

**Caroline Church & Stony Brook School Alumni Association**  
**Trip to**  
**Paul Winter's 33rd Annual Winter Solstice Celebration**

Winter solstice is the shortest day and the longest night of the year. Traditionally, it is a time of both foreboding and expectancy, as the longest night leads to the revival of the sun. And yet it is a turning point, when the sun reaches its southernmost point from the equator and seems to pause before reversing course. "Solstice" in Latin means "the sun standing still." In ancient times, observers watched the sun sink lower in the sky each day, and feared it would disappear completely and leave them in darkness.

People practiced special rituals intended to entice the sun's return. Bonfires and candles, with their imitative magic, helped fortify the waning sun and ward off the spirits of darkness. These symbols live on in our modern seasonal customs: the candles of Hanukkah and Christmas are kin to the fiery rites of old, which celebrated the miracle of the earth's renewal.

These traditions reflect our need to come together in times of extended darkness. We celebrate not only the rebirth of the sun, but the community of life on earth.

This year is the 50th anniversary of my first professional band, The Paul Winter Sextet, which emerged in Chicago during my years at Northwestern University, and went on to have some remarkable adventures in the two years of the band's existence. Immersed this summer in our original recordings, I've realized the extent to which the Sextet has been the father of our Consort, and how our Solstice celebrations, over these past three decades, really evolved from the multi-cultural experiences of the Sextet in our grand six-month tour of Latin America in 1962, hearing traditional music in 23 countries.

So I've been excited about the idea of "a meeting of the bands," and having our reunited Sextet be special guests of the Consort during this year's Winter Solstice Celebration. The Sextet will offer a suite of pieces from our original repertoire, and also join with the Consort in new music for the ensembles together. We hope you'll join us for this adventure. *For living music, Paul Winter*

***Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 8 pm***, Ticket prices: Reserved - \$80 General Admission - \$50 and \$35

Bus transportation will be \$25 per person. Some refreshment for the ride in will be provided but please feel free to bring something along to share with everyone on the bus!

Go to [www.StJohntheDevine.org](http://www.StJohntheDevine.org) or [www.solsticeconcert.com](http://www.solsticeconcert.com)

Or call (866) 811-4111.

Friends and Guests are welcome!

**You should call or Email Bob McCarroll at 631-834-9264 or [HapyMdeum@aol.com](mailto:HapyMdeum@aol.com)** to reserve your space on the Bus. Get your own tickets by visiting the above web sites or calling. We will leave Caroline Church at 4:00pm and stop at SBS on our way. We will have time to grab a bite on our own before the concert.

The Concert ends at around 10:30 at which time we will return by bus to SBS & Caroline Church.

Please contact Bob with any questions!



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our prayer shawl ministry continues to serve the people of our community. We have a devoted group of woman who gather regularly on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30am in different people's homes.

Our group is ecumenical and expanding all the time. We represent many different churches and encourage anyone who is interested, to attend and bring a friend. You do not have to be experienced to come. We are willing to teach you!

We open with prayer, discuss patterns and colors, teach others, pray for others, and listen to a short meditation. During a time of silence we focus on God, our knitting, and the clicking of our needles.

We have given away over 125 shawls. The shawls and lap robes have been warmly and graciously received. We trust that the shawls we have created send a message of God's love and compassion to all who receive them.

Our next gathering will be on December 15th at 8:30am. We look forward to having new members.

Please call for information and locations:  
Sue Seel/ 631-689-0683

### C.Y.C. Youth Group

The CYC will be heading into the NYC on January 5th! We will leave at 8:00am from Caroline in a bus, have a bite to eat on the way, do a scavenger hunt at the Museum of Natural History, have lunch, and walk around the area. We'll return in the early evening.

The cost for the trip, including lunch, is \$45. Please let Mary or Lindsay know if you need financial assistance.

We need to know by December 9th if you're going!

The trip is open to all 6th-12th graders and their friends. We are trying to choose a weekend to head to Vermont for the ski trip. If you know you want to go, please let Lindsay know what weekends in February and March are good for you.

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

## Parish Ministries Opportunities

### Sell Gift Cards

Are you looking for a ministry to do at Caroline Church that doesn't take a lot of time commitment? Then consider selling 'Gift Cards' on a Sunday morning. We have 1 slot presently open. The 2nd Sunday of the month. You can do one or more. If interested, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

This is a very important ministry as we receive 5% for every gift card sold. The cost to the purchaser is the face value of the gift card and the stores, Stop N Shop, King Kullen/Wild By Nature gives us.....that's right...GIVES US 5% back. This is such an easy fundraiser, costing Caroline Church nothing, that we want to continue it. Many of our parishioners have now gotten into the habit of purchasing them, but we are in need of 1 person to volunteer to sell them during coffee hour on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Won't you consider giving 1 hour of your time to Caroline Church on 1 Sunday of the month? You will be fully trained. Please contact Janet in the parish office or Chris Haring if you are interested or would like more information.

The Caroline Church Choir

Presents

## Epiphany 'Lessons & Carols'

Sunday, January 20th

4:00p.m.

at

Caroline Church

Please join us for this festive presentation.



## Parish Family News

Gilda Candela's daughter, Juli was able to deliver a healthy baby boy, Jaime Allen Siegel, by emergency c-section. Jaime weighed in at 9 lbs. Both are doing well and Gilda thanks you all for your fervent prayers.

Chuck & Bonnie Rampone are proud grandparents to baby Madeleine Lee Rampone who was born on 11/18/12 weighing in at 7 lbs, 5 ozs., & 20" long. Chuck & Bonnie's son Chuck and wife Michelle are learning to adjust to parenthood and mom, dad & baby are doing just fine!

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There will be a Memorial Service for Sylvia Hershey on Saturday, December 8th at 1:00pm at Caroline Church. There will be a reception immediately following in the Parish House. Sylvia was the mom of Al & Bonnie Meyer. All are invited to share in the Thanksgiving of Life with them.

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*Please send the detail of things you would like others to be aware of to the parish office by calling 941-4245 or email it to office@carolinechurch.net. Both your happy news and news of other life changes such as a loss of a close family member will be shared through this column when you let us know to do so. As a Christian family, we will be closer if we can share our life joys and struggles with one another.*

## Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, January 30, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Marco Smith Building. Please plan to attend this very important event in the life of our church. If you are responsible for writing a year-end report for an area of ministry you have been involved in over 2012, please complete it and electronically e-mail it to Janet at [office@carolinechurch.net](mailto:office@carolinechurch.net) in the parish office no later than **January 7th**.

Supervised childcare and rides to the annual parish meeting will be available, please call the parish office several days in advance of the meeting if you need these services. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this gathering of our parish family.

## End Prolonged Solitary Confinement Now

Recognizing that prolonged solitary confinement can cause serious harm to prisoners, it has long been considered a form of torture. As a person of faith, I oppose the use of prolonged solitary confinement.

Experts estimate that tens of thousands of prisoners in the U.S. criminal justice system are currently being held in solitary confinement. The vast majority of these inmates are detained in state prison facilities. Prisoners held in solitary confinement are often detained in a cell by themselves for 23 hours a day. Some prisoners are kept in these conditions for months, years, or even decades. Medical experts have stated that prisoners held in isolation for extended periods experience symptoms akin to delirium, and the impact on mentally ill prisoners is especially damaging. Alarmingly, these prisoners are sometimes released from solitary confinement units directly to their communities when they complete their prison sentence.

We need to invest in humane alternatives that address the mental health needs of prisoners in a way that effectively contributes both to their rehabilitation and to their successful transition back into society. Because holding prisoners in solitary confinement units is significantly more expensive than keeping them in the general prison population, instituting humane alternatives makes sense, both financially and morally.

We must end the use of prolonged solitary confinement in all 50 states and the federal prison system. It is costly, inhumane and ineffective; it harms prisoners and our communities. I call upon state legislators and departments of corrections to begin now to take steps to end prolonged solitary confinement.

The National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) is gathering endorsements of the above statement from people of faith all across the country. When we reach 500 endorsers from a particular state, we will send this statement, along with the list of those endorsers, to that state's governor and top corrections official, along with every member of that state's legislature. If we subsequently reach 1000 endorsers in the state, we will send the list again – and so on. In this way, we hope to help strengthen efforts in each state to bring an end to the use of prolonged solitary confinement.

National Religious Campaign Against Torture  
110 Maryland Avenue, NE, Suite 502  
Washington, DC 20002



Please Join Us at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Epiphany Ball

Lombardi's On The Sound  
Pt. Jefferson  
January 26th, 2013

**6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** cocktails (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres  
**7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.** dinner with dancing  
Cost: **\$60.00 per person**

Paid, non-refundable reservations must be returned by Monday, January 13th, 2013.  
Checks should be made payable to Caroline Church and mailed with this completed form to  
the office: Caroline Church, One Dyke Road, Setauket, NY 11733

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

How many people in your party \_\_\_\_\_ x \$60.00 each= \_\_\_\_\_ check enclosed

I/We would like to sit with: \_\_\_\_\_

*Sit down dinner is a 4 course affair  
featuring:*

~ FIRST COURSE ~  
**Penne Filetto di Pomodoro**

~ SALAD COURSE ~  
**Tuscan Garden Salad**

~ MAIN COURSE ~  
(Choice of one)  
**Lombardi's Sliced Steak**  
**Chicken Francaise**  
**Fish du Jour**

**Seasonal vegetables**  
**House potatoes**  
**Rolls, butter**

~DESSERT~  
**House Cake**

*Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks*

We are accepting reservations NOW!!





## Celebrate Stewardship 2012

Yes! We do celebrate and give thanks for:

1. Two delicious Church Dinners organized and cooked by **Sue and Bob Nalewajk**, along with the many volunteers and sous-chefs that assisted--and **195 of our parishioners attending!** We also fed over 100 people at our local soup kitchen with the leftovers – a true loaves and fishes story.
2. Children's messages delivered by **Lindsay Porter**.
3. Children and youth involvement in our services and at our dinners, along with the support of **Sue Nalewajk, Mary Doherty, Jan Visconti, Katherine Kaiser, Chris Muffly, and others**.
4. Our witness speakers: **Lainey Cash, Isabella Sobalvarro, John Leibold and Bruce Lockerbie!** Our ministries have deeply touched many!
5. The use of Christ United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall for our Celebration Dinner when we **outgrew** our MCS building space!
6. An amazing and hard working **Stewardship Committee!**
7. The wonderful support and expertise of our church office staff: **Janet Giacomini and Nancy O'Neill**

**120** Estimates of Giving received as of 11/27/12, which total **\$236,270.00!**

But.....there is **more** to do! Our annual budget is typically around **\$500,000.00**. Please help us continue the celebration and let's bridge the gap!

**Have you turned in your Estimate of Giving Card?**



## Why We Need to Give

Dean Martin echoed a basic truth in his signature song, "Everybody Loves Somebody." Love's reach extends beyond song and art into religion. Jesus, whose life is our greatest lesson about love, identified love as the path to salvation. Love goes beyond well-wishing to action, the "laying down" of life. Jesus saved us through giving. He gave us himself.

We've all experienced the joy of giving, the excitement of presenting an unsolicited gift or a particularly generous one. We enjoy witnessing the joy our gift brings. Parents experience this when they give to young children. We all experience it when we give to a friend, a neighbor, a charity, a stranger.

However, the warm feeling that accompanies giving is the least important part of the experience. The truth is we need to give because we grow by giving. The world would have us believe that we grow by getting: the more I have, the more I am. In this view, persons are defined by things. Personal possessions count more than personal qualities, like character and virtue. But a fast car or a flashy cell phone is a poor means of self-expression. In order to express ourselves, we need to share our uniqueness with others, to create and to give. Giving allows us to grow socially. We need relationships and relationships are enriched by giving.

Giving helps us to understand the true purpose of our possessions. We should own things in order to increase our ability to serve others. Do our possessions also extend our ability to love? If they are shared with others, they can.

We sometimes hold back our giving because of fear. If I volunteer my time and donate my money, will I have enough left for me? Am I willing to risk sacrifice? Giving and sacrifice strengthen relationships. And when we give, we strengthen the community. As St. Paul says, "Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:8).

We all have a need to give – a need to love "somebody sometime." Because God loved us first, he has given us abundant life and a unique combination of gifts. Through our baptism, Jesus calls us to join his mission of salvation, and our gifts are tools which contribute to that mission. When we give, we obey the first commandment, we practice the greatest virtue, and we reveal ourselves as Christian stewards.

*Adapted from an article by Rev. Jon Thomas, Parochial Vicar, Christ Our Light Parish, Cherry Hill, New Jersey.*

**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR THE 2013 VESTRY  
AND  
CONVENTION DELEGATES**

The Vestry Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the Vestry and for Delegates to Diocesan Convention. According to our church's bylaws, this year there will be three (3) three-year Vestry positions to be filled and one (1) two year warden position to be elected at the Annual Parish meeting held on January 30, 2013.

The Vestry is the legal board of directors for The Caroline Church of Brookhaven exercising corporate and budgetary authority. The Vestry of Caroline Church is comprised of twelve (12) members. Lay members of the Vestry are elected for a three-year term. Wardens are elected for a two-year term.

The Vestry will elect Three (3) At-Large Delegates to the Diocesan Convention and their alternates for one year. Two youth may also attend from each parish with voice but no vote. These delegates along with the clergy represent our parish at the annual convention that is tentatively scheduled for Friday and Saturday on November 9 and 10, 2013.

If you would like to recommend yourself or someone you know to the Vestry Nominating Committee, please complete the following Nomination Form. Completed forms should be in the Church office by December 1.

If you are interested in serving but are unsure if you meet the qualifications listed below, or have any questions regarding the election process, please speak with Fr. Visconti.

Thank you,

J. Christopher Haring, Chair

***NOMINATION FORM***

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to serve God as

\_\_\_\_\_ A Member of Caroline Church's Vestry

\_\_\_\_\_ An At-Large Delegate to Diocesan Convention

I certify that I am a communicant of the Church, eighteen years of age or older, who has been enrolled in the Parish Register for the past twelve months and have communicated in the parish in the year preceding, and that I am and have been a stated contributor in my own name to the support of the parish for the past twelve months.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Nominator

I accept nomination to serve God in the ministry indicated and I pledge that:

- I have a strong personal commitment to Jesus Christ, and to carrying out His ministry in our community.
- I am a confirmed or received communicant of the Episcopal Church in good standing, regular in prayer and worship.
- I will attend Vestry meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.
- I will attend the Vestry retreat on February 9, 2013 at Little Portion Friary.
- I will be active in the life of the parish, willing to assume leadership and other positions.
- I am a stated contributor of record who is working toward a tithe as minimum goal of Christian giving of time, talent and treasure.
- I agree with and am willing to sign the Vestry Covenant.
- I will be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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Signature of Nominee

# December 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 CHRISTMAS FAIR 6:00 PM 20s & 30s Game Night at the Timms
2 <b>ADVENT 1</b> 8:00am, 9:30am , 11:15am Services 9:30 AM Advent Wreath Making in SS 9:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir 10:45 AM CYC Break- fast Meeting 10:45 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal	3 9:00 AM Homeschool- ers use MCS building 10:30 AM Staff Meeting  7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Upper Room of Parish House	4 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in MCS building  3:30 PM Soup Kitch- en at CCUM  7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	5	6 10:00 AM Three Vil- lage Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Sunrise Asst.  12:30 PM H.E & Healing Service  7:00 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal	7   7:30 PM OSL Heal- ing Service at Beth- el AME	8 8:00 AM Brother- hood of St. Andrew 9:30 AM Caring for Caregivers Support Group in Parish House 1:00 PM Memorial: Sylvia Hershey [parish house after] 5:30 PM Home- schoolers use MCS building for Program
9 <b>ADVENT 2</b> 8:00am, 9:30am , 11:15am Services  DEADLINE for the DRAWING FOR THE XMAS BULLETIN COVER 10:45 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 12:30 PM LADIES LUNCH AT ST. GEORGE'S 4:00 PM CYC MEETS in 'CAVE'	10 9:00 AM Homeschool- ers use MCS building 10:30 AM Staff Meeting  6:00 PM Home Bible Study CHRISTMAS PARTY at the John- son's 6:45 PM 'Exploring The Word' Bible Study	11 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in MCS building  3:30 PM Soup Kitch- en at CCUM  7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	12   7:00 PM 2013 Con- firmation Class meets in MCS build- ing	13 10:00 AM Three Vil- lage Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Woodhaven  12:30 PM H.E & Healing Service  7:00 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal	14 <b>DEADLINE FOR THE CARILLON</b>  4:00 PM Paul Win- ter Concert NYC (leave CC parking lot)	15 8:30 AM Shawl Ministry in people's homes
16 <b>ADVENT 3</b> 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services  9:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir 10:45 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 11:00 AM Pageant re- hearsal 4:00 PM CYC MEETS in 'CAVE'	17  12:00 PM Staff XMAS Luncheon	18 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in MCS building  7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	19   7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	20 10:00 AM Three Vil- lage Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Glenhaven 12:30 PM H.E & Heal- ing Service  7:00 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal	21 9:30 AM Collate Carillon	22 9:30 AM Caring for Caregivers Support Group in Parish House  5:00 PM Teachers Dinner in MCS building
23 <b>ADVENT 4</b> 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services  <b>9:30 AM CHRISTMAS PAGEANT</b> 10:45 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 4:00 PM CYC MEETS in 'CAVE'	24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE / OFFICE CLOSED</b> 5:00 PM H.E. Children's Service 8:00 PM H.E. w/Adult Choir 10:00 PM H.E. w/Adult Choir	25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY / OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist w/Hymns	26 <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	27 <i>Janet on vacation</i> 10:00 AM Three Vil- lage Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Jefferson Ferry 12:30 PM H.E & Heal- ing Service	28 <i>Janet on vacation</i>	29
30 Christmas 1 8:00am, 9:30am , 11:15am Services  10:45 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 4:00 PM CYC MEETS in 'CAVE'	31 <i>Janet on vacation</i> 10:30 AM Staff Meeting					

