

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

February's weather makes it a challenge to keep warm, dry and safe. However, it is also a time after our Annual Parish Meeting to give thanks to God for our parish family, especially for the past year. We all need to be grateful for the outstanding work and leadership given by so many to make 2013 such a fine year. Our wardens, vestry and committee chairs have served well beyond the call of duty. We extend our gratitude to all for their leadership and commitment to our parish.

As we all think and pray about the continued mission of Caroline Church within our Three Village Community, I ask that you put at the top of your list of commitments, your membership in Christ's Body, the Church.

St. Teresa of Avila wrote this about your life in the Church: "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He is to look out on Christ's compassion to the world; Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; Yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now."

To that Peter Drucker, the management guru, adds an important insight:

"Christianity was never strong... in the sense that it was popular. Christianity is a very feeble institution because it makes such exorbitant demands. It is dreadfully difficult to be a Christian because we make demands on people that they not only do things but that they become."

Our parish family is made up of diverse groups of individuals with varied God-given talents and gifts. But one thing we have in common is our friendship. When anyone in our parish family is hurt, be it physical or emotional, we hurt also. That is the way it should be within a loving parish family. When any of our fellow parishioners suffer, we should feel their pain and give them comfort by showing compassion.

Friendship is as old as creation – for in the first pages of the Bible, the Lord said, "It is not good for man to be alone." In order to function as persons, we must interact with others, share our experiences, talk, laugh, pray and play together. Our friends, like ourselves are imperfect human beings, but their love brings us strength. We have seen this happen time and again as the passion of Our Lord unfolded, for He had twelve close friends. Yet one sold Him for thirty pieces of silver; another denied that he ever knew Him and the rest ran away when He needed them most. But He did not shut Himself off from friendship, for even at His last moments, He made friends with two imperfect men, one of whom He promised to share with Him His eternal home.

Too many times we think that others may take advantage of us, or we have been hurt before and are afraid to be vulnerable again. But we must be willing to take that risk and find ways to nourish our friendship, for friendship is a relationship requiring special efforts. We should permit our friends to be themselves and accept them as they are and be eager to help and ask for help as well. It is important to be honest in our relationships, gently releasing any anger or anxiety we may have. Clearing the air helps a relationship grow, but we must be aware of what is better left unsaid.

Author George Eliot defines friendship as "The inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts or measure words." What a great feeling it would be to let our words tumble out of our mouths just as they are – the chaff and the grain together – and feel the comfort of a true friend who can take them and sift them and keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of kindness, blow the rest away.

The friendship that we share and nurture here at Caroline Church is truly a blessed gift from God. As those in the Curtillo movement often say, "Make a friend, be a friend, bring your friend to Christ".

Yes, the Way of Christ can be difficult at times, but God has only you to represent God in your world. Our task is to do the difficult, gracefully and lovingly. May we move ahead in faith, acknowledging the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Within the eternal friendship of Christ,
Cn. Richard+

Our Caroline Church Vision Statement:

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



Our Mission Statement

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

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

Fr. Farrell Graves

The How's and Why's of Dinosaurs and God

From time to time, someone within my earshot claims that there is a conflict between religion and science. Usually, people making this claim are referring specifically to differing narratives concerning creation. Most recently, this happened in a youth group meeting, and I did not have time to respond fully, so I will do so here. The creation stories in Genesis (yes, there are two) and the story of the geological history of our planet explain two different things. Geological history explains the events of our planet as they happened in real time. We have found that insects, amphibians, bony fish, and spiders appeared from 438 to 408 million years ago. Dinosaurs did not appear until 208 million years ago and were extinct by 147 million years ago. The first humans appeared much more recently, only 1.8 million years ago, and co-existed with mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed cats until those animals' extinction. This is a story about earth's history. We continue to revise it as new fossil evidence is found and as methods of dating are improved.

The Genesis stories, on the other hand, are not about the historical succession of events. They are about our relationship with God. They tell us that God created the world, for example, and that we were created in the likeness of God, which means that we have a special relationship with the Creator. In these stories, we see that the world is inherently meaningful, purposeful, and that that purpose is nothing more than to be in relationship. We need do nothing else to participate in the meaning of existence. In the first account of Genesis (1-2:4a), human beings were created after all other things were completed, as the crown of creation. Once God finishes creating and pronouncing everything good, God rests. This story indicates that the universe is exactly as God intended and that human beings have a special responsibility within it.

In the second creation story (2:4b-24), a man is created *before* plants and rain and animals. After the creation of Adam, God plants a garden, and only then does God create woman because it is not good for people to be alone. Though many have read this story as suggesting that women were an afterthought and therefore subordinate to men, the two-step version of creation allows greater emphasis on the essentially social nature of human beings. We were created to be in relationship with other humans and with God. It is only in the continuation of this second version of creation (Genesis 3) that we find the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The story explains how knowledge is related to evil. Our partial separation from God allows us to relate to God and to each other, but that relating is perfunctory without knowledge—we blindly follow impulses. Once our eyes are opened with knowledge, we can then

chose to relate, choose to love. Our ability to choose also means, however, that we can choose *not* to love—we can choose evil. We see, therefore, why the existence of love brings the possibility of evil.

Space does not allow me to explore more fully the meanings of these two stories, but the point here is to show how they differ in their intentions from the story of geological history. Geology explains *how* things came to be. Genesis explains *why* they came to be. Science and religion are answering different questions and are not in conflict.

Our Anglican Heritage

Janani Luwum

Around 1900, Uganda became a British protectorate, with the chief of the Buganda tribe as nominal ruler, and with several other tribes included in the protectorate. In 1962 Uganda became an independent country within the British Commonwealth, with the Bugandan chief as president and Milton Obote, of the Lango tribe, as Prime Minister. In 1966, Obote took full control of the government. In 1971, he was overthrown by General Idi Amin, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces. Almost immediately, he began a policy of repression, arresting anyone suspected of not supporting him. Hundreds of soldiers from the Lango and Acholi tribes were shot down in their barracks. Amin ordered the expulsion of the Asian population of Uganda, about 55,000 persons, mostly small shopkeepers from India and Pakistan. Over the next few years, many Christians were killed for various offenses. A preacher who read over the radio a Psalm which mentioned Israel was shot for this in 1972.

Janani Luwum was born in 1922 at Mucwini in East Acholi in Uganda. His father was a convert to Christianity. As a boy Janani spent his time herding the family's cattle, goats and sheep. His father could not afford for him to go to school until he was 10 but then Janani worked hard and went on to Gulu High School and then on to Boroboro Teacher Training. Janani taught in a primary school before he was converted in 1948. He became very active in the East African revival movement. First he studied to be a lay reader, and then a deacon. He was priested in 1956. Early on his leadership skills became apparent and he was chosen to do a one year course at St Augustine's College in Canterbury, UK. After working in parish work and at Buwalasi Theological College he returned to Britain to study at the London College of Divinity, returning to Uganda to become Principal of Buwalasi. In 1966 he became Provincial Secretary and in 1969 he was consecrated bishop of Northern Uganda.

In 1974 Janani Luwum he became Archbishop of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Boga-Zaire. Three years previously Colonel Idi Amin had overthrown the Government of Uganda and established a military dictatorship. Amin's regime became infamous around the world. Thousands of people were arrested, beaten, imprisoned without trial and killed. Archbishop Luwum often went personally to the office of the dreaded State Research Bureau to help secure the release of prisoners.

Tension between Church and state worsened in 1976. Religious leaders, including Archbishop Luwum, met to discuss the deteriorating situation and asked for an interview with Idi Amin to share their concern. The President reprimanded the Archbishop. But Archbishop Luwum continued to attend Government functions. One of his critics accused him of being on the Government side and he replied: "I face daily being picked up by the soldiers. While the opportunity is there I preach the Gospel with all my might, and my conscience is clear before God that I have not sided with the present Government which is utterly self-seeking. I have been threatened many times. Whenever I have the opportunity I have told the President the things the churches disapprove of. God is my witness."

On 5 February 1977 the Archbishop's house was raided by soldiers who said they had been ordered to look for arms. On 8 February the Archbishop and nearly all the Ugandan bishops met and drafted a letter of protest to the President and asked to see him. A week later, on 16 February, the Archbishop and six bishops were publicly arraigned in a show trial and were accused of smuggling arms. Archbishop Luwum was not allowed to reply, but shook his head in denial. The President concluded by asking the crowd: "What shall we do with these traitors?" The soldiers replied "Kill him now". The Archbishop was separated from his bishops. As he was taken away Archbishop Luwum turned to his brother bishops and said: "Do not be afraid. I see God's hand in this."

The next morning it was announced that Archbishop Luwum had been killed in a car crash. The truth was that he had been shot because he had stood up to President Amin and his Government. The Archbishop was killed just a few months before the centenary celebrations of the Church of Uganda, an anniversary which marked the martyrdom of Anglicans in Uganda nearly a century before. At a memorial service Janani Luwum was proclaimed the first martyr of the Church of Uganda's second century.

The Anglican Church honors Archbishop Luwum's ministry and martyrdom every year on February 17.



February Birthdays

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- 2/01 Alex Shane
Elizabeth Behnke
Brynn Davenport
- 2/03 Chad Kilmer, Sr.
Michael Russell
Jocelynn Rickey
Nicholas Pisano
Luke McCarthy
Keira Flynn
- 2/04 Beverly Underwood
Janene Timm
- 2/05 Dorothy Galloway
Catherine Minuse
- 2/06 Chris Haring
Jeff Dolan
Robert Stevenson
Cassandra Camenzuli
Jaylen DiBartolo
- 2/07 Calvin Hazell
- 2/09 Doris Denning
Sarah Funt
Emily Cincotta
Megan Specht
- 2/10 Elizabeth Nguyen
- 2/11 Robert Morse
Sarah Jones
- 2/12 Connor Nguyen
- 2/13 Danielle Huss
Colleen Cash
- 2/16 Dianne Johnson
Andrew Lockhart
- 2/17 Kathleen Weisinger
Bennett Owens
Cassidy Worrell
- 2/19 Brian Taranto
Samantha Massie
Albert Brayson III
Katy Wueste
- 2/20 Susan Camenzuli
- 2/21 Kathy Rowe
Isabella Remmler
William Davenport
Liam Davenport
- 2/25 Isabella DeRose
- 2/27 Chris Muffly
- 2/27 Stacey Kelly
- 2/28 Molly Russell



Election Results

The Annual Parish Meeting of Caroline Church was held on Wednesday, January 29th at 7:00pm in the Marco C. Smith Building.

We welcome the following parishioners into office:

Chris Haring	2 year term	Warden
Virginia Apmann	3 year term	Vestry person
Lorraine Massie	3 year term	Vestry person
Mary Wueste	3 year term	Vestry person

Blood Drive Update

Dear Caroline Family,

I would like to thank all who donated to my blood drive whether it be giving blood, advertising the drive, or just giving me encouraging words.

You all contributed to my success. We had a great showing from Caroline Church - 26 pints of blood came straight from our parishioners and 8 more tried to give blood but could not. 24 pints of blood were donated by the community showing how Caroline Church reaches beyond its walls.

Thank you all for your support and generosity.

*My Best,
Brian Hazell*

Attention - ECW Evening Branch Ladies



Want to be part of the revival of the evening Episcopal Church Womens evening branch group? If you were previously a member of the group or now want to explore the possibility of joining the group, come join us on February 5th at 7:00pm in the Marco Smith Bldg.

This will be an exploratory meeting to determine whether the group wishes to continue on and what the focus and specific activities of the group will be for the next few months.

Come socialize and share some light refreshments while sharing your ideas. For further information or questions, please call Terry Russell at 631-509-1722 or email me at tandrussell@aol.com. Hope to see you there!

Come to Sunday Morning Prayer

On Sunday, February 23 at the 11:15 a.m. service, we will celebrate said Morning Prayer. We have been worshipping in this ancient fashion on a quarterly basis. Please join us for this hour of prayer and adoration of Our Lord Jesus as we praise him for the blessings we have received.



20s & 30s Group

Please join the group at the All Souls' Rectory for a potluck dinner hosted by Fr. Farrell on Monday, February 10th at 6:30. RSVP to Lindsay at:

lindsay.baldwin.porter@gmail.com
and we'll work out who's bringing what.



Have you been Looking for Bethany, our organist?

She is currently completing a research grant at a UCLA library, the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library.

She will return the first week of April. At the Clark, she will be viewing eighteenth-century manuscripts pertaining to her dissertation on English partsong clubs and masculinity.

While Bethany is gone, Benjamin Downs will be serving as interim organist. Bethany wishes to thank everyone at the church for their support and looks forward to playing organ for you again soon.

Sunday, February 2nd 9:30am Service

SCOUTING SUNDAY



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We invite all scouts, boys and girls, to come to church in their uniforms for a special prayer and recognition.



Brotherhood of St. Andrew

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:

Our February meeting has been rescheduled for February 15th due to the Vestry retreat. Please join us beginning with an 8:00am Eucharist.

Please save the date, March 15th, for our Annual Men's and Boy's Communion Breakfast. The women of our parish will be hosting. All men and boys of the parish are welcome to join us for a wonderful breakfast and a lot of fellowship! Note, you do not have to be a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to attend the breakfast.

Bro. Mark



12th Annual Summer Fair

Save the Date: Caroline's 12 Annual Summer Fair will be May 31st with a rain date of June 1st.

There are still many openings on our Committee. Anyone interested please contact Mark at 631-609-0993. Look in the weekly bulletin for our schedule of meetings.

Coffee & Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess

Sign up for 2014

Please feel free to sign up for this wonderful time of sharing. Open to families, organizations or individuals who would like to share their 'hostess' gifts. The sign up list is on the clip board in the MCS building. You may either just sign up on the list, call the parish office at 941-4245 or contact Len Calone at 928-2019.



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

Parish Ministry Opportunities

Diocesan Convention Delegate

You can be a Diocesan Convention Delegate. Every year at our Annual Parish Meeting there is a call extended for any parishioners to serve as a delegate from Caroline Church to the annual diocesan convention in November. Caroline Church is apportioned three delegates (and three alternates) and two youth representatives for the convention. This year’s convention, the 148th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island will convene on Friday and Saturday, November 14th and 15th, 2014 at the Marriott hotel in Melville. You could be one of these delegates! Being a Convention Delegate is a great way to appreciate what is going on outside our own neighborhood parish, to meet other Episcopalians (or visit with old friends), and to share our experiences with others.

If you are interested in being a delegate from Caroline Church to our regular yearly diocesan convention in November 2014 please speak with Fr. Richard as soon as possible. The Vestry will appoint the delegates this month.

Food Delivery Volunteer

As you know from the shopping cart of food at the entrance of our church each Sunday, Caroline Church gathers and delivers non-perishable food to The Coram Ministries every week. This vital link between our parish and the wider community impacts a great many hungry people. We are in need of a few more parishioners to help out in this outreach ministry. Each week a different volunteer gathers up the food from the cart and takes it over to The Ministries at 3680 Route 112 in Coram. The more volunteers we have the better. Now each volunteer delivers the food about once a month, but we would like to have about eight volunteers so it can be rotated once every two months. Please consider this community outreach as part of your spiritual discipline. Contact Janet in the parish office.

Gift Card Seller

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 Sunday morning. We have 1 slot presently open - the 2nd Sunday of the month. If interested, please contact Janet in the parish office as soon as possible.

Daughters of the King

Prayer, Service & Evangelism

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

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

In order to complete the study we are meeting monthly on Saturday mornings from 9:00am-10:00am in the parish house. Our next meeting is February 1st at 9:00am.

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



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!

Parishioners buy a \$ 50 gift card,
spend \$50 @ store of choice
Store gives CAROLINE \$\$\$\$

We are still in need of a volunteer to sell Gift Cards on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Are you looking for a ministry that won't take too much time? Well this is the answer to that question. Sell Gift Cards during Coffee Hour on Sunday. One Hour of your time once a month. If interested, please call Janet in the Parish Office at 941-4245. Training is available.

CYC News

2014 Mission Trip:

We will leave Sunday, June 29th, and return Sunday, July 6th. The trip is open to rising 9th graders-graduating Seniors.

For those involved in Ward Melville's graduation on Sunday, June 29, we will gladly work out a way for you to meet us on the 30th (we don't start our work until Tuesday morning). Hopefully this will allow everyone to come on the trip while still returning early enough in this year's abbreviated summer for camps, jobs, and so forth.

We'll be working through SWAP (Sharing with Appalachian People) at their Hindman, Kentucky, location. Learn more about SWAP at: <http://swap.mcc.org>

The estimated cost is \$500-600/youth. The variables include the number of youth on the trip, summer prices for gas and van rentals, and our fundraising efforts. Scholarship funds are available, so please do not let cost be a barrier -- simply let me know that financial assistance would be helpful.

The remaining payments will be due on March 15 (\$200) and May 15 (the balance).

Lindsay Porter



Ultreya!

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

We will meet on Friday, February 28th at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join us.

Liturgical Calendar

January

Baptisms: Cristian Ronald Davis

Burial: Evelyn Marie Klasek
Elizabeth Ann Palmer

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our prayer shawl ministry continues to serve the people of our community. We have a devoted group of women 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 February 15th at 8:30am. We look forward to having new members.

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



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.



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

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

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