

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year and Epiphanytide! I begin 2016 with some thoughts on our Christmas celebrations at Caroline Church and that great Incarnation event two millennia ago. Several years back there was a New Yorker magazine that had a cartoon showing two women window shopping on Fifth Ave. before Christmas. Looking at a window display of the manger scene, one woman said to the other, "I don't see why they have to make Christmas so distressingly theological." The only adequate response to that comment is that Christmas is distressingly theological and should be so. It has been distressing the world for over 2,000 years. For all of our attempts to make it a "merry" time, there is the quiet insistence that despite all the humbug, we and the whole world have been "blessed" in a way we never could have dreamed. Important as the feelings surrounding Christmas are for each of us, feelings that are mainly good but sometimes depressing, perhaps it would be helpful to focus on the meaning of the incarnation that goes beyond feelings to the historical fact of the Christ-event. As St. Paul put it, "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself..." (2 Cor. 5:19) That has a way of putting all our hopes and fears in a perspective that is comfortingly, yet distressingly, theological.

As we move through the Christmas season, into Epiphany tide we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, at our partner church, All Souls in Stony Brook on January 6 at 7:00 p.m. Do come and join our sisters and brothers in worship as we begin the New Year. The next major event in January will be our annual parish meeting on January 27 at 7:00 p.m. The most important work at that meeting will be electing a new vestry and reflecting on the financial challenges that confront us as we go about doing the ministry Our Lord has called us to do in the Three Villages. Do come and join the conversation.

As we enter the New Year, please be aware that as members of a parish family here at Caroline Church you have been called to continue Christ's mission. What does this mean? It means the Lord wants you to step up and help him teach, preach, heal and comfort. As we reflect on the ministry we have been doing and will be engaged in the coming year, discern where the Lord can use you the most and say "yes" to his call to serve through our parish. Many opportunities are present before you. The vestry and I need you to take a part, no matter how small or great, in furthering the mission of our parish. I pray that I can count on you to say "yes"!

In the service of Christ,
Cn. Richard+



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.*

Fr. Farrell Graves

Righteousness and Reform

It is often said that God does not see as we do. (“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.” [Isaiah 55:8]) This includes how God sees *people* and is entirely distinct from their place in the current economic system. Free Roman or slave, serf or overlord, fast food worker or priest, God loves all and judges according to God's justice. Economic systems, on the other hand, are often heavily invested in making some feel that they are more valuable and have more to offer than others. We become so accustomed to this valuation of people that our ability to see others and even ourselves as vehicles of God becomes sclerotic, yet it is precisely when we fail to see ourselves and others as vehicles of God that we begin to go astray. The more we treat others as mere objects to be conformed to our will, the more warped we and they become.

We all share the same basic needs for safety, meaning, and intimacy. When these needs are not fulfilled within our environment, only those with a most intimate relationship with God can continue to grow. Most become fearful and turn to behaviors that ultimately may be destructive. In a society that inculcates daily the message that some are more valuable, that their needs for safety, meaning, and intimacy are more important, we grow so burdened by conflicting fears that, at best, we become paralyzed and uncreative, and at worst destructive. Under such circumstances, some work to prove their value within the system; others rebel. Often, the conformist and the rebellious simply engage in mutual struggle, the smugness of false righteousness on one side and the resentment of the false revolutionary on the other. Whether we are conformist or rebellious, we are trapped, blind to God within us and the inherent meaning that this entails. The results are perhaps nowhere more visible than in our prisons, where torture and abuse are *de rigueur*.¹ We thus must celebrate the recent New York State prison reforms in which solitary confinement will be moderated and the feeding of nearly inedible “nutraloaf,” made intentionally to be unpalatable, will be forbidden.² Torture does not improve a human being, but deforms both the torturer and the tortured.

We end this unGodly conflict between the conformist and the rebellious when we acknowledge that we are all imperfect, but we are none valueless as we all have within us the key to the healing of *others*.³ Contrary to the claims of our self-help society, we give to others what we cannot give to ourselves. Our wounds, our imperfections are the very place at which we form a healing bond with others. When we deny this reality, we become either “clingy” or, at the other end of the spectrum, macho. “Clingy” people are those who cannot see that they have anything to give, cannot grasp how to use their wounds in the healing of others. Machismo is a false asceticism, a fallacious belief that one needs nothing. (True asceticism consists of admitting that we need no more or less than we actually need.) True righteousness derives from acknowledging that we all have the same basic needs and the same amount to offer, which

is ourselves, and we all need just as much in return. Any other approach is unrighteous, demeaning, and spiritually deforming as it denies that we are vehicles of God.

1 For more information, please see “**Horror Stories from New York State Prisons**” (<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/18/opinion/horror-stories-from-new-york-state-prisons.html>) and “**Anthony Marshall, Brooke Astor’s Son, Experienced ‘Atrocious’ Treatment at Rikers, His Family Says**” (http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/18/nyregion/anthony-marshall-brooke-astors-son-experienced-atrocious-treatment-at-rikers-his-family-says.html?module=WatchingPortal®ion=c-column-middle-span-region&pgType=Homepage&action=click&mediald=wide&state=standard&contentPlacement=1&version=internal&contentCollection=www.nytimes.com&contentId=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.nytimes.com%2F2015%2F12%2F18%2Fnyregion%2Fanthony-marshall-brooke-astors-son-experienced-atrocious-treatment-at-rikers-his-family-says.html&eventName=Watching-article-click&_r=0).

2 Please see “**New York Prisons Take an Unsavory Punishment off the Table**” (<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/18/nyregion/new-york-prisons-take-an-unsavory-punishment-off-the-table.html>). See also: “**N.C. Inmate Died of Thirsts after 35 Days in Solitary**” (<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/09/26/inmate-death-thirst/16284077/>).

3 Please see “**What We Learned from German Prisons**” (<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/08/07/opinion/what-we-learned-from-german-prisons.html>).

Our Anglican Heritage

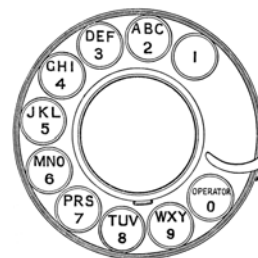
Aelred of Rievaulx

Aelred was born in 1109 at Durham, and was sent to the Scottish court for an education that would ensure his future as a noble and courtier. He succeeded, to the extent of being made Master of the Household of the King of Scotland. Nevertheless, he found success at the court of an earthly king unsatisfying, and at the age of 24 he entered the Cistercian monastery at Rievaulx in Yorkshire. Bernard of Clairvaux encouraged him to write his first work, *The Mirror of Charity*, which deals with seeking to follow the example of Christ in all things.

He was the first abbot of Rievaulx's daughterhouse in Revesby, Lincolnshire, but he returned to Rievaulx in 1147 to be abbot. During the last ten years of his life, his health deteriorated, and he suffered from gout and a bad cough. He died of kidney disease at the age of 57. St. Aelred wrote his most famous work, *The Mirror of Charity*, at the request of Bernard of Clairvaux. On *Spiritual Friendship* is a Christianized version of Cicero's *De amicitia*. Aelred also penned lives of St. Ninian and of Edward the Confessor, in addition to a rule for recluses and a genealogy of the kings of England. His correspondence and his work on St. Cuthbert have been lost.

His most famous work is called *Spiritual Friendship*. When Jesus was told that his family was waiting to see him, he replied, "All who do the will of my Father are my family." From this, some Christians have drawn the conclusion that the *only* kind of love permissible to a Christian is Charity -- that is: (a) the universal benevolence that wills the good of all persons, and (b) the

bond that unites the Christian with Christ and through Christ with all other Christians. Note that Universal Benevolence is extended equally to all persons (we are to love Jones because God made him), and that the bond of Christian Unity unites us equally with all our fellow Christians who are in a state of grace (we are to love Jones because Christ dwells in him). Some who do not think that every Christian must renounce particular friendships believe that every monastic must do so. In many religious houses, where the monks or nuns walk two by two into chapel or the dining hall or while pacing about during the daily hour of recreation, the superior will make a point of constantly shifting partners, lest anyone form a liking for one partner more than another. (This does not apply just to friends. It is sometimes held that no monk ought to allow himself any preferences in food or drink.) Against this view, Aelred wrote that it is compatible with the highest degree of Christian perfection to take special pleasure in the company of particular friends. He pointed out that we are told that Jesus loved John, and Mary, and Martha, and Lazarus, and that this probably means that he found their company congenial. We honor St. Aelred's life every year throughout the Episcopal Church on January 12.



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 thirteen 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.

Many people 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)

A Joyous Christmas

Once again we celebrated a joyous Christmas 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 Janani Sridhar, 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. Many thanks to our music director Dallas Garvin, organist Sammy Angstman, 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 joyous event.

Canon Richard+

A Note from the Soderstrom's

Karl and Jean Soderstrom want to thank the Caroline Church, Father Richard, Father Farrell and so many who have prayed for us in this difficult time of our life. Jean is making good progress from her stroke - getting strong physically and has growing awareness of her situation, struggling at times frustrated by ongoing limitations.

The food train has been a remarkable experience of gracious help. We want to especially thank those who were so generous to us.

This note is also a goodbye; December 31st we move to Virginia to live with our daughters in an apartment in their gracious home. Please keep in touch:

*Karl and Jean Soderstrom
2310 Chestnut Hill Ave.
Falls Church, VA 22043
703-992-6335*

The Christian fellowship of Caroline Church has enriched our lives.

*God's best to you,
Karl and Jean*



Grief Support Group

Our next meeting date is Thursday, January 14th and begins at 7:00pm. Anyone who has lost a loved one is cordially invited, even if your loss was years ago. Your attendance may be the spark to help someone else. We follow a basic structure and all sharing or discussions are held confidential.

For additional information, please contact Cn. Richard at the parish office, or Don Muffly at 689-8804.

ADOPT A FAMILY! A BIG THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who donated to the 2015 Adopt a Family. I delivered 10 super large bags filled with gifts last Saturday. A family of seven will be celebrating a special Christmas because of your generosity.

Barbara M Russell
Coordinator



Daughters of the King

As a service to our parishioners, we will be offering Blood pressure and heart rate screening during coffee hour, starting the second Sunday in January. We hope this will help us manage our health as we start the New Year.

For His Sake,
St Teresa of Avila
Chapter of DOK

Liturgical Calendar December

Baptism: Wenfred Earl Rountree

Burials: Alfred Robert Harding



Coffee & Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess

Sign up for 2016

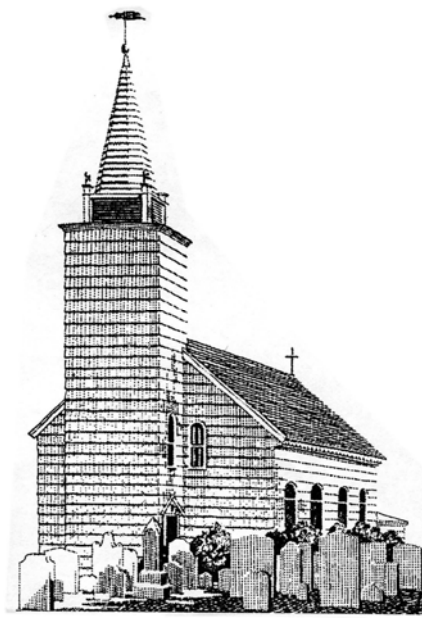


Please feel free to sign up for this wonderful time of sharing. Open to families, organizations or individuals who would like to share their 'hostess' gifts. The sign up list is on the clip board in the MCS building. You may either just sign up on the list, call the parish office at 941-4245 or contact Len Calone at 928-2019.

Caroline Church Epiphany Celebration

Sunday January 24th, 2016

Church Services
8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:00am Family Eucharist



Family Brunch
with Entertainment following at
The Old Field Club 11:30 – 2:30
Adults \$39 pp
Young People (6-16) \$19 pp
Very Young People (5 & under) \$10 pp

Prepaid Reservations please. Checks payable to Caroline Church

Names: _____

#Adults _____	x \$39. =	_____
#Young People _____	x \$19. =	_____
#Very Young _____	x \$10. =	_____
TOTAL	= \$	_____

Seating Requests:



Church School News

A huge 'Thanks' to the children of the Sunday School, their parents, Liz & Mike Specht, Diana & Katrina DiScalafani and Tara Kleaka for all their assistance in having a wonderful Christmas Pageant. It could not be done without all of you!

January is a slower time of year, but we want to encourage the students to keep up their attendance as the teachers will be here and would like to keep sharing the love of Jesus with you.

A letter has gone out to all the parents in Sunday School asking that they prayerfully consider stepping up to the ministry of directing the Sunday School. If someone other than a parent would be interested in this special ministry, please speak to Cn. Richard. Safe Church Course must be taken, which we offer here. Below is a snippet of the letter.

May God bless your new year abundantly!

We are in need of someone to prayerfully consider taking on the ministry of running the Sunday school on Sunday mornings.

Requirements of this ministry:

- #1. Love of the Lord and sharing His love with our teachers and children*
- #2. Knowledge of the workings of the Episcopal Church*
- #3. You must be an organized person and think ahead of what's coming up*
- #4. Computer knowledge for sending out letters and making up 1-2 Newsletters a year*
- #5. Ordering supplies*

This ministry does NOT include the activities portion, only Sunday mornings. Consider possibly taking on this ministry with a friend/co-parishioner of Caroline Church. 2 people working together to share & discuss Sunday School makes the ministry more fun. We are here to help and assist you to get started.

If you feel you would like to know more about this ministry, please speak to Cn. Richard. You will be truly blessed by serving in this ministry if you decide to take it on.

May God bless your new year. Hope to hear from you soon.

941-4245 / rvisconti@carolinechurch.net

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 is January 16th at 8:30am.

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

Annual Summer Fair

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew are organizing our 2016 Annual Summer Fair and are in need of additional committee heads to share the work and reach more within the Caroline community.

Committee heads would tackle one important aspect of the Fair (example: advertising) and build a small team around this effort. We have learned a lot over the years and would support and guide the sub-committee efforts. Areas of special attention are:

- Advertising and Publicity (possible 2 committees)
- We have not yet finalized a date and this committee would determine the most suitable date possible. Renew our signs etc.
- Special Events - looking to build a theme(s) around the event. Committee would also look for music and other such events during the Fair.
- Food Court
- Vendors

If anyone is interested in chairing a sub committee please see Mark LaSorsa, Don Muffly or Len Calone.



'Explore the Word' Bible Study

'Explore the Word' Bible Study will resume on January 11th at 6:45pm in MCS conference room. We continue to study the book of Romans. We meet every other Monday. All are welcome anytime. For more information, contact Sue Seel.

Home Bible Study

The Home Bible Study will begin a new study in the New Year. Beginning January 11th, we will start a video study series offered by The Great Courses. Prof. Bart D. Ehrmen, Ph.D. will give a 30 minute video lecture and discussion will follow.

The introductory lectures are:

January 11th: The Early Christians and their literature.

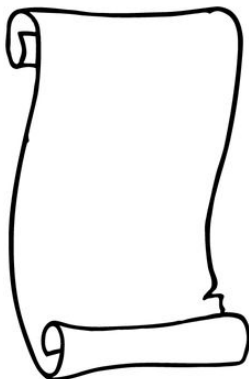
January 18th: The Greco-Roman context

January 25th: Ancient Judaism

February 1st: The Earliest Traditions about Jesus

When these are completed we will continue with the 4 gospels. All are welcome, we will gather in the undercroft of the Parish House at 7:00pm for refreshments, and begin our study in the Library at 7:30pm.

Wayne A. Johnson
Convener



CYC-Youth Group

CYC will meet after 9:30am church at Fratelli's on Sunday, January 3rd. On the 10th, we will have our regular meeting including our traditional White Elephant Gift Exchange! Please bring a wrapped gift that is something kooky you found around your house. Hilarity will ensue. Our annual ski trip to Vermont will be held February 19-21. More details and pricing to follow, but mark your calendars!



Young Parishioners (20s, 30s, and beyond!)

We dominated at Trivia last month (thanks Aaron!). This month we will be having a more family-friendly event: indoor mini golf at Monster Mini Golf in Patchogue. Meet at 4:00 on January 16 at Monster golf: 220 Washington Ave, Patchogue. Please RSVP to Lindsay at: lindsay.baldwin.porter@gmail.com or text her at 561-3767.

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,
Barbara Jones and all the ladies of the E.C.W. (MB)

2016 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.



Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, January 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the MCS 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 2015, please complete it by:

January 11th and electronically e-mail it to Janet at office@carolinechurch.net in the parish office.

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.



Caroline Book Club

The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for January 15th. We are reading "The First Muslim" by Lesley Hazleton. We meet at Caroline Church upper Parish House at 3:00pm. All are welcome. If you have any questions, call Allan Galloway at 631-473-3767.

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!



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.



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

Michael Cardamone, Melanie Gonzalez,
Don Gonzalez, Andrew Gaebelain

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



CHURCH FAMILY

Parish Family News

Parishioner News Events: Please send items of interest (weddings, accomplishments etc.) to Maritza Groth at mlgroth@aol.com or Irene Ruddock at peace2429@optonline.net

Vestry Highlights

December

- Budget approved
- Nominating Committee report
- Epiphany Celebration plans

Barbara Russell
Clerk of the Vestry



Theophilus Healing Conference

A Chapter of The Order of St. Luke the Physician

Will host “Embracing Our Identity and Power in Jesus with Fr. Joseph Shepley & Tara Shepley. The Healing Conference will be held on Friday evening at 6:30pm on January 8th and will resume on Saturday, January 9th from 8:30am-2:00pm. Location is St. Mark’s EC, 754 Montauk Hwy, Islip, NY For questions or directions, call Ginny Apmann. Linda & Jon Sandberg will lead the worship music. Come and be infilled!

Ginny Apmann, Ann Lалlos



Activities Coordinator Needed

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

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

Parish Ministry Opportunities

Eucharistic Ministers

We could welcome a few more Eucharistic Ministers to our dedicated group of adults who administer the Chalice of consecrated wine on Sunday mornings. With several Eucharistic Ministers moving out of the area, we have a need to expand our numbers. I would like to invite all Caroline parishioners to consider assisting at the altar in this important and holy ministry. We have a fine core of Eucharistic Ministers who have embraced their calling by Our Lord and have been gifted with the tools to participate in our worship services through this particular altar ministry. Do consider joining this group of dedicated ministers. Please speak with Cn. Richard or call the parish office.

Acolytes

All those entering 6 Grade or above, we invite you to serve on the Altar at Caroline Church. This is a great opportunity to serve your parish community by helping the priest and the people worship Our Lord on Sunday mornings. Also our Acolyte Corp have a fun time together with BBQ’s, game days, and a Paint Ball outing planned. There will be a training session for new acolytes soon. Call the parish office and let Cn. Richard know you would like to be trained as a new acolyte.



Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King are dedicated to a service of prayer and service.

As a service to our Caroline Church families, we are praying for your prayer requests. There are blue prayer cards in the pew racks for you to use for requesting prayers or giving thanks. There is a box in the vestibule for you to deposit your cards. We will keep you in our daily prayers for a month (unless you request longer). As always all prayer requests are kept confidential. Thank you for letting us provide this service to you.



January Birthdays

01/01	George Olsen, Jr.
01/03	Connie Hampson Philip Aversano
01/04	Gabrielle Lukianchuk
01/05	Al Harding Jessica Butruch
01/07	Caroline Brayson Annelise Kleaka
01/08	Joan Neuls Reg Burton Patrick Anderson
01/09	Ann Laurie MacKinnon Jonathan Busko
01/10	Barbara Jones
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	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 Charles Rampone III
01/29	Alexander Coleman Norihanna Korzonko
01/30	Adam Hurewitz Ellie Buscemi
01/31	Katy Jones Jimmy Mocko

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Caring for the Caregiver Support Group

Caring for the Caregiver Support Group meets every second and fourth Saturday of the month from 9:30 – 11:00 AM in the Parish House. There is no cost for participating and the group being non-sectarian, non-denominational and not disease specific is open to all caregivers in our community. Our next meetings will be January 9th & 23rd.

Coat Drive

L. I. Episcopal Cursillo is hosting a Coat drive. Please drop *gently used* coats, sweaters, sweat shirts/pants, socks, etc. in the box that's in the upper parish house by the piano. We will be distributing them on February 13th. All donations will benefit the people around St. Mark's EC, Jackson Heights.



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.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Thank you to the ECW for hosting our annual Men's and Boy's Communion breakfast. What a wonderful skit and fantastic breakfast treat. Our guest speaker - Joel from the East End Workers reminded us of the plight of our migrant and year round farm and manufacturing workers mostly residing in the east end.

Our next meeting is January 9th. Hope to see you all there

Br. Mark

Vestry Nominating Committee Report

The Vestry Nominating Committee made the following report to the Vestry at its meeting on December 16. The Vestry Nominating Committee consisted of Don Muffly, Chair, Bruce Cash, Maureen Reyes, Irene Ruddock, Gillian Winters and Cn. Richard Visconti.

Positions open are as follows:

(1) two year term of Warden,
(3) three year terms, (1) two year term, and (1) one year term as Vestrypersons.

The Vestry Nominating Committee thanks those who have indicated their willingness to serve the Parish in this capacity. At this time the following candidates have been nominated:

For Warden: Mark LaSorsa
For Vestryperson: Bill Harvey (incumbent)
Barbara Russell (incumbent)
Barbara Delfyett
Fred Johansen
Jean Sobalvarro
Chuck Glasser

The Candidates receiving the three highest number of votes will be elected to the three year positions, the next highest, the two year position, and the following the one year position.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Muffly, Chair



Stewardship 2016

Thank you to all who have filled out an Estimate of Giving Card for 2016. If you have not filled one out, please ask an usher at church, stop by at the parish office during the week, or call the parish office and one will be mailed to you. To date we have received 122 estimate of giving cards totaling \$238,390.00.

Community News

Protestant Campus Ministries

Protestant Campus Ministries is an ecumenical organization on the SBU campus and is supported by Caroline Church and many protestant churches in the community. PCM strives to be a welcoming presence for all - students, faculty, staff and administration as a place to gather, worship, build community and reach out to others. If you are interested in serving as a lay representative from Caroline Church on the PCM board please contact Cn. Richard, Fr. Farrell or Sue Seel (current lay representative).

To contribute to PCM: Checks may be written to "Protestant Campus Ministry" and may be sent to:

Mrs. Herta Wulff, PCM Treasurer
11 Hamilton Road
Setauket, NY 11733

(We are not collecting toiletries at this time.)

Three Village Meals on Wheels

We need drivers 1 or 2 days a week, 1-1 ½ hours each day. If you have some time, please call Meals on Wheels at 689-7007 S.O.S. (Save our Seniors)

All Souls' Church Events

- The Second Saturday morning poetry series will be returning to All Souls' Church on January 9th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Featured poets will be Jim Papa and John Williams. An open-reading will follow the intermission; all are welcome to read their own work or that of another.
- The Stony Brook Chamber Ensemble will be back at All Souls' Church for the Saturday's at Six free concert on January 30th with the Dvorak Bass Quintet No. 2 op. 77.

Please bring a can of food to donate if you want to help feed the poor in our area. "Lend a hand. Bring a can."

Did You Know?

Domestic, dating, and sexual violence are costly and pervasive problems in the U.S., causing victims, as well as witnesses and bystanders, in every community to suffer incalculable pain and loss.

These statistics, provide more information on the prevalence and impact that violence has on communities in the U.S. and around the world. Educate yourself and your community and join in the movement to create futures without violence for everyone.

Prevalence of Domestic Violence in the United States

On average more than three women a day are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in the United States.¹

Nearly one in four women in the United States reports experiencing violence by a current or former spouse or boyfriend at some point in her life.²

Women are much more likely than men to be victimized by a current or former intimate partner.³ Women are 84 percent of spouse abuse victims and 86 percent of victims of abuse at the hands of a boyfriend or girlfriend. About three-fourths of the persons who commit family violence are male.⁴

Women ages 20 to 24 are at the greatest risk of experiencing nonfatal intimate partner violence.⁵

Violence and Young People

15.5 million children in the United States live in families in which partner violence occurred at least once in the past year, and seven million children live in families in which severe partner violence occurred.⁶

In a single day in 2008, 16,458 children were living in a domestic violence shelter or transitional housing facility. Another 6,430 children sought services at a non-residential program.⁷

Approximately one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner – a figure that mirrors victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth.⁸

Consequences of Violence

Women who have experienced domestic violence are 80 percent more likely to have a stroke, 70 percent more likely to have heart disease, 60 percent more likely to have asthma and 70 percent more likely to drink heavily than women who have not experienced intimate partner violence.⁹

In the United States in 1995, the cost of intimate partner rape, physical assault and stalking totaled \$5.8 billion each year for direct medical and mental health care services and lost productivity from paid work and household

chores.¹⁰ When updated to 2003 dollars, the cost is more than \$8.3 billion.¹¹


Prevalence of Violence Against Women Globally

The United Nations Development Fund for Women estimates that at least one of every three women globally will be beaten, raped or otherwise abused during her lifetime. In most cases, the abuser is a member of her own family.¹²

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JANUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>MS closed</i> NEW YEARS DAY/ OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services 9:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 11:00 AM CYC brunch at Fratelli's	4 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:30 AM Staff Meeting	5 8:30 AM -2:30pm Mon- tessori School 10:00 AM ECW MB meets in upper PH 3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM	6 EPIPHANY 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 9:00 AM DoK meet in PH 7:00 PM Epiphany H.E. Service at All Souls' EC, Stony Brook	7 8:30 AM -2:30pm Mon- tessori School 10:00 AM 3 Village Homemakers meet in Parish House 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Sunrise Asst. 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal	8 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 6:30 PM OSL Healing Event at St. Mark's E.C., Islip	9 8:00 AM Brotherho- od of St. Andrew meets 8:15 AM OSL Healing Event at St. Mark's E.C., Islip 9:30 AM Caring for Caregivers Support Group in Parish House
10 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 4:00 PM Youth Group meets in the 'Cave'	11 ANNUAL PARISH REPORT DEAD- LINE 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:45 PM 'Explore the Word' Bible Study meets in RCR 7:30 PM Home Bible Study in library of lower parish house	12 8:30 AM -2:30pm Mon- tessori School 10:00 AM ECW MB meets in upper PH 3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM	13 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School	14 8:30 AM -2:30pm Mon- tessori School 10:00 AM 3 Village Homemakers meet in Parish House 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Woodhaven 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Grief Support Group meets 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal	15 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 3:00 PM Book Club meets in Upper PH 7:30 PM OSL Meet- ing in MCS building	16 8:30 AM Shawl Ministry in people's homes 4:00 PM Young Parishioners meet at Monster Golf
17 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services 9:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 4:00 PM Youth Group meets in the 'Cave'	18 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY/OFFICE CLOSED <i>MS closed</i> 7:30 PM Home Bible Study in library of lower parish house	19 8:30 AM -2:30pm Mon- tessori School 10:00 AM ECW MB meets in upper PH	20 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	21 8:30 AM -2:30pm Mon- tessori School 10:00 AM 3 Village Homemakers meet in Parish House 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to PJ Health (J) 12:00 PM H.E & Heal- ing Service 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal	22 DEADLINE FOR THE CARILLON 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 9:30 AM COLLATE APM REPORTS (Kitchen of MCS building) 7:30 PM No. Shore Ultreya at Caroline	23 9:30 AM Caring for Caregivers Support Group in Parish House
24 Services today 8:00am & 10:00am CHURCH ANNIVERSARY 10:00 AM Children's Chapel/Nursery/ Sunday School 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 11:30 AM EPIPHANY CELE- BRATION at Old Field Club 4:00 PM Youth Group meets in the 'Cave'	25 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:45 PM 'Explore the Word' Bible Study meets in RCR 7:30 PM Home Bible Study in library of lower parish house	26 8:30 AM -2:30pm Mon- tessori School 10:00 AM ECW MB meets in upper PH	27 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School  Annual Church MEETING 7:00 PM ANNUAL MEETING	28 8:30 AM -2:30pm Mon- tessori School 10:00 AM 3 Village Homemakers meet in Parish House 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Jefferson Ferry (J) 12:00 PM H.E & Heal- ing Service 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal	29 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 9:30 AM Collate Carillon in kitchen of MCS building	30
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