

# The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Another year has passed and we begin a new year's spiritual journey as a parish family. Last month Advent exploded into Christmas, now we rest in the Epiphany season, still in awe of the great gift of the Incarnation.

St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians (5: 15-16): "Be careful how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time..."

Life is a journey and not a destination. We are traveling the road that comes from God and leads to God, and amid the detours and potholes, there walks with us One who loves us and wants to lead us safely.

How much time do each of us have to walk this journey? We do not know. We only know that when one day has passed, we have one day less. Philosophers and poets have written a lot about the passing of time, but the summary of it all is probably best stated by St. Paul who urged the people to "make the most of time." Our tenure in this passing parade of history is a brief one. While none of us may make an indelible mark on the pages of history, each of us must be aware of our stewardship of the time our Lord gives us here. Make each day count in every relationship. Learn to deal decisively with each day's gifts and opportunities and live each day to the glory of God who gives us each day, each moment. Time is God's gift to us. How we use it is our gift to God.

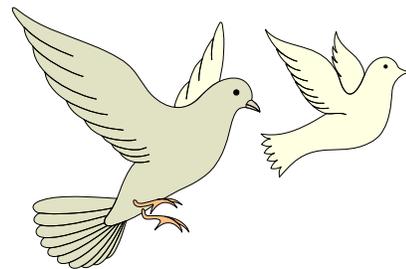
Christmas Day in the year 2014 has come and gone. But the Christmas season is still with us in the twelve days of Christmas. As these days pass, let the Spirit of Christmas have room in our hearts all year long - not for just a day.

Dr. Richard Seizer in his book "*Mortal Lessons: Notes on the Art of Surgery*", relates a story of a young woman who had undergone surgery to remove a small tumor on her cheek. In the process a small but very important nerve had been severed leaving her permanently without control over the muscles on one side of her mouth. When the surgeon told her what happened she was silent. But instantly her young husband said he liked it - "It's kind of cute" and he bent over and kissed her, twisting his own lips to accommodate hers. It was to show "that their kiss



## Christmas Holy Communion and Visitation

Cn. Richard and Fr. Farrell 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.



### ***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.*

still worked.” Dr. Seizer, wondering about this young couple, says that he knows who they are. He understands. He lowers his gaze “I remember that the gods appeared in ancient Greece as mortals and I hold my breath and let the wonder in.”

How exquisitely wonderful and strange it must have been to have stood inside a cave hewn out of rock in the chaos of the people, the animals, the straw, the joy and blood of birth, that night in Bethlehem. A baby is born. God has come among us as one who cannot speak and, if only for a moment, we know it – and we hold our breath and let the wonder in.

May we always live in such wonder. I hope there has been room in your life for our savior to break in and be part of it, and that you have experienced something of the true joy of Christmas in your life. Things are so busy these days I know that’s a tall order. But we have to be responsible for taking charge of our own agendas, unless we want others to run our lives for us. The one person I’d like to relinquish that responsibility to is Jesus.

And His presence is such that He only comes as an invited guest, when I make time for Him.

A blessed Epiphany season to all,

Cn. Richard+

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## Our Anglican Heritage

### Harriet Bedell

Harriet, missionary and friend to the Seminole Indians of Florida, was born in Buffalo, New York on March 19, 1875. She was trained as a schoolteacher but was inspired several years later by an Episcopalian missionary who spoke at her church describing the many needs of missionary work. In 1906 she applied to, and was accepted by, the New York Training School for Deaconesses, where her one-year course of study included instruction in religious matters, missions, teaching, hygiene, and hospital nursing. Following her training she was sent as a missionary-teacher to the Cheyenne Indians at Whirlwind Mission in Oklahoma.

Bedell's duties at the Whirlwind Mission were many. She cared for the sick and the poor, organized social services for the tribe, performed the duties of the rector in his absence, and provided education for the women and children. She provided religious instruction, hoping to win the confidence of the Indians and convert them to Christianity.

Because of her experience in both teaching and working with Indians, in 1916 an Episcopal bishop requested that she consider an assignment in a remote area of Alaska. Saddened by the prospect of leaving Oklahoma, she nevertheless accepted her new assignment in Stevens Village, Alaska. While there, in 1922 she was finally made a deaconess in the church, instilling in her a new and profound dedication to her vocation. The mission at Stevens Village was moved to Tanana so that a boarding school funded by church members' contributions could be established for the children who could not travel in the bad winter weather. However, by 1931, funds were so scarce that Deaconess Bedell traveled to New York to plea for more contributions. Because of the Great Depression, there was little available money, and although the church paid off the school's existing debt, there was little reason for Bedell to return to Alaska.

Through speaking engagements following her service in Alaska, Bedell was invited to visit a Seminole Indian reservation in southern Florida. Appalled by their living conditions, she began her campaign to improve the quality of life among the Mikasuki-Seminole Indians by living and working with them, not merely teaching them. She sought to revive the doll making and basket weaving skills which had become nearly extinct. She encouraged the incorporation of the intricate patchwork designs made by Indian women into articles of clothing for both women and men. Sales from the arts and crafts store at Blades Cross Mission helped to provide improved income for the Mikasuki-Seminoles.

Bedell emphasized health and education rather than religious conversion in her work with the Seminoles; their spiritual and physical comfort was more important to her than religious conversion, and her work and friendship with the Seminoles of Florida reflected those values. Her life and ministry is celebrated yearly within the church calendar on January 8.

## Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, January 28, 2014 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 2014, please complete it and electronically e-mail it to Janet at:

**[office@carolinechurch.net](mailto:office@carolinechurch.net)**

in the parish office no later than **January 12th.**

Supervised childcare and rides to the annual parish 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.

## Fr. Farrell Graves

### Our Brothers and Sisters

The end of 2014 presented us with a series of painful articles about deaths that challenge us all to seek Christian responses. For example, the case of the twelve year old boy, Ronin Shimizu, in Folsom, California who committed suicide after being taunted for joining the cheerleading squad<sup>1</sup> forces us to confront the notions of masculinity and femininity that quietly inform our assumptions and seep into our childrearing practices. The joy of his own reality was so contradicted by those around him that Ronin was unable to resolve the conflict. Simply put, others “quenched the Spirit”<sup>2</sup> in him, exactly what Paul warns against, by appealing to cultural norms of masculinity that have no basis in Christianity.

Discourses of masculinity and sexuality are conflated in our society and casually communicated to our children, even by Christian parents, with baleful effects. I recall hearing a fellow seminarian tell her five-year-old boy in passing that he would marry a woman one day. I challenged her, unsuccessfully, to rethink what she had said. He may choose not to marry (as Paul indeed encourages us to do<sup>3</sup>), or he may instead marry a man. Should these latter two be his path, the denial of those possibilities in his childhood will alienate him from himself and hinder his ability to form trusting relationships with others. If we do not form bonds of trust as a child, in other words, it is difficult for us to do so as an adult. This leads to isolation, loneliness, and not infrequently, suicide. The effect of this interference in the formation of close relationships is so deleterious that we are warranted in calling the transmission of such discourses abuse.

In another recent event, a 34-year old man with an anti-Muslim bumper sticker on his black SUV ran down and killed Abdisamad Sheikh-Hussein, a 15-year-old Muslim, in Missouri<sup>1</sup>. The teen's legs were severed at the scene, and he died shortly thereafter at the hospital<sup>2</sup>. The media present us almost exclusively with images of the minority of Muslims who are fundamentalist. Without reflection, one could readily receive the impression that all Muslims are fundamentalists, whereas fundamentalism is actually found in all religions. Rather than being humble before the Great Mystery and living the question, fear and hurt lead the fundamentalists to convince themselves that they have found closure in order to foreclose the stress of existential challenges. We must faithfully remain open to questions raised by these challenges<sup>3</sup> and we must strive to see others as God would see them.

In addition, the media have recently focused on the deaths of young, unarmed, African-American men—Michael Brown, Eric Garner—and on John Crawford, who had

picked up an unloaded BB air rifle sold in the store where he was killed. The willingness and the speed with which excuses are made for these behaviors differs greatly, I strongly suspect, than would be the case if the person concerned were our own brother. Yet, as Christians, we are called to see everyone as our brothers and sisters.

Finally, the senate released its torture report and the discussions around this resembled those around the topic of unarmed men being shot—many were quick to make excuses. These excuses make it clear that few see the young black men who have been killed, the Muslim who was run down, those tortured, and even the twelve year old boy who committed suicide as their brothers. When we love people as our brothers, we are unafraid to face the hard topics, ask different questions, seek better solutions, and refuse to make excuses. When Christianity says that we are to treat all as our brothers and sisters, it means that literally. The first question to ask is always, “If that were MY brother who died, how would I react?” There is no other Christian starting point. Our goal should not be what is convenient. Following God, loving our neighbor as ourselves, is not convenient. It has led to persecution and even crucifixion. When our brothers are beating, torturing, or belittling our brothers, we must have the clarity and faith to acknowledge the unholiness of the situation. To fear, the motivation behind fundamentalism, is to doubt the power of God.

1. <http://www.mtv.com/news/2018373/12-year-old-boy-bullied-cheerleading-suicide/>
2. *In 1 Thes. 5:19, Paul tells us “Do not quench the Spirit.”*
3. *1 Cor. 7:8-9—To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is well for them to remain unmarried as I am. But if they are not practicing self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to be aflame with passion.*
1. <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/missouri-boys-slaying-investigated-hate-crime-27409079>
2. <http://fox4kc.com/2014/12/04/pedestrian-struck-near-downtown-kcmo-has-critical-injuries/>
3. *For an insightful article about science, philosophy, religion, and the search for closure, see: <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/12/why-god-will-not-die/382231/>.*

**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 \$\$\$\$

*"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 ten 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. Farrell, Cn. Richard or call the parish office for further information.

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. Their names appear in the announcement booklet in your bulletin each week.

### Sunday Nursery Care

We are working on strengthening our Nursery care on Sunday mornings for our toddlers and babies. If you are interested in volunteering your time on a rotating basis to help staff our nursery for about one hour any Sunday between 9:30 am – 10:45 a.m. please let us know. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer contact Debbie Felber our Director of Children's Ministries at 631-255-2929. Thank you for your continued support.

## A Spirit-Filled Christmas

Once more a glorious Christmas was celebrated here at Caroline Church. It takes a score of people to be certain that all the Christmas Eve and day worship services are presented in a dignified yet spirit-filled way. My heartfelt appreciation to Bobbi Wimmel, Janet Giacomini 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 8:00p.m. and 10:00 p.m. service praised the Christ-child as the Adult Choir led us in traditional Christmas hymns and special anthems. Many thanks 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 cards, gifts and best wishes. Christmas was truly a Spirit-filled event. Canon Richard+

## 2015 Offering Envelopes



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

Please walk over there after Sunday Services 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.

## Stewards of God's Love 2014

Thanking God for all of the many blessings we have received, including:

- A wonderful Financial Stewardship Campaign
- The many witness speakers who told of their love of our community of faith
- A delicious spaghetti dinner
- An even more delicious Celebration dinner, attended by 127 of us!
- 129 Estimates of Giving Cards received
- A total of \$258,601 pledged to date!

## A New Year, New Beginnings for the Christian Steward

The start of a New Year gives us the feeling of a fresh start and some new beginnings. As we continue to be Stewards of God's love at Caroline Church, consider the following:

**Practice gratitude** – Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of a Christian steward. Every day, express thankfulness to the Lord and to others. Seeing the good in your life will allow you to keep your heart compassionate and loving.

**Encounter the Lord each day** – Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or ten minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God's love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst.

**Be present to others** – There is much celebration and mourning, joy and sorrow in peoples' lives. What a blessing it is to be able to share those times and not let others experience them alone. The gift of your presence to others is much more valuable than you realize.

**Resist overwork** – There is a pressure to produce, meet goals, and be successful. But activities that lead us to overwork, constant fatigue and worry do not give glory to God. What God calls us to do we can do well. Be mindful that life requires balance, down time and letting go of unrealistic goals.

**Nurture friendships** – Our friends are those we choose to be with, those with whom we spend our evenings, with whom we vacation, to whom we go to for advice. Friends are gifts from God who give us a greater appreciation of God's love for us. Friends need our time and love.

**Give more** – Good stewards realize that everything they have is entrusted to them as gift to be shared. There is no better place to begin than sharing with the community that gathers around the Lord's Table during the Eucharist. Consider what you are giving to your parish and local diocese and commit to an even greater contribution as circumstances allow.

**Make a difference in your parish community** – Believe it or not, your parish community can use your talents. Offering your talents to your faith community is one of the most effective ways to feel useful and connected to others, and it is a potentially life-changing New Year's resolution.

**Consider living more simply** – We cannot find fulfillment in possessions. They add nothing to our self-worth. Jesus blessed the "poor in spirit" in his Sermon on the Mount; and Saint Francis of Assisi urged us to live with only what was necessary, for that is how we begin to find God.

**Get healthy** – Studies show that most people in North America are accelerating their own decline into premature old age, owing to poor diet and lack of physical activity. Be a good steward of your body. Plan a complete overhaul of your diet and exercise habits.

**Don't give up** – People give up their New Year's resolutions because of perfectionism and unrealistic expectations. So take it slow, be kind to yourself and keep trying. Resist the urge to throw your hands up and quit. You succeed through small, manageable changes over time.

**Turn to the Lord** – Ask the Lord for guidance, strength and perseverance in achieving your resolutions. In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul writes: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" (Phil 4:13).

*Adapted from: <http://catholicstewardship.com/general/19-a-new-year-new-beginnings-for-the-christian-steward>*

### Stewardship Prayer for the New Year

Lord of new life,  
Thank you for the gift of a new year.  
You have entrusted us with the coming days,  
weeks and months as stewards of your divine plan;  
to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever growing confidence  
in your Kingdom to come.

We ask for the humility to reform our lives;  
the courage to commit ourselves to you no matter the cost;  
and the wisdom to shine the light of faith on others.

Open our hearts, give us your Spirit and  
show us how to share your love  
so that we may bring hope to a world  
in need of your justice and peace.

We pray to be a sign of your grace in this New Year,  
through your son, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

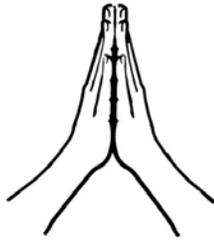
From The International Catholic Stewardship Council.

## **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 you're help and donations we could not have our Annual Christmas Fair. The money that we made will help us keep up our commitments to those who are hungry in our community.

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



## **Prayer**

We at Caroline Church are very blessed to have a committed prayer ministry that prays in the front of our church every Sunday after the 9:30 service.

"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst".

There is so much brokenness and pain in our lives and our Lord is ready and willing to heal us in body, mind and spirit. Because God shows up there can be a peace and even joy and laughter in the darkest of situations. John Wesley said: "I have often said it is not a sin to be sick or to die, it is however a sin to let sickness or death go unchallenged because there is no one to pray".

We are here to pray for you. Please let God help you. We realize some may be hesitant to come forward. We are here to bring your needs spoken or unspoken for you or others in prayer to our Loving Father. Be assured that we understand your hesitancy and will endeavor to make you feel at ease.

We pray you will take advantage of our prayer ministers and be blessed.



## **Grief Support Group**

Our next meeting date will be January 29th. We start 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.

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## **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 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 17th at 8:30am. We are looking forward to new members.

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

## **Coffee & Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess Sign up for 2014/2015**



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.

## Buildings & Grounds

It's cold outside, but Old Field Landscaping has been keeping the grounds as free of leaves as can be expected, and at least (as of this writing a week before Christmas) there hasn't been any shovelable snow. Inside, the church was made even more beautiful for Christmas by the Altar Guild and other volunteers. The Parish House upper room received its seasonal decorations (thanks to Ed and Nancy Vitale) and we have de-cluttered that room. The barn has also been as de-cluttered as can be expected, so there should be room for donations come springtime.

As we enter the cold season, the programmable thermostats have been set to save energy and yet bring the heat up for regularly scheduled events. If you have a meeting at another time, feel free to bring the heat up, and then return it to the old setting when you leave. Please do not attempt to reprogram the thermostats or put the program on "hold." We have placed covers—with access holes—on a few thermostats to prevent tampering with the program, while still allowing the temperature setting to be adjusted.

The members of the Buildings & Grounds Committee have been actively involved in keeping our premises well maintained and also planning for the future. I want to thank Ginny Apmann, Dave Elling, Linda Haring, Bill Harvey, John Leibold, Sue Nalewajk, Joan & Charlie Neuls, Barbara Russell and Ed Vitale for their hard work during 2014. Other volunteers such as Bill Harvey, Bob Clancy, Nick Amato, Len Calone, Gary Mis, Mike Massie and Don Pollard have picked up a paintbrush when called upon to make things look more attractive. A heartfelt thank-you to those workers who are paid, yet often go above and beyond to be sure the buildings and churchyard look great: Donna Butruch, Old Field Landscaping, Sunburst Tree Service, Ample Contracting, and Eddie—our driver for Progressive Waste Solutions.

Happy New Year

Chris Haring, Chair  
Buildings and Grounds

### 20s & 30s Group

This January we will attend the Epiphany Ball (Saturday, Jan 24 from 6:00-10:00) together and have a table. Please let Lindsay know if you're in so we can reserve you a seat.

## Vestry Highlights

December

- 2015 Budget approved
- Epiphany Ball scheduled for Saturday Jan 24, 2015
- Annual Meeting: Wednesday Jan 28, 2015
- Successful visit to Caring for the Caregivers by AARP
- Stewardship program completed thanks to the leadership efforts of Claire Mis
- Reminder: 2014 Year End Reports due from Committee Chairs

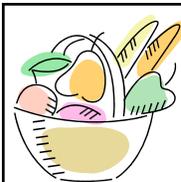
## Theophilus Healing Mission

A Chapter of The Order of St. Luke the Physician

Our first Healing Service for the 2015 year is January 2nd at Caroline Church starting at 7:30 pm. Come and join us for the New Year to give God thanks for all He has done for us this past year and the many ways we have seen His healing touch. Please join us.

Our THM, Theophilus Healing Mission meeting is January 16, at 7:30 pm. Join us as we continue to study Jesus' healing stories in the New Testament. The studies follow the teaching series by North American OSL as part of their course work for membership. We have been enjoying this series. Jesus spent one-third of his ministry restoring men, women, and children to fullness of health in body, mind, and spirit. The other two-thirds Jesus spent teaching and preaching. We are here to bring you the healing touch of Jesus.

In His healing touch,  
Ginny and Ann



## 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.

## Vestry Nominating Committee Report

The Vestry Nominating Committee has made the following report to the Vestry at its meeting on December 17. The Vestry Nominating Committee consisted of Chris Haring, Chair, Holly Griesel, Jackie Hull, Barbara Russell, Mary Wueste and Cn. Richard.

Positions open are as follows: (1) two year term of Warden and (3) three year terms of Vestrypersons.

The Vestry Nominating Committee thanks those who have indicated their willingness to serve the Parish in this capacity.

The following candidates are nominated:

For Warden:	Don Muffly
For Vestryperson:	Diane Amato
	Bruce Cash
	Maureen Reyes



## Candidate for Warden: Don Muffly

My name is Don Muffly. I reside in Setauket and have been a member of Caroline Church for over 30 years. Our four children all attended the Church School, were confirmed and married at Caroline Church. We have been blessed with seven grandchildren and all have been baptized at Caroline Church. (My wife, Ann, was deceased in 2005). More recently I have been blessed with my second wife Chris.

Over the past years I have had the pleasure of serving our church in the following areas; Assistant Director of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, President of the Suffolk Assembly of the Brotherhood, Youth Forum Teacher for the Church School, President of the YPF (Your Parish Future), Ann and I served as leaders and facilitators for the Engaged Couples Workshops here at Caroline, been a member of the Mentoring Program for youth preparing for confirmation, was a member of the Search Committee and traveled to California to interview Fr. Visconti. I am a Lay Eucharist Minister and Reader. I am a member of the Cursillo Community in the Diocese and have served as Lay Director of the Cursillo Secretariat, Assistant Lay Director and Treasurer of Secretariat as well as having served on many Cursillo teams, having the honor of being Rector of Cursillo Weekend #51 and #56 (Clergy Weekend). I have served on Agape teams, and YAR (Young Adult Retreats).

I am a retired Teacher/Administrator and former President of the West Babylon Teachers Association and also served as a Chief Negotiator for the District. I am an Eagle Scout and have served as sponsor to several Eagle Scout Candidates. I was elected to the Vestry in 2003 and served for six years as the Vestry Clerk. I have served as Warden for the last 4 years. I am a member of the Newcomers Committee, was a Chairman of the Renewal Committee for the Faith Alive Weekend and Chairman of the Stewardship Committee which held the Pony Express Drive and a member of the Buildings and Ground Committee. Following the death of my wife in 2005, Fr. Richard and I formed the Grief Support Group which continues to meet. If I am re-elected I will carry out the duties of a Warden in prayer and with perseverance.

I enjoy reading novels, oil painting, gardening and golf and grandchildren.



## Candidate for Vestry: Maureen Reyes

Maureen, her husband Roger and daughters Hayley and Maggie reside in Setauket and came to the Caroline Church about 6 years ago. Raised in the Roman Catholic Church, Maureen plans to be received by the Episcopal Church this fall alongside her daughter Maggie whom will be confirmed. Her daughter Hayley received confirmation last October.

Maureen has served as chaperone for the Youth Group Mission Trip and currently teaches Sunday school for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Maureen received her undergraduate degree in Education from Russell Sage College in Troy, New York and later her Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology from LIU C.W Post Campus. Maureen holds an advanced certification in School District Administration. For the last 20 years, Maureen has worked with children with communication difficulties in both private and public school settings. For the past 11 years she has been employed by Three Village Central School District first as a Speech Pathologist and more recently as the Setauket School's Special Education Instructional Support Teacher. In this position, Maureen coordinates special education services for students, conducts educational evaluations and heads the Response to Intervention program.



## 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 25 years.

I am currently serving a term as a Vestryman. I did spend most of my Vestry time working as the treasurer and working on the Finance Committee. I have also served on 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 28 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 resubmit 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 return to work with the Treasury and Finance Committee. 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.



## Annual Church MEETING



## Candidate for Vestry: Diane Amato

My road to Caroline has taken a lot of twists and turns. Nick and I wanted a church that would fulfill our spiritual needs. When we were getting married we were pointed in the direction of Caroline church and have not looked back. We met with Canon Paul and were welcomed with open arms and have attended church with Tyler since moving to Setauket in 1997. I was received into the Episcopal Church in 1998 at the Cathedral of Incarnation in Garden City. To continue my spiritual journey I attended Cursillo #49.

I attended the State University College at Oneonta with a BS degree in Home Economics Education and continued to work for my Masters at New York University. This year I have retired from my teaching position at Mount Sinai High School where I taught Family and Consumer Sciences for 34 years.

I have served as a Vestry person for the past three years and have been chairperson of the Christian Ed Committee. We have strived to make some changes in the Christian education of our youth at Caroline.

Our son, Tyler's Sunday school experience had a terrific impact on his spiritual life. His Caroline friends have continued to be a major part of his life until this day. He served as an Acolyte, member of the choir and spent many a summer at Vacation Bible School. We are blessed by having an extended family through our daughter, Jennifer and son Alex and four grandchildren that have added so much to our lives.

I have served on many committees at church including;

- Vestry
- Christian Ed Committee
- SERF Treasurer
- Vacation Bible school teacher
- Christmas Pageant Costumes
- Epiphany Ball
- Newcomers
- College Care Packages
- Holiday Church Decorating
- Bible Study
- ECW Evening Branch
- Foyer Group

I was pleased to be asked to serve the Caroline Church and the Lord by sharing my talents with the other members of the Vestry.

## Caroline Book Club

The next meeting of the book club will be on Friday, January 9th at 3:00p.m. We will meet at the home of Al and Dottie Galloway, 208 California Ave., Pt. Jefferson.

The title of the book is AND THE MOUNTAINS ECHOED by Khaled Hosseini. The author has written a number of novels about life in Afghanistan over the decades of war in his former country. He is a resident of the USA. Any questions call Karl 751-7234.

### CYC News

There will be an Informational meeting about this summer's mission trip to Washington, D.C. (July 5-11, 2015) at the Setauket Presbyterian Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, January 6, at 6:00pm All youth who will be in 9th grade and above and their parents are invited to attend and get your important questions answered.

### Liturgical Calendar December

- Funerals:** Melanie Gardiner Bryant  
Doris Elizabeth McMahon  
Joseph Louis Meli
- Baptisms:** Hiroe Kobayashi Buchet
- Weddings:** Sarah Alana Kelly &  
Randy Brian Steyert



### CHURCH FAMILY

### Parish Family News

Congratulations to Carolyn McKeenan at becoming a brand new grand-ma. Carolyn, a former parishioner, now lives in Tuscon, Az. Her daughter Stephanie gave birth to baby boy Nolan. All are doing well.



## January Birthdays

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- 01/01 George Olsen, Jr.  
Sian Louise Grosskoph
- 01/02 Michael Heming
- 01/03 Connie Hampson  
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 John Remmler  
Eric Mis
- 01/14 Peter Kaires
- 01/16 Christina Postiglione
- 01/17 Emma Russell
- 01/18 Jamie Peruso  
Camrynn Aiello  
Jennifer McCambridge
- 01/19 Valerie Stubberfield  
Jeana Esernio  
Nicole Whitsit
- 01/20 James Staudenraus  
Debbie Felber
- 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  
Jimmy Mocko

## Caring for the Caregiver Support Group

The Caroline Church caregiver support group had a busy December. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, the group was visited by both AARP's New York State Director as well as a representative from AARP's national office in Washington, D.C. They observed the support group and then used the gathered caregivers to conduct a focus group. There were 21 registered caregivers for the event and there wasn't one "no show." AARP has made a commitment to focus on caregivers and is working on a number of different caregiver initiatives. The focus group was asked to comment on whether or not they felt that the presented ideas had any potential of being effective. The discussion was at times spirited, varied, emotional and funny but always focused on the issue of how best to potentially ease the stresses and burdens of caregivers. On behalf of the support group participants, I can tell you that we were most grateful for having had the opportunity to voice our thoughts to individuals who might be able to constructively incorporate our collective best thinking into program development.

The caregiver support group continues to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from 9:30 to 11:00 in the Parish House. Note that the support group is non-denominational, non-sectarian, and is not disease specific. It is free and open to all community members.

Virginia Cash  
Support Group Facilitator

### The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The next Brotherhood meeting will be on January 10th beginning with an 8:00am Eucharist.

Br. Mark

### 13th Annual Summer Fair.

Yes it is that time to start thinking and planning this year's fair. Our date for the Summer Fair is May 30th. There are a number of committee openings this year, so we will be looking to fill these positions over the next few weeks.

Please contact me directly or the church office if you are interested. Thank You.

Mark LaSorsa

## Dial-The-Word

Did you know that you can call Caroline Church, whenever the office is closed and hear a short scripture lesson, mediation and prayer from Cn. Richard. Dial the Word is a twenty-four hour a day, seven days a week telephone call-in ministry (at no charge to the caller within the local calling area). Each week a different theme is presented and explored through a variety of Biblical texts and commentary. A different message and Biblical passage is presented each day.

This ministry through Caroline Church has been going for the past twelve years. The caller needs to use a touch-tone telephone and dial the main church number: (631) 941-4245. Listen to the auto attendant directory and press the number 6 on your telephone for the Dial The Word menu. If you want to hear the prayer of the day during business hours, the parish secretary will transfer your call.

This ministry is designed to support those who wish to hear the comforting and oftentimes challenging words of God. These two to three minute meditations provide callers with comforting thoughts on such far ranging topics as courage, love and gentleness.

You may wish to Dial the Word because you're curious, lonely, in some state of crisis or just out of habit. It is not only for those in the hospital or shut-in, but also for people in the work place or at home, whether beginning the day or ending it. Some may use it as part of their regular prayer life and some just on the occasion when a spiritual lift may be just what is needed. Cn. Richard says, "It is my hope that this telephone devotion can be a source of comfort and inspiration for all members of the community. The thoughts and prayers that I share with you each day will be from my heart to your heart."

"The Word of God spread more and more widely; the number of disciples in (Jerusalem) went on increasing rapidly, and very many of adhered to the Faith." (Acts 16:7)



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

Michael Cardamone, Adam Fullerton,  
Roy Raguso, Mike Hanna, Kevin O'Donahue  
Kevin LoRusso, Melanie Gonzalez, Don Gonzalez.

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

## Anniversary Celebration!!

SAVE THE DATE!!

Date: January 24, 2015  
Time: 6:00pm-10:00pm  
Place: Old Field Club

Invitations will be sent out soon!!

Anyone interested in helping with the planning,  
please contact Diane Amato at:  
damato57@optonline.net

## Lunch with God

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with a bag of potato chips and a six-pack of root beer and started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park, just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him some chips. He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him.

His smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As twilight approached, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave; but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied "I ate potato chips in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

Have lunch with God.....bring chips.

## Hunger in America

Hart Research

### Summary Of Key Findings I:

Nearly one in four Americans are worried about their ability to put food on the table.

Hunger is perceived to be a serious national problem, although people underestimate the seriousness of hunger in their own community.

Americans see major negative impacts from hunger, especially for children.

Americans easily comprehend how hunger can affect everyday lives.

More than one in three Americans say they have a direct personal connection to hunger, but detailed knowledge of the problem is lacking.

People don't recognize the extent of the problem in rural America and are far more likely to believe hunger is concentrated in urban areas.

Affording healthy food options is perceived to be especially problematic for low-income people.

### Summary Of Key Findings II:

Americans are firmly committed to the principle that no one should go hungry in America.

Americans overwhelmingly see hunger as an issue that can be approached in a bipartisan manner.

Large majorities see a major role for local organizations/leaders and the federal government in the effort to ensure low-income families and children have the food and nutrition they need. A majority of Americans believe we should spend more to fully address the problem, even when asked to compare hunger to other problems facing the country.

People believe there are effective methods to combat hunger, including efforts sponsored by companies, charities, and government.



# JANUARY 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NEW YEARS DAY/ OFFICE CLOSED	2 7:30 PM OSL Healing Service at Caroline Church	3 9:00 AM DoK meet
4 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services YOUTH SUNDAY 9:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 11:15 AM CYC Brunch at Fratelli's	5 4:00 PM Staff Meeting  7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Upper Room of Parish House	6 3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM  <b>7:00 PM FEAST OF EPIPHANY H.E. w/ Joyful Noise Choir</b>	7	8 10:00 AM Three Village Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Woodhaven 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal	9 3:00 PM Book Club meets at the Galloways  6:00 PM Confirm ation class meets 6:00 PM CYC meets at SPC	10 8:00 AM Brother hood of St. Andrew meets 9:30 AM Caring for Caregivers Support Group in Parish House
11 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services  11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal  4:00 PM Youth Group Meets in the 'Cave'	12 <b>ANNUAL PARISH REPORTS DEAD- LINE</b>  4:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:45 PM 'Explore the Word' Bible study 7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Upper Room of Parish House	13   3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM	14	15 10:00 AM Three Village Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to PJ Health  12:00 PM H.E & Heal- ing Service  7:00 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal	16   7:30 PM OSL Meeting in MCS building	17 8:30 AM Shawl Ministry in peo- ple's homes
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25 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services <b>ANNIVERSARY</b> 10:45 AM Teachers Meeting 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 4:00 PM Youth Group Meets in the 'Cave'	26 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:45 PM 'Explore the Word' Bible study 7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Upper Room of Parish House	27 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in MCS building	28  Annual Church MEETING  <b>7:00 PM ANNUAL MEETING</b>	29 10:00 AM Three Village Homemakers 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Grief Support Group meets 7:00 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal	30 9:30 AM Collate the Carillon	31

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**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
JANUARY 24TH, 2015 AT 6:00PM**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
JANUARY 28TH, 2015 AT 7:00PM**

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