

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

After January's record breaking Blizzard, some of us may not mind that Lent and Easter come very early this year. The beginning of Lent is February 10, Ash Wednesday. We will gather for services at 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to begin our Lenten journey of Fast/Abstinence, prayer/reflection, and Christian action.

Some of us will be fasting from food on that initial day of Lent and some will be abstaining from something usually consumed one or more days during the weeks of Lent. Our Youth will be doing a 30 hour famine in April to highlight our need to reach out to the hungry in our community. In our society there are many people who are not fed at all. As members of Christ's body we are and should be concerned about this serious issue. Lent is a good time to creatively consider our response to this world problem. When we help feed others, we really are spiritually feeding ourselves. As we help our brothers and sisters, we, too, shall be fed by the graces of our Lord. Maybe this Lent we need to live more simply, to give more to those in need, and be an active presence within the community advocating for the hungry.

That second discipline of the Lenten season concerns prayer and reflection. Our Caroline Church Lenten program will give us an opportunity to formally reflect on our relationship with God. Our communication with God, gives us the pathway to His grace. With that we are shown and convicted of our sins and have been forgiven and renewed countless times. We have been strengthened, sustained and accompanied in our sorrows, confusions, stresses and temptations. Our Lord is continually with us, even when we have been cast down and nearly overcome, while rejoicing with us during our heights of thanksgiving. His grace and power wonderfully surprises us in sometimes unexpected ways. We sometimes play a game of "hide and seek" with him, always realizing that that he never quits seeking us, taking us back. In his love, he has used us as a channel of his healing and allowed us to share in his suffering, compassion and love in our prayers of intercession. Lent is a perfect time to do some serious prayer and reflection.

The third discipline of the Lenten season is our Christian action. All of us are called to go beyond our comfort zones to care for the less fortunate within our midst. Several years ago, I encountered a young widow with four sons. Their situation was very difficult. Before the beginning of

the new school year it became apparent that there was no extra money for school clothes. This situation was especially hard for the junior high and high school boys. After some time in prayer to consider the best course to take to assist this family, I contacted a mutual friend who works at J.C. Penny and asked him if I send him a check if he might be able, with the manager's permission, to use his employee's discount. The manager's response was a heartfelt "yes", so I mailed him a check for \$300. The employee added a check for \$100 to my check and scheduled a shopping trip for the four boys on a Saturday when the store was having its back to school sale. The next day he called me to tell me that the \$400 from us had multiplied into \$900 worth of clothes for the children. His discount plus the sale prices had stretched the dollars that far? I will never forget the strange feeling of delight and awe that came over the mother. Our holy scripture's account of the miracle of the, "loaves and fishes" obviously comes to mind. God's grace truly abounds when we open our hearts and wallets for the kingdom's work.

Let us take this Lenten season to heart, as we fast, pray and act. It is only when we empty ourselves can we have the opportunity to be filled with Christ and his grace.

Together on our Lenten journey,
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

Three Worlds, One Creation

The way we view the world affects the way we behave, and, which is often overlooked, the way we behave affects how we view the world. Before cultures developed exchange economies, for example, people did not see objects in terms of their exchange value. Instead, they often saw the world as being comprised of things with inherent value utterly divorced from human purposes. Everything—trees, rocks, fields, kitchens, hearths—was home to various, potentially conflicting gods and spirits. Because all value originated *outside* human beings, it is understandable that people might try to find ways of manipulating that value to their own advantage through magic and rituals. Plant, animal, and even human sacrifice (in the form of a ritual *sparagmos*) was meant to propitiate the gods or to transfer the power of one thing to another. A fertility sacrifice, for example, might be intended to transfer onto the crops the power of what was sacrificed or might be seen as pleasing the gods, the recipients of the power, so that they would stimulate crop growth.

With the advent of economic exchange, people began to see the world not as having inherent value, but as having only the value that humans assign to it. The value of something was determined, in other words, by what one could get for it. Trees in the forest were no longer sacred, but were worth no more than what their lumber would fetch. The world was disenchanting.

People often assume that science occasioned this disenchantment of the world, but science, which looks at things in terms of predicting and potentially controlling them for human purposes, was an outgrowth of seeing these things as having no inherent value. Science allowed people to find value (*i.e.*, uses) where none had been recognized before. For instance, an annoying green mold, *penicillium glaucum*, became a life-saving drug. If one talks to scientists today, one finds that they espouse a wide spectrum of opinions about the nature of reality. Not all scientists are materialists. That is, not all scientists believe that everything can be explained or that there is no meaning beyond something's usefulness to us, although this is a popular misconception about science.

The disenchantment of the world thus had certain advantages, but was nevertheless not without its pitfalls. The more one's vision is determined by the world of economic exchange, the less one is aware of the mystery of the divine value of the world that exceeds human needs and consciousness. This has contributed to a lamentable abuse of our planet. Those whose vision is entirely limited by the world of economic exchange tend to be unable to imagine any purpose or meaning beyond our immediate needs and may become atheists.

Christianity offers a third view of the world, one in which meaning and value arises neither wholly in the world, nor wholly in ourselves, but in us and the world as a single or-

ganism created by a single God. We all have value by virtue of our being a part of the divine creation. This view is contradicted, however, by our daily experiences in the disenchanting world in which personal value comes through competition, through winning. We act out a belief that everything should serve *our* purposes and we are only as valuable as our ability to control, to dominate. That is, every time we participate in something, whether college applications, sports, or competition at work, through which we are asked to "prove" ourselves, we act out a belief in a disenchanting world. Even when we are annoyed at the weather because we cannot control it to produce the results that we want, we act out and communicate belief in disenchantment. We ought not be surprised, therefore, when people who grew up in such circumstances visit church and say, "I didn't get anything out of it." They cannot imagine attending church to celebrate being a part of the sacred world, but can only imagine going to church as an avenue to accomplish something or to get something. Though death still demonstrates our ultimate lack of control, people are able to avoid considering this fact. We can, in other words, avoid recognizing that value comes from being a part of something rather than from using it.

Our Anglican Heritage

Anskar of Scandinavia

Born near Amiens, Picardy, France in 801, died in Bremen, Germany on February 3, 865. With the coming of the barbarians after the death of Charlemagne, darkness fell upon Europe. From the forests and the fjords of the north, defying storm and danger, came a horde of pirate invaders, prowling round the undefended coasts, weeping up the broad estuaries, and spreading havoc and fear. No town, however fair, no church, however sacred, and no community, however strong, was immune from their fury. Like a river of death the Vikings poured across Europe.

It's hard to believe that there would be an outbreak of missionary activity at such a time, but in Europe's darkest hour there were those who never faltered, and who set out to convert the pagan invader. St. Anskar was such a man. As a young boy of a noble family he was received at Corbie monastery in Picardy and educated under Saint Abelard and Paschasius Radbert. Once professed, he was transferred to New Corbie at Westphalia. He once said to a friend, "One miracle I would, if worthy, ask the Lord to grant me, and that is, that by his grace, he would make me a good man."

In France a call was made for a priest to go as a missionary to the Danes, and Anskar, a young monk, volunteered. His friends tried to dissuade him, so dangerous was the mission. Nevertheless, when King Harold,

who had become a Christian during his exile, returned to Denmark, Anskar and another monk accompanied him. Equipped with tents and books, these two monks set out in 826 and founded a school in Denmark. Here Anskar's companion died, and Anskar was obliged to move on to Sweden alone when his success in missionary work led King Bjørn to invite him to Sweden.

On the way his boat was attacked by pirates and he lost all his possessions, arriving destitute at a small Swedish village. After this unpromising start, he succeeded forming the nucleus of a church -- the first Christian church in Sweden -- and penetrated inland, confronting the heathen in their strongholds and converting the pagan chiefs.

Anskar became the first archbishop of Hamburg, Germany and abbot of New Corbie in Westphalia c. 831. The Pope Gregory IV appointed him legate to the Scandinavian countries and confides the Scandinavian souls to his care. He evangelized there for the next 14 years, building churches in Norway, Denmark and northern Germany.

He saw his accomplishments obliterated when pagan Vikings invaded in 845, overran Scandinavia, and destroyed Hamburg. Thereafter the natives reverted to paganism. Anskar was then appointed archbishop of Bremen around 848, but he was unable to establish himself there for a time and Pope Nicholas I united that See with Hamburg. Nicholas also gave him jurisdiction over Denmark, Norway, and Sweden.

Anskar returned to Denmark and Sweden in 854 to resume spreading the Gospel. When he returned to Denmark he saw the church and school he had built there, destroyed before his eyes by an invading army.

His heart almost broke as he saw his work reduced to ashes" The Lord gave," he said, "and the Lord have taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." With a handful of followers he wandered through his ruined diocese, but it was a grim and weary time. "Be assured my dear brother, " said the primate of France, who had commissioned him to this task, "that what we have striven to accomplish for the glory of Christ will yet, by God's help, bring forth fruit."

Heartened by these words, and with unflinching courage, Anskar pursued his Swedish mission. Though he had but four churches left and could find no one willing to go in his place, he established new outposts and consolidated his work.

King Olaf had cast a die to decide whether to allow entrance of Christians, an action that Anskar mourned as callous and unbecoming. He was encouraged, however, by a council of chiefs at which an aged man spoke in his defense. "Those who bring to us this new faith," he said" by their voyage here have been exposed to many dangers. We see our own deities failing us. Why reject a religion thus brought to our very doors? Why not permit the servants of God to remain among us? Listen to my council and reject not what is plainly for our advantage."

As a result, Anskar was free to preach the Christian faith, and though he met with many setbacks, he continued his work until he died at the age of 64 and was buried at Bremen. He was a great missionary, an indefatigable, outstanding preacher, renowned for his austerity, holiness of life, and charity to the poor. He built schools and was a great liberator of slaves captured by the Vikings. He converted King Erik of Jutland and was called the "Apostle of the North", yet Sweden reverted completely to paganism shortly after Anskar's death.

Anskar often wore a hair shirt, lived on bread and water when his health permitted it, and added short personal prayers to each Psalm in his Psalter, thus contributing to a form of devotion that soon became widespread.

Miracles were said to have been worked by him. After Anskar's death, the work he had begun came to a stop and the area reverted to paganism. Christianity did not begin to make headway in Scandinavia until two centuries later with the work of Saint Sigfried and others. A life story was written about Anskar by his fellow missionary in Scandinavia, Saint Rembert.

In art Anskar is shown with converted Danes with him (White), wearing a fur pelisse (Roeder). He may sometimes be shown otherwise in a boat with King Harold and companions or in a cape and miter Hamburg Cathedral (Roeder).

Saint Anskar is the patron of Denmark, Germany and Iceland (White). He is venerated in Old Corbie (Picardy) and New Corbie (Saxony) as well as in Scandinavia (Roeder).

The celebration of his life and ministry occurs in the Episcopal Church every year on February 4.



Sunday MORNING PRAYER

February 28th at 11:15am

On Sunday, February 28th 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.

Warden's Article

This year I will complete my third term as Warden. Unfortunately I am often left with many questions for which I have no answers. Over the years I have been witness to much celebration and mourning, joy and sorrow in our parishioners lives. As Christians these feelings are meant to be shared within our faith community. Yet I question how many among us open ourselves to such sharing? Perhaps we need to get closer to one another on a more personal level and, by doing so, learn that we are each others keeper.

Caroline Church offers many ministry services to share these feelings, and not let others experience them alone. That is what I believe a faith community is all about. Caring for one another, inquiring after each other, supporting each other, so that we as individuals and members of the community don't walk alone, but together. Every Sunday parishioners come to church, some with heavy hearts, yet leave without taking advantage of the prayer teams in the front pew. They are ready to listen, understand and pray for whatever the need may be. I question why more don't avail themselves of such an opportunity. Our Priests, caregivers, prayer teams and grief support group, indeed all our ministries, meet to help share in the joyous occasions as well as assist when going through the difficult times in our lives.

We can be proud of our Caroline Church ministries and those who lead them. We have something for everyone! Just look at the back of our Sunday bulletin at the list of all that is offered. Yet it seems that only a small nucleus of people become involved. Believe it or not, our parish community can use your talents. Offering your talents and help is one of the most effective ways to connect with others and nurture lasting friendships. The gift of your presence to those in these ministries is much more valuable than you might realize, and may result in a life changing experience, and also assist in growing our membership.

As Our Mission Statement declares, "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". The question, we as a Vestry often ask, is how can we make this statement more of a reality in the everyday life of our parish and community? Bishop Provenzano visited with the Vestry preceding his visit this year. He told us we need to go into the community, where the people are, befriend and share our vision with them. All that we have, and all that we are, here at Caroline Church, may depend on doing just that.

Don Muffly

Election Results

The Annual Parish Meeting of Caroline Church was held on Wednesday, January 27th at 7:00pm in the Marco C. Smith Building.

We welcome the following parishioners into office:

Mark LaSorsa	2 year term	Warden
Bill Harvey	3 year term	Vestry person
Barbara Russell	3 year term	Vestry person
Barbara Delfyett	3 year term	Vestry person
Jean Sobalvarro	2 year term	Vestry person
Chuck Glaser	1 year term	Vestry person

Activities Coordinator Needed

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

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 200 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 is February 20th at 8:30am.

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



Daughters of the King

As a service to our parishioners, we will be offering Blood pressure and heart rate screening during coffee hour, on February 7th. 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

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.



Grief Support Group

Our next meeting date is Thursday, February 18th and begins at 7:00pm. 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.

Coffee & Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess Sign up for 2016



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.

Caroline Book Club

The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for March 4th. We are reading "Women in White" by Wilkie Collins. We meet in the Caroline Church upper Parish House at 3:00pm. All are welcome. If you have any questions, call Don Palmer at 631-473-2935.

February Birthdays

2/01	Alex Shane Elizabeth Behnke Brynn Davenport
2/03	Chad Kilmer, Sr. Michael Russell Jocelynn Rickey Luke McCarthy Keira Flynn
2/04	Beverly Underwood Janene Timm
2/05	Dorothy Galloway Catherine Minuse
2/06	Peter Baigent Chris Haring Jeff Dolan Robert Stevenson Cassandra Camenzuli Jaylen DiBartolo
2/07	Susan Colleary Calvin Hazell
2/09	Doris Denning Sarah Funt Emily Cincotta Megan Specht
2/10	Elizabeth Nguyen
2/11	Jennifer Callahan
2/12	Connor Nguyen
2/13	Colleen Cash
2/14	Shawn Davenport
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 William Davenport Liam Davenport
2/25	Isabella DeRose
2/27	Chris Muffly
2/27	Stacey Kelly
2/28	Molly Russell

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Lent Madness 2016

The Sainly 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 three years ago, 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). Along the way they added more celebrity bloggers, a poster-sized bracket, weekly Monday Madness videos, and the *Sainly Scorecard*, an annual publication containing all 32 first round bios, information about how to participate in Lent Madness as a congregation, and an essential Vocabulary List to decipher all things Lent Madness. They also inspired thousands of people along the way by forming an online community of people who are passionate about taking their faith but not themselves too seriously. Articles and spots about Lent Madness have appeared in the *Washington Post*, NPR, Huffington Post, FOXNews, NBC, and even *Sports Illustrated*.

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 2016, 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 Helena, Monnica, Constance, Dominic, Cyril, Methodius, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Soren Kierkegaard, Julian of Norwich, William Wilberforce, Barnabas, Joseph, Matthias, and others.

This all kicks off on "Ash Thursday," February 11, 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



Annual Summer Fair

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is organizing our 2016 Annual Summer Fair and are in need of 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 Mark LaSorsa, Don Muffly or Len Calone.

Forgiven and Forgiving A Lenten Series

Please join us at the Caroline Church for a three-part series, Forgiven and Forgiving. We will meet on consecutive Wednesdays, February 24th, March 2nd, and March 9th, at 6:00pm for a soup supper and reflection on the topic of forgiveness led by Fr. Farrell.

Afterwards, we will all process to the church for chanted compline. Music will be available for those who wish to join in.

A special educational program is planned for children at each meeting, and childcare will be provided for the youngest ones. Bring your whole family.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 9th
6:00pm
MCS building

Shrove Tuesday (*widely known as Pancake Day*) is a day in February or March, preceding Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent), which is celebrated in many countries by consuming pancakes.

Shrove Tuesday, a moveable feast, is determined by Easter. The expression "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the word *shrive*, meaning "confess". Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christians, who "make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help in dealing with."

Being the last day before the penitential season of Lent, related popular practices, such as indulging in food that one sacrifices for the upcoming forty days, are associated with Shrove Tuesday celebrations, before commencing the fasting and religious obligations associated with Lent.

Please bring the entire family to join us for pancakes & toppings, bacon, juice, coffee, tea.

February 10th, 2016



Services:

10:00am Holy Eucharist & Ashes

5:00pm Family Service, Holy Eucharist & Ashes

7:00pm Holy Eucharist & Ashes



Ash Wednesday –February 10

Our Lenten Journey begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10. 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 7:00 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.

Caroline CYC Ski/ Snowboard Trip 2016!!!

February 18-21
Mount Snow, VT

Bob and Sue Nalewajk will be hosting us at their cabin in Wilmington. The trip is open to Caroline youth and their friends in grades 6-12. We will leave from the church Thursday afternoon, take the 3:00 ferry to Bridgeport, have the option to ski or snowboard Friday and/or Saturday, and attend church Sunday before returning home.

The cost below reflects transportation, lift tickets, and equipment rentals including helmets. ***Please contact Lindsay if you need financial assistance.*** Please mark the items you would like to participate in and return this form with a check made payable to the church by:

Sunday, February 7th

Name(s) & Age(s) at time of trip: _____

Trip with no skiing/boarding: \$60 _____

Ski/board 1 day with "first or second timer" lesson: \$175 _____
(only for first or second time learners since it includes a limited lift ticket. Includes equipment rental.)

Ski/board 1 day with "intermediate" lesson: \$200 _____
(Includes full mountain lift ticket and equipment rental.)

Additional day of skiing (no lesson second day) \$75 _____

Youth ski/board 1 day no lesson: \$170 _____
(full mountain lift ticket)

Youth ski/board 2 days no lesson: \$250 _____
(full mountain lift ticket)

Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced 2-hour group lessons: \$50 _____
(skied/boarded more than twice)

Total: \$ _____



Sunday, February 7th

Our Youth Group will be collecting money after each of the Services on Sunday, **February 7th** to help those who are hungry. Let's see if we can top last years' giving, which was \$544.

Don't forget to bring extra money with you on February 7th



CYC-Youth Group

CYC: It's time to register for the ski trip! The trip will be February 18-21, and registration and payment are due February 7th. See Lindsay for more details.

Our next meeting for those participating in the 30 Hour Famine will be February 7th as well, at 11:00 in the Cave.

February 7th is a big day for CYC: we will also be collecting money for Soup-er Bowl for the Hungry after each service. Please give what you can to the youths standing outside the church doors with big soup pots. All proceeds go to our local food pantry.

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.**

Sunday, February 7th 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.



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, we are praying for your prayer requests. There are 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.

Caring for the Caregiver Support Group

Caring for the Caregiver Support Group meets every second and fourth Saturday of the month from 9:30 – 11:00 AM in the Parish House. There is no cost for participating and the group being non-sectarian, non-denominational and not disease specific is open to all caregivers in our community. Our next meetings will be February 13th & 27th.



Sunday School News

We Welcome Mrs. Cindy Schleider as our new volunteer Sunday School Director for Sunday mornings.

Cindy and her husband, Chris, along with their 2 children Otto & Ben, have been with Caroline Church since 2014. They have taken the time to settle in and now are ready to offer their gifts God has blessed them with, to Caroline Church.

Cindy started on January 17th, meeting the teachers and the children. Cindy is here to support the teachers and welcome new families to Sunday School on Sunday mornings. We are still diligently looking for someone to assist her. If you feel called to this special volunteer ministry, please speak to Cn. Richard.

We thank Cindy for stepping up and pray that God continues to guide her. Please introduce yourselves to her and give her whatever support you can.

On another note, we are still in need of an Activity Director. Events such as the Bunny Breakfast and Community Vacation Bible School are no longer under the umbrella of Sunday School. This is a separate ministry and we are looking for 1 or more persons to spear head these activities for the church. If you are an organized, personable person and would like to spear-head ONE event, please speak with Cn. Richard. A stipend will be offered for each event.

Caroline Church Anniversary Celebration Brunch

Sunday February 28th, 2016

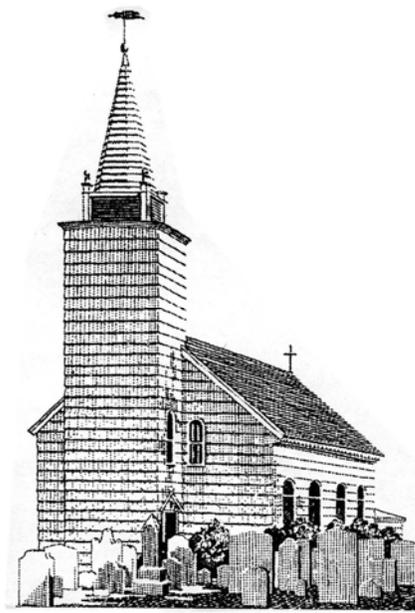
Church Services

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:30am Family Eucharist

(Church School)

11:15am Morning Prayer



Family Brunch

with Entertainment following at

The Old Field Club 11:00am – 2:00pm

Adults \$39 pp

Young People (6-16) \$19 pp

Very Young People (5 & under) \$10 pp

Prepaid Reservations please. Checks payable to Caroline Church

Names: _____

#Adults _____ x \$39. = _____

#Young People _____ x \$19. = _____

#Very Young _____ x \$10. = _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

Seating Requests:

“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 150th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island will convene on Friday and Saturday, November 11th and 12th, 2016 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 2016 please speak with Cn. 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 those in need within our community. We are now delivering our gathered food to St. Cuthbert’s Episcopal Church’s Food Pantry in Selden. 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 St. Cuthbert’s at 18 Magnolia Place Selden, on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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.

Don’t Forget.....

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

Stewardship is..... **EVERYTHING we think, say and do after we say “I believe”**

As stewards we come to recognize that all of our resources (time, talents, and treasure) are gifts from God entrusted to us. Entrusted to us to care for and use to further God’s mission in the world. So really, Stewardship is part of our spiritual journey because it is the way we live out our discipleship, the way we follow Jesus in all our life decisions. While that involves much more than money, it also includes our use of money. Money is a tool that enables God’s will to be done in the world. When we give financially, we participate in God’s mission in partnership with others.

The stewardship committee would like to thank each and every family that has returned their Estimate of Giving card. Your generous support allows Caroline Church to continue to provide a wide range of ministries to further God’s mission in the world. However, currently we are in a great financial need as many people have not returned their Estimate Card leaving Caroline Church with a large deficit of nearly \$46,000.00.

To date we have received 143 cards totaling \$240,730.00 with most parishioners (68) maintaining their current contribution. 27 families have graciously increased their Estimate of Giving, while 19 families have decreased their amount. We are pleased to have 18 new families turn in their Estimate of Giving Cards, while we are still showing there are 18 families that pledged last year but have not yet pledged this year.

Please help us meet our financial responsibilities and continue to provide needed ministries to those around us by returning your Estimate of Giving card today.

Thank you and may God Bless you and your family,

The Stewardship Committee

Vestry Highlights January

- Annual meeting agenda set
- Epiphany Celebration updated
- Vestry Retreat planned
- Youth Group update
- Financials for 2015 reviewed

Barbara Russell
Clerk of the Vestry

Utility Help from Project Warmth Now Available

United Way of Long Island's emergency heating assistance program, Project Warmth, provides one-time aid for fuel and/or fuel-related electricity bills. The grants can be up to \$400 for fuel and \$150 for electric heating bills. Homeowners may also be able to get free energy conservation assistance through Project Warmth. In addition, receiving Project Warmth assistance averts a shut-off for up to 30 days.

Applicants must:

- have a heating and/or fuel-related electricity bill in their name that is severely overdue, pending disconnection, or terminated, or have an oil tank that is nearly empty,
- not have their electricity turned off already,
- demonstrate financial hardship and provide acceptable explanation for their arrears,
- have a photo ID and proof of income.
- not have received Project Warmth more than two years in a row (2011-2012 and 2012-2013) unless there are extenuating circumstances, and
- apply first to DSS for the Home Energy Assistance Program and Emergency HEAP (if eligible), which can hold off termination for 30 days, allowing the customer to apply for Project Warmth and negotiate a payment plan with the utility or fuel supplier.

Seniors may apply for HEAP at the Dept. for the Aging rather than DSS and those whose income exceeds the HEAP limits (which vary with family size, from \$2,138 a month for a single to \$4,011 for a family of four) do not need to apply first for HEAP.

The LICC can help residents of Suffolk, Nassau, or the Rockaways to apply for Project Warmth at our Riverhead (631-727-2210) or Hempstead offices (516-565-0290). Call for an appointment before coming. If our hours or locations are not convenient, our staff can direct people to another agency near them. Agencies that process applications are listed at www.unitedwayli.org. For further information, call United Way at 1-888-774-7633.



CHURCH FAMILY

Parish Family News

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

All Souls' Church Events:

The Second Saturday morning poetry series will be returning to All Souls' Church (61 Main Street, Stony Brook) on February 13th (11:00am to 1:00pm). Featured poets will be Jan La Roche and Orel Protopopescu. An open-reading will follow the intermission; all are welcome to read their own work or that of another. 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."

Join our Interfaith Community for the film "Besa: The Promise"

February 21st, 6:00pm
(snow date March 6th)

Suggested contribution: \$10 for non-members

North Shore Jewish Center

385 Old Town Rd., Port Jefferson Station
631-928-3737

North Shore Jewish Center is proud to present the film "Besa: The Promise," part of the 7th Annual Jewish Film Festival. The film is based on Norman Gershman's book *Besa, How Muslims saved Jews during WWII*. The National Endowment for the Humanities supported JM Productions in the making of the film.

Long-time fine art photographer Gershman spent five years collecting the stories of Albanian Muslims who harbored Jewish refugees during WWII as part of the Islamic tradition of *Besa*, or sanctuary, and his record provides a clear and powerful push back against a popular image more recently shaped by violent extremists. The film tells his story and that of Rexhep Hoxha, a Muslim-Albanian who must fulfill the promise made to a Jewish family his father rescued during the Holocaust and return to them a set of Hebrew books they left behind.

After the film a native Albanian familiar with the story will be there to talk about the film and answer questions. We have invited members of our local Muslim community to join our congregation in viewing this film.

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FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Library in lower PH</p>	<p>2 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 9:30 AM CLERGY DAY at Mercer 10:00 AM ECW MB meets in upper PH 3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM 6:30 PM No Shore Chamber Choir</p>	<p>3 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 9:00 AM DOK meet in PH</p>	<p>4 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. (J) 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>5 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 7:30 PM OSL Healing Service at Bethel AME Church</p>	<p>6 9:00 AM DAR meets in MCS building 10:00 AM VESTRY RETREAT at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Smithtown</p>
<p>7 LAST EPIPHANY 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services Blood Pressure/Heart Rate Screening at Coffee Hour today SCOUTING SUNDAY SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY 9:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir 11:00 AM CYC brunch at Fratelli's 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>8 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 Library in lower PH</p>	<p>9 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:00 AM ECW MB meets in upper PH 3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM 6:00 PM SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER in MCS bldg. 6:30 PM No Shore Chamber Choir</p>	<p>10 ASH WEDNESDAY 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:00 AM H.E. & Ashes 5:00 PM Family H.E. & Ashes 6:15 PM Sn. Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM H. E & Ashes</p>	<p>11 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:00 AM 3 Village Homemakers meet in Parish House 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Woodhaven (J) 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>12 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 7:00 PM Confirmation Class meets</p>	<p>13 8:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew meets 9:30 AM Caring for Caregivers Support Group in Parish House</p>
<p>14 LENT 1 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 4:00 PM Youth Group meets in the 'Cave'</p>	<p>15 <i>MS closed</i> PRESIDENTS DAY / OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Library in lower PH</p>	<p>16 <i>MS closed</i> 10:00 AM ECW MB meets in upper PH 6:30 PM No Shore Chamber Choir</p>	<p>17 <i>MS closed</i> 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>18 CYC SKI TRIP <i>MS closed</i> 10:00 AM 3 Village Homemakers meet in Parish House 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to PJ Health (J) 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM Grief Support Group meets</p>	<p>19 CYC SKI TRIP DEADLINE FOR THE CARILLON <i>MS closed</i> 7:30 PM OSL Meeting in MCS building</p>	<p>20 CYC SKI TRIP 8:30 AM Shawl Ministry in people's homes 10:00 AM ALTAR GUILD MEETING</p>
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<p>28 LENT 3 11:15am MORNING PRAYER 8:00am, 9:30am Services 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 11:00 AM ANNI-VERSARY BRUNCH AT OLD FIELD CLUB 4:00 PM Youth Group meets in the 'Cave'</p>	<p>29 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 9:30 AM Collate the Carillon kitchen of MCS building 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Library in lower PH</p>					

THE CARILLON

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ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB 10TH

CYC SKI TRIP, FEB 18-21

MORNING PRAYER, FEB 28TH, 11:15AM

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BRUNCH, FEB

28TH 11:00AM AT THE OLD FIELD CLUB

Caroline Church of Brookhaven

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

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