

Buildings & Grounds



A Happy New Year to all. A special thanks to Irene Rud-dock and Nancy Vitale for decorating the upper room of the Parish House—it looks great!

The room below the kitchen in the Marco C. Smith Building has been repainted and added to the space used by the teens and other groups. The room will feature a relocated table tennis game and a donated Foosball table (thanks to the Hazells) along with some furniture. With some of this moved over from the main media room, that larger room now is much less cluttered. Special thanks to Bob Clancy for his painting assistance.

In the churchyard, our thanks to Lainey Cash for her co-ordination of the recent Remembrance Day. She also spurred us on to repair the long broken wrought iron gate to the small enclosed area at the north end of the cemetery. We were able to find a welder who was able to bring equipment on site at a very reasonable price. That gate and fence will be repainted in the spring.

Thanks to Don Muffly's perseverance, we finally have an estimate on replacing the broken sections of fence courtesy of Superstorm Sandy. We should be moving ahead with that soon. We will lose the arched section near the gate, as the contractor must take it for accurate measurements since it is a custom manufactured piece.

We were fortunate to save some money after Sandy by the Town cleaning up the Village Green and our neighbors clearing Bates Road. But there is major tree work to be done in the wake of Sandy. Our contractor has been busy with more pressing matters, but work likely will begin sometime around the New Year. We are saving several trees by cabling and bracing, but sadly we must remove trees that were severely damaged. This includes the large Linden tree at the front gate. That beautiful tree has twice caused damage to the fence and light post. It is badly rotted. It is inhabited by at least one raccoon and has become a safety hazard, despite efforts made for several decades to extend its life. We will all miss that tree.

Chris Haring, Chair
Buildings, Churchyard
and Village Green



*"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 nine 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 or call the parish office for further information. An orientation for confirmation mentors outlining the Confirmation program will be held soon.

As our Confirmands set sail on their exploration of faith and tradition on their way to the sacramental rite of Confirmation, it is important for all parishioners to keep them in prayer. This is a time of both learning and discernment for them as, in the end, the decision about whether or not to be confirmed will be theirs—made in conjunction with parents, mentors, and clergy. Once the class list is finalized, their names will appear in the announcement booklet in your bulletin each week.

Sonshine Ministry News

The Sonshine Ministry provides meals to our parishioners who may be experiencing a significant life event. In an effort to simplify the process for setting up meals, as well as to involve a greater number of our parishioners, who, we have discovered are interested and able to participate, we are trying a new internet based program called **Meal Train**.

Think about it like this, Friends going through a difficult or challenging time due to a birth, surgery, illness, etc., could use some help. Willing parishioners would love to meet this need, if they only knew what to do. An organized meal train gives them a way to show they care by cooking and taking a meal to a friend.

Why are we using MealTrain.com?

To help eliminate the confusion related to meal giving. No longer are questions like; What do they like? When are they available? What have they already had? left unanswered. Providing each giver this information helps simplify the process so they can focus on supporting others with meals.

With mealTrain.com:

We eliminate confusion by creating a shared calendar and answering questions in advance like; What foods do they like? What allergies do they have? When are they available? What have they already had?

mealTrain.com includes:

- Real-time meal calendar
- Ability to customize dates, times, and meal preferences
- Invitations via e-mail
- Reminder emails
- Add booked dates to a personal calendar automatically

The program ensures that everyone has the necessary information so they can focus on supporting friends with meals.

What do you do when you are invited to participate?

When you receive an email inviting you to participate in a meal need for one of our parishioners, here are the steps you will need to take:

- ♦ Log onto mealtrain.com
- ♦ You will be asked to create an account. That part is easy. Just complete the form on that page: First, Last name, email and create a password for yourself. It looks like this:

First Name:	<input type="text" value="Mary"/>
Last Name:	<input type="text" value="Smith"/>
Your Email:	<input type="text" value="marysmith@"/>
Re-enter Email:	<input type="text" value="marysmith@"/>
Select Password:	<input type="password" value="*****"/>

- **Do not sign in using facebook. We are not using facebook.**
- Once you sign in, you will see the meal trains in which you have been invited to participate. Click on the green tab next to the parishioner you wish to assist. It says: "View this mealtrain"
- Once opened, you will see the following:
 - ⇒ Dates that meals are needed and which are available for you to select
 - ⇒ On the right hand side of that page, you will see the name of the recipient and their address and phone number. We are not making donations, so ignore that portion of the page.
 - ⇒ You can also get a map of their location to assist you in dropping off their meal.
 - ⇒ The preferred drop off time
 - ⇒ Special needs, and food preferences
- You will receive an email reminder the day before your meal needs to be delivered.

Those of you who are not comfortable using this electronic method of providing meals may continue to call Dianne Johnson at 473-7913, Barbara Delfyett at 751-3658 or Claire Mis at 689-1210. We will see that your date is reserved in the system so that no one else takes it and we will remind you of your meal date choice.

Coffee & Fellowship Hour Host/ Hostess Sign up for 2013

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.

HELP WITH UTILITY BILLS-- PROJECT WARMTH NOW OPEN

Low income households may be eligible for the Home Energy Assistance Program, which has just opened. HEAP can provide: up to \$450 for oil, kerosene, or propane, or up to \$250 if you heat with wood, coal, natural gas, or electricity. Income limits vary with family size, from \$2,146 gross monthly income for a single person, for example, to \$4,127 for a family of four. For more information or an application in Nassau County, call 516-565-HEAP (4327). In Suffolk, call 631-853-8825. Or call the New York State HEAP Hotline at 1-800-342-3009. Seniors may be able to apply via mail or telephone or in person at the Suffolk Dept. of the Aging (631-853-8326) or the Nassau Dept. of Senior Citizen Affairs (516-227-7386) rather than the Dept. of Social Services.

DSS also may be able to pay up to four months utility arrears (a "one shot") though this must be paid back later. Emergency HEAP, which may provide additional assistance, will open Jan. 2.

Those who are ineligible for HEAP, may be able to receive help from Project Warmth, United Way of Long Island's emergency heating assistance program, when has now opened. Project Warmth will pay up to \$500 for gas, oil, or LPG, and up to \$150 for electric bills—provided that you have not received their assistance for more than two years. Those who suffered losses in Superstorm Sandy may be eligible for help, and special programs are available to aid veterans. The LICC and many other agencies can help you apply for Project Warmth. For more info call us or 631-940-3757.

LIPA's Residential Energy Affordability Partnership (REAP) program helps eligible LIPA customers save energy and lower their electric bills. Income eligibility ranges from \$51,989 annually or less for a single individual to much higher for larger families, such as \$74,270 a year, for a family of four and \$98,036 for a family of eight. LIPA customers who participate can receive an energy assessment with a REAP technician and may be eligible for a new replacement refrigerator, high-efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), low flow water saving devices, air and duct sealing and duct insulation. Anyone interested in learning more could call the toll free number at 1-800-263-6786 or visit the website at <http://lipower.org/residential/custserv/fa-reap.html>. Those who meet similar income limits may receive free assistance

through the Weatherization Assistance Program. Call 631-471-1215, ext. 155 for more info.

LIPA customers who received financial assistance from one or more financial assistance programs may be eligible for a reduction in the delivery and system charges in their LIPA bills. For more info, call 1-800-490-0025 or visit www.lipower.org

Those receiving Supplemental Security Income can apply for the SSI Guarantee at the Dept. of Social Services if they are facing a termination. This guarantee can pay for 4 months of arrears and 6 months of utility costs. Reapplication after 6AP (food stamps), Child Health Plus, public assistance, Safety Net Assistance, SSI, Temporary Assistance to Families, Veteran's Disability Pension, or Veteran's Surviving Spouse Pension may also get a reduction in the gas delivery portion of their gas bill. Call 1-800-930-5003 to apply. Those who meet similar criteria may qualify for a reduction in their National Grid bill. For more information, call 1-800-930-5003.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our prayer shawl ministry continues to serve the people of our community. We have a devoted group of woman who gather regularly on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30am in different people's homes.

Our group is ecumenical and expanding all the time. We represent many different churches and encourage anyone who is interested, to attend and bring a friend. You do not have to be experienced to come. We are willing to teach you!

We open with prayer, discuss patterns and colors, teach others, pray for others, and listen to a short meditation. During a time of silence we focus on God, our knitting, and the clicking of our needles.

We have given away over 125 shawls. The shawls and lap robes have been warmly and graciously received. We trust that the shawls we have created send a message of God's love and compassion to all who receive them.

Our next gathering will be on January 19th at 8:30am. We look forward to having new members.

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



Please Join Us at the 40th Annual Epiphany Ball

Lombardi's On The Sound
Pt. Jefferson
January 26th, 2013

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. cocktails (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres
7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. dinner with dancing
Cost: **\$60.00 per person**

Paid, non-refundable reservations must be returned by Monday, January 13th, 2013.
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)
Lombardi's Sliced Steak
Chicken Francaise
Fish du Jour

Seasonal vegetables
House potatoes
Rolls, butter

~DESSERT~
House Cake

Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks

We are accepting reservations NOW!!



Haiti Earthquake Update

Last year, many parishes in the Episcopal Church, including Caroline Church, participated in the relief efforts for rebuilding the Cathedral in Haiti, brick by brick. Historically, Holy Trinity Cathedral has been destroyed six times, including the devastating earthquake in 2010.

The Diocese of Haiti is the largest and fastest-growing Diocese in the Episcopal Church. They provide health care in the form of hospitals and clinics, and provide education – in 254 schools – services which a bankrupt government cannot deliver. And yet, in 35 seconds, on January 12, 2010, 70% of the buildings were destroyed.

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Holy Trinity School, St. Vincent's School, and Sainte Croix Hospital in Leogane were severely damaged. There is nothing to show of the Music School. Its students now study within Holy Trinity School's temporary buildings.

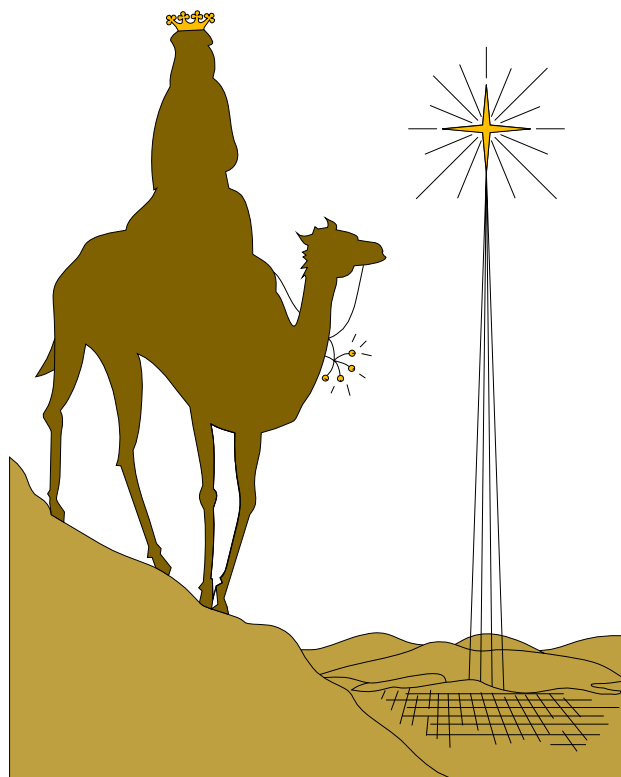
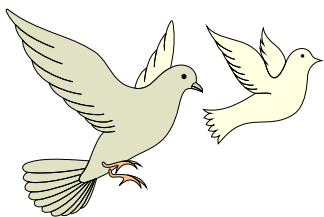
The rubble is mostly gone. The Hospital's relatively undamaged wing has been renewed and refurbished. The Nursing School was mercifully untouched. Much has been done. Much more remains.

To that end, an Episcopal Church team soon will visit Haiti to engage with diocesan leaders and officials. "This mission trip will include a thorough assessment and fact-finding to determine what steps will be taken in the short and long-term for this all-encompassing project," Bishop Sauls said.

Currently, Bishop Sauls and his staff are working diligently on a final agreement with an architect for the cathedral complex. He is also planning to lead a pilgrimage to Haiti in early 2013.

And, as another facet of the Church's work with Haiti, the Church Center is now the home in a rental agreement with Le Consulat General de la Republique d'Haiti and the Haitian Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

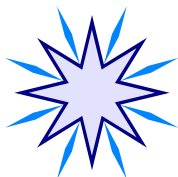
Thank you to all parishioners who contributed to this relief effort.



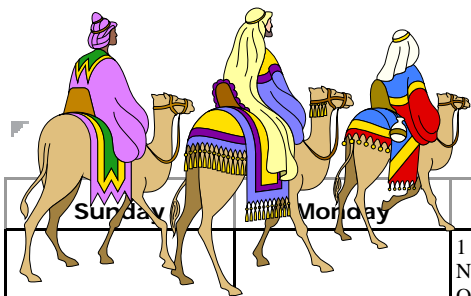
Vestry Highlights December

- The 2013 Budget was passed by the Vestry;
- Repairs to the fence and Churchyard were approved for the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy;
- Update from the Historical and Cultural Artifacts Committee on their work;
- This year's "Celebrate Stewardship" campaign was reviewed;
- Update from the Vestry Nominating Committee regarding Annual Election.

Lorraine Massie
Clerk of the Vestry



January 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NEW YEARS DAY / OFFICE CLOSED 3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM	2	3 10:00 AM Flo Kemp using Basement Room 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Sunrise Asst. (R) 12:30 PM H.E & Heal- ing Service 7:00 PM Sr Choir Re- hearsal	4 7:30 PM OSL Healing Service at St. Cuthbert's, Selden	5 CYC Trip to NYC
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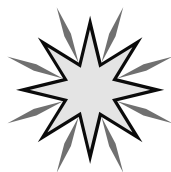
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