

Buildings & Grounds

Praying for snow? Please stop . . .

While things exterior are pretty white, the boilers are going full blast to keep things warm on the inside. The programmable thermostats will help hold the bills down, but I still am not looking forward to seeing our next gas bill. And the plowing/shoveling invoices have started to arrive.

Despite the weather, we are moving forward. On the carriage shed front, Barbara Russell brought in one expert who looked things over. His preliminary inspection brought some good and bad news. With one possible exception, the vertical posts did not appear to him to be rotting and in need of replacement. The bad news is that, over the years, the northwest winds have caused those posts to lean (we knew that) and he is concerned that a heavy snow load could put a dangerous stress on the structure. Fortunately, the snows we have experienced this season have been dry and quick to blow off the roof. But we don't advise parking your car in the carriage shed, especially after a heavy wet snow. We are looking for other opinions as to how to reinforce things and/or right the leaning posts while retaining the rustic waving roof lines. Clearly the shingles also are in need of replacement, and we are looking into that too. A work in progress.

Inside, thanks to Len Calone, Nick Amato and Gary Mis for their painting labors in the MCS nursery. A safer wall mounted TV/DVD has been installed, some humming ballasts replaced and a general mucking out of furniture & toys accomplished. A cleaner, brighter and more welcoming appearance awaits our youngest parishioners and their parents.

Also, some additional lighting has been installed in the History Center to highlight some of the displays. Nearby, the library collection is being culled. Free books can be had in the History Center (no returns!). We have removed some of the items that have made that space a bit difficult to navigate. Soon some painting will be started in the undercroft to brighten up that area, and lighting will be added to some darker nooks. New carpeting will be laid once the paint work is completed.

As stated last month, other interior projects are contemplated that can be done with parishioner labor. If you want to give back more to Caroline Church without a long term commitment, consider getting together with a friend or two and diving in to a single home improvement project for your spiritual home. Call me to discuss what project may fit your time and talents—I'm in the directory.

Chris Haring, Chair
Buildings and Grounds



Theophilus Healing Mission

A Chapter of the Order of St. Luke
the Physician

Our next Healing Service will be February 7th at Bethel AME Church, 33 Christian Ave. Setauket. We start at 7:30 pm. Please note there will be NO THM Healing Meeting in February. Our next Healing Service will be at Caroline Church Friday, March 7th.

Three THM members will be traveling the the Netherlands in February with Fr. Gary and Mo. Judith Dalmasso from RICM (Renewal in Christ Ministries) to help train Dutch team members in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. The Dutch people are wonderful, fun-loving, and (yes the majority speak English) friendly. We will take in the sights and sounds of Amsterdam and then travel to Emmaus Retreat House in the countryside town of Heilvort. We'll share our trip and pictures when we return.

Ginny and Ann



Grief Support Group

Our next meeting is to be determined. 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 are held confidential.

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

Vestry Highlights

January

- ♦ Finalizing plans for Epiphany Ball on Saturday, January 25, 2014;
- ♦ Vestry reviewed the 2013 finances; Russell and Russell advised that all investment funds were up for 2013;
- ♦ Discussed new Lenten Program, "Praying in the Arms of Christ", for Wednesday evenings;
- ♦ Planning for Caroline Church's Annual Meeting Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Church School Events



Soup-er Bowl for Hunger

The Youth will be collecting canned food and monies after each service on Sunday, February 2nd. All the monies collected will go to The Welcome Inn. Thank you in advance for your continued support. Last year we raised \$574. Let's see if we can beat that amount.

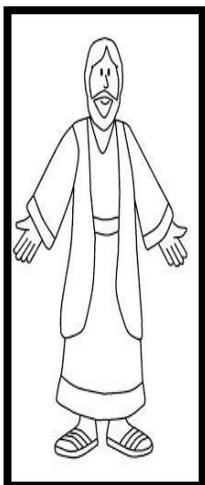
Youth Group Ice Skating

February 9
4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Port Jefferson Ice Skating Rink
\$15 per person



Bring extra money if you want to buy hot chocolate. Bring your friends.

The Adventures of Flat Jesus



Beginning on February, 2nd, all the children in Church School will be taking home information about Flat Jesus.

We are asking each family to take Flat Jesus with them wherever you go from February 2nd through May 10th. Please bring him back to the class on May 11th. We will create a scrapbook of all Flat Jesus' Adventures.

Please keep a short letter documenting Flat Jesus' time with you. If anyone in the parish would like to participate, please let me know.



Youth Ski Trip February 14-16

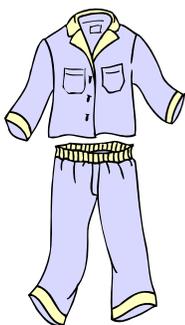
The Nalewajk's home in Vermont. Please speak to Lindsay, asap, if you are interested in going.



Bowling with Bishop Provenzano

February 22, Saturday, 12:00pm. \$15.00 per person includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza & soda. Garden City Bowling Lanes. Open to all Youth. Let us know ASAP so we can reserve our lane.

Pajama Day, February 9th



All the children are asked to wear their favorite pajamas to Church School on February 9th.

The younger children grades Pre-K through 2nd are asked to bring in one of their favorite books to read.

Pancake Coffee Hour

Sunday, March 2nd at Coffee Hour



Please join us for pancakes, juice, bacon, fruit, and coffee. Beads, masks, and funny items will be given out. Come join the fun as we start the Lenten Season off. Free will offering.

Ash Wednesday Family Service, March 5

Please join us at 5:00 pm as we start the season of Lent. It is a season of penance, fasting and reflection, which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection, Easter Sunday.



Holy Communion Classes

Our First Holy Communion Classes have begun. Please make sure your child is coming to class. There is a lot of information for the class to learn from now until June 1st. Letters will be sent out to all the 5th Grade Parents with important dates of upcoming events.

Stewardship Message

Stewards of Our Relationships with One Another

"... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

We belong to God; we belong to one another. In his book, *Reaching Out*, Henri Nouwen tells of a reunion with a former student, an experience that revealed to him the meaning of community: "It is the Christ in you, who recognizes the Christ in me... From now on, wherever you go, or wherever I go, all the ground between us will be holy ground." *

During February, let us walk on holy ground, practicing the radical hospitality Jesus modeled. Starting with our most personal and intimate relationships and moving through expanding circles – of friends, relations, church family, co-workers, and others with whom we come in contact – we care for the quality of our interaction in these relationships using spiritual practices of forgiveness, reconciliation, justice, openness, honesty, hospitality, shaping communities. We widen our circle, reaching out to our neighbors, in the broadest sense. Who is YOUR neighbor?

Let us not be shy about telling our stories – our faith stories. They inspire and bring us closer together. With whom are you walking on holy ground?

As a place of hope and transformation, join us as we guide others and each other into holy ground right here at Caroline Church!

*Henri J. M. Nouwen, *Reaching Out* (Garden City, New York: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1975), 31
Adapted from <http://www.ucc.org/stewardship/year-round-stewardship/pdf/february.pdf>

March 5th, 2014



Services:

10:00am Holy Eucharist & Ashes
5:00pm Family Service, Holy Eucharist & Ashes
8:00pm Holy Eucharist & Ashes



Parish Family News

Another great Epiphany Ball was held last month at The Old Field Club. All had an uplifting and joyous time together as we celebrated our life as a parish family. With delicious food, entertaining music, and some spirited dancing, the evening was a true delight. A special thank you to our S.E.R.F. club and Barbara Russell for helping with the planning, reservations, table settings, seating, and hosting of this special parish event

Congratulations to Diane Finch's children, Catherine & Christopher Kaiser. Both made the Dean's List this semester. Catherine is Majoring in Fine Arts concentrating in painting with a Minor in Art History. Christopher is in the Health field. Both will be graduating 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
Submitting photos is encouraged!

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.

Lent 2014: Praying in the Arms of Christ

The Joint Adult Education Committee of the Caroline Church and All Souls has planned a series of intergenerational Lenten meetings to strengthen communal bonds and prayer. *Praying in the Arms of Christ* begins on March 12 with a soup supper and the making of pretzels, symbols of both prayer and of Lenten simplicity. On March 26, we will celebrate Eucharist at table, an event that celebrates the Eucharist in the context of a meal, as in the early church. During the meal, a short story will be read aloud as is the dinner custom of Benedictines. Continuing the theme of intergenerational prayer, on April 2 we will have a soup supper followed by praying through the labyrinth, which provides a miniature pilgrimage. Finally, on the week before Passover/Holy Week, we will have a soup supper and watch a DVD on the history and meaning of the seder and its relation to the Lord's Supper. Each event begins at 6:30 PM and ends at 8:00 PM. Bring your whole family and friends to pray together.

Lent Madness 2014

The Saintly Smack Down

What do you get when you combine a love of sports with holy saints? Lent Madness, of course. Based loosely on the wildly popular NCAA basketball tournament, Lent Madness pits 32 saints against one another in a single-elimination bracket as they compete for the coveted Golden Halo. But it is more than that: Lent Madness is really an online devotional tool designed to help people learn about saints.

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck, an Episcopal priest and rector of St. John's Church in Hingham, Massachusetts. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the church's calendar of saints, Schenck came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born on his blog "Clergy Family Confidential."

Starting last year, Schenck partnered with the Rev. Scott Gun, Executive Director of Forward Movement (the same folks that publish *Forward Day by Day*) and Lent Madness went viral, reaching over 50,000 people and getting mentioned in everything from the *Washington Post* to *Sports Illustrated* (seriously).

Here's how it works: on the weekdays of Lent information is posted about two different saints on www.lentmadness.org and then participants vote to determine who goes on to the next round. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time – usually 24 hours – and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Sainly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. It's fun, it's informative, it's the saintly smack down!

To win in 2014, will take grit, determination, holiness, and perhaps some good old-fashioned luck. This year Lent Madness features a slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical including Basil The Great, Charles Henry Brent, Julia Chester Emery, Alcuin, Ephrem of Edessa, Joseph of Arimathea, Anna Cooper, Antony of Egypt, David of Wales, F. D. Maurice, Thomas Merton, John and Charles Wesley and Moses the Black.

This all kicks off on "Ash Thursday," March 6, and will continue throughout the 40-day season of Lent. To participate, log onto www.lentmadness.org, where you can also print out a bracket and fill it out to see how you fare or "compete" against friends and family members. Like that other March tournament, there will be drama and intrigue, upsets and thrashings, last-minute victories and Cinderellas.

If you're looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn't be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to grow closer to God?

Check out the web site: www.lentmadness.org.



Ash Wednesday March 5



Our Lenten Journey begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. The use of ashes as a sign of penitence goes back to the Old Testament times and still has special significance for us as we reflect on our lives past and our hope for the days to come. We have all, as the Prayer Book says, "erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep.., we have left undone those things we ought to have done, and done those things we ought NOT to have done."

Ash Wednesday provides us the occasion to seek to put things right, and to see our lives in the light of God's eyes, to affirm God's loving kindness, and to open our lives to God's healing presence.

So that we, each one of us, may have an opportunity to gather together as a community in "love and faith and true repentance," our parish will offer three Ash Wednesday services throughout the day. Do plan to attend of one these special Ash Wednesday services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes: 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

May this Ash Wednesday prove the beginning of a rich and rewarding spiritual journey, one that will deepen our faith by opening our lives more fully to God's forgiving and healing presence.

Hunger on Long Island

There are several federal programs to help those who are hungry on Long Island. Please share with anyone you know who is struggling to put food on their tables.

THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)

The Emergency Food Assistance Programs provides federal funds and food commodities to states to assist local emergency feeding organizations providing food relief to millions of low-income persons in need of short-term assistance. Recipients include vulnerable populations of the elderly, children, working families and the homeless. In addition to providing wholesome food to hungry people, TEFAP serves the agricultural community by using surplus commodities purchased by USDA from farmers and other producers.

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM (CSFP)

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program is intended to improve the health and dietary status of low-income seniors, mothers and young children by providing specialized monthly food packages containing nutrients that may be lacking in their diets.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM (NSLP)

The National School Lunch Program is the largest of the federal child nutrition programs, reaching more than 101,000 public and private schools and residential child care institutions, and serving over 5.2 billion federally subsidized lunches to more than 31 million children in 2009.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM (SBP)

Originating as one of the Great Society's War on Poverty programs for schools in low income areas, the School Breakfast Program is now a nutrition program that offers federal reimbursements for breakfasts served in all of the nation's public and non-profit private elementary and secondary schools, and public or non-profit private residential child care institutions that choose to participate.

WOMEN, INFANTS, CHILDREN (WIC)

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children – known as WIC – is a preventive program providing low-income pregnant women, new mothers, - infants and children with nutritious foods, nutrition education, and improved access to health care in order to prevent nutrition-related health problems in pregnancy, infancy and early childhood. WIC was created in 1974 as a response to the realization that hunger and poverty were widespread in this country and that inadequate nutrition poses real dangers to pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children.

Caring for the Caregiver

Caroline Church has emerged in our local and, actually, not so local community as a place that provides caregivers, any and all caregivers, a forum in which to come and receive support on many different levels.

It is remarkable to see a caregiver attend their first meeting. They are usually pretty raw and desperate, just trying to survive and get through each day. Then you watch them leave; the fight back, their energy renewed. The support of other human beings, all suffering their own uniquely difficult and challenging issues, has provided a bond of support generously sharing the combined strength of all. It is wonderful to witness the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The support group continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 9:30am - 11:00am in the Parish House. The group is free, non-denominational, non-sectarian and non-disease specific.

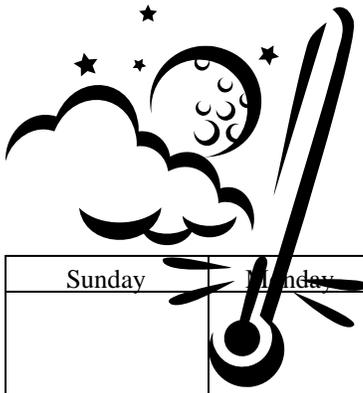
For additional information, please contact Virginia Cash, Support Group Facilitator, at 631-428-0902 or at vcash5msw@aol.com



Community News

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Lake Ronkonkoma Part-time Bookkeeper

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is recruiting a part-time bookkeeper to provide financial services for the parish, parishioners, and professional church and school staff. Experience in fund-based accounting and account reconciliation required. Proficiency in computer skills with MS Word, Excel and specific fund-based accounting software required. Experience with PowerChurch preferred. A commitment to good interpersonal relationships, teamwork and support of parish ministries needed. If interested please send resume' and cover letter to The Rev. Beth O'Callaghan, Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 315 Lake Shore Road, Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779 or email to revbeth.stmarysonthelake@gmail.com.



FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 AM Daughters of the King meet in Parish House
2 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services SCOUTING SUNDAY SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY 9:30 AM Install Vestry Members 9:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir 9:30 AM YOUTH SUNDAY 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 11:15 AM CYC Brunch at Setauket Diner	3 3:00 PM 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 Kitchen at CCUM	5 7:00 PM ECW EB meets in MCS building	6 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Sunrise Asst. 12:30 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Sr Choir rehearsal in Upper Parish House	7 6:30 PM Confirmation Class meets 7:30 PM OSL Healing Service, Bethel AME Church	8 9:00 AM VESTRY RETREAT AT LPF 9:30 AM Caring for Caregivers Support Group in Parish House 10:00 AM D.A.R. meets in the MCS building
9 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services 9:30 AM CS P.J. Day 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 4:30 PM CYC Ice Skating	10 3:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM 20's & 30's Group to All Souls Rectory 6:45 PM 'Exploring The Word' Bible Study 7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Upper Room of Parish House	11 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in MCS building 3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM	12	13 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Woodhaven 12:30 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Sr Choir rehearsal in Upper Parish House	14 CYC Youth Ski Trip	15 CYC Youth Ski Trip 8:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew meets 8:30 AM Shawl Ministry in people's homes
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CYC February Events:

9th: Ice Skating

14-15th: Ski Trip

22nd: Bowling with the Bishop

Mission Trip:

June 29th - July 6th

SWAP (Sharing with Appalachian People)
at their Hindman, Kentucky location

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Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

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