

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Last month was one of the most trying ones we have ever experienced on Long Island as we dealt with the effects of Superstorm Sandy. Although most of us have recovered, there are still many Long Islanders, New Yorkers and New Jerseyans, who have a long road ahead, as they rebuild their homes and lives. We need to continue to be vigilant for opportunities to help those most in need, through whatever avenue God has blessed you with. Certainly our prayers will continue to be offered for appropriate relief and aide.

As we enter the last month of the calendar year and try to get back into a more normal routine in our daily life, the Church Year has now ended and we begin a new one with the season of Advent. Sometimes I think that this first season of the liturgical calendar, Advent, is the most countercultural. This time of expectancy and waiting goes against the grain of both the secular celebration of Christmas and the festivities surrounding the arrival of the New Year.

Now, it is almost cliché to suggest that the secular Christmas is too materialist and too commercial, not to mention too early. Decorations and advertisements began appearing before Halloween this year. Nevertheless, the observance of Advent is for Christians a welcome tonic to the craziness of contemporary Christmas. Rather than entering into the furor of the season, with multiple Black Fridays and Cyber-Mondays, hastily trying to create the spirit of joy and giving through frantic activity, we wait upon the Lord for the joy of Christmas to be created in us by him who is Emmanuel, God with Us. We focus ourselves in worship, both as a gathered Advent people in church and as families around the Advent Wreath at home.

We open ourselves to the purifying work of God, that when Christ comes “He may find in us a mansion prepared for himself” (Collect for Fourth Advent). We are vigilant in our expectation by extending the grace of Christ upon others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves. Of course we may very well find ourselves shopping and attending all sorts of secular festivities, but such things are not at the heart of what we are about during Advent.

Advent is not only our time of preparation for Christmas,

it is our new year. But again it goes against the cultural grain. Our secular festivities revolve around an all too sentimental review of the year past, and an overly optimistic expectation of how we will change in the future (i.e. “resolutions”).

Christians, on the other hand, approach the coming of a new year in Advent in a different way. Yes, we do reflect on time past and look to the future. But we look at the past not in a sentimental way, but we consider examples of faithfulness throughout the centuries as a means of finding models of faithful living in the future. Therefore Advent recalls the witness of the Prophets, St. John the Baptist, and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We look to the future, but not in a short sighted sense of resolutions. We see our gaze on God’s future, the Kingdom of God. This reign will come in its fullness in God’s time in the return of Christ. This future is also manifested in part through the Spirit indwelling the Church. Therefore, our new year is celebrated by setting our hearts on eternal things, trusting in God rather than our own resolutions.

If we attend to the observance of a holy Advent we are truly subversive in today’s culture. But not in a negative or destructive way. Instead we can be the counterculture of joy, hope, and grace.

In expectation of the joy we experience with the Christ Child,

Fr. 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.*

Our Anglican Heritage

St. Stephen

This protomartyr of Christianity is venerated as a saint in the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Oriental Orthodox and Eastern Orthodox Churches. Stephen's name is derived from the Greek language *Stephanos*, meaning "crown". Traditionally, Stephen is invested with a crown of martyrdom; he is often depicted in art with three stones and the martyrs' palm. In Eastern Christian iconography, he is shown as a young, beardless man with a tonsure, wearing a deacon's vestments, and often holding a miniature church building or a censer. Rembrandt depicted his martyrdom in his work *The Stoning of Saint Stephen*.

Stephen was the first disciple of Jesus to receive the martyr's crown. Stephen was a deacon in the early Christian Church. The apostles had found that they needed helpers to look after the care of the widows and the poor. So they ordained seven deacons, and Stephen is the most famous of these. God worked many miracles through St. Stephen and he spoke with such wisdom and grace that many of his hearers became followers of Jesus. The enemies of the Church of Jesus were furious to see how successful Stephen's preaching was. At last, they laid a plot for him. They could not answer his wise argument, so they got men to lie about him, saying that he had spoken sinfully against God. St. Stephen faced that great assembly of enemies without fear. In fact, the Holy Bible says that his face looked like the face of an angel.

Saint Stephen's hagiography is included in Jacobus de Voragine's *Golden Legend*. The version in the *Golden Legend* proceeds to depict Stephen, in keeping with the Biblical account, as one of seven deacons appointed by the Apostles to appease the widows among the Greek-speaking Christians of the Church in Jerusalem. It goes on to tell how, jealous of Stephen's success in his ministry to his fellow Jews, the Jewish authorities conspire to bring him down. First, they attempt to defeat him by way of argument, but are unsuccessful since the Holy Spirit enlightens Stephen with divine wisdom. Next, they bring false witnesses, who accuse him of blaspheming against God, Moses, the Law and the Temple. Aided by an angel, Stephen refutes every point, a refutation recounted in some detail.

The saint spoke about Jesus, showing that He is the Savior, God had promised to send. He scolded his enemies for not having believed in Jesus. At that, they rose up in great anger and shouted at him. But Stephen looked up to Heaven and said that he saw the heavens opening and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. His hearers plugged their ears and refused to listen to an-

other word. They dragged St. Stephen outside the city of Jerusalem. Finally, they try torture; still, Stephen attempts to convert them by inciting shame and fear in them, and, showing his love for them, he prays for his opponents as they stone him to death. The saint prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" Then he fell to his knees and begged God not to punish his enemies for killing him.

After such an expression of love, the holy martyr went to his heavenly reward. His feast day is December 26th.



Ladies Christmas Brunch

St. George's Golf Club

Sunday

December 9th, 2012

12:30pm

Cost: ~~\$39.00~~ **\$29.00**

We have changed our Brunch to a Lunch with a cost decrease too! Lunch will include soup, salad, 5 choices of entre, coffee or tea and dessert. Cash bar. Dress code: *No athletic wear or denim.*

All Ladies of the church and their friends are invited to join us as we prepare to Celebrate the upcoming Birth of the Christ Child at this Christmas Brunch. We will be collecting items for the 'Battered Women's Shelter'. They are in need of new, small toiletries for ladies.

Please call the parish office for your reservation as we need to know how many people will be attending. When writing your checks, please make them *payable to Caroline Church.*

UNIVERSITY CHORALE & CAMERATA SINGERS

Monday, December 3rd
at
8:00pm

Alice Cavanaugh leads the Camerata Singers in a program of Russian Romantic music. The Stony Brook Chorale, conducted by Shoshana Hershkowitz, performs works by John Rutter, including Gloria with brass ensemble.

Our Choir Director, Dallas Garvin will be performing with the Chorale.

Tickets: \$10/\$5



ANNUAL MESSIAH SING ALONG

Sunday, December 2nd at 3:00 p.m.
Recital Hall – Staller Center

Scores will be available for purchase at the door
Admission is free

Eunbi Cho, soprano Jina Nam, soprano
Suzanne DiGioia, soprano
Marie Cushmore, mezzo-soprano
Emma Chylinski, mezzo-soprano
Dallas Garvin, tenor Daniel Nwatu, baritone
David White, bass Bryan Murray, bass
Conductors – Hyewon Kim, Susan Deaver,
Greg Mulzet, Zachary Gursky, Mohit Mansukhani &
Dallas Garvin

A seasonal traditional concert at Stony Brook will feature the University Orchestra with Susan Deaver conductor, guest soloists and conductors in a performance of Handel's Messiah. Choruses from Part One, Worthy is the Lamb/Amen, and the Hallelujah Chorus will all be sung by the audience!

Preconcert at 2:30 p.m.
presented by the Brass Ensemble of the University Orchestra and Harpist A. Madeline Bryant

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. Children's Service,
Youth & Teen Choirs
Festal Holy Eucharist Rite II

8:00 p.m. Festal
Holy Eucharist Rite II,
Adult Choir

10:00 p.m. Festal
Holy Eucharist Rite II,
Adult Choir

Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25th

10:00 a. m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
with Christmas Hymns



Don't Forget.....

Buy Gift Cards for
Stop & Shop / King Kullen /
Wild by Nature

At coffee hour on Sunday or
at the church office during the week!

2013 Offering Envelopes



Your new offering envelope box is in the 'upper' room of the Parish House in alphabetical order.

Please walk over there after service and pick yours up, this will save us the postage of mailing it to you. If you cannot find one with your name on it, and would like one, please call the parish office and we will get one for you. Thank you.

My Offering for Christmas Memorial Flowers



In memory of _____

As a Thank Offering for _____

Name: _____ Envelope No. _____

Amount: \$ _____

Christmas Decorations

Christmas is coming up very quickly and as we begin to think about Christmas presents, let us not forget about adorning our church with the beauty of Christmas flowers. If you would like to make a gift of flowers for the altar on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, please fill out the above form and return it to the Parish Office, One Dyke Road, Setauket, NY 11733, no later than **December 9th, 2012**. Please make checks payable to CAROLINE CHURCH, with "Christmas Flowers" noted in the memo portion of the check. Let us not only remember our loved ones who have gone before us, but let us be thankful for the loved ones in our midst now, and for the joy of family and friends around us.

December Birthdays

12/01 Diane Amato
Lorilei Whitsit
12/02 Tony Knapp
12/04 Catherine Gristock
12/05 Erin Frank
12/06 Paula DiBartolo
Rachael Suydam
Maggie Shimaitis
12/08 Robin Thomas
12/09 Charles Neuls, Jr.
12/10 Carol Fortner
12/14 Ruth Wintjen
John Cierski
Bobby Aiello
Tyler Yarema
12/15 Gene Free
Victoria Savage
Margaret Gilmore
Taylor Schwab
12/17 Jan Visconti
Oliver Rhame
12/18 Randy Manning



12/18 Jeffrey Morse
12/19 Judith Wieland
Christine Lopez
Susan LaSorsa
Aaron Woreth
Olivia Schmitt
Charlette Freeman
12/20 Bill Hall
Catherine Field
12/21 Denise Stubberfield
Cecile Pfingston
12/22 Edward Vitale
Karel Orlowski
Alexander Stubberfield
Ryan Worrell
12/23 John Mastauskas
Charlene Seymour
Cathleen Esernio
Jessica Gonzalez

12/24 Craig Massie
12/25 Tyler LaSorsa
12/26 Patricia Calone
Annette Pollert
12/27 Susan Rydzeski
Salvatore Semler
12/28 Nick Amato
Julia Acker
Garren Engel-DiBartolo
12/29 Irene Ruddock
Michael Preisco-Winterfield
12/30 Helene Bredes
Mark Lukianchuk
Peter Ruland
Nick Dubowski
Daniel Klinzing
Robert McCarroll
12/31 Holly Griesel
Laura Hengerle
Adrian Gilmore

HAPPY BIRTHDAY





CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

For the month of December we will be collecting NEW hats, mittens, scarfs, and gently used winter coats for families in need. The coats can be dropped off in the box on top of the stairs, in the MCS building. The hats, mittens, and scarfs can be placed on the Christmas tree in the MCS building.

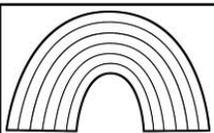
Our Christmas pageant this year will be "The Traditionally Untraditional Christmas Pageant". The date of the pageant is December 23rd, during the 9:30am service. All the classes will be participating in it this year. If your child is unable to be in it, please let me know.

We will be having a contest for the Pageant Bulletin cover and for the Christmas Eve 5:00pm Service Bulletin. If your child would like to draw the cover for either or both covers please have them draw on a 5 x 7 paper. They must be turned in to me no later than December 9th.

WE WILL BE HAVING CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AND CHURCH SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 30th.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Happy, Healthy, and Blessed Christmas Season.

Mary Doherty
Church School Director



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 on the 4th Friday of the month for Ultreya. It is a shared time of fellowship, singing and spiritual encouragement.

The Ultreya will not be meeting for the month of December. We wish everyone a blessed Christmas Season. Hope to see you all in January!

If you have any questions, please call Sue Seel.



Caring For The Caregiver

As the November issue of AARP so aptly put it, caregivers confront a myriad of emotions around care giving including grief over the loss of the person they once knew and finding a way to relate to the person as he/she is now, guilt and resentment in their role as caregiver and just plain physical and mental exhaustion. These are some of the issues that are discussed at our caregivers support group as well as finding better ways to cope.

The Caring for the Caregiver support group will continue to meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9:30 - 11:00am in the Parish House. The December meetings will be on December 8th & 22nd.

Please contact Virginia Cash at: vcash5msw@aol.com or 631-428-0902 if you have further questions. Happy Holidays to All!



Grief Support Group

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 will be held confidential.

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

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



Afghanistan:

Michael Cardamone, Adam Fullerton, Roy Raguso, Mike Hanna, Kevin O'Donahue, Kevin LoRusso

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

Theophilus Healing Mission A Chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician

The next THM Healing Service will be Friday, December 7th, beginning at 7:30 pm at Bethel, AME church. There will be no OSL meeting for December. Have a blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year as we enter 2013. Our next Healing Service will be January 4th.

Our field trip to Malverne to hear the Rev. Canon Mark Pearson was postponed until the spring because of super storm Sandy. Canon Mark will be talking about 'Prayer' in this day long event. He is a wonderful speaker, author, teacher, musician, and preacher who has been involved with healing ministry for over 25 years.

We continue to offer prayer for healing or to give thanks after the 9:30 am Sunday service. Please join us for yourself or as intercessor for another. God is not tied down by time or space.



In His healing love and grace,
Ginny and Ann,
Theophilus Healing
Ministry Chapter

Liturgical Calendar November

Wedding: Graham Boak & Marianne Boncore

Burials: Frank A. Bloxham, Jr.
Edward (Ted) Cosby, Jr.
Kathryn Bozotis



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.

Guide to Publicizing Great Events

When we put on great programs, we want people to come. Lots of people. But sometimes they don't. A recent program at Caroline Church (November 2011 - Caring for the Caregiver) showed us basic steps to take to promote a program. It worked. 43 people pre-registered for our program, 40 of whom were from outside Caroline Church. That was a much bigger registration than we had expected, since it was a first-time program, and we were doing all the leg-work to promote it, from scratch. A similar program a couple of years ago attracted approximately 10 participants, even though the organizers thought they were adequately publicizing the event. This shows us that the right kind of publicity can make a huge difference in the number of attendees.

If you prepare for and run an event or a program at our church, surely you want people to attend, and sometimes you want to attract people from the local community as well as from our parish. If you want to attract more people than typically come to similar (or past) events, consider taking the following steps to promote your event. Be warned, though; this takes planning and work.

Step 1: Start planning how to spread the word 2-3 months before your event.

Step 2: Enlist a few people who can devote time and energy to spread the word.

Step 3: Print really nice flyers describing your event. We found that high quality paper made an impact. You may want to include a phone and/or email for RSVP so you have an estimate of the number of people attending. Be aware that the majority of people will RSVP during the two week period just prior to the event.

Step 4: Think of who your target audience is outside of Caroline Church (if this applies): school children; senior citizens; parents of young children; scouting troops; neighbors; others?

Step 5: Beginning 2 months before and ending 1 week before your event, have 2 or 3 "advertising blitzes": contact local papers, spread the word at Caroline, hand out flyers to your target population. Consider placing flyers in local commercial establishments and libraries. It is crucial that your prospective attendees receive multiple notices of your event. Many people ignore or forget about the first notification, even if they are interested in attending. We distributed more than 3000 flyers!

Step 6: After your event hold a "postmortem" meeting to figure out what worked best and how to advertise even more effectively the next time. There will be a next time.

If this sounds like a lot of work, it is. But we found that it worked for us. So if you put a lot of thought and effort into making a wonderful program, we suggest that you invest time and effort to publicize it. If you have any questions, please contact any of us who publicized the Caring for the Caregivers program: Virginia Cash, Terry Russell, Jan Visconti or me, Gillian Winters.



Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brothers had another busy month: Our monthly morning study meeting, an afternoon of service (see pic) and the installation of three new members during the 9:30 service made up our November.

Looking forward to December:

- Saturday Dec 8th, 8:00am our monthly study meeting
- Sunday Dec 9th at 1:00pm - we are back downstairs to the Official NFL sanctioned video room to watch the Jets take on the Jaguars.
- Monday Dec 10th - Sonshine Ministry delivery for the Neuls. 5:00pm.

Hold the date: January 19th is our Mens and Boys communion breakfast hosted by the ECW evening branch.

Blessings, Br. Mark



Calling New Confirmands!

A new confirmation community is forming to explore our Episcopal tradition and help students articulate their Christian faith. Students will be prepared for the sacramental rite of Confirmation through specially designed classes, worship experiences, field trips, and retreats.

All young people who will be sixteen next year and their parents are cordially invited to an orientation session with the clergy on Wednesday December 12, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the MCS building.

Please let Fr. Richard know of your interest as either a student or mentor prior to that time. We look forward to hearing from you!

A Stewardship Thought

“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:20-21

What does it mean to store treasures in heaven? Obviously one cannot ship gold, securities, and foreign sports cars there. So treasures in heaven must mean, first of all, a new kind of currency.

We use dollars in the United States, the peso in some of the Latin countries, euros (more and more) in Europe, and yen in Japan. Currencies appropriate to the country. The generous giver wisely maximizes his investments in the currency of heaven.

Heaven deals with the currency of love, grace, kindness, mercy, and benevolence. It recognizes the currency of humility, service, and witness. It honors the currency of defense on behalf of the widow and the orphan, the weak and the poor, the sick and the aged. These and all other attitudes and actions in the family of godly behavior are seen by heaven in the context of currency exchange.

As we grow in our adoption of these convictions and values, the God of heaven (dare we call Him the Grand “Banker”) takes note of these things and records them to our account. At first it seems an almost silly perspective, to think of righteous transactions in such a fashion. But we live this way on earth. Why not, for a moment, see its heavenly parallel? At least that is the way Jesus appears to be thinking here.

The good thing about treasures in heaven is that there is no depression or devaluation there. Our treasures on deposit in heaven are not susceptible to those original erosive agents: moths, rust, and thieves and other things like them.

Furthermore, and here Jesus shows that He has our number; He knows that one’s heart is always inclined in the direction of the stored-up treasure. That is why so many of us call our brokers, check the Dow Jones Average, and subscribe to newsletters with their economic forecasts. That’s where a large part of our attentions are focused, where our “heart” is. But if the real treasure is being stored up in heaven, the heart will follow.

How are you seeking to cultivate an eternal perspective in your life that will impact how you spend and give your treasures?

Buildings & Grounds

Superstorm Sandy dominates the picture of this monthly article. Overall, we were spared from the storm despite some tree and other outside damage. Power was out from October 29 to November 8. Once restored, the heat failed to come on in the church, requiring a service call.

Outside, tree losses on the Village Green were cleared by the Town, and multiple trees downed along Bates Road were cleared by contractors from our neighbors. Old Field Landscape did an excellent job cleaning up the churchyard on Nov. 1- 2, and replanting one ornamental tree (“Brady’s Tree”). It is secured by two lines and hopefully will re-root. One other ornamental tree lost some limbs. Most of the damage to the larger trees was limited to limbs falling—all too often on the fence. Some work to repair the larger trees will likely be required.

We lost five sections of fence along Bates Road, plus the arched section at the main walk. We are working on getting estimates for repairs from the very busy fence companies. The lamp at the main walkway was hit and damaged (same location that was damaged by the last storm). It has been welded, cleaned, repainted and reinstalled.

Fall mums have been removed and replaced by bulbs for spring flowers (thanks Linda Haring). Old Field Landscape did a major fall cleanup on Nov. 16. They have done a great job this season, really getting into the nooks and crannies when doing a cleanup.

We have rekeyed four interior doors into our system. This will allow more secure storage for office supplies, cleaning supplies, youth group recreational equipment and Historic Committee articles without doing a “full lockdown.” When it comes to the recreational equipment, we have been concerned with some of the younger children using pool cues, etc. unsupervised, which risks damage to the table. Locking recreational equipment in the kitchenette means that access can be gained by many adults who have building keys. We want to keep that equipment accessible to our youth but also want to see that supervision is in place. The same goes for the cabinet housing the TV components in that room. The lock on that cabinet was pretty flimsy and had been broken. It is now reinforced. Please pass along to your children that they should ask one of the youth leaders to open up the cabinet when needed. Do not attempt to force the lock.

The next “major” project is a facelift to the room immediately below the kitchen in the MCS Building (formally a kindergarten room). We will be repainting the room and refinishing the floor. The plan is to use it as a spillover room to the larger media room. We have received

offers to donate knock hockey games and will likely move the table tennis setup into that room. If you want to help prime, paint and polish, give me a call.

Chris Haring, Chair
Churchyard, Village Green
and Building Committee



Vestry Highlights November

- ◆ The Vestry allocated \$9,675.00 of outreach funds from 2012’s fundraising efforts;
- ◆ Bravo to “Celebrate Stewardship” committee and its leader, Claire Mis;
- ◆ The 2013 Budget Committee has formed and will be meeting to prepare next year’s budget;
- ◆ The Vestry Nominating Committee will be meeting to fill Vestry vacancies for 2013.

Lorraine Massie
Clerk of the Vestry

Coffee & Fellowship Hour Host/ Hostess

Sign up for 2012/2013

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.