

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

As you receive this edition of the Carillon the season of Lent will be half over. One meaning of the word “lent” is the “lengthening days”. Easter will be very early this year, March 31. That may be good news for those who find February interminable.

Lent is a time for remembering that the sacrifice of Christ has opened to us infinitely more days than our natural span allows. The traditional observance that the Church enjoins has as its purpose the contemplation of the contrast between inevitable death and the promise of everlasting life, between the end of winter and the approach of spring, between the cross and its ghastly burden, and the resplendent garden brilliant with the light of victory. The infinite distance between the world as it was without the revelation of God in Jesus and the cosmos as it will be in its transfiguration by His ultimate Epiphany is carried by each of us in the center of our being.

Lent is a time for giving up an external distraction to focus within on the ambiguity that moves us to seek distractions. In our fast paced, internet filled world, we Carolinians are besieged with such distractions. Of course, we are neither “totally depraved” in Calvin’s misused phrase, nor “really good at heart” as cable reality self-help shows may assert. We are a mixed bag, created for good but inclined to evil. We need saving, not just before we “accepted the Lord,” but now, and perhaps now more than ever. Contemplating our need for salvation will help us to see even more clearly the hope that Jesus has brought to us. Lent is the whetstone of faith.

Our task my good friends during this Lenten season is to emerge from the remembrance of the mighty acts of God as strengthened people, comforted by hope yet also determined to further the kingdom first in the depths of our own selves. The experience of Lent should make us better evangelists, more eager than ever to share the Good News that we have a Savior.

Reflecting on the passion of Christ and his great sacrifice for us, is really a motion of our souls as we move from death to life. I do hope you are taking advantage of the opportunities at Caroline Church to reflect on your spiritual life, through our weekday worship services, supple-

mental Lenten Day by Day booklets, Lent Madness, and our three week Lenten Soup Supper Program.

May you grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord, and so abound in hope.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Richard+

Joint Foyer Dinner

Sunday, March 3rd
at 5:00pm

Come to the Joint Foyer Group Dinner in the Marco Smith building. Even if you have not signed up for a dish yet, come anyway. You can always bring some fruit or liquid libation! The theme is *All Things Welsh* in honor of St. David, the Patron Saint of Wales, poets and vegetarians whose feast day is March 1st.

There will be entertainment, skits, and song by our very own truly gifted, KATHERINE KAISER. Come for the food, come for the fun, come to the Joint Foyer Dinner!

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.*

Our Anglican Heritage

Thomas Ken

Thomas Ken in the course of his lifetime was both rewarded and punished for his firm adherence to principle. He was born in 1637 and reared by his half-sister Anne and her husband the well-known angler Izaak Walton. He became a clergyman and served for a year at The Hague as chaplain to Mary, Princess of England and Queen of Holland, niece of King Charles II of England and wife of the Dutch King William of Orange. During this year he publicly rebuked King William for his treatment of his wife Mary, which may be why he was chaplain there for only a year. Upon his return to England, he was made Royal Chaplain to King Charles. The King had a mistress, Nell Gwyn, and for his convenience wished to lodge her in his chaplain's residence. Thomas sent the King a sharp refusal, saying that it was not suitable that the Royal Chaplain should double as the Royal Pimp. Charles admired his honesty and bluntness, and when the bishopric of Bath and Wells became available soon after, he declared, "None shall have it but that little man who refused lodging to poor Nellie!" Ken was accordingly made a bishop. When Charles was on his deathbed, it was Ken whom he asked to be with him and prepare him for death.

Under the next king, James II, brother of Charles, matters were different. James converted to Roman Catholicism, the religion of his mother, and political turmoil followed. James issued a decree known as the Declaration of Indulgence, which decreed that various public offices formerly open only to Anglicans, should thereafter be open to all persons. It was feared that the King would appoint large numbers of Roman Catholics to positions of power, and eventually transfer to them the control of the government. When the King commanded the bishops to proclaim the Declaration of Indulgence, seven of them refused to do so and were by the King's command imprisoned in the Tower of London. The people of London rioted, and the bishops were freed and carried in triumph through the streets of the city. Soon after, Parliament offered the crown to the King's daughter Mary and her husband William of Orange and James fled into exile.

William and Mary naturally began their reign by demanding oaths of allegiance from all persons holding public positions, including the bishops. Thomas Ken and others (known as the Non-Jurors -- the older meaning of "juror" is "one who takes an oath," hence "perjurer" as "one who swears falsely") refused to take the oath, on the grounds that they had sworn allegiance to James, and could not during his lifetime swear allegiance to another monarch without making such oaths a mockery. They were accordingly put out of office.

The bishops of Scotland also refused the oath, and William and Mary retaliated by disestablishing the Church in Scotland and making the Presbyterians the official state Church there instead. Therefore, we have in Scotland to-

day the Kirk of Scotland (a Presbyterian Calvinist group which is the established Church there), The Episcopal Kirk of Scotland (an Anglican Church, what is known as a "free" Church in the sense of having no ties with the government), the Free Kirk of Scotland (broken off from the Kirk of Scotland), and the Wee Free Kirk of Scotland (broken off from the Free Kirk--everyone calls them the "Wee Frees"). During his lifetime he was known for his books of sermons. Today, he is best known for several hymns that he wrote, and in particular the well-known evening hymn, "All praise to thee, my God, this night," which concludes with his doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Thomas Ken became a private tutor and spent the rest of his life in retirement. He died March 19, 1711 and is usually commemorated on March 20 or 21 in the Episcopal Church.



Lent Madness

Who will Win the Golden Halo?

Join in this fun Lenten activity for the whole parish family as the clergy of Caroline challenge you all to take part in Lent Madness, a playoff of saints competing for the Golden Halo award? Lent Madness got underway on Ash Thursday, and it has been sweeping the nations! More than 4,000 people from around the globe have voted each day, and you, too, can join the madness by voting daily (Monday — Friday) for your favorite saint of the day.

Simply log on each day to: <http://ww.lentmadness.org/> to be enlightened about the two saints competing that day, and then cast your net ...er ...**vote** for your favorite. It's that simple, and it's great fun to see who wins when the polls close! Who will be in the Saintly Sixteen, Elate Eight, and Final Four? Who will win the Golden Halo?

CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK 2013

The rites of Holy Week (March 24 - 31) are ancient and by nature different from the liturgical celebrations of the rest of the Church Year. This difference is meant to focus our attention on the mysteries being celebrated in this sacred time. If the time between Palm Sunday and Easter Day seems endless, it is with a purpose. Time is suspended as we reflect on and celebrate the great mysteries of our salvation.

Passion/Palm Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:15AM Holy Eucharist and Blessing of The Palms

Palm or Passion Sunday, celebrated this year on March 24, begins with the outdoor blessing of the palms and a symbolic procession into the Church, lead by our children at half past nine o'clock. This service also includes a dramatic Gospel reading of our Lord's passion. Our liturgy recalls Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, but also demonstrates that our Lord's mission was to go to the cross.

Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM Choral Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar, & Nightwatch

Maundy Thursday, observed this year on March 28, will begin with a representation of Our Lord's Institution of the Holy Eucharist. The service also recalls the law of love, in Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet. At the conclusion of the service after the sacred vessels are reserved at an altar of repose, the altar and chancel area are stripped of all furnishings to symbolize the complete emptying of Jesus, even to death on a cross. Most of us then depart in silence; some will remain to begin the Gethsemane Watch at the Altar of Repose. These hours of prayer and watch will last until ten o'clock Friday morning.

Good Friday

10:00 AM Stations of the Cross

5:00 PM Children's Good Friday Service

7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy

On this day we remember Jesus' death on the Cross. For the Stations of the Cross, we will gather to pause for prayer, versicle and response, and the reading of Scripture as we ponder a series of depictions of events in the narrative of Christ's passion. The Good Friday liturgy in the evening includes John's passion account, the Solemn Collects, a sermon, Veneration of the Cross, and music. Good Friday is a day of fasting, abstinence, and penance.

Holy Saturday

8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word

8:30 – 9:30 AM Sacrament of Penance

There is no Eucharist this morning. A brief Liturgy of the Word will be offered focusing on the time Christ lay in His tomb before the Easter resurrection. The opportunity for you to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation is extended.

Easter Eve

7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter

With the ancient Jewish custom of worshipping from sunset to sunset in mind, on this exciting day we celebrate the Feast of Christ's resurrection from the dead. This lengthy but beautiful liturgical experience is the central and most important rite of the entire Christian year. Since the third century, this rich service begins in darkness with the lighting of the new fire, from which the Paschal candle is lighted. The Easter Vigil continues with lessons, which trace the history of God's people in the Old Testament, the renewal of our Baptismal vows, and the first Eucharist of Easter. Exquisite flowers, 'Alleluias', bell ringing and glorious hymns mark Easter. Come and give God joyful praise as we enjoy fellowship and the hope of eternal life.

Easter Day

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day March 31

6:30 AM Sunrise Service (Setauket Beach)

8:00 AM Choral Festal Holy Eucharist

9:30 AM Family Holy Eucharist

11:15 AM Choral Festal Holy Eucharist

The Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday will take place with joyful music, glorious flowers and striking vestments. The Fifty Days of Easter feasting begins as we remember what Our Lord has accomplished for us!



Lenten Suppers

The Jesus I Never Knew

Lenten Suppers and Program

Our simple soup suppers this Lent will be accompanied by a program called “The Jesus I Never Knew” by Philip Yancey. How do the Gospels really describe Jesus? How does the Jesus of the New Testament compare to the “new, rediscovered” Jesus – or even the Jesus we think we know so well? This program offers a fresh look at this central figure of history and the foundation of our faith.

Mark your calendars: February 27th, March 6th and March 13th.

- 6:00 p.m. Gather and share a simple soup and bread supper
- 6:45 p.m. Video clip and brief discussion
- 7:45 p.m. A Late Evening Office (Compline from the Irish BCP)

Come and feed your body and soul, and take a fresh look at Jesus!

Annual Episcopal Charities Appeal

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35

The Episcopal Charities Annual Appeal is now underway. The Annual Appeal not only funds the ministries and operations of the Diocese, it can fund services that are of great help to ministries here in our parish.

Call the parish office if you would like a Pledge Envelope sent to you. Or you can pick one up at church.

You are Invited!

On behalf of the Cure MS Foundation of New York and the Lombardi family, organist **Bethany Cencer** invites you to the 3rd Annual Candlelight Gala to support continuing research in the treatment of multiple sclerosis at Stony Brook University Medical Center. Bethany was recently diagnosed with MS, and has since gotten involved the search for a cure. The event is Thursday, March 7, 6:30-10:00 pm, at Villa Lombardi's, 877 Main Street, Holbrook. It includes drinks, hors d'oeuvres and an amazing multi-course meal. Cost is \$125 per person. This is a sister location to Lombardi's on the Sound, where we have our annual Epiphany Ball. All proceeds go to the Cure MS Foundation. Tickets available online at www.curemsfoundationofny.org. For more info, feel free to contact Bethany at 631-553-7007.

Organist **Bethany Cencer** will present her final doctoral harpsichord recital on Friday April 19 at 4:00pm in the Recital Hall of the Staller Center for the Arts. Free Admission. Music by Couperin, Rameau, DuPhly, and Bach. Come and enjoy some amazing music of the high Baroque!

ECW Evening Branch

The last ECW meeting on February 20 was a movie and popcorn night. We watched *Luther* with Ralph Fiennes and Peter Ustinov. The movie was riveting as the only sound from the audience was the occasional crunch of the popcorn!

Due to the Lenten Suppers, our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm in the MCS building. The Spring Fling Paper Bag Ball on April 13th requires a lot of planning and that is what we will be doing at our next meeting. Ladies, tickets are available NOW! See Eileen De Rosa or me. Come join us and take part in the fun!

Mirjana Ellis
rmellis@optonline.net

20s and 30s Group

The twenties and thirties will head to Port Jeff Lobster House (1 North Country Road, Port Jefferson) on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 for 19.99 lobster night! The price includes a 1 1/4 pound lobster, 1 pound of mussels, corn on the cob, potatoes, and a salad. There are other non-shellfish menu items, just in case you're keeping kosher for Lent. Please RSVP to Lindsay at lindsay.baldwin.porter@gmail.com or on Facebook at Caroline Twenties and Thirties.

The Watch

The Watch will take place starting at 9:00pm on Maundy Thursday, March 28th through 10:00am Good Friday Morning. Please see the sign up sheet in the back of the church. The Youth have signed up from 9pm through 11pm. We need other parishioners for the Watch from 11pm-10am. This is a good time to spend alone with God in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Matthew 26:36-45 (NIV)

Gethsemane

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."



HOLY WEEK

Looking for Readers

We are looking for some people who would like to be a part of the "Passion's", which take place during Holy Week. You do *not* have to be a 'regular' reader to participate in this ministry.

Please call Janet in the parish office if you would like to read a part. You only have to read for 1 service.

Palm Sunday:

8:00am:

Narrator, Pilate, Chief Priest, Soldier, Criminal 1 & 2.

9:30am:

Narrator, Peter, Criminal 1, Disciple, Servant Girl, By-stander, Soldier, Pilate, Priest, Criminal 2, Centurion.

11:15am:

Narrator, Peter, Criminal 1, Disciple, Servant Girl, By-stander, Soldier, Pilate, Priest, Criminal 2, Centurion.

Good Friday 7:00pm:

Narrator, Soldier, Guard, Police, Pilate, Priest, Slave, Elder 1, Elder 2, Peter.

Holy Saturday 7:00pm:

Creation - Genesis 1:1-2:2

Flood - Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18, 9:8-13

Deliverance - Exodus 14:10-15:20-21

Cleansing - Ezekiel 36:24-28

Salvation—Isaiah 55:1-11

HOLY WEEK **DATES:**

March 24th - Palm Sunday

March 27th - Tenebrae Service

March 28th - Maundy Thursday

March 29th - Good Friday

CYC Youth Group

The CYC will meet in the Cave after the Maundy Thursday service on March 28th to stuff eggs and watch a movie. We will also have an opportunity to take half-hour shifts in the Nightwatch, lasting until 11:00pm.



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

I hope by this time everyone is shoveled out from the snow storm. Let's hope the snow is behind us and Spring is around the corner. We have a few things coming up in the month of March that you do not want to miss.

March 9th-Family Bingo Night. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Followed by Bingo. All ages are invited to attend.

March 10th-Mothering Sunday, Church School will host a special coffee hour breakfast to celebrate all the Mothers, Aunts, and Grandmothers, of our church.

March 17th-all the children will make palm crosses. The crosses will be given out at each of the services on Palm Sunday.

March 24th-The youth group will have a Bake Sale. All proceeds will benefit youth events. If you can help out by baking items, just bring them the morning of the 24th. Thank you in advance.

March 29th-Good Friday Family Service. This service starts at 5:00pm, this is the service that we hand out pretzels.

March 30th-Our Annual Bunny Breakfast followed by egg hunt. The breakfast begins at 9:30am. All are invited to attend. If possible call the office, 941-4245, to let us know how many will be coming. We want to make sure we have enough seats set up and enough food for everyone.

March 31st-Easter Sunday, NO CHURCH SCHOOL. Services are at 6:30am at Setauket Beach, 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:15am at the church.

If you have any questions about any of the events, please call me at the Church Office at 941-4245.

Mary Doherty
Church School Director

Don't Forget.....

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

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'Do-
nahue

Kevin LoRusso

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

Caring For The Caregiver

The Caring for the Caregiver Support Group is off to a strong start for 2013. The group now meets regularly on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9:30 to 11:00 am.

Attendance is steady with at least one new person attending each meeting. It is interesting to note how participants became aware of the support group and how some decide to participate. At the last meeting, the newcomer responded that she had a flyer on her refrigerator door for the past six months and that she had no idea where it had come from. Another caregiver said it was a choice between a ceramics class, for which her daughter was advocating, or the support group. Now the daughter asks when the next meeting is scheduled, eager for her mom to attend because it is obvious how much better she feels when she gets back home.

So the point is twofold: First, local caregivers need to know that our church provides this resource. This translates simply into OUTREACH. Outreach is something that every Caroline Church parishioner can and should participate in. Flyers are available for distribution. Even giving out two or three flyers has the potential to be meaningful – it might reach a fellow community member in need and that would be a wonderful thing. Flyers can be left in the church office for pick-up, given in person on any Sunday or even mailed to you. The second point is that the caregiver support group works – it helps caregivers feel better which translates into their being better caregivers. A win-win situation for all involved.

For additional information, please contact Virginia Cash at 428-0902 or vcash5msw@aol.com.

Eastertide Decorations

We are now accepting contributions for Easter decorations in the Church. If you would like to make a gift of flowers for the altar on Easter Sunday, please fill out and return the form below to the Parish Office, 1 Dyke Rd., Setauket, NY 11733, by no later than Sunday, **March 17th**. Any gifts received after March 17th, will be placed in the following weeks bulletin. Please make checks out to the '**Caroline Church**', with "Easter flowers" noted on the memo portion of the check.

My Offering for Easter Flowers

In loving memory of _____
(Please print names clearly)

In Thanksgiving for _____
(Please print names clearly)

Name: _____ Envelope No. _____

Amount: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to '**Caroline Church**' and mail to the Parish Office, or place in the collection plate.



Parish Family News

Lorraine and Michael Massie's daughter Samantha is expecting her first child. She is due in June!!! Congratulations to the proud grandparents to be!!!

Laurie Ann Groth, Maritza Groth's daughter recently got engaged. Her fiancé, John Wyatt is the son of a Methodist Minister in Clarkton, Michigan. They are planning to have the wedding in the fall of 2014.

Please send the detail of things you would like others to be aware of to Maritza Groth at mlgroth@gmail.com or Mgroth@matherhospital.org or mlgroth@aol.com

Both your happy news and news of other life changes such as a loss of a close family member will be shared through this column when you let us know to do so. As a Christian family, we will be closer if we can share our life joys and struggles with one another.

Theophilus Healing Mission A Chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician

Our next Healing Service will be at Caroline Church, Friday March 1st at 7:30 pm. Our next OSL meeting will be Friday, March 15th with the book study starting at 7:00pm followed by our meeting at 7:30pm.

All our events are open to parishioners and the wider community. We are here for your prayer needs. So many of the stories in the Gospels are about Jesus' healing ministry. We read about others, friends and relatives bringing their sick to Jesus for Him to heal them. The same is true today, we are also called to bring others to Jesus for healing. It is in faith that we bring others to Jesus for Him to heal. Healing was not only for those who lived during Jesus' time but also for us in this hurting world. So we encourage you to bring others either to our Healing Services or after the 9:30 service on Sunday. We are here for your prayer needs.

Ginny and Ann
Theophilus Healing Ministry

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/01	Kaitlyn Roggemann Amanda Hazell Alexandra Cierski Aaliyan Ashley	03/18	Sky Klasek Phil Sheridan Nicholas Buscemi
03/02	Sue Nalewajk Amanda Johnson	03/21	Ed Kemp Mary Murphy Neil Boyle Sarah Boyle
03/03	Dan Johnson Fred Pollert, Jr. Julia McCarthy	03/22	Matthew Pisano Nathaniel Clarkson
03/04	Megan Herbst	03/23	Eileen Hazell Daniel Kelly Scott Kady
03/06	Peter Baigent Jackie Hull	03/24	Donna Butruch Daniel Strakosch Sarah Griesel
03/07	Bethany Cencer-Blake Heather Savage Brian Campbell Zachary Flynn Sophia Foucher	03/25	Jon Seymour
03/08	Paul O'Dell Carl Zorn Kayla Zorn Conner Frank	03/26	Diane Kaiser Justin LaSorsa
03/09	Ella Meister Derek Hampson Bonnie Meyer Regina Sanislo	03/27	Marilyn Folz Sue Seel Michael Wittkowski Vincent Semler Christian Aversano
03/10	Heather Gristock	03/28	Cynthia Rickey Katelyn Wittkowski Ernie Bello
03/10	Sarah LaSorsa	03/29	David Dunn Mike Specht Greg Timm
03/11	Stephanie Seymour Emma Kanestrin	03/30	Deborah Longo Abigail O'Dell
03/12	Janine Ruland	03/31	Richard Schwab Eric Laux
03/13	Amie Bello		
03/14	Sue Dubowski John Lockhart		
03/15	Jennifer Desposito Victoria Bonvento		
03/16	Pat Harding Sarah Hull Natalia Buscemi		
03/17	Kevin Seaman		
03/17	Andrew Russell		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

1 Peter 4:10

Parish Ministry Opportunities

The ministries of Caroline Church

As you read about our parish goals for 2013 and all the existing ministries summarized in this Carillon, see where you can contribute some time and talent. A parish family is just that, a family where each member contributes to the health and well-being of the whole. So when you get a call, e-mail or a request in conversation from a member of any of these ministries to see if you can contribute your efforts, say yes! What you do for the glory of God and his church is but a fraction of the graces that Our Lord has blessed you with throughout your life.

Diocesan Convention Delegate

You can be a Diocesan Convention Delegate. Every year at our Annual Parish Meeting there is a call extended for any parishioners to serve as a delegate from Caroline Church to the annual diocesan convention in November. Caroline Church is apportioned three delegates (and three alternates) and two youth representatives for the convention. This year's convention, the 147th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island will convene on Friday and Saturday, November 15th and 16th, 2013 at the Marriott hotel in Melville. You could be one of these delegates! Being a Convention Delegate is a great way to appreciate what is going on outside our own neighborhood parish, to meet other Episcopalians (or visit with old friends), and to share our experiences with others.

If you are interested in being a delegate from Caroline Church to our regular yearly diocesan convention in November 2013 please speak with Fr. Richard as soon as possible.

Ultreya!

Ultreya is a Spanish word, meaning Onward! It was in common use by pilgrims to greet and encourage one another along the way. All Parishioners and their friends are welcome to join us on the 4th Friday of the month for Ultreya. It is a shared time of fellowship, singing and spiritual encouragement.

The next Ultreya will meet Friday, March 22nd beginning at 7:30pm at Caroline Church.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Seel.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our prayer shawl ministry continues to serve the people of our community. We have a devoted group of women who gather regularly on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30am in different people's homes.

Our group is ecumenical and expanding all the time. We represent many different churches and encourage anyone who is interested, to attend and bring a friend. You do not have to be experienced to come. We are willing to teach you!

We open with prayer, discuss patterns and colors, teach others, pray for others, and listen to a short meditation. During a time of silence we focus on God, our knitting, and the clicking of our needles.

We have given away over 125 shawls. The shawls and lap robes have been warmly and graciously received. We trust that the shawls we have created send a message of God's love and compassion to all who receive them.

Our next gathering will be on March 16th at 8:30am. We look forward to having new members.

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



Grief Support Group

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 Fr. Richard at the parish office, or Don Muffly at 689-8804.

Buildings & Grounds

Snow.

Of course, the blizzard dominated the month of February. The chain saws belonging to our tree service had barely cooled from the three days of Sandy cleanup when the blizzard hit. Apparently the very dry conditions we had in 2012 made the trees more brittle. Add the wind and heavy snow. Result: we suffered more damage even after the work done last summer and from Sandy cleanup. About seven trees were damaged. Fortunately only one had to be taken down completely. Even more fortunately the newly repaired and installed curved section of fence was undamaged by a limb that hit the ground about ten feet away.

We maintained power and heat throughout the storm. Our main contractors get kudos for their quick reactions. Old Field Landscaping was in multiple times with their plows and shovels, not allowing the storm to get ahead of them. So while many streets in the community were impassable, our lots and walkways were open for Sunday services. Old Filed Landscaping also cut away a tree limb that blocked Bates Road and our neighbors. Sunburst was also on site quickly to assess our trees—and had a crew there by mid-week removing the downed wood, hangers and cutting away the splintered remains of limbs.

Work will begin soon on the removal of a rotted door in the Sacristy. The Building Committee has been mulling the options to address the issue and those options will have been presented to the Vestry by the time this article is published. Custom parts will be needed, so we need to press ahead with this project so that we can then move forward with the larger painting project. We are in the process of gathering proposals for painting and hope to get this done in the first half of the year. That will allow us to enjoy the results during the warmer months when our grounds look their best.

So while winter may not be over, spring is coming. As we walked the grounds taking photos of the tree work and storm damage (some photos are up on the web site), we spotted the sprouts of recently planted bulbs pushing their way through the soil inches away from mounds of snow. Stay warm—spring will be here.

Chris Haring, Chair
Buildings, Churchyard and Village Green