

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

I am sure many of you watched the ten episodes of TURN on the AMC cable station over the last few months. Our village of Setauket as well as our church and Village Green are the center of attention in this Setauket Spy Ring saga between the British and Loyalists. I am glad we have Bev Tyler around to separate fact from fiction in this Hollywood dramatization.

Separating truth and just plain gossip is not always easy even if you have a relatively accurate historical account of an event. But one thing is certain how we live our lives according to God's direction is discernable. Our Lord God does have some very practical expectations for us, so that the truth of our lives as disciples of Christ will be evident.

Let me share with you, in David Letterman style, the top ten things God won't ask, when the hour to enter our eternal home is upon us. 10. God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but will ask how many people you drove that didn't have transportation. 9. God won't ask the square footage of your house, but will ask how many people you welcomed into your home. 8. God won't ask about your social status, but will ask what kind of class you displayed. 7. God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but will ask if they dictated your life. 6. God won't ask what your highest salary was, but will ask if you compromised your character to obtain that salary. 5. God won't ask how much overtime you worked, but will ask if you worked overtime for your family and loved ones. 4. God won't ask how many friends you had, but will ask how many people to whom you were a true friend. 3. God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but will ask what you did to protect the rights of others. 2. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but will ask how you treated your neighbors. And 1. God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but will ask what you did to help others.

When our Lord calls us home let us approach Him with confidence in the way we lived our life here in this world, walking in the Gospel truth as we do the best we can to advance the Kingdom of God with the Holy Spirit as our guide.

Standing in the need of prayer,
Cn. Richard+

Caring for the Caregiver Support Group

Caregiver Support Group Summer Schedule

Come once, occasionally or regularly – whatever works for you!

NO CHANGE IN SCHEDULE!! The responsibilities of caregivers doesn't allow for a reduced schedule or a vacation, so the Caregiver Support Group will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from 9:30 - 11:00 am in the Parish House.

Mark your calendar and/or pass these dates along to a friend or colleague that might benefit from attending. The dates for the summer meetings are July 12th and 26th, and August 9th and 23rd. Contact Virginia Cash, group facilitator, at 428-0902 for any additional information.



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

Bad Spiritual Advice and How to Avoid It

Many of you have heard people assert that we should live each day as if it were our last. This maxim is passed as wisdom around the internet, appears as themes in films, and serves to make dinner guests feel inferior for worrying about the undercooked chicken. It sounds wise. We imagine ourselves making full use of every moment, of not taking anything for granted, of drinking in every flower, smile, and friend. Do we not often feel the need to appreciate our gifts and blessings more, and is not this the way to achieve our spiritual goal?

The answer is no. Though this may be a feasible approach in the very short term, it is impossible to maintain for more than a few minutes, let alone a lifetime. Try it if you do not believe me. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Some people claim to be successful (such as the chagrined dinner host above). Some people also claim to be able to levitate, but I have yet to witness either.

A second problem with this advice is that it asks us to live “as if”—as if we know we are going to die tomorrow. Such an approach takes us out of the moment into a fictive relationship with reality. We never want to be in an “as if” relationship with anything. Christ repeatedly decried hypocrisy because he recognized the importance of integrity, which includes integrity with ourselves, the ability to be honest about how we feel and where we are in the present moment. We need no mind games. We appreciate the appreciable in every moment by being in the moment, not by living an “as if” life, and the reality is, not everything is appreciable.

This brings us to a third problem. Underpinning the advice to live each day as if it were our last is the assumption that negative emotions are failure and that we can prevent ourselves from experiencing them by pretending that we know we are living our last day. In reality, emotions are not failures but gifts from God by which we are drawn into deeper contact with reality, and life occasions a wide range of them—adoration and aggravation, boredom and bliss, disgust and delight, anger and awe—all of which are appropriate at some given time.

We need not allow others to alienate us from our reactions to our own experiences with glib, “as if” advice. Christ was not sanguine about his coming crucifixion, but threw himself on the ground in anguish (Matthew 26). We also do not assume that Mary was complacent about her son's death. Instead, we sing *Stabat mater dolorosa/juxta crucem lacrimosa* (At the cross her station keeping/stood the mournful mother weeping). Negative emotions are not failure; refusing to acknowledge them is failure.

When we feel angry, sad, frustrated, only if we admit those emotions can we pray to God about them and discern the Christian way to respond to that which is occasioning the emotions. Anger, for example, is often the fuel of justice work, as when Christ cleansed the temple (Matthew 21). We are not to live in denial, in an “as if” world, but to abide in the current reality, with integrity, awareness, and prayer. All spiritual growth starts *here*.

Our Anglican Heritage

Macrina (the Younger)

Basil the Great is remembered as the founder of Eastern monasticism. All Eastern Orthodox monks are Basilian monks and follow a variation of the monastic rule that he outlined. However, it is often overlooked that the community of monks organized by Basil was preceded and inspired by a community of nuns organized by his sister, Macrina.

Macrina the Elder lived in the days of the Emperor Diocletian, who made a determined effort to destroy the Christian faith. She and her husband fled into hiding, and survived into the time of Constantine. One of their sons, Basil the Elder, and his wife Emmelia, had several distinguished sons, including Basil the Great, Gergory of Nyssa, Peter of Sebastea, Naucratis, and (according to one ambiguously worded communication) Dios of Antioch.

Their oldest offspring born in 340 AD, however, was their daughter Macrina (called Macrina the Younger to distinguish her from her grandmother). She was betrothed at the age of twelve, after the custom of the day, but when her fiancé died, she determined to devote her life to prayer and contemplation and to works of charity. After the death of her father, she and her mother formed a community of women who shared her goals. She often brought poor and hungry women home to be fed, clothed, nursed, or otherwise taken care of, and many eventually joined the community, as did many women of means.

After the death of their parents, Macrina was chiefly responsible for the upbringing of her ten younger brothers. When they were disposed to be conceited about their intellectual accomplishments, she deflated them with affectionate but pointed jibes. Her example encouraged some of them to pursue the monastic ideal, and to found monastic communities for men. (Dios founded one of the most celebrated monasteries in Constantinople.) Three of them (Basil, Gregory, Peter) became bishops, and all of them were leading contenders for the faith of Nicea against the Arians.

Gregory, in his *Life of Macrina*, records his last visit with her, and her farewell speech and her prayers and teachings about the resurrection. Her life is remembered throughout the Episcopal Church on July 19.

Summer Fair Committee

Responsible for	Name
Advertising, Newspapers	Don Muffly / Barbara Russell
Bake Sale	Caroline Ennis
Barn Sale	Mike Specht
Children's jars	Julie Johnson / Lucia and Tali Buscemi
Children's Arts & Craft	Allison Coleman
Children's Games	Liz Specht
BBQ lunch	Bob and Sue Nalewajk
Music	Don Pollard and Donna Kaires
Pony Rides	John Leibold
Raffle Baskets	Eileen Clancy
Set up and clean up	Brotherhood St. Andrew
Town Permits	Janet Giacomini
Treasurer	Bob Clancy
Vendor Set up/ Layout	Brotherhood St. Andrew



12th Annual Caroline Summer Fair

Well the Caroline family came together in full form to support our annual Outreach Fair. I would like to personally thank everyone that supported us during the weeks of preparation and of course the monumental effort during the day. Special thanks to our youth for hanging with us through the day and supporting wherever was needed.

We had a wonderful day and many compliments on the venue, the friendliness of our parishioners and just the overall layout. Our Lord provided some guidance and the downpours to the East and West went around us. We had a couple of firsts for the fair. As many know we rented and manned the inflatable's ourselves which turned out very positive for us. We switched the layout around to pull the vendors closer to the action and many were appreciative of that. This also provided more activity in the games and crafts as well. Our chapter of the OSL had a prayer tent (which we thank Ginny and Barbara T for manning) - another first. Moving the date of the Fair into May seemed to avoid any conflicts with other events. As a result we raised just over \$5,800 toward our community outreach programs.

As is always the case when so many of our family pitch in it is difficult to thank everyone personally. However our committee team, noted next door, deserves a big round of applause and our thanks. Thank you all for the effort and commitment. I could not have pulled this off without you.

We have set the date for next year as Saturday May 30th so set the date aside.

Mark LaSorsa



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

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

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

Don't Forget.....

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

At coffee hour on Sunday or
at the church office during the week!

Parishioners buy a \$ 50 gift card,
spend \$50 @ store of choice
Store gives CAROLINE \$\$\$

We are still in need of a volunteer to sell Gift Cards on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Are you looking for a ministry that won't take too much time? Well this is the answer to that question. Sell Gift Cards during Coffee Hour on Sunday. One Hour of your time once a month. If interested, please call Janet in the Parish Office at 941-4245. Training is available.

Church School

Many of us try to slow down in the summer months but the months are just as crazy as the other 10 months. In a quest for greater productivity and efficiency, we over schedule our days, then rush through meals, drive impatiently, and wonder why the joy of living eludes us.

Carol Odell, who writes a business advice column, says that slowing down can positively affect our lives at work and at home. She believes that rushing can cloud our judgment and cause us to overlook important things and valuable people. Carol encourages everyone to slow down, and even suggests the radical idea of welcoming red traffic lights and using the waiting time to meditate.

In Psalm 1 there is no hint of a frenzied pace. It describes a person who enjoys the blessings of God. Instead of thinking and acting like those who rarely consider spiritual matters. "His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night". The result is a fruitful life and well nourished soul. Isaiah wrote, "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You". Just for today, try thinking about that verse whenever you have to wait. Isn't it time for all of us to slow down and live? Come apart and rest awhile or you may just plain come apart!

Please consider signing up for Camp Caroline one Sunday. The lessons will be provided to you.

Vacation Bible Camp is July 7th-11th. Please keep all those who will be volunteering and the campers in your prayers.

Have a wonderful July and remember to breathe and enjoy each and every day.

Mary Doherty



Join Us For the 10th 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 to the basement of the Parish House, where they will participate in a casual, stimulating, fun, hands on summer church program. At the end of church, you can pick up your children in the basement of the church.

When is it?

Camp Caroline will run for 12 Sundays, beginning Sunday, June 15th and ending Sunday, August 31st. Remember, starting on June 15th, the usual 9:30am worship service starts one 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 Don Pollard at 846-9599.

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



Calling All Acolytes!

New and old acolytes are invited for Acolyte Training (new) and Refresher Training (old) on Sunday, July 27th from 12pm-1:00pm in the church.

Afterward's you are all invited to a BBQ at the Specht's home from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Please RSVP to Duy (or the Specht's for the BBQ) if you can come!

New Christian Education Program for Children and Youth to Begin in September

The Caroline Church faith community, while deepening its own faith, has the responsibility of sharing its faith and Christian values with other adults, but most importantly with children and youth. Faith development happens in the home, community, and within our parish. Christian education within the parish setting for our young people has a threefold purpose: to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ (*didache*), to build Christian community (*koinonia*) and to motivate Christians for service (*diakonia*). In order to better meet these goals, Caroline Church is revamping its current education program.

We will divide our formal Christian formation program into two separate ministries: Children and Youth. Children's ministries on Sunday mornings will be held at the same time as last year, beginning with Sunday worship in the main sanctuary and Children's Chapel at the 9:30 a.m. hour followed by Church School at 10:00 a.m. in the MCS building for all lower grades.

The formal Christian formation program for our Youth will take place at a different day and time (currently Sunday afternoons). We have created, alongside our current Director of Children's Ministries, a new position of Director of Youth Ministries. That person will serve as a spiritual leader and role model to help our young people strengthen their relationship with each other, learn more about their faith, and reach out in mission and discipleship within our community. The Director will be recruiting and training volunteers to work with our youth in building young disciples for Christ.

If you or anyone you know has an interest in the formation of our young people's faith here at Caroline Church, please have them contact Cn. Richard at the church office.

Vestry Highlights

June

- ♦ Reviewed Summer Fair report
- ♦ Preparation for Habitat for Humanity Build reviewed
- ♦ Youth Mission Trip plans and budget discussed
- ♦ Christian Education changes finalized

Barbara Russell
Clerk of the Vestry

Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

On Saturday June 14th we had our last scheduled meeting before the summer break. However many expressed interest in some sort of event during the break so please stay tuned.

We also will conclude our video series - Faith under Fire with a very timely video: Do Christians and Muslims Worship the Same God? In light of what is happening around the globe.

The Brothers wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

Peace,
Br. Mark



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.

Adult Christian Ed

The Adult Christian Ed Committee will be offering the following for the summer. Two movies and a Missional Church discussion.

July 20, 6:00 PM: Movie "La Veuve de St. Pierre" with snacks "The Widow" is a film for mature audiences that explores the topic of forgiveness. Is there anything that cannot be forgiven?

August 10, 6:00 PM: Movie "Papadapolous and Sons" with snacks. "Papadapolous" is a morality tale for the whole family that proposes that success can impede our happiness.

August 24, 6:00 PM: discussion articles on Missional Churches with sandwiches. These short articles explain the meaning of the concept of "Missional Church" that is advanced by our Bishop. They are presented solely for edification and discussion.

Please join us for any one or all of these.

Stewardship News

Habitat Build Day a Success!



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

Parish Ministry Opportunities

New Acolytes Needed

All those entering 6 Grade or above, are invited 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 as well as a refresher for current acolytes on Sunday, July 27 at 12 Noon. Call the parish office and let Cn. Richard know you would like to be trained as a new acolyte this summer.

Guest Teachers Wanted for Camp Caroline

If you have every 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.

In 2013, one of the ways we celebrated stewardship was through our bottle and can recycling efforts! During that year, we saved \$2500 mostly from the recycling effort and we continue to recycle now in 2014. Our goal was to make a donation to Habitat for Humanity so that we could apply for a Caroline build day. That day was Saturday, June 21st!

The build site we were assigned was in Westhampton Beach. The home, which is basically complete, will go to a family of 7: The Crispino's. The Caroline group's job was to complete most of the landscaping, which involved leveling and grading the entire yard, both front and back, creating flower beds, planting shrubs and flowers, spreading mulch, and seating a mailbox. The only thing left to do was put grass seed down, but unfortunately, the crew didn't have the seed and spreader available.

It was a beautiful day and 18 of us found ourselves thoroughly exhausted, yet totally invigorated and inspired by our efforts. We all agreed that our church should work towards another build in the future

Special Thanks go to the following people:

Our hardy crew:

Diane Amato	Lorraine Massie
Nick Amato	Michael Massie
Christopher Callahan	Claire Mis
Leonard Calone	Gary Mis
Eileen Clancy	Donald Pollard
Robert Clancy	Alexander Shane
Janet Giacomini	Suzanne Shane
Mark LaSorsa	Susan Studier

Breakfast

The Bean & Bagel Café: John Leibold's son
The Amatos
The Calone's
The Mis's
Susan Studier

Official Photographer (and worker also)

Fr. Farrell

More pictures will be made available on our website!



SafeChurch Update

Most are already familiar with the fact that the diocese has implemented stricter requirements regarding training designed to recognize and prevent various types of sexual abuse and harassment of staff and parishioners alike. While this training used to be required only of staff and those involved with youth programs, the scope—both in terms of who must receive training and what courses are required—has greatly broadened.

While most of this program was coordinated by our Church School Director, Mary Doherty, the increasingly complex nature of this area required that this coordination be shared by several people. So for the past several months I have been assisting in this endeavor.

One of the complexities involves the answer to what seems to be a simple question: who am I? Not so simple. Are you a keyholder or occasional volunteer? A Sunday School teacher or nursery worker? Or maybe a youth group leader? There's a category for clergy (that one's pretty clear), vestry and "all church personnel." Also, many of us fit into two or more categories, like vestry and Sunday School teacher. That complicates the answer to the next question.

Once that hurdle is cleared, we can tell you if you must do in person training (followed in five years by online renewals), or if you can complete the process entirely online. But which online modules must you take? There are eleven of them, but most categories only require four or five be completed. Caroline Church now has a page on its web site devoted to this topic, with some tools to answer the above questions. See below.

For those requiring in person initial training, availability and location of training sessions has also been a problem. The diocese is training more trainers and we will see improvement in this area over the next several months. There will be an in person one day training for anyone at St. Anselm's Church in Shoreham on July 19th.

So how are we doing? Each time I look at the online training site and see reports of who has been completing modules, I am encouraged by the progress. Recently I went through the clergy, vestry and staff certificates. I saw so many courses completed in February, March and April. In the clergy/vestry area, people who could take modules online need to complete a total of 61 of those modules. Clergy and vestrypersons have in fact completed 75 modules. People are taking more than required because the other modules interest them—or they otherwise feel completion of those modules would be helpful. To be sure, we are not at 100% compliance, but we are moving strongly in that direction.

Paid staff is also moving quickly toward compliance. 31 of the 50 required modules are completed. Some staff members are complete, others need just one or two more modules, and some need a few more. Not perfect, but we are getting there.

Other volunteers are also participating in the program. I'm still compiling lists of who those people are and what modules are remaining. I'll update the parish in a future article. Indications are that these people are also moving rapidly toward compliance with the diocesan mandate.

As mentioned above, there is a new page on the Caroline Church site devoted to SafeChurch. You will find it under the "Publications and Links" menu. There is a link to a table of required courses that can be printed out. There is also a link to the training site. After all, terms like <http://website.praesidiuminc.com> and "armatus online training" don't exactly roll off the tongue and stick in one's memory. If you are still confused, you are not alone. But speak to Canon Richard, Mary Doherty or me about it. Mary or I can remind you of your user id and password (or create one for you). All three of us can help you find the answers to your questions.

There are many reasons for being in compliance with this new diocesan mandate. They range from the cynical (but somewhat true) "the insurance company is making us" to what we hope is the real reason: to ensure that Caroline Church is a place that is a welcoming and safe environment for our children, staff, parishioners and visitors.

Chris Haring
Warden



CYC Youth Group

Come one come all to the CYC SUMMER LOCK-IN! All rising sixth-twelfth graders and their friends are invited to spend the night (!) in the MCS building August 1st-2nd. Show up at 7:00 p.m. for pizza, games, movies, manhunt, sardines, Mafia, midnight church, and more! Parents will pick up their exhausted youths at 7:00 a.m. August 2nd. Please RSVP to Lindsay at:
Lindsay.baldwin.porter@gmail.com

Please keep our missionaries in your prayers as we journey to Kentucky June 28-July 6. Thank you to all of you who supported us during our fundraisers this year. You were all a blessing to us.