

## Vestry Highlights February

- ◆ The officers of the Vestry were elected;
- ◆ Diocesan Parochial Report was reviewed;
- ◆ The Vestry discussed Bishop Larry's question, "How does this congregation serve God's mission to God's people in this community?";
- ◆ Repairs to the door in the Sacristy are to begin;
- ◆ Would you like to be a delegate to the Diocesan Convention in November?;
- ◆ Martiza Groth is our fellow parishioner/Vestrymember who will be reporting about special family events and news. Please contact her with announcements of births, weddings, awards, promotions, etc. that we can celebrate as a church family.

Clerk of the Vestry  
Lorraine Massie

## Brotherhood of St. Andrew's

### Dates to Remember:

- ◆ Saturday, March 16th, Women's and Girls Communion Breakfast 8:00 am. Come early and prepare to cook, set up, serve and entertain!
- ◆ Saturday March 23, Annual Men's retreat at Little Portion Friary. All men of the church are invited to join us on this retreat. Let us join together and be refreshed! Please call me at 609-0993 if you are planning on attending. We will start at 8:00am.

Br. Mark

## Caroline Church's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Fair

The Date is set: Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
(Rain date Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>)

We have started our planning and are very excited to bring this outreach event to the community. Past vendors are being contacted for first dibs on a booth. Volunteers are needed. So let's have some fun and support our outreach projects. Please call Mark LaSorsa 609-0993 or contact any of the Brothers for a chance to join us.

Blessings all,  
Br. Mark

## Vestry Retreat for 2013

On February 2 members of the Vestry participated in their annual retreat at Little Portion Friary. New and returning Vestrypersons and our Youth Vestry Representative filled out the roster. The day began at 9:30 a.m. with Fr. Richard leading the Vestry in Morning Prayer, followed by a scriptural meditation. It was a busy morning, as members reviewed the mission of Christ's church, Caroline Church's Vision, Mission, Goal and Objective Statements, examined the vestry's calling to be leaders, and reflected on how we are to relate to each other as understood in our Vestry Covenant.

The Vestry attended a noonday Holy Eucharist with the Brothers, and shared a meal with the community. After lunch, the vestry did a mutual ministry review with Fr. Richard. We reflected on our desire to have more parishioners involved and committed to the ministry and worship of our parish. We evaluated the fifth year of our Five Year Plan and last year's goals, and set new ones for 2013. Various Vestry Committee assignments were made and counting teams, bible study sign-ups, and Diocesan expectations were reviewed.

These goals were developed for 2013:

1. Reach out to the fringed and lapsed members of our parish encouraging their participation in the full life of our faith community. The Hospitality Committee will take the lead in advancing this goal.
2. Promote new parishioner church involvement through varied marketing avenues. The Publicity Committee will head up this goal.
3. Develop and implement an assimilation program for new members. The Hospitality committee will spearhead this effort.
4. Study and if needed reorganize our Christian Education and Youth Ministry programs with the goal of maximizing their use and effectiveness in nurturing our children and young people. The Christian Education Committee, Director of Church School and Youth Ministry Leaders will coordinate this effort.
5. Encourage greater community use of our facilities. The Community Service Committee will advance this goal.
6. Produce a new parish pictorial directory. The Publicity Committee will move this forward.
7. Review Parish By-Laws and update if needed. The Wardens and Rector will draft any changes.
8. Develop and advance our ministry partnership with All Souls' Church. The Rector and Wardens will oversee this process.

The Vestry believes, with God's blessing and the commitment of all parishioners, that we will move forward on the goals established for 2013.

# Committees of the Vestry 2013

## Chairpersons

**Finance** – is responsible for all of the financial affairs of the church excepting only those responsibilities specifically assigned by our By-Laws to the Investment Committee.

Chair: Bruce Cash 751-3541

**Investment**– is responsible for formulating and submitting to the Vestry all manner of recommendations pertaining to the investment of the funds of Caroline Church.

Chair: Chris Haring 473-8931

**Stewardship and Planned Giving** - is responsible for overseeing the yearly financial stewardship effort for our parish, encouraging the congregation to do Planned Giving and developing a year-round comprehensive stewardship teaching.

Chair: Claire Mis 689-1210

**Buildings** – is in charge of maintenance, improvement, safety and insurance of all buildings belonging to Caroline Church.

Chair: Chris Haring 473-8931

**Churchyard, Grounds and Village Green** – is in charge of the maintenance of the Churchyard, grounds and village green. This committee also recommends churchyard plot assignments and proposed monuments and processes requests for use of the village green.

Chair: Chris Haring 473-8931

**Music, Organ and Pianos** - is responsible for the maintenance of our church organ, pianos and other parish owned musical instruments. The committee also monitors the entire music program in order to maintain a high standard of excellence in presentation and administration.

Chair: Virginia Apmann 751-0299

**Christian Education and Youth** - Plans and provides for the Christian Education and spiritual development of our children and youth.

Co-Chairs: Claire Mis 689-1210 and Diane Amato 721-1297

**Fundraising and Outreach** - is responsible for coordinating the overall financial outreach through various fundraising activities done by any organization or group within the parish.

Chair: Mark LaSorsa 609-0993

**Hospitality/Newcomer's Ministry** - facilitates the welcoming of parish visitors and the integration of new members into the life of our faith community.

Chair: Irene Ruddock 751-8337

**Planning and Evaluation** - Develops and monitors the long-term vision, mission, goals and objectives of our parish.

Chair: Don Muffly 689-8804

**Adult Education** - Plans, offers and supports programs that strengthen the biblical, theological and spiritual development of the adult members of the parish.

**SERF Club** (formerly Family Life Ministry) - An acronym for Service, Education, Religion and Fellowship, encourage others to live out their Christian faith through prayer, works, education and social fellowship. SERF will also develop parish programs that will provide for the spiritual needs of families with elementary age children, fostering cohesiveness, fellowship, and commitment to the church.

Co-Chairs: Diane Amato 751-1297 and Bruce Cash 751-3541

**Community Service Ministry** - is responsible to match the needs of our local community with Caroline Church's ability to meet those needs. Makes recommendations to the vestry for use of our facilities by community groups and coordinates the use of our buildings by all internal and external groups.

Chair: Don Pollard 846-9599

**Parish Historical and Cultural Artifacts Commission** - is responsible to collect, inventory, preserve, store and display various pieces of art, drawings, pictures, furniture and other objects that have an historical or religious connection to Caroline Church.

Chair: Marcia Seaman 751-3129

**Public Relations Task Force** - Develops and maintains a marketing and publicity plan for the parish.

Chair: Lorraine Masssie 331-1109

Senior Warden - Don Muffly

Junior Warden - Chris Haring

Treasurer - Bruce Cash

Assistant Treasurer - Chris Haring

Clerk of the Vestry - Lorraine Massie

Assistant Clerk of the Vestry - Maritza Groth

Chancellor - Ed Vitale, Esq.

# Celebrating Stewardship throughout the Year

## Lent

Stewardship is ...

Everything I do after I say, "*I believe.*"

God calls us to share in God's mission of caring for the world, using all the gifts God has given us. We are stewards, caretakers of God's gifts. Everything we have was a gift from God, and God asks us to use it all for God's purposes. Generosity flows naturally out of our gratitude for the gift of love, family, and life itself.

In the church, we are stewards of the good news of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. We are called to share that good news with new generations.

Stewardship isn't ...

- ◆ Fundraising.
- ◆ Paying the light bills or maintaining a building.
  - ◆ Paying a decent staff.
  - ◆ Meeting the budget.
  - ◆ Keeping the church alive.
- ◆ Paying our fair share of the dues.
- ◆ Passing on a legacy to our children.

Stewardship is ...

- ◆ Sharing in God's mission with a glad, generous and grateful heart.
  - ◆ Transforming lives in our community.
  - ◆ Prayerfully responding to God's call.
    - ◆ A deeply spiritual matter.
- ◆ Something that blesses the giver more than the receiver.

*Stewardship is discipleship; it is a complete reorientation of our lives toward God, who calls us through Jesus Christ.*

Stewardship is... *Everything* I do after I say, "I believe."

*From: The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS)*



Stewards of our Time: Lent  
We will focus on Telling Our Stories

Stories are powerful. We all love stories, especially ones that give us an "inside look" into someone else's life. As children of God, we each have a powerful story to tell. Sharing how you came to Jesus and the difference He's made in your life can help others discover how they, too, can know God personally.

But how do we distill a lifetime of experiences into a few minutes and communicate the significance of our faith in a way others can understand?

How to Create and Share Your Spiritual Autobiography

*"I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and daughters shall prophesy; your old men (and women) shall dream dreams, and your young men (and women) shall see visions."* Joel 2 28, Acts 2:17b

Ours is a storytelling God. In God's Story we find our own and in our own stories, we find God at work in our lives and the lives of those whose lives touch ours. *The Acts of the Apostles* continue to be written by each person of faith. Your spiritual autobiography is your chapter in the book of *The Acts of the Apostles*.

Some Questions to Begin:

- ◆ What is your favorite Bible Story? Why?
- ◆ What is the first Bible Story you can remember being told? Why do you remember it?
- ◆ Is there a particular Bible passage or phrase that you find yourself thinking about or praying about or sharing?
- ◆ Is there a biblical passage that was particularly important to you at a time of struggle/crisis or of intense joy? Both?
- ◆ Do you have a favorite prayer? What does it mean to you?
- ◆ Do you have a favorite hymn? When do you find yourself singing it?
- ◆ Does your family have a grace or blessing handed down from generation to generation? Do you know who began the tradition? Is it important to you to continue it?

<http://www.buildfaith.org/2011/11/22/telling-our-faith-story/>

## Celebrating Stewardship throughout the Year

Topic	Time
	January—March
	Stewards in Covenant
Scripture	As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you. Genesis 9:9
Ministry Spotlight	Altar Guild Recognition in a Special Coffee Hour: April 7
For Every Parishioner Individually	Give time to join the Holy Week pilgrimage in the liturgies offered.
Reaching out through Volunteering	Youths to interview parishioners about their faith stories
	Volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School
Activities	Telling our Faith Stories
	Writing our Faith Stories
	Lenten Dinners Sharing our Faith Stories

Long Island Symphonic Choral Association  
(LISCA)  
Under the direction of conductor Thomas Schmidt  
Presents

### **“A MUSICAL AFTERNOON”**

Sunday, **March 10th**

3:00pm

at

Messiah Lutheran Church  
465 Pond Path, E. Setauket

#### Program

The Franz Schubert Mass in G

Moses Hogan spirituals:

“My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord”

“Abide With me”

“The Battle of Jericho”

“Alleluia” from a Brazilian Psalm

William Howells anthems:

“Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks”

“O pray for the peace of Jerusalem”

*Musicians from the graduate department at Stony Brook University will be accompanying the chorus.*

**Tickets (\$20 for general admission, \$15 for senior, and free for students) available at Three Village Music Shoppe, Bunny or Lindsay, and at the door.**

## Community News

Jefferson’s Ferry presents:

### **“Moving Made Easy”**

Tired of caring for your home? Too much clutter? We have joined forces with local move professionals to help make your next move as carefree as possible. Making the decision to move is the first step, but what comes next? These professionals can take you through the process from A-Z!

Please join us for this helpful and informative presentation on March 14th from 2:00pm-4:00pm. RSVP recommended as space is limited 675-5550. One Jefferson Ferry Drive, South Setauket.



Caroline Church

# 'Brown Bag Spring Fling'

## Saturday, April 13th

7:30PM - 10:30PM

### HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

**Outreach Evening to  
benefit  
Food Pantries:**

- St. Cuthbert's E. C. Selden.
- Christ Church  
United Methodist  
Church  
Pt. Jefferson Sta.
- St. James R.C.  
Church, Setauket

**Donation:** \$10.00 per person & a bag filled with non-perishable food.

The Setauket Neighborhood House

95 Main Street

East Setauket



B.Y.O. wine, beer or

petizers

champagne plus ap-

We will supply soda, water, ice, snacks, coffee, tea

AND

The D. J.

Call: Eileen at 474-7483

Or

Mirjana at 689-2627

For tickets.

## **The Vestry Covenant**

Recognizing that Holy Scripture will be our authority governing our behavior and relationships with one another and with the larger congregation, and acknowledging St. Paul's directive to Timothy (1 Tim 4:12) concerning his role as church leader to be "an example to the believers in speech, life, love, faith and purity," we therefore agree to the following:

### ***To love one another***

1. Creating and nurturing within the Vestry a safe and trusting atmosphere in which all members can feel comfortable and confident in expressing their thoughts and opinions,
2. Being sensitive to the different styles and personalities of individual Vestry members,
3. Seeking to validate, appreciate, acknowledge, and understand the unique and special gifts of each Vestry member,
4. Treating each Vestry member with respect by speaking and acting in such a way as to build up and support one another and confronting issues without demeaning anyone,
5. Refusing to listen to backbiting or gossip about any other Christian, especially other church leaders,
6. Insisting that people who have accusations to be made against another church leader do so in the presence of that individual,
7. Recognizing that certain discussions are of a confidential nature, thus maintain good, wise judgment in respecting that confidentiality,
8. Confronting with love those individuals who have hurt me in any way,
9. Following St. Matthew's principle (Mt. 18:15-17) for conflict resolution between individuals: speaking first to the individual alone; if to no avail, bringing another (Vestry member) and then, if necessary, finally referring the matter to the larger church (entire Vestry),
10. Practicing forgiveness for those I feel have wronged me,
11. Seeking to encourage those Vestry members, who may be suffering through trials of one kind or another,
12. Nurturing a servant attitude in that the Vestry's role is that of serving both God and His church;

### ***To seek God's will by striving for unity in all matters through***

1. Joining with the entire Vestry in submitting significant matters to prayer, especially prior to voting or decision-making,
2. Upholding the final decision of the Vestry even when I may disagree,
3. Always seeking to better understand others,
4. Submitting to one another in love,
5. Refraining from all discussions and conversations that are unwholesome and from following a divisive course,
6. Consciously seeking to abandon personal agendas and self-serving attitudes;

### ***To be an example to the congregation by striving to***

1. Faithfully attend Sabbath worship,
2. Consistently engage in study of the scriptures,
3. Live out the Christian life through regular, sacrificial giving,
4. Support the church through active attendance and participation,
5. Be faithful to Caroline Church's Vision, Mission, Goals & Objective Statements.

In summary, we will, in the words of St. Paul to the Colossians (Col.3:12-14), "as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, seek to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, and patience. We will bear with one another and forgive whatever grievances we may have against one another. We will seek to forgive as the Lord forgave us. And over these virtues we will put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."



Long Island Council of Churches



## **Ground for Hope - Long Island**

***Interfaith Environmental Action in Sandy's Wake***  
**Sunday, March 10, 2013, 2:30-8:00 pm    Temple Beth David, Commack**

On March 10, 2013, GreenFaith, the Long Island Council of Churches (LICC), and other religious and environmental partners will present ***Ground for Hope – Long Island***, an interfaith religious-environmental event for clergy, lay leaders, seminarians and comparable students from diverse faiths throughout Long Island. ***Ground for Hope – Long Island*** is part of a national series of similar events sponsored by GreenFaith and represents.

The event will be planned and coordinated by GreenFaith, LICC and other leading regional religious and environmental institutions. Participants - lay and ordained religious leaders – will learn to organize effective, meaningful environmental programs in diverse faith-based settings and to engage the vital social, moral and environmental issues posed by climate change.

The event will begin with inspiring multi-faith worship that addresses the suffering and harm caused by Sandy. Workshops will address topics including 'green' facility management, religious education and preaching on the environment, faith-based environmental advocacy, and more. A keynote address tentatively titled "In Sandy's Wake – Moral, Religious and Social Issues and Faith-based Responses" will be followed by a reception featuring local and organic food. Participants will receive ready-to-use curricula and programmatic materials enabling them to launch or strengthen environmental efforts at their house of worship, faith-based school, or agency.

Registration for the event will be \$25/person. Seminarians and students will attend for free. GreenFaith will provide on-line registration and staffing for all event planning.

### ***Get Involved***

GreenFaith and LICC are planning the event, with GreenFaith providing funding and overall coordination. GreenFaith and LICC are eager to work with regional partners to plan and coordinate the event. Regional institutions can become co-sponsors – a commitment that does not require a financial support.

**Co-Sponsors** have their logo displayed on all event-related publicity. Co-sponsors commit to publicize the event at least three times to their entire networks, help identify regional leaders whose work should be highlighted, and have at least 2 representatives at the event to assist with logistics, registration, etc. Co-sponsors may participate in the planning process, which will include monthly conference calls starting in the fall of 2011.

For further information, contact GreenFaith's Fletcher Harper at 732-565-7740, ext. 301 or [revfharper@greenfaith.org](mailto:revfharper@greenfaith.org) or Rev. Alison Cornish at [acornish@uuma.org](mailto:acornish@uuma.org).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2013</h1>						
					1 CYC Ski Trip  7:30 PM OSL Healing Service at Caroline	2 CYC Ski Trip  5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal
3 <b>LENT 3</b> 8:00am, 9:30am , 11:15am Services  CYC Ski Trip  9:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir 12:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting 3:00 PM Wedding: Pellettieri <b>5:00 PM JOINT FOYER GROUP DINNER</b>	4 10:30 AM Staff Meeting  6:45 PM 'Exploring The Word' Bible Study  7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Upper Room of Parish House	5 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in MCS building  3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM  7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	6  <b>6:00 PM 6pm Soup Supper/6:45 Lenten Program</b>	7  10:00 AM Three Village Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Sunrise Asst. 12:30 PM H.E & Healing Service  7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal	8	9 9:00 AM D.A.R. meets in MCS building 9:30 AM Caring for Caregivers Support Group in Parish House  1:00 PM Confirmation Class meets downstairs in MCS building  <b>6:00 PM FAMILY BINGO</b>
10 <b>LENT 4</b> 8:00am, 9:30am , 11:15am Services <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME</b> Mothering Sunday 10:45 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 4:00 PM CYC MEETS in 'CAVE'	11 9:00 AM Homeschoolers use MCS building  10:30 AM Staff Meeting  7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Upper Room of Parish House	12 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in MCS building  3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM  7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	13  <b>6:00 PM 6pm Soup Supper/6:45 Lenten Program</b>	14 10:00 AM Three Village Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Woodhaven 12:30 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal	15  7:00 PM OSL Meeting in MCS building	16 <b>8:00 AM Women's Corporate Communion Bkfst in MCS building</b> 8:30 AM Shawl Ministry in people's homes
17 <b>LENT 5</b> 8:00am, 9:30am , 11:15am Services CS make Palm Crosses 9:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir 10:45 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 4:00 PM CYC MEETS in 'CAVE'	18 9:00 AM Homeschoolers use MCS building 10:00 AM Church Tour 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:45 PM 'Exploring The Word' Bible Study 7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Upper Room of Parish House	19 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in MCS building  7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	20 10:00 AM Church Tour  7:00 PM Vestry Meeting  7:00 PM ECW (EB) meets in MCS building	21 10:00 AM Three Village Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Harborside 12:30 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM 20s & 30s Group meets	22 <b>DEADLINE FOR THE CARILLON</b>  7:30 PM No. Shore Ultreya at Caroline	23 <b>8:00 AM Brotherhood RETREAT at LPF</b> 9:30 AM Caring for Caregivers Support Group in Parish House  1:00 PM Confirmation Class meets downstairs in MCS building
24 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:00am, 9:30am , 11:15am Services  Youth Group Bake Sale Fundraiser 10:45 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 4:00 PM CYC MEETS in 'CAVE'	25 9:00 AM Homeschoolers use MCS building  10:30 AM Staff Meeting  7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Upper Room of Parish House	26 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in MCS building  7:00 PM Holy Eucharist	27  7:00 PM <b>TENABRAE SERVICE</b>	28 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>  10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Jefferson Ferry 12:30 PM H.E & Healing Service 6:00 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Holy Eucharist 9:00 PM THE WATCH	29 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10:00 AM Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM Ecumenical Service off site 4:15 PM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 5:00 PM Children's Service 6:00 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM THE LITURGY	30 <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 8:00 AM Liturgy 8:30 AM Reconciliation 9:30 AM Altar Guild to decorate the Altar 9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt/w Bunny Breakfast 6:00 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal 7:00 PM Great Vigil
31 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 6:30 AM Sunrise Service at Setauket Beach 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist w/ Senior Choir 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist w/Joyful Noise Choir 11:15 AM Holy Eucharist w/Senior Choir						
<h1>Holy Week</h1>						

# ***THE CARILLON***

**Caroline Church of Brookhaven**

**The Rev. Dr. Richard D. Visconti, Rector**

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**LENTEN PROGRAM & SOUP SUPPER**

**6:00PM MARCO C. SMITH BUILDING**

**MARCH 6TH, 13TH**

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE (SEE CALENDAR INSIDE)**

**MARCH 27TH, 28TH, 29TH, 30TH**

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST**

**Caroline Church of Brookhaven**  
**Summer Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m.**  
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