

Candidate for Vestry: Bruce Cash

My name is Bruce Cash. I live in Stony Brook with my wife Virginia and my three children, Chris, Colleen, and Elaine. Our family has been attending Caroline Church for 24 years.

I have previously served a term as a Vestryman. I did spend most of my Vestry time working with the Christian Education Committee. For the past eight years, I have taught 9th -12th grade Sunday school at Caroline Church.

I attended Stony Brook University and have degrees in history and economics. For the past 25 years I have been employed by Bay Shore School District as a teacher in the social studies department. I have taught global studies for years and I specialize in economics. I teach both AP economics and IB economics.

For almost 40 years I was involved with a family business and worked on the water front in Port Jefferson operating charter fishing boats. I also have worked on tankers and tug boats along the East Coast.

I was asked to submit my name as a candidate for vestryman. I am a hard working goal orientated person. I was a member of the SERF (Social, Educational, Religious, and Fellowship) Committee for years. The SERF Committee planned many dinners, game days, and other social functions at Caroline Church. I would like to see this type of organization come back to Caroline Church. I was also asked to work with the treasury. I would gladly perform this task. Finally, I would like to help to increase the use of our Sunday school. Thank you for your consideration.



Sonshine Ministries

In keeping with the teachings of Jesus, "for I was hungry and you gave me food" we, at Caroline Church, have taken these words to heart.

The Sonshine Ministry is an outreach of caring parishioners who provide a dinner to those members of our church family who temporarily need assistance while recuperating from an illness, caring for a loved one, dealing with a bereavement loss or whenever difficulty is present. The dinner provided usually consists of a main course, a vegetable, a starch, a salad and a dessert. It is delivered between 5pm and 6pm and left in a Sonshine Ministry supplied cooler at the front door of the recipient.

Barbara Delfyett at 751-3658, Diane Johnson at 473-7913 and Claire Mis at 689-1210 are coordinating the parish effort. Please telephone any one of them to request a dinner or volunteer to make one.

Theophilus Healing Mission A Chapter of the Order of St. Luke

Our Healing Service for the new year is Friday, January 6th at 7:30 pm at St. Cuthbert's Church, Magnolia Place, Selden. Our meeting will be at Caroline Church on January 20th starting with the book study followed by a message by Rev/ Nigel Mumford, taken from this summers' North American Conference. He has been sharing some of his experiences when he was so ill with H1N1 and was given last rites several times.

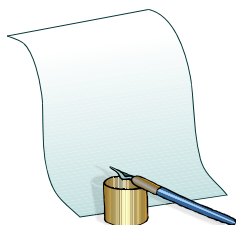
At our Healing Service in December we inducted two new members into our group as Associate Members. They are taking this time of study into Jesus' healing stories from the 4 Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, to prepare themselves for full membership into OSL. It is an exciting time as the South Shore Chapter is preparing to start again. We are looking forward to April 20 and 21 and our Healing Mission on Generational Healing. More next month.

In His Healing hands,
Ann and Ginny,
Convener and Secretary THM

Vestry Highlights

December

- ♦ The Vestry Youth Representation Policy was approved and a Youth Representative will attend Vestry meetings to represent the voice of the Caroline Church youth community. The first representative will be Brian Hazell, with Tom Hull as alternate.
- ♦ The Vestry passed the 2012 Budget.
- ♦ The Vestry approved the candidates for the 2012 Election of Vestry members as presented by the Vestry Nominating Committee.
- ♦ We wish to thank our director, Angelica Buscemi and all the children for a wonderful, joyful Christmas Pageant.
- ♦ Looking for new members to join the Outreach Committee and ideas, suggestions and help for the 2012 Summer Fair.



Lorraine Massie
Clerk of the Vestry

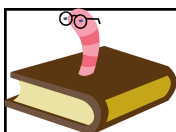
"Whatever gift each of you may have received, use it in service to one another..."
1 Peter 4:10

Parish Ministry Opportunities

What does it mean to be a Confirmation Mentor? Holy Confirmation requires students to ask some hard questions – of themselves, of God, and of others. *What does it mean to be a person of faith? Why this religion? Why this denomination? Why this church? Do I have to believe everything the church says to be a member?* These are difficult questions to ask, and even more difficult questions to answer. That is why every confirmand is paired with a mentor: an adult parishioner who will walk the confirmation journey with their student. The mentor is not expected to have all the answers, rather, the courage to say, "I don't know – but we'll figure it out - together."

The mentor will play an important role in the life of the confirmand. For that reason we have some criterion by which we choose mentors for the students. The mentor is someone who will grow and learn *with* their student – spiritually, emotionally, and mentally. Mentors must be active members who are involved in, and committed to, the life of the church.

The purpose of the mentoring process is for both the adult and the student to create a *new* relationship within the church community. Many parishioners have served as confirmation mentors over the past eight years and have found it exciting and spiritually fulfilling. If you are interested in this dynamic ministry with our youth this year, please speak with Fr. Richard, Mother Ann or call the parish office for further information. An orientation for confirmation mentors outlining the Confirmation program will be held soon.



The Caroline Book Club

We will be discussing the book "Nemesis" by Phillip Roth. Date, time and location to be determined. Any questions, call Barbara Delfyett at 751-3658.

Thursday Forums

All are invited and welcome to join in the Thursday afternoon discussion forums. We meet in the Upper Room of the Parish House immediately following the 12:30 Eucharist (around 1:15) to explore such topics as joy, the Lord's prayer, Christmas, and others.

Beginning in January we will consider the "changing face of Christianity and culture," following a program created by the renowned Episcopal author and lecturer, Phyllis Tickle, called "Embracing Emergence Christianity: Phyllis Tickle on the Church's Next Rummage Sale."

Please contact Mother Ann if you are interested so that we can have a book available for you. See you there!



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 \$\$\$\$



Please Join Us at the 39th Annual Epiphany Ball

**Lombardi's On The Sound
Pt. Jefferson
January 28th, 2012**

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

Paid, non-refundable reservations must be returned by Monday, January 17th, 2011.
Checks should be made payable to Caroline Church and mailed with this completed form to
the office: Caroline Church, One Dyke Road, Setauket, NY 11733

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

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

I/We would like to sit with: _____

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

~ FIRST COURSE ~
Penne Filetto di Pomodoro

~ SALAD COURSE ~
Tuscan Garden Salad

~ MAIN COURSE ~
(Choice of one)
Sliced Sirloin of Steak
Chicken Francaise
Fish du Jour

Seasonal vegetables
House potatoes
Rolls, butter

~DESSERT~
House Cake

Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks

We are accepting reservations NOW!!



Stewardship Thought

“Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, ‘Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?’ ‘Why do you ask me about what is good?’ Jesus replied. ‘There is only one good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments ‘All of these I have kept,’ the young man said. ‘What do I still lack?’ Jesus answered, ‘If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.’ When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.”

The confident young man probably shouldn't have asked what it was he was lacking. For the Savior hit him with a challenge and an invitation that no one in his right mind would have put forward. “Go sell everything you have, give the proceeds to the poor, and come and follow Me.”

Herein lies one of the great Christian enigmas. Does Christ really want any person to have (much less enjoy) wealth, or not? Why does Jesus give this confrontational command when others in the Biblical literature (both Old and New Testaments) appear free to have many possessions?

The only conceivable answer is this: Jesus, looking into this man's heart, knew that his wealth owned him. That he defined himself with his money and his status. Or to use religious language: His money and his lifestyle was his god, and he worshipped it all.

It was this abnormal attachment that stood between him and the eternal life he asked Jesus about. Not a lot difference from the attachment Abraham apparently felt to his only son, Isaac. In both cases, men were challenged to lay their “gods” on the altar. One man, his son; the other, his money.

“When the young man went away, he felt sad because he had great wealth.” One wonders, how long did this young man live with that sadness? A few days? Months? A lifetime? A laser beam of conviction had been shot into his soul, and his real god had been exposed.

What if the young man had said to Jesus: “I'll do it. I'll meet you here tomorrow after I've divested myself of everything.” Can you imagine Jesus saying, as heaven had answered Abraham many years before, “Stop, now I know that you love me.”?

Some think that the young man actually thought this challenge through and did what Jesus asked. I'm doubtful. If only that I suspect Matthew would have told us

the end of the story had that happened.

The would-be generous giver must read this story many, many times. Memorizing it would not hurt. It speaks to the chief temptation any successful or wealthy person has: When does all of this become a god to me? And what if Jesus were to put the challenge to me?

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‘Bridging the Gap’ 2012 Stewardship Campaign

As we have just ended the 283rd year of parish life here at Caroline Church, we give thanks to everyone who has shared that life with us. It is the prayers, support and financial participation of all of us which enables our church to be the Body of Christ in this place.

As the Vestry contemplates the financial records of the past year and the year ahead, its first responsibility is to meet the needs represented by our Body of Believers for, *“If any provide not for his own, and specifically those of his own house, he hath denied the faith...” (1 Timothy)* It is our faithful giving that enables our Priests to feed us the Word of God - here in our own house, here at Caroline Church.

Stop and reflect how the Word of God has changed your life and the lives of others you know. If we do not have a financial commitment recorded from you for this up coming year, please be assured that whatever financial support you might be able to offer will help us “Close the Gap” and will be greatly appreciated. While many have increased their giving, we have not met our challenge to “Close the Gap” between our giving and our dependence upon our investments. However, it is not too late to help make a difference! We are depending upon those who have not, as yet, made a financial commitment.

Jesus never asks us to do anything in our giving that He won't respond back to you in a greater measure. As we honor the Word of God with our giving, the Lord honors us. If you have not forwarded your “Estimate of Giving” for 2012 please consider doing so today!

With all Blessings in the New Year,
The Stewardship Committee

Treasurer's Report

It's the third week of Advent, with Christmas fast approaching. Linda is putting ribbon on the tree as I write this final article of 2011. The 2012 budget has been approved by the Budget Committee and will be presented to the Vestry on December 21. With a lot of effort, along with some great fine tuning by committee members, the bottom line is flat—in fact very slightly down—for the second year running.

As is always the case, we are in a situation similar to many school boards: formulating a spending budget without a complete picture of the income side. Unsubmitted Estimates of Giving are the equivalent of state aid. Just like school boards get state aid information months after the budget vote, we don't have solid Estimate of Giving numbers until late January or February. But that is the nature of a church budget, and we do the very best we can to preserve our program.

After a very poor third quarter, our investments did well in October, up over \$200,000. November saw a net decline, although the final week saw recovery of the markets. Hopefully we will see a strong end to a year marked by volatility. Budgets are estimates, not written in stone. Depending on final Estimate of Giving figures and the performance of our endowment, adjustments can be made as we proceed into 2012. On a positive note, individual average Estimates of Giving are up. As those final cards come in, hopefully we will see a bridging of the gap. We thank those who have submitted their cards for their generosity. If you have not yet submitted your card, please do so as soon as possible.

Gift Cards

This has been a disappointing year for gift card sales. In 2010 we cleared \$2,155 in profits. As of early December, the 2011 figure has dropped to only \$430. Part of the reason for this is that we have lost volunteers to sell the cards at coffee hour. Some volunteers had been helping out for about five years and certainly deserve a sabbatical! Eileen Hazel has just volunteered to help out and we thank her for her future service. This is a ministry that involves a commitment of about 30 minutes, once or twice a month. Can you help?

More importantly, can you help by purchasing the cards? If you do your grocery shopping at King Kullen or Stop & Shop, it's a win-win situation. Purchasing cards is an even exchange of cash for cards. The supermarkets sell the cards to us for 95% of their value, so we clear 5% on each sale. The potential numbers are almost too good to be true. If 200 families spent \$100 per week (a low number for my family!) we would sell \$1,040,000 in cards

per year, clearing a \$52,000 profit! The real difficulty is establishing the habit of buying the cards religiously (pun intended). You can buy them at Sunday coffee hour (assuming volunteers) or at the office during the week. This could be a New Year's Resolution that could help our church immensely without any out of pocket costs to our parishioners. Please consider establishing this habit.

Similarly, we have established Caroline Church as an "Amazon Associate." If you are one of many who shop at Amazon.com, we have a search link on our web site that links you to the Amazon site. Using that link and then making your purchase costs you nothing but a couple of mouse clicks. We get several percentage points of that sale. The exact number varies depending on the nature of the purchase. The link is under "What's New," then "Fundraising for Caroline." Try it next time you shop on line. College students who buy their texts on line should also be aware of this link and use it at the beginning of each semester!

Chris Haring
Treasurer



Diocesan Youth Retreat Coming Up

Your Parish Future (Y.P.F.) sponsors weekend retreat experiences for youth and young adults at Camp De-Wolfe in Wading River. These weekends are an opportunity for young people to open themselves to the transforming presence of Christ and to experience the gracious presence and power of the living Christ through worship, prayer, teaching, and Christian community. The T.E.C. (Teens Encounter Christ) weekend for grades 10 -12 (ages 16-18) is on February 18– 20, 2012. Applications can be picked up in the parish office and scholarships are available. For further information see Fr. Richard or call the parish office.

The Chemicals Around Us

Many baby boomers and their parents have witnessed technological advancements that change the way we live from the home computer to new cooking and cleaning products. However, these changes have come at a price including exposure to untested chemicals. Scientific evidence finds that toxic chemical exposures, especially prenatal and childhood, is associated with chronic health concerns such as obesity, heart disease, type II diabetes, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases.

We can't ensure chemicals are really safe for the children in our lives without a protective chemical policy. Congress is considering reform of our chemical policy. Over 84,000 chemicals are registered for use, but only 200 have been fully tested for safety. This is unacceptable. If you are a grandparent or older adult you can help reform our national chemical policy and protect children's health, by writing to congress.

Dear Members of Congress,

As grandparents and aging adults from unique faith traditions, we share a strong calling to honor and protect God's Creation and all life on Earth. We are called to care for the next generation and we want to ensure that all children- including those in low-income households and children of color- inherit a better world.

We are greatly concerned about the rising rates of diseases such as cancer, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, type II diabetes, and heart disease in the United States. These diseases are expected to double or triple by 2050 when today's children are adults. A number of these conditions are linked to or caused from exposures to toxic chemicals in the products we use in our homes and congregations. Many of us from the baby boomer generation have been exposed to particularly toxic chemicals throughout our lifetime, such as DDT, and we want to ensure a better life for our children and our children's children. We urge you to consider the health of all people today, future generations, and the sacredness of all life on Earth by passing urgently needed chemical policy reform that includes:

Making sure chemicals are safe before they end up in the products we all use and ultimately migrate into our bodies and the environment.

Swiftly removing the most dangerous chemicals, such as persistent bioaccumulative toxic (PBT) chemicals, such as DDT, when safer alternatives exist.

Find ways to reduce the disproportionate burden of toxic chemicals born by low-income communities and

communities of color, and in particular by all God's children.

In these ways we can improve the health of God's Creation, and ensure the world is a safe and healthy place for the future generations of God's children.

Sincerely,

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____
Zip Code _____
Denomination _____

Parish Family News

Please send the detail of things you would like others to be aware of to Elizabeth Greaf at artbyeliz@verizon.net or call her at (631) 689-5604. 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.

Bethany Cencer-Blake

Our organist is directing Stony Brook's Third Annual EARLY MUSIC DAY on:

Sunday,
March 18th, 2012
12:00pm – 3:00pm
in the Music Building on Stony Brook University's
main campus.

An interactive "behind the scenes" event for "all ages". Hear live performances, talk to performers, and touch period instruments!

Includes an à capella medieval choir and a Baroque sight-reading session (bring your own instrument).

Instrument demos/performances on harpsichord, fortepiano, organ, Baroque strings (violin, cello, viols), Baroque timpani, recorders and other winds, theorbo, guitar, and Baroque vocal music.

FREE Admission! Followed by a "Baroque Sundays at 3" concert (Baroque flute performed by award-winning Sang-Joon Park). For more information, go to <http://earlymusicday.blogspot.com/> or email bcencer@gmail.com

Harvest Dinner Butternut Squash Soup

So many of you raved about the soup at the Harvest Dinner that I thought you would enjoy having the recipe. Here is an approximation of that recipe – down from 10 squash to one! Please note that soup making is an art, not a science. If you like a particular flavor, add a pinch more. If you don't like something, start out with none of it, or at least with a small amount and experiment until you get the flavor where you like it. Enjoy!



Ingredients:

1 butternut squash – 2-3 pounds
¼ cup olive oil
1 cup onion – 2 medium onions
½ cup carrots – one large carrot
½ cup celery – two stalks
1 T garlic
1 T fresh thyme
½ t cumin
1 t salt
1 t pepper
1 qt chicken stock (you can also use vegetable stock)
1 cup heavy cream – at room temperature

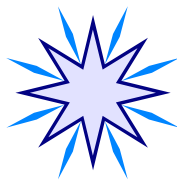
- ◆ Bake the squash whole at 350 until it's done - about an hour. Prick the skin before baking. The squash should be very soft when done and will peel easily – or scoop – into a large soup pot when done. Discard seeds and skin.
- ◆ Dice onions and garlic and sauté in olive oil in a large pan. When clear, add carrots and celery and continue to sauté until soft. Add 1 cup chicken (or vegetable) stock and simmer for 15-20 minutes.
- ◆ Add sautéed ingredients to soup pot with squash. Start heat at medium on stove.
- ◆ Add remainder of chicken (or vegetable) stock, thyme, cumin, salt and pepper. Stir frequently because the soup is thick. Bring to a boil. Adjust spices to your taste.
- ◆ Use an immersion blender to puree all ingredients. Alternately, transfer to a regular blender and puree until smooth. Be careful if using a regular blender - the ingredients are hot.
- ◆ If the soup seems too thick, add a small amount of water. Otherwise bring to a boil and then let simmer. It can be served now, but will thicken if allowed to simmer for a few hours. Stir frequently.
- ◆ Ten minutes before serving, turn off heat. Wisk in cream and serve.
- ◆ Garnish with fresh thyme, gorgonzola cheese (we did this at the Harvest Dinner), apples, or chopped almonds.
- ◆ Enjoy. This recipe should make hearty 8 servings.

E.C.W. Morning Branch Annual Christmas Fair - a HUGE Success

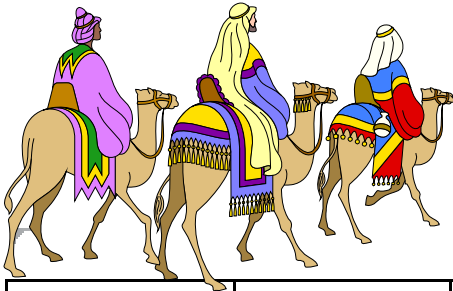


We had a very successful fair thanks to the many 'angels' who donated such lovely gifts and baked items. Everything was made so much easier for us by the wonderful 'elves' who set up, worked, cleaned-up, etc... You all know who you are and we are very grateful to all of you. Without your help and donations we could not have our Annual Christmas Fair. The money that we made will help us to keep up our commitments to the Coram Ministries and the Soup Kitchens.

May God Bless,
Pat Harding and all the ladies of the E.C.W. (MB)



JANUARY 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Christmas 2 8:00am & 10:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>Coffee Hour in PARISH HOUSE No Church School 10:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir</p>	<p>2 OFFICE CLOSED/ NEW YEARS HOLIDAY</p> <p>9:00 AM Homeschoolers MCS building</p>	<p>3 8:30 AM 3Village Clergy Meeting in MCS building</p> <p>3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM</p> <p>7:00 PM Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Three Village Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Sunrise Asst. 12:30 PM H.E & Healing Service followed by a Forum 7:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 PM FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY H.E. (with Joyful Noise Choir)</p> <p>7:30 PM OSL Healing Service</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM Confirmation Class meets</p>
<p>8 Epiphany 1 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:30 AM Youth Group Meets in the 'Cave'</p>	<p>9 NEED ALL APM REPORTS 9:00 AM Homeschoolers MCS building 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:45 PM 'Exploring The Word' Bible Study 7:30 PM Home Bible Study meets in Parish House</p>	<p>10 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in the MCS building</p> <p>3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM</p> <p>7:00 PM Holy Eucharist</p> <p>7:30 PM Adult Education Committee</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM ECW (EB) meets in MCS building</p>	<p>12 10:00 AM Three Village Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Woodhaven 12:30 PM H.E & Healing Service followed by a Forum 7:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 8:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew meet</p>
<p>15 Epiphany 2 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir</p> <p>11:15 AM Baptism: Petrone</p>	<p>16 OFFICE CLOSED/ MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</p> <p>7:30 PM Home Bible Study meets in Parish House</p>	<p>17 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in the MCS building</p> <p>7:00 PM Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 PM Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>19 10:00 AM Three Village Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Glenhaven 12:30 PM H.E & Healing Service followed by a Forum 7:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Grief Support Group meets</p>	<p>20 DEADLINE FOR THE CARILLON</p> <p>7:00 PM OSL Meeting in MCS building</p>	<p>21 8:30 AM Shawl Ministry in people's homes</p>
<p>22 Epiphany 3 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>4:00 PM Lessons & Carols/Choir party after</p>	<p>23 9:00 AM Homeschoolers MCS building 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:45 PM 'Exploring The Word' Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 PM Home Bible Study meets in Parish House</p>	<p>24 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in the MCS building</p> <p>7:00 PM Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>Annual Church MEETING</p> <p>7:00 PM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</p>	<p>26 10:00 AM Three Village Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Jefferson Ferry 12:30 PM H.E & Healing Service followed by a Forum 7:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:30 PM No. Shore Ultreya at Caroline</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:15 AM 20s & 30s group to the Winery.</p> <p>6:00 PM EPIPHANY BALL</p>
<p>29 Epiphany 4 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY</p>	<p>30 9:00 AM Homeschoolers MCS building 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Home Bible Study meets in Parish House</p>	<p>31 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in the MCS building</p> <p>7:00 PM Holy Eucharist</p>				

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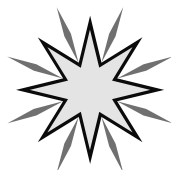
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January 28th, 2012

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