

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Several of our young parishioners celebrated graduation from High School and College this past month. I want to once again extend my congratulations to them in completing their course of studies and all the hard work that went into that accomplishment. In his book, *A Year of Days*, Bishop Edmond L. Browning says of the graduates he has addressed over the years, “students are not being trained to seek after an easy life. They are being trained to handle difficult truths. My prayer for them is this: That they will not be discouraged at the truths they hear; that they will find the strength to confront evil squarely, and name it for what it is. That they will be brave, as human beings in every generation are called upon to be brave, each era in its own way. And that they will never forget that all of us are in the service of One who experienced the full extent of human cruelty and still found a way to love the world.” With Bishop Browning’s prayer in mind, we honor our graduates.

As our families enter into a different mode of functioning during the summer, it may be a good time to assess our prayer life, in order to get in touch with one’s theology and religion. In the Episcopal Church, our *Book of Common Prayer* is the primary definition of our faith and common life. I’ve been giving more time and thought to prayer recently. Prayer becomes such a moment-by-moment part of our lives that sometimes we forget to stop and think about it. Have you taken any time lately to review your own prayer life? How often do you pray? Do you do most of your prayer in private, or is most of your prayer time spent with others in formal worship, or with a prayer group? Do you pray sitting, standing, or on your knees and why?

Some of us prefer one posture for prayer over another, but God welcomes them all. When Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, He gave us the example of kneeling in prayer, “And He walked away, perhaps a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed” (Luke 22:41). At the tomb of Lazarus, while standing: “Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, thank you for hearing me.’” (John 11:41). St. Paul wrote, “So I want men everywhere to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from sin and anger and resentment” (I Timothy 2:8). King Solomon, in the Old Testament, prostrated himself

before the Lord when he prayed in the temple. His father, David, communed with God upon his bed (Psalm 4:4).

What kind of things do you pray for or about: your personal needs; global needs; your family, friends, ministers, teachers, and fellow workers? How do you divide your prayer time between prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, penitence, petition, and intercessions? Do you pray mostly prayers that you read or have memorized, or do you usually pray extemporaneously? Do you have a regular time and place to pray? Do you engage in meditation or contemplation? Do you practice Centering Prayer? Do you say the Anglican rosary or use the Jesus Prayer? Do you pray the Daily Offices? Do you have some favorite prayers that you use regularly?

In the summer issue of the magazine of Trinity Parish, “Spirituality and Health”, there is an article entitled “Public Lives, Private Prayers” in which some very public people share their “favorite prayer.” Among them is Julie Harris, whose favorite prayer is one used by many of us and written by St. Teresa of Avila. “Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you - all things pass, But God never changes. Patient endurance attains all things. He who possesses God is wanting in nothing - God alone is enough.” And Paul Scofield, the actor who played Thomas More in *A Man for All Seasons*, uses a prayer written by Thomas More while in prison: “Give me grace, good Lord, to set the world at nought; To set my mind fast upon thee, and not to hang upon the blast of men’s mouths; To be content to be solitary; not to long

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.*

for worldly company; little and little utterly to cast off the world, and rid my mind of the business thereof.”

July is a good time for many to settle down and consider their prayer life. If you would like to have some help with prayer, please call or e-mail me and we can talk and pray together. I would be happy to teach you any of the traditional texts or methods of prayer or meditation that you would like to learn. Dom Cuthbert, when asked to teach someone to pray, said that you learn to pray by praying and you learn to pray better by praying often. I would also like for you to share some of your favorite prayers in future issues of the *Carillon*; so I hope that you will write one down and give it to me. We learn so well from one another.

Be faithful in your prayer life, my friends. Take all things to God in prayer. Whatever you do, pray about it first. Keep your line of communication with Christ open at all times. I pray that your summer will be one in which you examine your prayer life and it grows and with it your knowledge and love of the Lord. May God bless you richly in your prayer life.

Prayerfully in the service of Christ,

Fr. Richard+



'Juice & Cookies on the Slype'

It's that time of year again, Summer! Along with summer, we have our 'fellowship' time outside in the beautiful fresh air on the slype. Fellowship goes so well with refreshments, we are asking that you sign up for a Sunday to serve 'Juice & Cookies on the Slype'. A reminder notice will be sent to your home prior to that Sunday.

Please see the sign up sheet at coffee hour.



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



Afghanistan:

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

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

Summer Service Hours 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. from Now to September 9th

Please mark your calendars as we change into our summer service times.

We will continue to have the Thursday 12:30pm Holy Eucharist Service throughout the summer.

There will also no longer be Tuesday evening 7:00pm Holy Eucharist services throughout the summer.

Have a blessed & safe summer.

Liturgical Calendar June



Baptism: Miriam Emilia Weinberg Nelson
Wedding: John Trahan & Patricia Sanders
Burial: Dorothy May Gaschott

Summer Evening Services

E.a.T.* at Caroline!

* Eucharist at Table – worship in the style of the first followers of Jesus

This summer as, in the past we will gather together for combined worship and fellowship on two Saturday evenings. The services will be held in the tradition of the early church, with a Eucharist woven into the context of a shared meal. The dates for these evening services are July 14 and August 18. All gatherings begin at 5:30 p.m. and all meals will take place in the Marco C. Smith building.

Bring along your family and friends of all ages, and food to share. Iced tea, lemonade, and table ware will be provided. Assistance with set up and clean up is most welcome.

Fuel your body! Feed your soul! Follow Jesus!

A Note of Thanks

Our Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with a full heart and from the midst of packing and moving chaos that I write to thank you all so much for the extraordinary farewell party at the Bates House on 31 May!!! I was overwhelmed by the abundance of your presence and your love.

Special thanks to Lorraine Massie and Diane Amato for sharing their organizational gifts so beautifully, to the Russells and others for setting up and cleaning up, to Bev Tyler for greeting and parking, to all those who chopped and cooked and baked, to Brian Hazell and Russell Winters and others who helped serve, to Father Richard for his beautiful prayers, to wardens Don and Chris for their kind words and for keeping things moving along, to the vestry for making it all happen, to Mary Doherty and the Sunday School for their part in the evening, to all the fabulous choirs of Caroline--the Joyful Noise Choir, the Adult Choir, and the Sweet Carolines--for lifting our hearts and raising our spirits, to each and every one of you who came and fought the crowds to be part of a spectacular evening, and to those who wanted to come and were there in spirit even though circumstances prevented them from being there in person...a heartfelt and resounding THANK YOU from both Jason and me.

What a wonderful coming together it was, filled with God's Holy Spirit! My prayer for you in the wake of that glorious evening is that you will continue to come faithfully and regularly to the little white church on the Green to praise God for the many gifts bestowed upon you, to share your joys and sorrows with one another, and to fortify yourselves to be God's presence in the world around you. Each one of you is needed so that the Gospel can continue to be proclaimed from Caroline Church. Every one of you has many gifts that are needed for the good of the whole. If you wonder what they might be and how you might best share them, I know that Father Richard would be happy to help you find your way.

Thank you also for the many and various gifts that you gave us, most especially the gift and blessing that you all are to us. It is good to know that as members of the body of Christ, we continue to share the same ministry and, in that precious body, we are never really parted. As Saint Paul says in his Letter to the Philippians, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you...[1:3-4]." Know that we thank God for you who are Caroline Church each and every day, and you remain always in our hearts and prayers. With love in Christ,

~Mother Ann+, Jason, and Molly

New Address:

Saint Matthias Episcopal Church
374 Main Street
East Aurora, NY 14052

Our Anglican Heritage Benedict of Nursia

Benedict (480–543) was born into a wealthy family in Nursia, Italy. He left school as a teenager, renounced the world and around 500 retreated to a cave at Subiaco. After some years as a hermit, he formed a cloister with other monks. In 529, he founded a new order of monks at Monte Cassino, between Rome and Naples, drawing up a detailed set of rules for monastic life.

Benedict left an indelible mark on Western monasticism through the influence of this rule of life that he drew up for those affiliated with him. Although he began as a hermit and lived alone for several years, he soon attracted a number of other people who wanted to adopt his lifestyle and gain the spiritual well-being that was Benedict's. Lest this get out of hand Benedict put down a pattern for monastic living that eventually came to be the basic pattern for all Western monasticism.

As with other orders of monks and nuns, Holy Scripture took a preeminent role. The writings of monks, nuns, and other ascetics centered around a reflection on the divine word. These were Christians who felt called to a more intense life of prayer and virtuous striving, and their ancient monastic rules show how thoroughly biblical that quest was for them.

While Benedict drew from a long tradition of monastic and ascetic experience, and his was but one of many, he gave distinctive emphasis to his Rule. Monks were to engage in manual labor, recite the canonical hours (Psalms and prayers) - the work of God, profess obedience to the abbot, the father of the family of monks, adopt a life of poverty and chastity, and remain with and serve with his adopted family for the rest of his life. Benedict called it a "school for the service of God."

In Benedict's rule the monk's entire waking day, roughly seventeen hours, was divided among three activities: manual labor, the prayerful reading of Holy Scripture (lectio divina), and choral prayer, especially the praying of the Psalms. Even while the monk ate his sparse meals each day, he listened to one of his brothers reading Holy Scripture. The monks and nuns pursued their goals - purity of heart and the gift of constant prayer - by ingesting massive daily dosages of Scripture. They gave themselves totally to God not only by denying themselves and serving others, but by allowing themselves to become saturated in and absorbed by the power of God's Word. Monks took seriously that principle of Jerome of Bethlehem (347-419), who said, "To be ignorant of the Scriptures is to be ignorant of Christ." Consequently, those

men and women who centered their entire existence on the study of Holy Scripture, prayer, and ascetic effort, were bound to reflect more closely, and in greater detail, on the internal theological relationship between the understanding of Holy Scripture and ascetical striving for purity of heart. From both East and West, the treatment of this theme in monastic literature, though daunting in its sheer mass, remains instructive for Christians today.

Benedict largely followed The Rule of the Master, an anonymous author in the early sixth century, whose aim was to take away all initiative from his monks and to make as many decisions as possible at the outset once and for all. With the Rule of the Master, the monks were supervised the whole day long. It was clearly assumed that any independence allowed to them would simply be abused. Benedict followed this rule but with a rather less suspicious attitude. He did not snoop on his monks the whole time, but was clearly concerned to regulate their life fairly thoroughly, giving them a balanced diet of prayer, manual labor and readings. His Rule is famous for its equilibrium, but, as he himself recognized, it did not make for the higher adventures of the Christian life. It was a rule for beginners, as he said, and he presumably expected people to progress beyond it as hermits, though this never in fact became normal in Benedictine circles.

The Rule of Benedict did not receive universal acceptance, nor was it intended to. There was no papal decree that made it a requirement. The Rule however did have widespread acceptance in many monasteries. It became the dominant monastic code of the entire western half of Christendom. It was to be nearly three centuries before there was an approximation of uniform monastic observance in the Western church. In the meantime, the Benedictine observance was only one of the several traditions found in Italy, Gaul, and most notably Ireland. In Ireland since the fourth century the rule of abbot-bishop, which was very closely linked to the socio-political structure of the people, had developed. The vows, tonsure (hair cut), dress, and practices were also different from those in Rome. It was in Ireland that the penitential and private confessional was initiated. Later they became integral to continental ecclesiastical practices in and out of the monastery. The mingling of Celtic and Benedictine monasticism in sixth and seventh century Gaul was the dynamic of a renewed Gallic monasticism.

We celebrate Benedict's life and ministry in the Episcopal Church every year on July 11.

The 10th Annual Caroline Summer Fair



With the Lord providing a beautiful backdrop of weather, we had a wonderful day of community and fellowship as we hosted our 10th annual Country Fair. Our many events were very well attended and this added to the fun and excitement of the day.

As you know, 100% of the proceeds are distributed to the community through our many outreach projects. We will be finalizing the few expenses that we have and submitting the total to the vestry very shortly. The planning committee would like thank all those who participated directly, donated to our gift baskets or who participated by attending the fair. Thank you all.

Thank You Young Adults: With so many parishioners and friends involved in so many different ways, it would take quite a few pages to list all those who participated in support of this years' fair. Events this size cannot be done with just a small handful of folks, it takes the full support of the parish. However we would like to single out and say thank you to the many young adults that contributed to the event. Whether helping to prepare days in advance, or during the day of the fair, you could see our young adults out in force pitching in. Thanks and Great Job.

Many of our local businesses contributed to our fair as well. We have listed and posted them in the MCS building. Please take note of who they are as you support our local community.

Thank You All,
Blessings,
Mark

Youth Group

Unfortunately, due to several factors, the mission trip was not possible this summer. HOWEVER, we're still going to have a great summer! Starting with a Lock-In on Friday, July 20. Show up at the Marco C. Smith Building at 7 p.m. on Friday night. Be sure to bring your sleeping bag, jammies, and \$5 for pizza. We'll stay up all night watching movies, playing games, and generally getting into mischief. Parents please pick up your zombies, er, KIDS at 9:00 am the next morning. Friends MORE than welcome! This event is open to all rising sixth through graduating twelfth graders.

Join Us For the 8th Annual **Camp Caroline!**



What is Camp Caroline?

Camp Caroline is an extension of our school year children's program. During Camp Caroline, your children will have the opportunity to learn more about the Christian faith through stories, arts and crafts, songs, and games.

How does it Work?

Come to church during the summer and bring your children into church with you. Right before the sermon (about 20 minutes into the service), the Camp Caroline teachers will stand up in the aisle.

All children, ages 4 through fourth grade, will be invited to stand up and will be led out of the church into the MCS building where they will participate in a casual, stimulating, fun, hands on summer church program that follows the scripture being covered in church that day.

At the end of church, you can pick up your children in the MCS building across the back parking lot.

When is it?

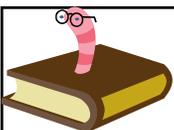
Camp Caroline will run for 12 Sundays, beginning Sunday, June 17th and ending Sunday, September 2nd.

Remember, starting on June 17th, the usual 9:30am worship service starts one half hour later, at 10:00 A.M.

How can you help?

We need both adult and teen volunteers to assist Camp Caroline this summer. Please consider volunteering one Sunday this summer. No experience is necessary. There will be a sign up sheet at coffee hour, or you may call me to let me know what Sunday is good for you. We need only 12 People to sign up. Please give this some thought as you plan your summer schedule. Thank you. For more information call Mary Doherty at 928-9841.

We look forward to seeing you and your kids at Camp!



The Caroline Book Club

Caroline book club's next meeting will be at the home of the Soderstroms, 10 Lotowana Lane, Stony Brook on Sunday Sept. 16 at 7:30. The book? YOUR CHOICE! Share something from your summer reading. New members particularly welcome to try us out. Questions? Call Karl at 751-7234



REMINDER: During the week of July 9th through 13th the Parking Lot next to the MCS building of Caroline Church will be **CLOSED**. Please park in the front parking lot or in the carriage shed between the hours of 9am-12noon.

For the 20s/30s:

We will meet at the Fifth Season for \$8 Kobe Burger Night on Tuesday, July 17 at 6:30. Come up to the bar and enjoy happy hour, apps, and burgers. Bring a friend, but let Lindsay know- lindsay.baldwin.porter@gmail.com or on Facebook at Caroline Twenties and Thirties- if you're coming so we can wrangle seats for all.



Caring for the Caregiver Support Group

Please note that the C4CG support group will now hold meetings at the Caroline Parish House every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:30-9:00pm and every 4th Saturday of the month from 9:30-11:00am. The next meeting will be on July 11th at 7:30pm. Resource information is always available.

Virginia Cash, our in-house geriatric social worker, manned the C4CG table at the Caroline Fair on June 16th. Flyers and other handouts advertising the support group were given out and a contact list of potential future participants for the support group was made. They will be notified of future meetings and events.

A program at the Emma Clark Library on August 15th from 7-8:30pm will be given by Virginia Cash and will include a discussion of issues facing a caregiver for a seriously/chronically ill loved one and about the dynamics and benefits of the caregiver's support group. Please check the library's July-August calendar of events for the registration date. If you or anyone you know has questions about the group, please have them leave a message at the church office (631-941-4245) and someone will get back to them.



Church School News

I would like to thank everyone who came and helped out at the Church Brunch on June 10th. We had over 80 people attend and the food was delicious. A big Thanks goes to

Donna Butruch for getting the First Holy Communion class ready for June 3rd. It was a beautiful day. You can visit our website to view a few pictures from the day. Please consider signing up to teach a lesson on any given Sunday during the summer. Camp Caroline needs you so that we can continue with our program. The sign up list is on a clip board located on a table on the slype.

I am looking for a few more teachers to help us next year. Even if you have taught before, please let me know if you will be able to help us out again next year. We have a need in the 3rd and 4th grade for a teacher. I would like to have more than one assigned to the class so they would be able to team teach together. Please contact me mcd58@optonline.net, if you are interested. The children are great and they will fill your heart with joy and happiness.

I am also putting together a team to play Volleyball. It is just one game, October 13, Saturday. We will be playing against another church in the community. The game is to benefit hunger. There is a fee of \$25 for each player and on the day of the game there is a fee for people to watch. All the money raised goes to a local Soup Kitchen or Food Pantry. If our team wins the game we get 60% of the money raised and we decide where we want the money to go. Let me know if you are interested in playing. I thought we would have a few practices before the 13th. The team is opened to anyone over 10 years old. We can have as many people on the team as we want.

I am in contact with the NY Islanders to go to one of their games next season. We need 20 people to get a discount. This would be in the Fall or Winter some time. Let me know.

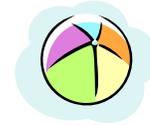
Does anyone want to go to a Bridgeport Baseball game? We take the ferry across to Bridgeport and walk to the stadium. We can tailgate on the Ferry, which is a lot of fun. Please let me know so I can work on getting tickets.

During the summer months we need some volunteers, youth and adults to help with some painting around the church, cleaning some classrooms, moving some furniture around, and a few other things. This will count as

community service hours for next year. I will have a list available for any youth that needs community service hours. The list will consist of things that need to be done around the church, weekly or bi-weekly. I will have it available to you by August, please e-mail, mcd58@optonline.net, or call me, 928-9841, if you want to sign up.

I hope everyone has a relaxing, peaceful, fun filled summer.

Mary Doherty
Church School Director



“Whatever gift each of you may have received, use it in service to one another...”

1 Peter 4:10

Parish Ministries Opportunities

Guest Teachers Wanted for Camp Caroline

If you have ever thought about teaching Sunday School but not certain you could do it, Camp Caroline may be the answer. Our Church School Director Mary Doherty is looking for parishioners to teach our young children ages 4 to fourth grade one Sunday this July and August at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship hour. All teaching material will be provided as the children study a Bible story in a fun and interactive way. The 45 minutes goes by so quickly as you realize that you are having as much fun as the children. We can not have this children’s program without your help. Be a guest teacher this summer and experience what it means to share your faith with our youngest parishioners. A sign-up clip board is on the slype.

Summer Refreshments on the Slype

Caroline Church continues to be blessed with very willing and able volunteers who recognize the value of socializing together following our Sunday main morning worship. The refreshments that greet worshippers after church are a welcome treat. We extend a hearty thank you to all of you who have put forth your efforts and sweets to make this very pleasant part of Caroline church’s community life possible. If there are those of you who have not yet hosted a Sunday morning with refreshments on the slype, please see the sign-up clip board at coffee hour or contact the parish office.