

Air time: 7:00 - 9:00pm

Saturday, November 8th

Air time: 9:00am - 4:30pm

Seating will be 45 min prior to air time.

LIVE SIMULCAST

Speakers:

Christine Cane
Patsy Clairmont
Lisa Harper

Sheila Walsh
Lysa Terkeurst
and Gateway Worship

Location:

Caroline Church, 1 Dyke Rd, Setauket
631-941-4245

**Cost: \$10 includes both days
\$15 includes both days & boxed lunch**

**Tickets must be purchased by:
October 27th, 2014 *(no refunds)***

**Limited: 200 people
16 years and over only.**

**Contact Janet Giacomini for tickets at:
631-941-4245 / 631-786-3603 / office@carolinechurch.net**

Foyer Group

One of the best ways of getting to really know a person is over a meal. Sharing what is going on in our life with interested others helps us realize how connected we truly are to one another. Caroline Church has Foyer Groups that nurture that experience. Foyer groups are a great way to socialize with members of our congregation. If you have not been in a Foyer Group, you are invited to put your name on the list. If you have been part of this experience, new groups will soon be forming. We will continue to encourage the group to invite one non-member of Caroline Church to be part of this experience while keeping the groups small and manageable. It is a great deal of fun and a nice way to connect with others. Please call Christine Oster at 368-8686 or e-mail Mirjana Ellis at rmellis@optonline.net