

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

A blessed and peace-filled New Year and Epiphanytide!

As we enter 2017 our nation will be transitioning with new elected leaders. As our Prayer Book states, "Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in *thy* fear" (BCP 820). From the perspective of Caroline Church, the turning of the year simply affords us an opportunity. It is the opportunity to reflect back over the past for the purpose of understanding where we have been and where Our Lord is calling us to in this New Year.

As Soren Kierkegaard once said, we live life looking forward but we understand it looking back. The New Year provides the occasion to once again discern where God is calling our parish and each of us individually. Certainly, we are called to lead faithful lives consistent with the gospel of Jesus Christ. I believe we are also called to engage the future with commitment and enthusiasm.

Anglicanism is uniquely situated to take a leading role in the challenges facing our community and our world. We are a tradition whose resilience makes us adaptable to the changing horizon of society and culture. That is definitely one of the strengths of our tradition. Holding firmly on the traditions that have defined us in the past give us a sense of identity and continuity with Christians of past ages. These same traditions also form the foundation upon which to continue building a church able to adapt to an ever-changing world, an ever-changing community and ever-changing neighborhoods. As St. Peter advises, it will be the praying church community that will be able to move into the future as things end and begin again.

As parishioners, we are part of God's kingdom. We have and will continue to be faithful to our calling to reach people for Christ. We do so in and through the commitment of every member, yet we do so in multiple and unique ways. As we reflected upon during our Advent Adult Formation study, each of us has been blessed with gifts from God to be used for His glory here at Caroline. At our Annual Meeting on January 25, we review the many ways we can and have been advancing God's kingdom. As a new year begins, it is my prayer that we all find that unique opportunity to serve Christ and his church here at Caroline and act on it. For it is through our active participation and our support of one another, that we will bring the reality of Christ's incarnation more fully present in our lives.

Blessed Epiphany to all,
Cn. Richard



Christmas Holy Communion and Visitation

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

THANK YOU



For all the hats, scarfs and mittens you donated for those in need. Our guests were very appreciative of the warmth you have provided to them this winter.

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.*

Pastoral Letter

27 November 2016
First Sunday of Advent

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

As we begin this new liturgical year, I write to you as your bishop: the chief priest, pastor, and teacher of the Diocese, to set in motion the essential work of Racial Justice and Reconciliation in your parish church, your home and your neighborhood. For each of us, the issues surrounding racial justice are real. No one can say 'these issues do not affect me,' or 'there are no issues in our particular church community or neighborhood.' Living in this diocese, issues of race and racial justice, and the need for reconciliation, affect us all - this is New York, a great melting pot of culture, language, race and religion. And, therefore, a great pressure cooker for the issues associated with such a diversity.

In the midst of this diversity, in the center of this melting pot, we must be the church of Jesus Christ. We must be carriers of the light of the gospel. We must be agents of God's love and healing presence in the midst of the people we serve. In order to accomplish this work, we must first truly know ourselves, understand our own experiences, and grapple with the effects race and racism have on each of us.

Attached to this pastoral letter are two copies of what we have called "the toolkit" which was developed over a year-long process by our Diocesan Commission on Racial Justice and Reconciliation and used very successfully during our Diocesan Convention. The tool kit includes links to various short videos, discussion questions, reading materials and ideas for carrying this process forward into small group conversations in your church, your homes and the neighborhood in which your church sits. I am asking each and every member of our diocese to participate in this important work.

Here is my hope: Each church community engages the small group process during the season of Epiphany, from the sixth of January until Ash Wednesday, creating small group meetings as part of adult formation and education programs usually conducted in the parish. In Lent, and as a part of your Lenten discipline from Ash Wednesday until Easter, every member of the parish engages the process in their home, with family (and maybe extended family). Then during the Great Fifty Days of the Easter season, from Easter Day to Pentecost, each parish engages the process with people from the neighborhood. This part of the process will take some planning on the part of the clergy and church leadership. Some advertising and a form of invitation will have to be created to ensure that the people in the neighborhood know that they are welcome and needed to become a part of this process to heal our relationship as all of God's people.

As I promised in my convention address, this will not be a "one off" event for our diocese or our individual churches. Racial Justice and Reconciliation must be our constant work as a measure of our ministry to the diverse and wonderfully changing population in which we, as The Church, are called to serve. Building mutual respect and understanding can only

be accomplished if we hear each other's stories, learn each other's struggles, and build bridges of acceptance and cooperation that go beyond mere tolerance of each other.

We are the Church. This is our calling to build up the Body of Christ and see each other as necessary and essential elements of our own lives. The dedicated and faithful members of the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission are available to help in the process that will begin in your midst this Epiphany. We are all committed to the success of this ministry and pledge our full support and cooperation. Please be assured of my constant prayers and unwavering support as we begin this important work. I look forward to celebrating the results of this process in each community. Let's roll up our sleeves and get this important work started.

Sincerely, in Christ,



The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano
Bishop of Long Island

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Ecumenical Christmas Letter

Posted on: December 22, 2016 2:09 PM

A Christmas letter to churches around the world from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.

Greetings in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh who by the action of God and the obedience of His blessed Mother, the God bearer, came to dwell among us, Emmanuel.

In November, I visited Pakistan to express solidarity with Christian communities across the country, which have suffered much over recent years. We remember the slaughter of innocent worshippers on Easter Sunday 2016 in Lahore, and before that the attack on worshippers in Peshawar at Christmas 2013 and many other incidents. Such attacks are not only designed to inflict appalling suffering but also to sow fear in the heart of Christian, and other minority communities. During the visit I spoke with some of the survivors of these attacks, and I was deeply moved and humbled by their extraordinary courage in continuing to be faithful witnesses of Jesus. They spoke of knowing now more than ever that Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

In many parts of our troubled, uncertain world, Christian minority communities along with other minorities are being similarly targeted. In some places, this is motivated by a desire to eradicate the indigenous Christian presence completely. These are acts not only of terror

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but of genocide; criminal acts for which the international community must bring those guilty to account. Yet although so vulnerable and often forgotten and marginalised, our brothers and sisters are being courageous in the Lord. Indeed, 'God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong' (1 Corinthians 1.27).

In other places conflict and corruption have become so normal that the world forgets the suffering of the poor. I ask your prayers for those of us who live in safety that we may not be bystanders afar off, beating our breasts as we retire to the security of our homes, but that we may draw nearer to the cross of Jesus, stand there alongside our suffering brothers and sisters and be ready to take our part in practical action for change. I pray that Christ will strengthen all his people in our inner being with power through the Holy Spirit to be faithful, to have courage and to live in hope.

More than ever we need Christ like communities proclaiming the good news of the gospel in word and action. In many countries there is no persecution but there is apathy and complacency which leads us, in the striking words of Pope Francis, to be practical atheists. The measure of a Christ-like community is the extent to which it holds the vulnerable and marginalised of the world at the centre of its life. Jean Vanier, the founder of L'Arche, helped the Primates of the Anglican Communion to see this at our meeting in January this year. He has said elsewhere: 'To live with Jesus is to live with the poor, to live with the poor is to live with Jesus' (*Community and Growth*, 1989).

More than ever, we have a strong sense of the unity of Christians. God hears the prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ that we 'may be one, so that the world may believe that you have sent me' (John 17. 21) and even now is fulfilling his prayer. While we are deeply conscious today of the ecumenism of blood, we also live in the ecumenism of hope and we are called to an ecumenism of action. To live with the vulnerable and marginalised, with Jesus Christ at the centre of our communities and at the heart of our ecumenical relations, to act together out of love and in love, love that is the fruit of the Holy Spirit, is also to live as those who sow hope. Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life' (John 8.12). John the Evangelist, in words that will be heard in many of our churches during the forthcoming Christmas season, also strengthens us with this message: 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it' (John 1.5).

In our common celebration of the light of Jesus coming into the world, may we then encourage and build up one other, and so may the Church in every place, united in suffering and in hope, shine with his light and act with his strength, today.

Balanced Budget by 2021:

The parishioners, led by the Vestry, will take all necessary steps to ensure that by 2021 Caroline Church will have a balanced budget. This means we will be able to maintain the ministries and salaries of our personnel from income generated by pledges, plate offerings, rentals, interest/dividends from endowments, and increases in endowment investments, but not from principal of such endowment.

Membership Drive:

Beginning in 2017 the Vestry devise and implement a yearly membership drive to attract new families to join Caroline Church as their place of worship. Such drive shall highlight the Church School Program, and our ministries. A twenty (20) percent increase per year to be expected by 2021.

Public Relations:

Planning for increased public relations over the next five years must begin immediately. Every attempt must be made to invite and include community participation in all events held at Caroline Church. Internet services such as "The Patch", "Facebook" and "Twitter" should be used consistently. The Committees of Parish Fellowship, Hospitality, Public Relations, Music, Adult Education, and Community service will together plan and coordinate all events. A person well versed in marketing is suggested.

Planned Giving:

The Stewardship Committee will develop a "Planned Giving Brochure" to be provided to all parishioners. Articles on Planned Giving will be a regular item in "The Carillon."

Assistant Rector:

If the budget reaches financial stability, as determined by the Vestry, the hiring of an Assistant to the Rector will be considered. All budgetary personnel considerations must be approved by the Vestry.

The Rookery: The Buildings & Grounds Committee will define, and be prepared to implement a comprehensive plan for the property known as "The Rookery."

Parishioner Mentor Plan:

A Parishioner Mentor Plan will be in place to provide the information necessary to know when parishioner attendance lags they may be contacted. A Parishioner Partner Program will be developed for all newcomers to the parish.

June 15, 2016 [Approved by the Vestry]

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Members:

Cn. Richard D. Visconti, Rector	David Elling, Parishioner
Don Muffly, Chair & Warden	Mark LaSorsa, Vestry & Warden
Virginia Apmann, Vestry	Chuck Rampone, Parishioner
Bruce Cash, Vestry	Ed. Vitale, Parishioner
Barbara Delfyett, Vestry	

150th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island Report November 11-12, 2016

The 2016 Long Island Diocese Convention addressed several fundamental and deep rooted issues that affect many communities and individuals on Long Island and beyond. A large portion of the convention focused on the prevalence of systemic and interpersonal racism that occurs every day within our communities. On Friday, November 11th, the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission facilitated a three hour workshop in which the convention floor gathered into small groups and discussed the issue of racism. Throughout the discussion, groups answered questions such as, “how has racism affected your life?” and “how is racism evident in our community today?” The purpose of this workshop was for the Episcopal convention community to come together as one unit to share and discuss the problem of racism within our communities with the goal of becoming closer as a people with a clear vision of positive healing, change, and progress for the future.

There were four propositions that were passed at the convention: First, the canons of the church were made to be gender neutral. Second, Title V, Canon 4 was removed because it was no longer needed as this had to do with the 2010 convention. Third, Title V, Canon 2, Section 3 was amended in which the Bishop is allowed more flexibility to allow delegates on the floor of the convention even if there church did not file a parochial report in a timely fashion. Lastly, Title V, Canon 3, Section 3 was amended to give the Bishop more flexibility in allowing delegates on the floor of the convention even if there church did not file their audit in a timely fashion with the permission of the convention. There were five resolutions that were passed at the convention and are as followed:

- Resolution 1 - 2017 Diocesan Ministry Plan
- Resolution 2 - Base Diocesan Minimum Compensation
- Resolution 3 - Submitted by the Rev. Very Canon Dr. Raewynne Whiteley: Task Force to examine Clergy Compensation
- Resolution 4 - Submitted by Jean Sidebottom: Explore possibility of creating fund to assist marginalized communities with legal issues
- Resolution 5 - Submitted by the Rev. Brian Blayer: Resolution to be submitted to the 79th General Convention

Conclusion: The theme this year for the 2016 convention was, “One Diocese, One Mission.” This was a timely and appropriate message for our gathering as our world and nation seems to be more divided then it is undivided and unified. This convention stressed the importance of our mission and duty as Christians which is to wholeheartedly love our neighbors as ourselves

regardless of what our differences may be. Although sometimes it might seem as if we are all different and separate in our lives, the convention reiterated that all people are one and in love, peace, and faithfulness we need to love all of God’s creation equally in respect and treatment of others.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Cash,
Convention Delegate

Epiphany Adult Christian Formation Program

Our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said, “Racial justice will not change if we ignore it. We must confront it when we find it and one way to confront it is to have conversations about subjects that we would rather not engage.” In order to help build on this conversation, our Diocesan Bishop Provenzano has asked all churches throughout the Diocese to hold multi-facet educational opportunities on Racism in our society. To this end, Caroline Church and All Souls’ Church will hold a three evening program on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning January 17 and continuing on January 24 and 31, in the Parish Library. We will reflect on the disparity of treatment in our country between various groups of people, look at systemic issues of injustice and how we may break free from them, as well as offer tangible theological reflection on ways we can deepen our resolve to pursue justice and mercy. All are invited to begin this Epiphany-tide time of reflection.



Grief Support Group

Our next meeting date is January 19th, and we begin 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.

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



Youth Group Corner

Cookies and Cocoa with Santa was a big success! Many families from the community came to Caroline and enjoyed taking photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, writing letters to Santa, making paper plate wreathes and paper plate Santa's and of course there were plenty of hot chocolate and cookies to go around! Fifteen youth group members worked very hard all night long in order to ensure that the event ran smoothly and it sure did! I would like to thank Maureen Reyes and the Davenport family for decorating the upper parish house and transforming the room into a wonderful winter wonderland! Special thanks to Terry Russell, Bruce Cash, Susan Colleary, The Aversano family, Hiroe Buchet and the Timm family for helping out with the event!

The first half of the year has been filled to the brim with fun events, community outreach, and fellowship for the youth. It is my hope that the 2017 year will continue to be just as fruitful and exciting as 2016. The youth group continues to meet every Sunday from 4:00-6:00pm downstairs in the Marco Smith building.

Please note: I will be studying abroad in Ireland from January 1st to January 20th. During that time, if anyone has any questions or concerns regarding youth group, please contact my mom, Virginia Cash at (631) 751-3541 and she will be able help you. During this time, the youth group will still be meeting weekly. There will be a special guest youth group leader filling in for me on January 8th and January 15th and the group will be from 4:00-5:30pm for these two weeks only.

Peace,
Lainey Cash

Explore the Word Bible Study

We meet at the home of Sue Seel and Spencer Edelbaum - 631-312-4204. We will continue our study of Entering the Psalms on Wednesdays at 7:00pm on January 4th & 18th, February 1st & 15th. All are welcome to join us at any time.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We invite all who knit and crochet or who want to learn, to join us. We are always in great need of prayer shawls. Even if you cannot attend the meetings, we would love for you to be part of this ongoing ministry. Call for location and information. Sue Seel 631-312-4204.

Church School News

Welcome to the New Year!

Last month our Church School made Advent wreaths to take home and mark the four weeks before Jesus' birth. We want to thank Church School teacher Cheryl Aversano for supervising this event and our Altar Guild and office for providing the necessary "ingredients".

Our Annual Christmas Pageant was wonderful. The children did so well in presenting the Nativity story on Sunday, December 18. Many thanks to the children, parents, church school teachers, and this year's Pageant Director, Cindy Schleider for seeing that all went smoothly. As in previous years, we want to thank Liz and Mike Specht, who hosted a post-pageant Gingerbread House making party in the MCS building that all our Church School families enjoyed so much.

As January is upon us, we want to encourage the parents and students to keep up their attendance as the teachers faithfully share their time and love of Jesus with our children. Children's Chapel will be "kicking off" the month, on January 8th with a Come to Church in Your Pajamas Sunday. Should be a fun time!

Any parishioner who has a heart for ministry with our Children on Sunday mornings is asked to speak with Cn. Richard about how they can help our Church School program grow.

Confirmation Class of 2017

The 2017 Youth Confirmation Exploration class has begun. Youth not considering confirmation, but interested in learning more about Christianity are also welcome. The classes will be held twice a month, alternating on a Friday and Sunday evenings.

All interested tenth-graders are invited to be a part of this class. If you have not already registered for this class, call Cn. Richard in the office as soon as possible.



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Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King Blood Pressure and Heart Rate Screening is scheduled for January 15th following the 9:30am Service during Coffee Hour.

Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, January 25, 2017 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 2016,

please complete it and electronically e-mail it to the parish office at office@carolinechurch.net by **January 9th**

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.

Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

Our December meeting was a chance for the Brothers to spend some quiet time in fellowship with each other over a special breakfast. Br. Bob C was our chef and we had a great meal and conversation.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Jan 14th where we hope to conclude our current video series. Planning for the Spring will be our topic of discussion.

Blessings
Br. Mark

Stewardship 2017

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

- ◆ A wonderful Financial Stewardship Campaign.
- ◆ The witness speakers who told of their love of our Caroline Community of faith.
- ◆ A delicious spaghetti dinner.
- ◆ To date 95 Estimate of Giving Cards received.
- ◆ A total of \$206,089 pledged to date.

Thank you to all who have filled out an Estimate of Giving Card for 2017. 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. We need everyone to give as they are able to support the ministry and mission of our parish.

A Glorious Christmas

Once again we celebrated a glorious Christmas here at Caroline Church. It takes many people to assure that all the Christmas Eve and day worship services are presented in a dignified yet spirit-filled way. My heartfelt appreciation to Bobbi Wimmel 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 Sri-dhar, 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. In particular we greatly appreciate all your prayers for my son Andrew as he recovers from his surgery.

Blessed and Peace-filled New Year to you.
Canon Richard+



2016 Adopt a Family and The Diocesan Toy Drive

Thank you to all who contributed to the Adopt A Family and Diocesan Toy Drive. You should be delighted to know that your generosity provided a family with some warm clothes, a new microwave oven, and some much needed gift cards. I am quite sure they had a Happy Christmas.

Each congregation in the Diocese was asked to contribute at least 10 toys. In true Caroline Church style, we surpassed the request and helped children enjoy the part of Christmas that all children should have the chance to know.

Last, but certainly not least, Thank you to the elves who helped tag, bag, and deliver our gifts; Barbara Delfyett, Michael Russell, and Nancy Vitale.

With Gratitude again for your generosity,
Barbara M Russell
Coordinator

Our Anglican Heritage

Hilary of Poitiers

Hilary was born in Poitiers in what is now France in 315. He was born into a wealthy, pagan family. He studied rhetoric and philosophy and was known as an orator. Hilary married and had a daughter now known as Saint Afra. He experienced conversion in his mid-thirties and was baptized along with his wife and daughter. He was made bishop of Poitiers in 353. (According to one source, Hilary and his wife had to live separately so that he could be ordained. Quite a sacrifice on both of their parts.)

There was a major controversy raging in the Church in the 4th century between those that claimed that Jesus was both fully human and fully divine – he was of the same substance as God the Father and those that claimed he was not as divine as God the Father – he was of a similar substance. This has become known as the Arian controversy. Most of the Orthodox theology (same substance) was being promoted in the eastern part of the world. Most of Western Europe was Arian (similar substance). Hilary was the first theologian to argue for orthodoxy using western thought and philosophy.

His orthodox stance caused him to be exiled for several years. It was during his exile that he did most of his writing on the Trinity and on the theology of the Eastern Church. While in exile, he was never replaced as bishop of Poitiers because the priests would rather “pretend he was still there” rather than risk getting someone they didn’t want. He returned to his diocese in 360.

Hilary was a prolific writer and poet and was one of the earliest hymn writers. Although he is not one of the most well-known of historical theologians, his influence was vast. He was a contemporary of Athanasius. He was Martin of Tours’ spiritual director and guide. St. Jerome considered Hilary an inspiration.

Hilary is the patron saint of those bitten by snakes and learning disabled children. There is a legend that while visiting an island off the coast of France, Hilary ran all of the snakes into the sea (an incredibly similar legend to that of Patrick of Ireland). Hilary’s bed was kept on display in the Cathedral of Poitiers for years. It was said that if a “madman” were to spend a night in the “cradle of St. Hilary” he would be cured.

In art work, Hilary is often pictured with three books, a pen, a snake, a cradle or with Martin of Tours. He died there in either 367 or 368 (whether on November 1 or January 13 is open for debate.) He was named a saint shortly after his death and was declared a “Doctor of the Divinity of Christ” by Pope Pius IX in 1851. His feast day is now celebrated throughout the Episcopal Church on January 13.



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 fourteen years. The caller needs to 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)

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

Michael Cardamone, Melanie Gonzalez,
Don Gonzalez, Jessica Gonzalez, Andrew Gaebelein,
Avel Ray Escamilla

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

Another Successful Annual Christmas Fair!!

Thank You all for a very successful Christmas Fair. Many hands make light work and we appreciate all the hands that made this Fair successful. Till next year.....

Barbara Jones, President
Members of the ECW (MB)

Don't Forget.....

**Buy Gift Cards for
Stop & Shop / King Kullen /
Wild by Nature**



**Caroline Church
Anniversary
Epiphany Celebration**
Sunday, January 22nd

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

**Family Breakfast
with Surprise Family Entertainment**
at
The Stony Brook Yacht Club
11:30am – 1:30pm

Adults over age 12 \$28 pp
Young People (5-11) \$15 pp
Very Young People (5 & under) FREE

*For questions, please call Barbara Delfyett at
631-751-3658*

Prepaid Reservations please.
Checks payable to Caroline Church.

Names: _____

# ___ Adults	x \$28.00 =	_____
# ___ Young People	x \$15.00 =	_____
# ___ Very Young	x \$ 0.00	_____

TOTAL Enclosed = \$ _____

Seating Requests:

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

H	01/01	George Olsen, Jr.
	01/03	Connie Hampson Philip Aversano
A	01/04	Gabrielle Lukianchuk Adrienne Owen
	01/05	Jessica Butruch
P	01/07	Caroline Brayson Annelise Kleaka
	01/08	Joan Neuls Reg Burton Patrick Anderson
Y	01/09	Jonathan Busko
	01/10	Barbara Jones
	01/11	Bunny Russell
B	01/12	Dustin McKinley
	01/13	Eric Mis
	01/14	Peter Kaires
I	01/16	Christina Postiglione
	01/17	Emma Russell
R	01/18	Camrynn Aiello
	01/19	Jeana Esernio Nicole Whitsit
T	01/21	Greg Griesel Angelica Buscemi
	01/22	Skyler Shaw
H	01/23	Maureen Reyes
	01/24	Carolyn Martezian
D	01/25	Gary Mis Charles Rampone III
	01/29	Alexander Coleman Norihanna Korzonko
A	01/30	Adam Hurewitz Ellie Buscemi
Y	01/31	Jimmy Mocko

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 14th and 28th.

"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 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.

Vestry Highlights December 2016

- ◆ Passed 2017 Budget
- ◆ Anniversary Breakfast scheduled January 22nd for Epiphany
- ◆ Outreach Funds allocated
- ◆ Nominating report update
- ◆ Review of Stewardship; many pledges still outstanding

Barbara Russell

Save the Carriage Shed News

The committee to Save the Carriage Shed has been meeting regularly for several months. Hopefully you have noticed our banner, hanging in front of the shed. And, hopefully you have brought it to other's attention. The families of Blanche Davis and Chuck Glaser have graciously asked for memorial donations, as both of them considered the restoration a worthwhile project. The committee is most thankful for these donations. The next step is to reach out to the larger community, both local, and non-local.

But there is GREAT NEWS!

An anonymous donor will match \$10,000. Consider the challenge that we have to meet. Let's Do It Now.

Checks should be made payable to:

Save the Carriage Shed

and should be mailed to:

One Dyke Road, Setauket, NY 11733

Over the years, I have met people walking in the cemetery, visiting a family member's grave site; more recently I have had messages on our Facebook page from former parishioners with wonderful memories of Caroline Church. We need to reach those people. So we are asking you to reach for us. Send us names and addresses of former parishioners, or neighbors, or relatives that we can contact. We will do the asking – we just need a place to start. Just leave their name and address with the ushers, on the church email, or on the answering machine.

Barbara M Russell, for the Save the Carriage Shed Committee



We Thirst For Justice: Multi-Faith Event

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 16th, 2:00-4:00pm
The Bates House, 1 Bates Rd., Setauket,

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, people of all faiths and backgrounds are coming together to express our unity and share our vision for the future. The event will feature a collaborative art project, (led by Alex Seel) culturally diverse food, and live music. All are welcome!

Sponsored by Community Growth Center, All Souls' Episcopal Church, Stony Brook, and The Spot

The Spot

'where connections are made'
www.thevillagespot.com

Film, dinner and discussion for 20's and 30's
Call Sue Seel 631-312-4204 for information

A Day of Service Luncheon

*Sponsored by the Town of Brookhaven and
The Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Planning Committee*

Honoring the memory and work of
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 16th
12:00pm-3:00pm
Mill Pond Country Club
300 Mill Rd., Medford, NY

Lunch will be served promptly at 12:30pm
Followed by onsite service projects.

Suggested Donation: Adult Tickets \$20 * Youth \$5
RSVP: to Jennifer Martin at
JLMartin@brookhaven.org or call 631-451-6963

Protestant Campus Ministry

If you are interested in campus ministry or a board position, please contact Sue Seel 631-312-4204, Canon Richard or Fr. Farrell.

Coffee & Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess

Sign up for 2017

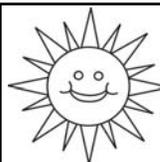


Please feel free to sign up for this wonderful time of sharing. Open to families, organizations or individuals who would like to share their 'hostess' gifts. The sign up list is on the clip board in the MCS building. You may either just sign up on the list, call the parish office at 941-4245 or contact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

Supermarket Gift Cards:

Purchase your Stop 'n Shop or King Kullen gift cards through the church. You pay face value, and Caroline Church gets a percentage. And...King Kullen cards can be used at Wild By Nature. Right now, the cards can be purchased in the church office and during Coffee Hour on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays. However, we would like to make them easier to purchase by having the first Sunday of the month be "Supermarket Sunday".

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 8th – bring cash or a check and plan to purchase cards. We will be selling them outside the Church at all Services, (weather permitting) as well as during Coffee Hour, for your convenience. You have to shop anyway, may as well make your money work for you and for Caroline Church. P.S. Gift cards also make great gifts. *Easy.*



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.

Liturgical Calendar December

Baptism: Emma Rose Schmitt





JANURAY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am, 10:00am Service with Hymns NO Church School Today <i>No Nursery</i>	2 Montessori School closed OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEARS HOLIDAY	3 9:00 AM -12:00pm Montessori School 10:30 AM ECW Morning Branch meets in PH 3:15 PM Mann Piano Studio in PH	4 9:00 AM -12:00pm Montessori School 8:30 AM Mann Piano Studio in PH 1:30 PM Mann Piano Studio in PH 7:00 PM 'Explore the Word' Bible Study meets offsite	5 9:00 AM -12:00pm Montessori 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	6 9:30 AM Collate the Carillon in kitchen of MCS 7:00 PM FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY at Caroline Church	7
8 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services SUPERMARKET SUNDAY 9:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 4:00 PM CYC meets in the 'Cave'	9 ANNUAL PARISH REPORT DEADLINE 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Upper Room Bible Study in PH	10 9:00 AM -12:00pm Montessori School 3:15 PM Mann Piano Studio in PH	11 9:00 AM -12:00pm Montessori School 8:30 AM Mann Piano Studio in PH 1:30 PM Mann Piano Studio in PH	12 9:00 AM -12:00pm Montessori 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 Senior Choir rehearsal	13 5:00 PM Confirmation class meets in the PH	14 8:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew meets 9:30 AM Caregivers Support Group meet in PH
15 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services BP and Heart Rate screening during coffee hour 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 11:15 AM Baptism: Kubik 4:00 PM CYC meets in the 'Cave'	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY/OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 PM Upper Room Bible Study in PH	17 9:00 AM MS closed 3:15 PM Mann Piano Studio in PH 7:00 PM NCSS in the upper PH 7:00 PM Adult Ed Epiphany Program in Library of PH	18 9:00 AM -12:00pm Montessori School 8:30 AM Mann Piano Studio in PH 9:30 AM DoK meet in PH 1:30 PM Mann Piano Studio in PH 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting 7:00 PM 'Explore the Word' Bible Study meets offsite	19 9:00 AM -12:00pm Montessori School 10:00 AM 3 Village Homemakers meet in Parish House 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to PJ Health 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM Grief Support Group	20 DEADLINE FOR THE CARILLON 9:30 AM COLLATE APM REPORTS (Kitchen of MCS building) 7:30 PM OSL Meeting in Library of PH	21
22 8:00am, 10:00 Services CHURCH ANNIVERSARY 10:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir 11:30 AM EPIPHANY BREAK-FAST at the Stony Brook Yacht Club 4:00 PM CYC meets in the 'Cave'	23 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Upper Room Bible Study in PH	24 9:00 AM -12:00pm Montessori School 3:15 PM Mann Piano Studio in PH 7:00 PM NCSS in the upper PH 7:00 PM Adult Ed Epiphany Program in Library of PH	25 9:00 AM -12:00pm Montessori School 8:30 AM Mann Piano Studio in PH 1:30 PM Mann Piano Studio in PH 7:00 PM ANNUAL MEETING	26 9:00 AM -12:00pm Montessori School 10:00 AM 3 Village Homemakers meet in Parish House 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Jefferson Ferry 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal	27 7:30 PM No. Shore Ultreya at Caroline in upper PH	28 9:30 AM Caregivers Support Group meet in PH
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★ EPIPHANY CELEBRATION BREAKFAST ★
★ JANUARY 22ND AT 11:30AM ★
★ THE STONY BROOK YACHT CLUB ★
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★ ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ★
★ JANUARY 25TH AT 7:00PM ★
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