

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Another year is upon us as we move forward in 2013. At the end of this month we will have our Annual Parish Meeting where a new direction for our parish life will be outlined. The beginning of something always is exciting and we will have many opportunities through Caroline Church to be about God's work as we share our gifts and talents within the Three Village community.

Our Lord God needs us as much as he needs his choirs of angels. Imagine you happen to overhear a conversation that God was having with His celestial hosts.

The First angel says to God: "Sir, look at the people on earth! Most of them are celebrating the birth of your Son! How wonderful!"

God responds: "Yes, they are celebrating, aren't they?"

The 2nd Angel says: "But... all the parties . . . They're eating and drinking and having fun, but..."

God says: "But it doesn't seem appropriate to what they're celebrating?"

2nd Angel says: "Well, no... I would have thought..."

God says: "But look over there... What do you see?"

2nd Angel says: "Right!"

God says: "Well, you see, the first group knows about the birth of my Son, but they have forgotten what happened afterward, in His life. . . So they just have a "birthday party," a wonderful big celebration, and don't think about the sad parts to come. They're accepting the gift and sometimes they forget the purpose of it."

2nd Angel asks: "And what about the second group?"

God responds: "Well, they only remember the sad part, that He gave His life for their sins, and they think they have to spend their lives "making it up" to Him. They can't accept the free gift."

1st Angel interjects: "But what about that group over there? They're celebrating with parties, but somehow it's different . . . Now they're going into....churches! And they're praying... and worshipping!"

God says: "Those are the ones who remember His birth and celebrate . . . They remember the gift as well as the sad parts. Because they recognize what the gift cost Him,

they worship and pray. . . They remember the birthday party, but they remember to give thanks as well."

1st Angel says: "Now what are they doing, Sir?"

God says: "Now they are remembering what He gave to them . . . eternal life in glory with Him, at great cost to Himself...and they want to give that gift to others. So they are going out and doing what He is not there to do now. They are being His hands and feet . . . They are showing others His heart, with their hearts, ministering to the poor and the sick, telling them about the One who made this possible . . . and passing on His love. See some are visiting those who desperately need someone, some are taking food to the hungry, and some are simply loving people."

2nd Angel asks: "Did He tell them to do all that?"

God responds: "Well, He told them that when they do these things for others, they are doing them for Him. And He told them to represent Him to all people. That's what they're doing."

1st Angel asks: "And the parties and celebrating?"

God responds: "There's nothing wrong with that . . . My Son loves a good party! He just doesn't want them to forget the rest of the story."

2nd Angel says: "Hm... I think I'm beginning to understand... It's all tight to celebrate as long as you don't lose sight of what you're celebrating, or why?"

God concludes: "You know, I think you got the point!"

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.*

At Caroline Church this year, I think perhaps we got the point ...So many activities, so much good ministry going on that it's sometimes really hard to remember why we're doing it all ...and then we pause, and remember, and go into the church together to worship as a people. We thank God for His gift, and we celebrate the gift. So let's continue to celebrate throughout this New Year, sometimes with hearts overflowing with joy, and sometimes with sadness... and never forgetting the gift... or the giver. God bless you all!

Fr. Richard+

A Prayer for Entering The New Year

We know, O Lord, that our times are in your hands. While we live on Earth, enable us to please you in all things. Especially, now, as we enter a new year, we pray for strengthened spirits that we may praise you properly by our thoughts, words and deeds. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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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 \$\$\$\$



Christmas Holy Communion and Visitation

Fr. Richard will be most happy to administer Holy Communion privately to sick and homebound persons and to anyone else who did not receive their Christmas Communion at Christmas services this year. If that is your situation, or if you know of anyone who may desire a visit by the Clergy to bring the Holy Sacrament to them during Christmastide, December 25 to January 6, please contact the Parish Office.

A Joy Filled Christmas

What a blessed Christmas it was at Caroline Church. There are so many people involved in seeing that the Christmas services are presented in a dignified yet spirit-filled way. My gratitude to Mira Busko, Susan Rydzeski and the entire Altar Guild for beautifully adorning the church with poinsettias, wreaths, Christmas greens, and hangings. Those in attendance at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service were lifted up in song by our Joyful Noise Choir, directed by Katherine Kaiser while those attending the 8 and 10:00 p.m. service praised the Christ-child as the Adult Choir led us in traditional Christmas hymns and special anthems. Kudos goes to our music director Dallas Garvin, organist Bethany Cencer, and to all Caroline choristers. Janet Giacomini and many volunteers worked diligently to be certain that the inclusive holiday programs and bulletins were ready for our use.

On a personal note, together with Jan, Cassandra and Andrew, I wish to thank all the gracious parishioners who shared their Christmas blessings with us through gifts and best wishes. Christmas was truly a blessed event. Father Richard

**2013 Offering
Envelopes**



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

Please walk over there after service and pick yours up, this will save us the postage of mailing it to you. If you cannot find one with your name on it, and would like one, please call the parish office and we will get one for you. Thank you.

Caring For The Caregiver

The Caring for the Caregiver support group will continue to meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9:30 - 11:00am in the Parish House. The January meetings will be on January 12th and 26th. Please contact Virginia Cash at vcash5msw@aol.com or 631-428-0902 if you have further questions or would like to be placed on her e-mail list.

Our Anglican Heritage

Julia Chester Emery

Julia was the most prominent figure in the Episcopal Church's missionary work for forty years. In 1876, when she was only 24 years old, she became Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church's Board of Missions. At the time, this role was the highest position of leadership allowed for women in the Church. Her youth notwithstanding, Emery's faith, courage, spirit of adventure, and ability to inspire others combined to commend her for such responsibility, and she became one of the most respected and influential leaders in all of the Church.

As W.A. Secretary, Emery helped the Episcopal Church to recognize and act on its call to proclaim the Gospel both at home and overseas. In 1908, she served as a delegate to the Pan-Anglican Congress in London and from there she traveled around the world, visiting missions in remote areas of China, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Hawaii. She then toured every diocese on the Pacific Coast of the USA before returning to New York. The difficulties, hardships, and dangers of such travels were no match for her optimism and energy. In her leadership, Emery visited every diocese within the USA to encourage and expand the work of the Woman's Auxiliary. Her work established a network of Woman's Auxiliary branches that exercised a powerful voice to emphasize educational programs, bring the Church's ministry to social issues, and develop roles of leadership for women. One of her last efforts prior to her retirement in 1916 was the creation of the United Thank Offering. Julia Chester Emery died in 1922, having led the Auxiliary for 40 of its first 50 years and seeing it recognized as the single greatest agency to further the Church's missionary work. Her life and ministry is celebrated throughout the Episcopal Church every year on January 9.

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



Afghanistan:

Michael Cardamone, Adam Fullerton,
Roy Raguso, Mike Hanna, Kevin O'Donahue
Kevin LoRusso

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



January Birthday's

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Philip Aversano |
| 01/04 | Gabrielle Lukianchuk |
| 01/05 | Al Harding
Jessica Butruch |
| 01/06 | Krista Martincic |
| 01/07 | Caroline Brayson |
| 01/08 | Joan Neuls
Reg Burton
Patrick Anderson |
| 01/09 | Ann Laurie MacKinnon
Jonathan Busko |
| 01/10 | Barbara Jones
Lauren Huss |
| 01/11 | Bunny Russell |
| 01/12 | Dustin McKinley |
| 01/13 | Howard Norris
John Remmler
Eric Mis |
| 01/14 | Peter Kaires |
| 01/16 | Katie Cook
Christina Postiglione |
| 01/17 | Katherine Kaiser
Chris Kaiser
Emma Russell |
| 01/18 | Jamie Peruso
Camrynn Aiello
Jennifer McCambridge |
| 01/19 | Valerie Stubberfield
Jeana Esernio
Nicole Whitsit |
| 01/20 | James Staudenraus |
| 01/21 | Greg Griesel
Angelica Buscemi |
| 01/22 | Skyler Shaw |
| 01/23 | Maureen Reyes |
| 01/25 | Gary Mis
Linda Holub
Charles Rampone III |
| 01/29 | Norihanna Korzonko |
| 01/30 | Adam Hurewitz
Ellie Buscemi |
| 01/31 | Katy Jones
Julia Coutros
Jimmy Mocko
Liam Darrigo
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CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Happy New Year! Another year comes to a close and a new one begins. We had a great 2012 in Church School and we plan to have even a better one in 2013. But before we get into our upcoming events I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for the following outreach programs we participated in:

- ◆ Operation Shoe Box: I delivered 20 boxes. An extra 'Thank You' to the 3rd and 4th grade class, Virginia Cash and Donna Pollard for having the class make beautiful cards for the boxes and for filling a box.
- ◆ Pie Fundraiser: We sold 60 pies and made \$350. We have a few more to sell if anyone would like to buy any for the Holidays.
- ◆ Hurricane Sandy Relief: Barbara Russell delivered a full car load and more to the designated drop off church. It was wonderful to put out an email and get the items within a week from everyone.
- ◆ Hats, Scarfs, Gloves, Mittens and Coats: The tree was overflowing with hats, mittens, gloves, and even socks. It looked wonderful. The box of coats was also overflowing. They will be delivered to the Soup Kitchen the first week of January.

The Pageant was great. The children did a wonderful job and the congregation loved it. We will be having Church School on December 30: a New Year's Party for all who come. Bring your hat and horns and we will supply the food.

All dates for upcoming events will be announced after the first of the year. The following events will be happening:

- ◆ Family Bingo Night
- ◆ Bible Challenge
- ◆ Pancake Breakfast
- ◆ An outside church fun day
- ◆ End of year program covering what the children learned during the year and a show for all.

Please let me know if you have any ideas for church school events. Have a New Year filled with unending joy, relaxing moments with family and friends, peace and quiet and most of all good health.

Mary Doherty
Church School Director



Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting for 2013 will be held on Wednesday evening, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Marco Smith Building. Please plan to attend this very important event in the life of our church. If you are responsible for writing a year-end report for an area of ministry you have been involved in over 2012, please complete it by January 7 and electronically send it to Janet at office@carolinechurch.net in the parish office. Vestrypersons, John Leibold, Maritza Groth, and Bill Harvey's terms expire and Don Muffly's first Warden term concludes. We will be voting for three (3) three year vestryperson positions, one (1) year vestryperson position fulfilling an unexpired term and one (1) two year warden position. The Vestry Nominating Committee's report will be in an upcoming Sunday bulletin, posted on an MCS building's bulletin board, and sent out by e-mail.

Also at the annual parish meeting we will receive reports from the Treasurer, Finance Committee and others. Supervised childcare and rides to the meeting will be available, please call the parish office several days in advance of the meeting if you need these services. All parishioners are encouraged to attend this gathering of our parish family.



The Caroline Book Club

Caroline book club's next meeting will be at the home of the Soderstroms, 10 Lotowana Lane, Stony Brook on Sunday, January 13th at 7:30 p.m. (transportation up the driveway will be provided!!). The book read is: Franklin and Winston by John Meacham. "Franklin and Winston is a sensitive, perceptive and absorbing portrait of the friendship that saved the Democratic world in the greatest war in history." (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.)

Ultreya!

Ultreya is a Spanish word, meaning Onward! It was in common use by pilgrims to greet and encourage one another along the way. All Parishioners and their friends are welcome to join us on the 4th Friday of the month for Ultreya. It is a shared time of fellowship, singing and spiritual encouragement.

The next Ultreya will meet Friday, January 25th beginning at 7:30pm at Caroline Church.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Seel.



Celebrate Stewardship 2012

Good News Update!

Here is our stewardship update as of December 13, 2012

149 Estimate of Giving Cards were received.
\$266,000.00 has been pledged for 2013!

At this point, our giving has increased \$5,404.00 from last year.

Thank you to all who have participated in making a financial commitment to our church.
Please join us if you haven't already.
It's not too late!

Have you returned **your** Estimate of Giving Card?

ECW Evening Branch

The next ECW meeting will be on the morning of Saturday, January 19th to prepare the men's communion breakfast. We should meet at 7:30 am. Please let me know if you are able to attend.

Mirjana Ellis, 689-2627
rmellis@optonline.net

Celebrate Stewardship at Christmas

Lesson from the Infant Jesus

There is no shame in being poor.

It is interesting to note that while throughout his adult life Jesus always taught us to give and to serve, He first came into this world as one who needed assistance. It was no accident that He was born without a place to lay His head. In coming to our world in this way Jesus shows us there is no shame in being poor. A risk we take when we practice stewardship is that we may begin to think of ourselves as better or luckier than someone in need and consciously or unconsciously look down upon those who need our generosity. When we look down upon the poor we look down upon the infant Jesus Himself.

Lesson from the Shepherds

We all have gifts to give.

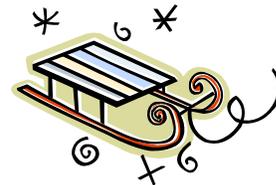
The shepherds came from the fields bringing only themselves and their sheep. Yet their interest in Jesus was enough to win them a place in the Christmas story for all times. What is their stewardship message to us? Even if all we have to give is our interest, our caring, and our time to come and visit; those are important gifts to give.

Lesson from the Wise Men

Just worshipping Jesus isn't enough.

The Wise Men present an entirely different message than the shepherds. Like most of us, these were men with many blessings. They are praised in the Christmas story not just for coming to worship Jesus but also for bringing Him gifts. The lesson is that just going to church is not enough. We also are expected to bring our gifts with us.

Archdiocese of St. Louis <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/lessons->



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)

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

Our next Healing Service will be at St. Cuthbert's in Selden on Friday, January 4th at 7:30 pm. Our OS� meeting will be Friday, January 18th at 7:30 pm. Book study starts at 7:00pm for those involved.

We continue to offer prayer teams after the 9:30 am Sunday service in the front of the church. All requests are held in confidence. We are here to offer prayer for you, other family members, friends and neighbors. Whether the need is for physical, spiritual, or emotional healing needs we are here to offer prayer. We also like to join with you in giving God thanks for all his many blessings. Wishing you a health, Happy New Year in 2013.

In His healing love and grace,
Ginny and Ann,
Theophilus Healing
Ministry Chapter



Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Men & Boy's Corporate Communion Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 19th at 8:00am in the MCS building. All men and boy's of the parish are invited to attend. The women of the church will be hosting this event and we will have Rev. Brenda Ford the Protestant Campus Ministry Chaplain at Stony Brook University, sharing College Ministry at Stony Brook.

Blessings, Br. Mark

20s/30s Group

On Tuesday, January 15th the 20s/30s Group will head to the Country Corner in Setauket to dominate Trivia Night. The game starts at 8:00, but let's meet a few minutes early to get a good table. Please let Lindsay know by calling 561-3767 or by emailing her at

lindsay.baldwin.porter@gmail.com

if you're coming so we can save you a seat! Also check out our Facebook group at Caroline Twenties and Thirties.

Youth Confirmation Class — It's Not Too Late!

The confirmation class of 2013 will get underway with our first class on January 19, 2013! A brief Day of Reflection will begin our time together. The Confirm not Conform curriculum has been very well received by other classes. Our orientation class last month for parents and Confirmands gave us a chance to get to know one another as well as the opportunity to review the confirmation process for this year.

Those youth taking part in the Confirmation study program will be supported in their efforts by mentors and the entire parish family. All parishioners are asked to share in the confirmation process through prayer and by promising to listen to Confirmands' questions and concerns with open minds and hearts, while taking their contributions seriously. Mentors will be specifically making a faith journey together with their Confirmands as they grapple with fundamental questions of faith. If you are interested in being a mentor for one of our young people please let Fr. Richard know.

It is not too late to join this class. All young people who will be sixteen years old or above sometime in 2013 are welcome to come. Please contact Fr. Richard with any questions you may have about this year's class.

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Grief Support Group

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 Fr. Richard at the parish office, or Don Muffly at 689-8804.

Caroline Church's Prayer Chain

As most of you know Caroline Church has had a prayer chain going for several years. The prayer chain is a way for any parishioner to request prayers to be offered for themselves, family members or friends. It is a way of staying spiritually connected to one another and Our Lord. His healing presence is so needed as we all deal with physical, spiritual and emotional issues. Claire Mis has been doing a fantastic ministry in keeping this prayer chain going strong over the years. We have now expanded this Prayer Chain to include all parishioners for whom we have e-mail addresses in order to give an opportunity for the entire parish to be in prayer for a particular need. If you have a prayer request for yourself or someone you know and desire that the entire parish lift them up in prayer, please e-mail Claire Mis at cmis@hotmail.com and make that need known to her. If you do not want to be on this parish-wide prayer chain please e-mail Claire and she will modify the list. Our world and the people in it need our prayers today more than ever.

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 9-12 (ages 15-18) is on February 16 - 18, 2013. Applications can be picked up on line through the diocesan web site or in the parish office and scholarships are available. For further information see Fr. Richard or call the parish office.



Parish Family News

Please send the detail of things you would like others to be aware of to the parish office by calling 941-4245 or email it to office@carolinechurch.net. 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.

CYC Youth Group

At our first afternoon meeting of the New Year, January 13, we will have an Epiphany White Elephant Gift Exchange. Please bring a wrapped item that you find lying around your house (or spend less than \$5 on). The idea is something funny you want to get rid of. No dirty socks, please. Our Ski Trip to Vermont is scheduled for March 1st-3rd. On Friday we will take the ferry to Connecticut and drive to Dover, Vermont, where Bob and Sue Nalewajk will host us at their lovely cabin. Saturday will be our day to ski or snowboard at Mount Snow. On Sunday, we'll attend a service at the local Episcopal Church and spend the afternoon sledding before heading back Sunday evening. The cost of the trip will be around \$150 (financial aid available on request). Please let Lindsay know if you are interested in going. Also feel free to invite friends from outside the Caroline community.

As a reminder, our regular meetings are: every 1st Sunday we sit together up in the loft at 9:30 church. Then we go out for brunch afterward. On all other Sundays we meet in the Cave (basement of MCS) from 4:00-6:00. CYC is open to all Caroline youth in grades 6-12 and their friends. Meetings include free time playing pool or ping pong, organized group games and activities, sharing our week, and a brief Bible lesson.

The Caroline Church Choir

Presents

Epiphany 'Lessons & Carols'

Sunday, January 20th

4:00p.m.

at

Caroline Church

Please join us for this festive presentation.