

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

There are many parish activities planned for these weeks of Advent, especially with our Church School children and parents. Before we entered into the weeks of Advent in preparation for the Holy Day of the Birth of Our Lord, we paused to give thanks to God for blessing us in so many ways. I had much to be thankful for even before Thanksgiving Day arrived.

Last month the world was rocked with the horrendous killing of innocent lives in Paris by ISIS in a deadly multi-pronged attack. With 130 people killed and over 350 people injured, most of the world was in shock.

As I mentioned in Church on the Sunday following the terrorist attack, I waited for over six hours before hearing from my daughter who is in graduate school in Paris that she was unharmed. It was some of the most anxious hours I have ever experienced as I watched the events continuing to unfold on television. Finally she texted us, relating that she was safe at home the entire time. Here is a text message she sent out to many who inquired about her well-being. "I am safe! Thank you. I am safe at home, as are my friends, watching without believing, trying to understand how the power of crazy ideas can infect the brain. At least, the peaceful solidarity is inspiring; we all must stand together against this stupid, blind attack against our city which must remain the symbol of love, culture, and the pleasures of life. Peace from Paris, Cassandra." The prayers of so many on her behalf were greatly appreciated.

I am also thankful this Advent season for all of our parishioners who responded in a generous way to our annual financial stewardship campaign. The Lord, who is always ready to give to us, has called us to share with others within our community through Caroline Church. If you have not yet made your estimate of giving for 2016, please do so, for your financial contributions are critical to the continued mission of our parish.

We may look around at the world we live in and remark that there is not much peace in the world or our lives these days. Truth be told, the world is, and always has been, a dangerous place. War, famine, disease, poverty, terror and crime are constants. But life is also a miraculous blessing. Family and friends, country, food and shelter, music and entertainment, our minds and our bodies, work - all of these are wondrous blessings. The world is a dangerous place, but it is also a joyous and rewarding place with family and friends to share it with. Let us always appreciate what we have each and every day. Let us be aware these days of

where true security is found.

Yes, we need to take prudent steps to defend ourselves from terrorists' attacks and crime and poverty. But there is no sure defense from any of those. So, let me share a blessing with you: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. True security, I'm convinced, can only come from God. Psalm 33 tells us: There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; a strong man is not delivered by his great strength. The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save... Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy name we put our trust.

We will only find true peace in our lives, if we can find it in God. The God who gave us life as a free gift, who desires our happiness and who aims to give us life everlasting is the only source of true peace.

Christmas greetings to all. May you find peace and security in the Prince of Peace. May you know his blessings abundantly in your lives.

Christmas blessings,
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

The Fragile Ego

As Christians, we strive to build strong egos, by which we mean ones that are confident in the promises of God. This means that we must learn to rely on God rather than stubbornly insisting on our own way. The Taoists have a profound metaphor for this. They compare the spiritually mature self to bamboo. When the wind blows, bamboo bends rather than breaks. When we have fragile, fearful egos, we become rigid and unyielding, unable to bend, to integrate new ideas and to adapt to new circumstances. Bamboo is also hollow, receptive, as we should be receptive to God and our brothers and sisters. Fragile egos, on the other hand, are unable to be present to others and to forgive others, as their focus remains on the self. The Tao Te Ching explains it as follows:

If you want to become whole, let yourself be partial. If you want to become straight, let yourself be crooked. If you want to become full, let yourself be empty. If you want to be reborn, let yourself die. If you want to be given everything, give everything up. The Master, by residing in the Tao, sets an example for all beings. Because he doesn't display himself, people can see his light. Because he has nothing to prove, people can trust his words. Because he doesn't know who he is, people recognize themselves in him. Because he has no goal in mind, everything he does succeeds. When the ancient Masters said, "If you want to be given everything, give everything up," they weren't using empty phrases. Only in being lived by the Tao can you be truly yourself. ¹

How similar this is to Christ's message:

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?" ²

Christ is telling us that we must allow ourselves to *be lived by God*. That is, we must allow ourselves to be so receptive to God what we are consumed by God. Instead of seeking our will, we seek God's will for us. When we stop trying to control our lives, to bend the world to our own desires, we rid ourselves of fear and are filled with hope—not a blithe hope that assumes that everything will go according to our desires, but the hope that God's will ultimately will be fulfilled. Such hope reduces our fear. An ego like bamboo bends in the direction that the Holy Spirit blows and is receptive to the will of God. It can identify with and love others. Fear keeps us rigidly resistant to God, and the more fear we feel, the more alienating are the acts we can justify. All abuse in the world finds its roots in fear.

We strengthen our fragile egos by admitting our fears and

weaknesses. We are assisted in this by spending ample time with those with whom one can be honest. Church is supposed to be that, not merely a place for people to look good like a tall tree.

¹ Stephen Mitchell, trans., *Tao Te Ching* (Harper Collins, 1988), Chapter 22.
² Matthew 16:24-26. See also Matthew 10:39 (Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.) and Luke 9:23-25.



ADOPT A FAMILY!

LAST CALL for the 2015 ADOPT A FAMILY! There is still time to join the Diocesan Adopt A Family program. Wish requests are in the Church Vestibule and the Marco C Smith Building. Just choose a tag, shop, wrap, attach the tag and return to the Church by Wednesday December 9th.

We have been asked to make Christmas very special this year for two grandparents who have taken in their five grandchildren, ages 6 to 11. The list of needs is long, and your help is greatly appreciated.

Questions? Call Barbara Russell at 689-9434.

Caroline Campus Cares.....

We would like to say a special 'Thank You' to all who donated supplies & food, those who helped put the boxes together and especially this year, to those who took a box to mail. We sent 25 boxes out to our college kids.

'Thank You' to the entire Caroline Church congregation for supporting this very important ministry.

Eileen Hazell, Linda Sanders

Episcopal Presiding Bishop Michael Curry addresses Syrian refugee crisis: “Be not afraid!”

“Be not afraid!”

Often in the gospels, fear grips the people of God, and time and again, either the angels, or Our Lord himself, respond with the same words of comfort: “Be not afraid.”

In times like this fear is real. And I share that fear with you. Our instinct tells us to be afraid. The fight-or-flight mentality takes hold. At the present moment, many across our Church and our world are grasped by fear in response to the terrorist attacks that unfolded in Paris last Friday. These fears are not unfounded. We can and should support law enforcement officials who are working hard and at great risk to protect us from crime and keep us safe. And yet, especially when we feel legitimate fear, our faith reminds us “Be not afraid.” The larger truth is that our ultimate security comes from God in Christ.

In the Book of Leviticus, God says to the people of Israel that, “the foreigner who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the foreigner as yourself, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.” Accordingly, we welcome the stranger. We love our neighbor. The Episcopal Church has long been committed to resettling refugees in our own communities fleeing violence and persecution.

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, through its Episcopal Migration Ministries service, works with dioceses and congregations, and the United States government, to settle refugees in communities across this great country. The Episcopal Church has been engaged in this ministry for more than 75 years. We will not let the nightmare this world often is keep us from carrying out the words of Jesus who told us to be a neighbor to those in need.

Refugees from places like Syria seek to escape the precise same ideological and religious extremism that gave birth to the attacks in Paris. They seek entry into our communities because their lives are imprisoned by daily fear for their existence. Just as Jesus bids us not to be afraid, we must, in turn, pass those words of comfort to those who turn to us for help.

But Jesus calls us to go even further: not just to love our neighbors and our kin, but to love our enemies. This is particularly difficult when we are afraid. But even in the midst of our fear we stand on the solid ground of our faith and proclaim the faith in

Christ crucified and risen from the dead. In practical terms, this may mean finding strength in prayer, or in our neighbors, or in our churches, or in acts of solidarity with others who live in fear. This is the hope that casts out fear.

The fear is real. So we pray. We go to church. We remember who we are in Jesus. Our resurrection hope is larger than fear. Let nothing keep us from that hope, that faith, that security in Gods dream for all of humanity.

“Be not afraid!”

**The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church**



Our Anglican Heritage

Ember Days

On our liturgical calendars for December, the church recognizes Ember Days. What is an Ember Day? In the Anglican Tradition, according to John Henry Hobart, Ember days are certain days set apart for consecrating to God the four seasons of the year; and for imploring his blessing, by fasting and prayer, upon the ordinations performed in the Church at those times. It was the practice of the apostles, when they set apart persons for the work of the ministry, to pray and fast before they laid on their hands. In addressing heaven at this time after the same manner; that God would be pleased so to govern the minds of the Bishops, that they may admit none into holy orders but those who are duly qualified, and that those who shall be ordained to serve at the altar, may, by their exemplary lives and zealous labors, turn many to righteousness.

Ember days are observed at the four seasons of the year, being the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after the first Sunday in Lent; after Whitsunday; after the fourteenth of September; and after the thirteenth of December. The Sundays immediately following these days being the stated times of ordination appointed by the Church.

In the Episcopal Church, the three days which occur four times a year: the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after St. Lucy's Day (Dec. 13), Ash Wednesday, the Day of Pentecost, and Holy Cross Day (Sept. 14).

There have been many conjectures about the origin of this name. *Emb*, or *embe*, in Saxon, signifies a *course* or *circuit*; *embehtan*, to administer, and *embehtman*, a minister. *Ember weeks* may, therefore, signify the periodical times for appointing ministers.

The name comes from the Latin title *Quattuor tempora*, meaning "four times." In ancient Italy the times (originally three) were associated with sowing, harvest, and vintage, for which one prayed, fasted, and gave alms. Later the four times became occasions for ordination, for which the Christian community prayed and the candidates prepared themselves by prayer and retreat.

The BCP appoints proper collects and readings for this observance under the title "For the Ministry (Ember Days), including propers "For those to be ordained," "For the choice of fit persons for the ministry," and "For all Christians in their vocation" (BCP, pp. 256-257, 929).

Interested in Serving as a Member of the Vestry?

If you, or a Parishioner you know, is interested in serving on the Vestry, your attention is called to the Nominating Form in the Carillon. You may get a form at the parish office or online. This year, at our Annual Parish Meeting, on January 27th, we will be electing Vestry members for five positions. Three, three-year positions, one two-year position, and one one-year position. The responsibilities of the Vestry are both broad and varying. The Vestry is responsible for stewardship of finances and property along with program development and oversight. In addition each member is encouraged to chose a ministry he/she might assist with or chair. Following their election they are asked to attend a Vestry Retreat in February along with attending monthly Vestry meetings. If you wish to know more about the Vestry, please speak with Cn. Richard or any of the Vestry members which are listed on the back of this bulletin.

The Vestry Nominating Committee



Coffee & Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess

Sign up for 2015



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.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve
Thursday, 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
Friday, December 25th

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



Church School News

Thank you to all who donated a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. We sent 40 boxes to those in need.

November 29th is the 1st Sunday in Advent. We will have a joint Sunday School that day as we will make our Advent wreaths. 1 wreath per family, so brothers and sisters will be working on their family Advent Wreath together that day. Don't be late!! We also have family devotionals and activity books for each child to bring home. Advent is a family time as we await the birth of Our Lord, a time to share together the wonderful gift of Jesus coming into our world as a baby. We encourage you to share this time daily with your family through the use of these books.

November is also a time that we look ahead to our Christmas Pageant. Anyone interested in assisting in the cultivation of this pageant, please contact Janet in the parish office. You need not have a child in Sunday School to help out. Our pageant is scheduled for December 20th at 9:30am, with a possible Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 19th at 10:00am. This is a wonderful time to teach our children all about 'giving of oneself' instead of receiving - as Jesus gave himself to us so that we will one day be with him in heaven. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to be a part of this Caroline Church event.

Let us fill that time with our thoughts on Jesus and serving Him. We can't do it without you.

If you have a burning desire in your heart to Serve the Lord by being the Sunday School Director, just on Sunday's, please talk to Janet or Cn. Richard. You will be blessed.

Janet Giacomini
Interim Sunday School Director

Merry Christmas

Adult Ed Advent Program

We will be having an Adult Ed Advent Program, with the location being at All Souls' Church December 8th beginning at 6:30pm. Topic is 'Climate Change'. This will be a one evening program. Please join us.



Youth Confirmation Class 2016

The 2016 Youth Confirmation Exploration class is being formed. All interested tenth-graders and their parents, who have not been to the Orientation Day, but are interested in joining us, please contact Fr. Farrell or Cn. Richard. Youth not considering confirmation, but interested in learning more about Christianity are also welcome. Schedules are being formed now. The class will meet twice a month.



Daughters of the King

As a service to our parishioners, we will be offering Blood pressure and heart rate screening during coffee hour, starting the second Sunday in January. We hope this will help us manage our health as we start the New Year.

For His Sake,
St Teresa of Avila
Chapter of DOK



CYC-Youth Group

There will be no CYC on December 27
Merry Christmas!

We will go out to brunch, as per usual, on December 6th and January 3rd. On January 10 we will have our "traditional" Epiphany White Elephant exchange. Please bring a wrapped gag gift to regular CYC and get ready to be blessed with someone else's...treasure. ;)

**Minutes of the 149th Episcopal Diocesan Convention
of Long Island
November 13-14, 2015**

Friday - November 13, 2015

11:30am – 1:30 pm - Registration

1:30 pm- Convention gathers and begins with the opening hymn. The blessing of water and the renewal of baptismal vows follow as the Bishop processes into the ballroom while asperging the convention assembly with Holy Water. The Bishop then proceeds to the altar, concludes with the collect of the day and the assembly is seated thereafter. Midday prayer follows after the renewal of baptismal vows.

Organizing of Convention- Directly following midday prayer, general housekeeping rules are discussed and an agenda of the day's schedule is outlined by Reverend Karen Davis-Lawson, secretary of Convention.

Elections to Diocesan Boards and Bodies – 17 elections in total, 12 were uncontested and 5 were voted upon by the clergy and lay delegates. For a complete list of the election results please visit the diocesan website.
15 minute break

3:45 pm – Audio Introduction by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry – A short audio recording was played in which the newly elected Presiding Bishop Michael Curry spoke to us about our mission as a people to respond in every way possible to the “living God” which is known as the Jesus Movement.

First Guest Speaker Presentation - The first guest speaker was the Bishop of South Dakota: The Right Reverend John T. Tarrant who spoke about the abject poverty in South Dakota. The main theme in Bishop Tarrant's presentation was “don't ever question whether the Episcopal Church makes a difference” because it does. Bishop Tarrant supported his theme by telling many stories of how the Episcopal Church in South Dakota serves as a constant foundation of support and faith for many Native American populations who face rampant crime, death, isolation and lack of governmental resources and support on a daily basis. Bishop Tarrant thanked the Long Island Diocese for donating \$300,000 to the diocese of South Dakota to help them in the crucial upkeep of churches in which some don't even have electricity and to maintain a strong and essential presence in South Dakota.

Second Guest Speaker Presentation – The second guest speaker was Bishop David Bailey of Navajoland in New Mexico in which he spoke to the convention about the history of the Navajo people and the daily struggles and challenges that they go through in their daily life. The Navajo people were forced from their land in the 1800's by the United States Government and have since been a people who live in abject poverty with high rates of unemployment, crime and death. However, Bishop Bailey stressed the important role of the Episcopal Church that is giving the Navajo people hope and essential resources to improve quality of life every day. Bishop Bailey expressed his gratitude for the Diocese of Long Island that has donated to Navajoland in the effort to contribute to

the great progress that is being done.

5:30 pm – Evening Prayer

6:00 pm – Convention in Recess

7:30 pm- 11:00 pm- Convention Banquet

Saturday, November 14, 2015

7:30 am- Registration

9:00 am – Holy Eucharist

A gospel choir performed and the entire room of clergy and laity collectively and passionately sang songs of praise.

Bishop's Address- The Bishop's address focused upon the convention's theme of “One Diocese, One Mission” in which the 133 Episcopal churches on Long Island are separate but equal outposts that are all interconnected and collectively contributing to ONE mission. The Bishop explained that we must embrace a new and holy concept of unification within our diocese, we must understand that all 133 separate churches on Long Island are one body with the same purpose and we are stronger when we identify as one holy body. Bishop Provenzano's main theme in his address was the practice of adhering to mutual responsibility and interdependence in which we must be disciplined in our faith and steadfast in our mission to build strong church communities and ministries and to share resources and everything that we have with others.

Presentation of 2015 Ministry Plan and Vote-

The ministry Plan (2016 Diocesan Budget) unanimously passed.

Noonday Prayer

12:30 pm – Lunch

1:45 pm - Honoring of new ministries and anniversaries
Canonical Appointments/Changes

Proposition 1- Was to amend the Canons to remove any mention of the Archdeaconry System. This motion was passed. The remaining propositions primarily cleaned up verbiage in the Diocesan Canons.

Proposition 2 – Was to amend title IV of the Canons of the Diocese of Long Island. This motion was passed.

Proposition 3 – Was to amend title X of the Canons of the Diocese of Long Island. This motion was passed.

Proposition 4 – Was that part 1, Rule 2 of the Rules of Order of the Convention of the Diocese of Long Island be amended, This motion was passed.

2:30 pm - Evening Prayer

3:00 pm - Convention Adjourns

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Cash,
Convention Delegate

Let It Go Or My Summer of Enlightenment

“Do you really need 11 boxes of brand new Christmas cards? Or 23 baskets? Or 7 crates of picture frames? Or pantaloons from the Civil War?”

These were the kinds of questions my son, Josh, raised on a daily basis this summer.

After being in my home for 40 years, it was time to move on. How I ever managed to accumulate all this stuff is beyond me! We unearthed objects that I didn't know I owned! But they were family heirlooms: my grandfather's beer stein brought from Germany when he emigrated to the US, my great, great grandmother's cut glass wine decanter and my parent's Limoges china set - a wedding gift in the 1940's. It was so overwhelming that I doubted I would survive the summer.

My husband, Charlie, and I planned on downsizing after he had a chance to savor his retirement. Seven months later I lost him. It broke my heart and changed my life forever. This summer, 2 1/2 years later, it was time to act on our plan.

Josh came home and has given up the last 6 months of his life to help me, leaving his wife home alone (in Costa Rica). It was a big sacrifice for both of them.

I began to grieve again. This time I cried over items that were reminders of our life together...Mementos that all had a story. Just going through old photos could take a day and a box of tissues. The decisions exhausted me. Sometimes we would argue about my determination to hold on to these precious belongings-then, after giving it some thought, I realized I was being somewhat unreasonable in the desire to keep Charlie's Air Force uniform or my grandfather's Indian arrowhead collection.

And all the while Josh kept reminding me, “Mom, no matter what you sell, donate or give away, you will always have your memories.”

To my surprise, I did it! I am very proud of myself. It was hard but I accomplished what I thought was impossible. I survived and I feel I became stronger in the process.

So this summer I learned:

1. Never underestimate your inner strength.
2. Never underestimate the depths of your children's love..and patience.
3. **Hold onto the memories...not the objects.**

Sandy Mellon
Caroline Grief Support Group

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brothers met on November 21st for a special presentation of the 1700s center in the lower parish house by Bev Tyler. During our meeting we also spoke about the upcoming Summer Fair and the need for additional committee heads to share the work and reach more within the Caroline community.

Committee heads would tackle one important aspect of the Fair (example: advertising) and build a small team around this effort. We have learned a lot over the years and would support and guide the sub-committee efforts. Areas of special attention are:

* Advertising and Publicity (possible 2 committees) - We have not yet finalized a date and this committee would determine the most suitable date possible. Renew our signs etc.

* Special Events - looking to build a theme(s) around the event. Committee would also look for music and other such events during the Fair.

* Food Court

* Vendors

If anyone is interested in chairing a sub committee please see myself, Don Muffly or Len Calone.

All invited:

the **Men's and Boy's Communion Breakfast** will be on December 12th beginning at 8:00am. Our guest speaker is from the Eastern Farm Workers Association. Please come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast put on by our ECW ladies, enjoy some fellowship and learn a little more about the struggles of brothers and sisters working the farming community on the east end.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Br. Mark



Caroline Book Club

The next Book Club meeting will be December 4th at 3:00pm in the Parish House. We are reading “The Boys In The Boat” by Daniel James Brown. All are welcome. If you have any questions, call Allan Galloway at 631-473-3767.

2016 Offering Envelopes



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

Please walk over there after Sunday Services 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.



Parish Family News

Congratulations to Lindsay and Don (*and Charles*) who are expecting an addition to their family this May.

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



Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, January 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the MCS 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 2015, please complete it by:

January 11th and electronically e-mail it to Janet at office@carolinechurch.net in the parish office.

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.

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

Parish Ministry Opportunities

Altar Guild

Caroline Church's Altar Guild is still looking for a few more women or men to help set God's table and sanctuary on Sunday's and other occasional services. Caroline Guild takes loving care of the "house of God" that serves as the "house of God's people." These "ladies of the sacristy" are acutely aware that they serve at a privileged place where the liturgical rites are prepared, where the treasured objects that facilitate that prayer are stored. This ministry has been a prime aspect of church life since the year 303 and at Caroline Church from its founding in 1723. If you would like to be part of our sacristan guild, please speak with Co-Directors Bobbi Wimmel (331-3514) or Janet Giacomini (941-4245) or Cn. Richard. One would be hard pressed to find a more meaningful way to glorify God.

Eucharistic Ministers

We could welcome a few more Eucharistic Ministers to our dedicated group of adults who administer the Chalice of consecrated wine on Sunday mornings. With several Eucharistic Ministers moving out of the area, we have a need to expand our numbers. I would like to invite all Caroline parishioners to consider assisting at the altar in this important and holy ministry. We have a fine core of Eucharistic Ministers who have embraced their calling by Our Lord and have been gifted with the tools to participate in our worship services through this particular altar ministry. Do consider joining this group of dedicated ministers. Please speak with Cn. Richard or call the parish office.

Acolytes

All those in 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 has a fun time together with BBQ's, game days, and a Paint Ball outing planned. There will be a training session for new acolytes soon. Call the parish office and let Cn. Richard know you would like to be trained as a new acolyte.

Our **Annual Christmas Fair** will be held on, Saturday December 5th. There are many areas where you can help. Wreaths, handmade crafts, baskets, raffles and food sales are all places where a few hours of your time given to the parish will be greatly appreciated. Call Barbara Jones (751-8809) or the parish office to say they can count on you.

Annual Caroline Church Christmas Fair!!



Our traditional Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, December 5th from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

WE NEED YOUR HELP
(big or small)

In order to make it a success and to raise funds to help those in need during hard times.

Possible ways to help:

Set up/decorate tables

On Friday, December 4th from 9:30am to completion in the Marco C. Smith Building.

Donate items for:

- ⇒ Bake and Food table
- ⇒ Used Christmas decorations
- ⇒ New Gift Table
- ⇒ Jewelry Table
- ⇒ Crafts & Hand Knit tables

This year Virginia & Lainey Cash are bringing back the COOKIE WALK. Please contact her directly (751-3541) if you can bake cookies or want to help with this!

Whatever you can do to contribute, we appreciate very much. Please bring your items upstairs to the machine room, as the building is used throughout the week for other groups. Thank you.

Barbara Jones, President
Members of the ECW (MB)



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!

Caring for the Caregiver Support Group

The Annual Senior & Caregiver Workshop was held last month at the Holiday Inn Express Stony Brook and was a tremendous success. There were 40 participants, many of whom were effusive in their praise of the program content and overwhelmingly grateful for having had the opportunity to attend. There is truly no clearinghouse for an individual to access and obtain even a basic overview of available resources, let alone local resources. The next workshop will be held in November 2016.

I am personally grateful for the opportunity, through Caroline Church, to reach out to our community caregivers. It is so meaningful and gratifying to see a person's sometimes unimaginably difficult caregiving situations eased by the simple interactions of others. It is a wonder to witness and each time I am reminded of the power of the Holy Spirit, so often present on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the upstairs of the Parish House.

Blessings,
Virginia Cash,
Caregiver Support Group Facilitator

"Thank you for offering such a wonderful and informative seminar this past Saturday! It is gratifying and reassuring to know there are so many organizations right here in our area to help and assist caregivers and their families. With all that is going on in the world we are reminded that there are many, many good people who care deeply about their fellow man. With Thanksgiving just a few days away, we are reminded to be grateful for these organizations and for the help and hope they offer to us all. Bless you, and them, for all that you do!"

Sincerely,
John C Casper



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

Michael Cardamone, Melanie Gonzalez,
Don Gonzalez, Andrew Gaebelein

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

December Birthdays

12/01 Diane Amato
Lorilei Whitsit
12/02 Tony Knapp
12/04 Catherine Gristock
12/05 Erin Frank
12/06 Paula DiBartolo
Maggie Shimaitis
12/08 Robin Thomas
12/09 Charles Neuls, Jr.
Otto Schleider
12/10 Carol Fortner
12/14 John Cierski
Bobby Aiello
Tyler Yarema
12/15 Gene Free
Margaret Gilmore
Taylor Schwab
12/16 Fr. Farrell Graves
12/17 Jan Visconti
Oliver Rhame
12/18 Jeffrey Morse
Madeline Rampone
12/19 Judith Wieland
Christine Lopez



12/20 Susan LaSorsa
12/21 Aaron Woreth
12/22 Olivia Schmitt
Charlette Freeman
Bill Hall
Cecile Pflingston
Edward Vitale
Karel Orłowski
Ryan Worrell
12/23 John Mastauskas
Charlene Seymour
Cathleen Esernio
Jessica Gonzalez
12/24 Craig Massie
12/25 Tyler LaSorsa
Francis Buchet
12/26 Patricia Calone
Annette Pollert
12/27 Susan Rydzeski

Salvatore Semler
12/28 Nick Amato
Garren Engel-DiBartolo
12/29 Irene Ruddock
12/30 Helene Bredes
Mark Lukianchuk
Nick Dubowski
Daniel Klinzing
Robert McCarroll
12/31 Holly Griesel
Laura Hengerle
Adrian Gilmore

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Hymn Sing

Those who are interested in gathering together at All Souls' once a month to learn to sing Sacred Harp hymns, please email Fr. Farrell.

A modest ability to read music would be required, but Sacred Harp singing is a uniquely American musical expression with the express intent on involving non-experts in praising God through singing.

The a cappella harmonies are less complex than hymns in our own hymnal, which produces a uniquely identifiable sound. Sacred Harp is communal singing, meaning that participants direct their singing to one another and to God, and the four voices generally sit in a square facing each other, (a configuration sadly impossible with pews). Many examples of Sacred Harp singing are available on youtube.

If there is sufficient interest, we will form a group.



Young Parishioners (20s, 30s, and beyond!)

will triumph at Trivia on December 15th at the Country Corner. Game starts at 8:00- please RSVP to:

Lindsay.baldwin.porter@gmail.com



Attn: All Women of the Parish

The Men's Annual Corporate Breakfast is coming up on Saturday, December 12th. We are looking for a few extra hands to prepare and serve breakfast and clean up from about 8:15 to 10:00am. Please call Terry Russell at 631-509-1722 or e-mail at tandlrussell@aol.com if you are interested and

can spare a bit of time that morning. You can also have your breakfast while helping out! Thanks so much.

Vestry Highlights November

- Lucia Buscemi reported on the Youth programs at the Diocesan Convention
- Christian Education report highlighted Advent & Christmas activities
- Proposed 2016 Budget presented for discussion
- 2015 Outreach disbursements decided

Barbara Russell

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.



Theophilus Healing Mission

A Chapter of The Order of St. Luke the Physician

The next Healing Service is Friday, December 4th at Caroline Church beginning at 7:30pm. Our meeting will be on December 18th at 7:30pm in the Parish House.

The Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL) has been around since the early 1950's and it's members, clergy, laity, medical profession laity are dedicated to praying for those who are ill in body, mind or spirit. We are also charged with bringing Jesus' healing ministry back to churches. We also have prayer teams available after the 9:30am Sunday Services in the church. All are welcome.

Ginny Apmann, Ann Lallo



Activities Coordinator

We are looking for an Activities Coordinator here at Caroline. Are you organized and love to coordinate events? Then we are looking for you. Annual events include Christmas Pageant, Easter Egg Hunt/Bunny Breakfast and End of Year Awards/Teacher Appreciation Brunch. More activities can be added. If interested, please speak to Janet in the Parish Office or Cn. Richard.



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 6th, 2015**. 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.



All Souls Episcopal Church Annual Youth Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 19th
6:00pm-7:30pm

All Souls Episcopal Church
61 Main Street
Stony Brook



Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King are dedicated to a service of prayer and service.

As a service to our Caroline Church families are praying for your prayer requests. There will be blue prayer cards in the pew racks for you to use for requesting prayers or giving thanks. There is a box in the vestibule for you to deposit your cards. We will keep you in our daily prayers for a month (unless you request longer). As always all prayer requests are kept confidential. Thank you for letting us provide this service to you.

Liturgical Calendar

November

Baptism: Jonah Nathan Kaplan
Riley Lattin Hengerle



Community News

Three Village Meals on Wheels

We need drivers 1 or 2 days a week, 1-1 ½ hours each day. If you have some time, please call Meals on Wheels at 689-7007 S.O.S. (Save our Seniors)

All Souls' Church Events

- Second Saturday Poetry Series: Featuring Paul Savino, the Poet Laureate of Suffolk County December 12th, 11:00am to 1:00pm

Please bring a can of food to donate if you want to help feed the poor in our area. "Lend a hand. Bring a can."

Protestant Campus Ministries

Please bring travel size toiletries (male or female) and place them in the box in the upper room of the parish house. If you are interested in student ministries or in contributing to PCM, please contact Canon Richard, Fr. Farrell or Sue Seel (690-0683)- lay representative from Caroline church.

Community News

LONG ISLAND SYMPHONIC CHORAL ASSOCIATION (LISCA)

Thomas Schmidt, Conductor
Robert Price, Assistant Conductor

HOLIDAY CONCERT
FEATURING
DAVE BRUBECK'S
La Fiesta de la Posada

Other works by composers including
Gregg Smith and *Eric Whitacre*
plus holiday carols & Spanish songs,
with strings, brass, and percussion.

Saturday, December 12th, 2015, 8:00 p.m.

St. James Roman Catholic Church
Route 25A, Setauket, New York
Tickets: General Admission \$25, Seniors \$20
To pay online go to www.lisca.org
Also available at Angelic Music, 221 Main,
Port Jefferson & 238 Main, East Setauket
from your LISCA member friends,
and at the concert door



A Royal Christmas Music celebrating the reign of Queen Elizabeth II

The North Shore Chamber Choir invites you to celebrate the Christmas season with music British monarchs would have heard at church services throughout the last two centuries.

Sunday, December 6 at 3:00pm
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Brook
(\$20 at the door) and
Saturday, December 12th at 7:30 pm
St. John the Baptist Church in Wading River
(free will offering).

www.nschamberchoir.org or 631-929-8549 for more information.



DECEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:00 AM ECW MB meets in upper PH 3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM 6:30 PM No Shore Chamber Choir in upper parish house	2 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School	3 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:00 AM 3 Village Homemakers meet in Parish House 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Sunrise Asst. 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal	4 SET UP FOR XMAS FAIR 3:00 PM Book Club meets in PH 7:30 PM OSL Healing Service at Caroline Church	5 9:00 AM CHRISTMAS FAIR
6 ADVENT 2 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services 9:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 11:15 AM CYC brunch at Fratelli's	7 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:45 PM 'Explore the Word' Bible Study meets in RCR 7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Upper PH	8 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM 6:30 PM ADVENT PROGRAM at All Souls' Church/Climate Change	9 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 9:00 AM DoK meet in PH	10 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:00 AM 3 Village Homemakers meet in Parish House 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Woodhaven 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal	11 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School	12 8:00 AM MEN'S CORPORATE COMMUNION BREAKFAST 9:30 AM Caring for Caregivers Support Group in Parish House
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27 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services No Children's Chapel today No Sunday School today	28 CHRISTMAS MONDAY / OFFICE CLOSED <i>MS closed</i>	29 <i>MS closed</i>	30 <i>MS closed</i>	31 <i>MS closed</i> 9:30 AM Collate the Carillon 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service		2

