

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

This month we conclude our final weeks of Lent and celebrate the glorious resurrection of Our Lord and Savior. I wonder how your individual Lenten disciplines are going?

Last month the first Lenten discipline I suggested was fasting. Although there are several non-spiritual benefits to this discipline that I hope you are experiencing, there are four blessed spiritual gifts in keeping the Lenten Fast that we need to appreciate. The first is growth in holiness through an ever closer relationship with God. The second is a deeper understanding of love's meaning by discerning Christ in the world around us. The third is generosity through our sharing the gifts we have received. The fourth is self-discipline by relying on God's power, love and strength.

One of the main disciplines I mentioned last month was prayer. I have learned through the years that the main things I can do in my prayer relationship with God is to be open and responsive, to be expectant and honest, and to be faithful and obedient in His love and care, through the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit. He will do the rest; for which I am grateful.

Prayer comes in many sizes and shapes. Our coming together week after week for corporate, common worship in the Holy Eucharist, receiving and sharing Holy Scripture and sacraments, praying together to honor God as His church is vital. Our personal, quiet time of prayer, our private time with God and remembering Him and asking for guidance throughout each day is also necessary. This keeps up a life-giving ebb and flow in relationship building. I have also found that praying and sharing in small groups is a real help and a power-filled, lively time of prayer.

Obviously, prayer has high priority in what I feel is necessary in my life, but it is work and not always easy or comfortable. It needs challenges and revitalization over and over. As we enter Holy Week this month, there will be several opportunities to strengthen our prayer life in a corporate setting: Tenebrae, Holy Thursday, Good Friday Liturgy, Stations of the Cross, the Sacrament of Reconciliation of a Penitent, the Great Vigil of Easter and Easter Sunday. Each of these very unique and moving worship services gives us a powerful appreciation of God's outpouring love for us.

I also hope this Lenten season has given you several opportunities to practice that third Lenten discipline mentioned last month of Christian action. Have we stepped up our concern for the poor and hungry by moving out of our comfort zones and sharing what Our Lord has blessed us with others? There are still many opportunities to help in our local soup kitchens on Monday or Tuesday, transport our weekly food gatherings to St. Cuthbert's, or be first to sign up to bring a meal to a parishioner recovering from an illness through our Sonshine Ministry.

As we enter the holiest time of the year for us as a Christian family, let us prepare to live as resurrected people, lifting our hearts, hands and voices in grateful appreciation for the Lord's most generous grace leading us to a true newness of life.

With the risen Lord in our hearts,
Cn. Richard



Easter Holy Communion

If you or someone you know is sick, shut-in or not able to attend church and take part in the Lord's Supper during the Easter Season, please let the Parish Office know so that the clergy can take Holy Communion to that member during the great fifty days of Easter. Also, if you know someone who is not currently receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis from our Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Pastoral Care Visitors, or the clergy, please speak to Cn. Richard.

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

Pragmatism Versus God

The United States is known for its pragmatism, for choosing solutions that work over maintaining tradition. This is found at the popular level as well as in our philosophy. Charles Peirce, William James, and John Dewey were noted 19th century exponents of pragmatism. Today, Richard Rorty is recognized as one of America's premier philosophers and pragmatists. Much of the social, educational, and scientific advances that the United States has made can be attributed to a pragmatic outlook. That being said, there is a point at which pragmatism comes in conflict with God and can undermine our understanding of God's urgings.

In the 1961 film, "The Devil at 4 O'Clock," a volcano erupts violently on a small Pacific island. A priest from Hell's Kitchen and founder of the hospital, Fr. Doonan, and three convicts who hope to gain commutation of their sentences by doing a good deed parachute into a children's hospital for those with Hansen's Disease to lead the residents and staff to safety. They must arrive by four o'clock at the docks where a schooner is scheduled to escape the island with the high tide. On the way, one convict dies in a mud flow, and the priest and one injured convict become trapped on the far side of a collapsed bridge. The remaining healthy convict, Harry, leads the others, including his new bride, to safety in time for the schooner's departure, but then turns back. Those at the dock urge him not to return to the gorge, as Harry could do nothing to save the priest or injured fellow convict. There was a pragmatic response. Harry's recent bride, however, understands, and encourages the people to let Harry return. In possession of newfound self-respect that he knows he will lose if he abandons the priest, Harry makes his way to the site of the former bridge. From across the gorge, he says goodbye to the priest who helped him to recognize his own dignity and to his fellow convict moments before all three die.

In such instances, the pragmatic solution is not the spiritual solution. This was Harry's only choice if he was to live with peace of mind. We are as God made us, people with deep connections to those around us and with consciences that sense when that connection is violated. We cannot reason it away or escape its effect. All three convicts died because, for selfish motives, they volunteered to help save those at the children's hospital, but each gained something invaluable before death.

The film is melodramatic, but makes its point well. The temptation for Harry was to sail away on the schooner with his new bride—the devil awaited him at four o'clock. Throughout the film, many on the island question the existence of the God Fr. Doonan professes because they did not see earthly rewards accruing as a result of his faith. Fr. Doonan spent years building the hospital only to be rejected by the islanders and have his church boycotted because he was associated with "lepers." The islanders have misunderstood the rewards of serving God, which are self respect, love, and peace in one's heart, not popularity, wealth, and comfort. Even Fr. Doonan slips temporarily, as we humans

sometimes do. We all tend to forget that we serve Christ crucified. Our triumph is not measured by earthly rewards, but spiritual ones.

Our Anglican Heritage

David of Wales

David (or Dewi Sant in Welsh) is the patron saint of Wales and perhaps the most famous of British saints. Ironically, we have little reliable information about him. However, a biography written around 1090 by Rhygyfarch, son of the Bishop of St. David's gives us some information.

David was reputedly born on a cliff top near Capel Non (Non's chapel) on the South-West Wales coast during a fierce storm. Both his parents were descended from Welsh royalty. He was the son of Sandde, Prince of Powys, and Non, daughter of a chieftain of Menevia (now the little cathedral town of St David's). The site of David's birth is marked by the ruins of a tiny ancient chapel close to a holy well and the more recent 18th century chapel dedicated to his mother Non can still be seen near St. David's Cathedral.

In medieval times it was believed that St David was the nephew of King Arthur. Legend has it that the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick - also said to have been born near the present day city of St. David's - foresaw the birth of David in approximately 520AD.

The young David grew up to be a priest, being educated at the monastery of Hen Fynyw under the tutorage of St. Paulinus. According to legend David performed several miracles during his life including restoring Paulinus' sight. It is also said that during a battle against the Saxons, David advised his soldiers to wear leeks in their hats so that they could easily be distinguished from their enemies, which is why the leek is one of the emblems of Wales!

A vegetarian who ate only bread, herbs and vegetables and who drank only water, David became known as Aquaticus or Dewi Ddyfrwr (the water drinker) in Welsh. Sometimes, as a self-imposed penance, he would stand up to his neck in a lake of cold water, reciting Scripture! It is also said that milestones during his life were marked by the appearance of springs of water.

Becoming a missionary David travelled throughout Wales and Britain and even made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem where he was consecrated bishop. He founded 12 monasteries including Glastonbury and one at Minevia (St. David's) which he made his bishops seat. He was named Archbishop of Wales at the Synod of Brevi (Llandewi Brefi), Cardiganshire in 550.

Monastery life was very strict, the brothers having to work very hard, cultivating the land and pulling the plough. Many crafts were followed - beekeeping, in particular, was very important. The monks had to keep themselves fed as well as provide food and lodging for travelers. They also looked after the poor.

St David died on 1 March 589 A.D., at Minevia, allegedly over 100 years old. His remains were buried in a shrine in the 6th century cathedral which was ransacked in the 11th century by Viking invaders, who plundered the site and murdered two Welsh bishops.

After his death, his influence spread far and wide, first through Britain and then by sea to Cornwall and Brittany. In 1120, Pope Callactus II canonized David as a Saint. Following this he was declared Patron Saint of Wales. Such was David's influence that many pilgrimages were made to St. David's, and the Pope decreed that two pilgrimages made to St. David's equaled one to Rome while three were worth one to Jerusalem. Fifty churches in South Wales alone bear his name.

It is not certain how much of the history of St. David is fact and how much is mere speculation. However in 1996 bones were found in St. David's Cathedral which, it is claimed, could be those of Dewi himself. Perhaps these bones can tell us more about St David: priest, bishop and patron saint of Wales.

His life and ministry is celebrated annually throughout the Anglican Communion on March 1. That day is also known as St. David's Day, the national day of Wales and has been celebrated as such since the 12th Century. Today the celebrations usually involve the singing of traditional songs followed by a Te Bach, a tea with bara brith (famous welsh fruited bread) and teisen bach (welsh cake). Young girls are encouraged to wear national costume and leeks or daffodils are worn, being the national symbols of Wales.

"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 2016 and all the existing ministries, 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.



Forgiven and Forgiving A Lenten Series

Please join us at the Caroline Church for a three-part series, Forgiven and Forgiving. We will meet on consecutive Wednesdays, February 24th, March 2nd, and March 9th, at 6:00pm for a soup supper and reflection on the topic of forgiveness led by Fr. Farrell.

Afterwards, we will all process to the church for chanted compline. Music will be available for those who wish to join in.

A special educational program is planned for children at each meeting, and childcare will be provided for the youngest ones. Bring your whole family.

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 20,000 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://www.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?

Activities Coordinator Needed

Caroline Church is looking for an Activities Coordinator for our Community Vacation Bible School. (VBS). Time is running short. VBS is scheduled for July 11th-15th, 2016. If interested, please speak to Cn. Richard



Tenebrae Service

Wednesday, March 23rd
7:00 p.m.

In the tradition of the Church, we are offering a service of Tenebrae on Wednesday evening of Holy Week, March 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.

The word "tenebrae" is Latin for "darkness" or "shadows," and this liturgy has been offered in monasteries and churches since ancient times.

We will read from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet, and from the Psalms, and we will pray as the candle light diminishes, and as hope is restored.

Come, bring a friend, and experience darkness and light in a new way as part of your Holy Week journey.

The Watch

The Watch will take place starting at 9:00pm on Maundy Thursday, March 24th through 10:00am Good Friday Morning. **Please see the sign up sheet in the back of the church.** This is a good time to spend alone with God in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

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." Matthew 26:36-45 (NIV)



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, Criminal 2.

9:30am:

Narrator, Peter, Disciple, Servant Girl, Bystander, Soldier, Priest, Pilate, Criminal 1, Criminal 2, Centurion.

11:15am:

Narrator, Peter, Disciple, Servant Girl, Bystander, Soldier, Priest, Pilate, Criminal 1, Criminal 2, Centurion.

Good Friday 7:00pm:

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

Holy Saturday 7:00pm:

Creation - Genesis 1:1-2:4

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

Don't Forget.....

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

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, 1Dyke Rd., Setauket, NY 11733, by no later than Sunday, **March 14th**. Any gifts received after March 14th, 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.



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

Michael Cardamone, Melanie Gonzalez,
Don Gonzalez, Andrew Gaebelein

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

HOLY WEEK DATES:

March 20th - Palm Sunday

March 23rd - Tenebrae Service

March 24th - Maundy Thursday

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 200 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 is March 19th at 8:30am.

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

CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK 2016

The rites of Holy Week (March 20-March 27) 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 20, 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 24, 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

12:00 Noon Three Village Clergy Association Ecumenical Service

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 27

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!

Caroline Book Club

The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for March 4th. We are reading "Women in White" by Wilkie Collins. We meet in the Caroline Church upper Parish House at 3:00pm. All are welcome. If you have any questions, call Don Palmer at 631-473-2935.

Liturgical Calendar February



Burials: Matthew J. Postiglione

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.



Grief Support Group

Our next meeting date is March 17th, and we begin at 7:00pm. Anyone who has lost a loved one is cordially invited, even if your loss was years ago. Your attendance may be the spark to help someone else. We follow a basic structure and all sharing or discussions are held confidential.

For additional information, please contact Cn. Richard at the parish office, or Don Muffly at 689-8804.

Coffee & Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess Sign up for 2016



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

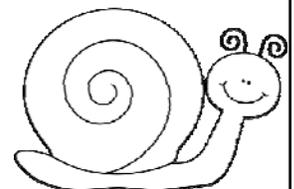
March Birthdays

- 03/01 Kaitlyn Roggemann
Amanda Hazell
Alexandra Cierski
Aaliyan Ashley
Jackson Marksberry
- 03/02 Amanda Johnson
- 03/03 Dan Johnson
Fred Pollert, Jr.
Julia McCarthy
- 03/06 Peter Baigent
Jackie Hull
- 03/07 Brian Campbell
Zachary Flynn
- 03/08 Paul O'Dell
Carl Zorn
Kayla Zorn
Conner Frank
- 03/09 Derek Hampson
Regina Sanislo
- 03/10 Sarah LaSorsa
- 03/14 Sue Dubowski
John Lockhart
- 03/15 Jennifer Desposito
Victoria Bonvento
- 03/16 Sarah Hull
Natalia Buscemi
Emma Smith
- 03/17 Kevin Seaman
- 03/17 Andrew Russell
- 03/18 Phil Sheridan
Nicholas Buscemi
- 03/21 Ed Kemp
- 03/22 Hayley Reyes
Nathaniel Clarkson
- 03/23 Eileen Hazell
Daniel Kelly
Scott Kady
- 03/24 Donna Butruch
Sarah Griesel
- 03/25 Jon Seymour
- 03/26 Diane Kaiser
Justin LaSorsa
- 03/27 Anthony Coleman
Sue Seel
Michael Wittkowski
Vincent Semler
Christian Aversano
- 03/28 Cynthia Rickey
Katelyn Wittkowski
- 03/29 Mike Specht
Greg Timm
- 03/30 Abigail O'Dell
- 03/31 Richard Schwab
Eric Laux



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Committees of the Vestry 2016

Chairpersons

Budget & 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.

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.

Co-Chair: Jean Sobalvarro 689-3678

Buildings & Grounds – is in charge of maintenance, improvement, safety and insurance of all buildings belonging to Caroline Church, and 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: Barbara Russell 689-9343

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. Chair: Maureen Reyes 751-2919

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

Welcoming Committee - facilitates the welcoming of parish visitors and the integration of new members into the life of our faith community. Chair: Maureen Reyes 751-2919

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 de-

velopment of the adult members of the parish.

Co-Chair: Fr. Farrell Graves; Co-Chair: Maritza Groth 941-1304

Parish Fellowship - Is a social committee promoting community by hosting several family oriented events throughout the year. Chair: 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: Mary Wueste 689-7269

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: Barbara Russell 689-9434

Senior Warden - Don Muffly

Junior Warden - Mark LaSorsa

Treasurer - Bruce Cash

Clerk of the Vestry - Barbara Russell

Assistant Clerk of the Vestry - Mary Wueste

Chancellor - Ed Vitale, Esq.



Vestry Highlights

February

- Approved 2015 Parochial Report
- Vestry assignments to committees
- Delegates to 2016 Diocesan Convention approved
- Epiphany Celebration upcoming Feb. 28th
- Lenten program Forgiven and Forgiving

Barbara Russell
Clerk of the Vestry



Vestry Retreat for 2016

On February 6 members of the Vestry participated in their annual retreat, this year taking place at a sister church, St. Thomas of Canterbury in Smithtown. We thank the Rector and good people at St. Thomas for their hospitality. Three new members and returning Vestrypersons filled out the roster. The day began at 10:00 a.m. with Cn. Richard leading the Vestry in Morning Prayer, followed by a reflection on how we encounter Christ in our daily conversations. 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.

We celebrated a noonday Holy Eucharist in the sanctuary, and shared a meal together. After lunch, the vestry discussed church growth, realizing that a healthy church is a growing church. We are warmer through Fellowship, deeper through Discipleship, stronger through Worship, broader through Ministry and larger through Evangelism. We did a mutual ministry review with Cn. Richard. We reflected on our desire for us to reach out to the community, inviting the unchurched to join our parish family. We also sought ways to have more parishioners involved and committed to the ministry and worship of our parish. We evaluated last year's goals, and set new ones for 2016. Various Vestry Committee assignments were made and counting teams, bible study sign-ups, and Diocesan expectations were reviewed.

These goals were developed for 2016:

- Develop a new Five Year Plan, which would include buildings, ministry and finances. The Long Range Planning Committee will lead this development.
- Support and strengthen our Church School Program. The Christian Education Committee will coordinate this effort with our Church School Director.
- Increase the revenue side of our Budget through various appeals and fundraisers. The vestry will advance this goal.
- Increase membership and church commitment. The Welcoming, Outreach and Publicity Committees will move this forward.

The Vestry believes, with God's blessing and the commitment of all parishioners, that we will move forward on the goals established for 2016.

The Barn

The barn is filling up, which is creating several problems, from lack of access to attracting rodents. Please follow the following guidelines:

First, we can not accept non-salable items including mattresses, computers, printers, and CRT monitors.

Second, soft goods make for great nesting materials and nesting places for mice and other rodents. These include linens, clothing, stuffed animals and the like. Please hold soft goods until the ladies of the church hold their Rummage Sale. If that is not possible, Big Brothers/Sisters now has a manned donation spot in the Kohls Shopping Center on Rt. 347. Also consider the Setauket Presbyterian Church's Open Door Exchange for furniture donations.

Finally, it is important to keep a pathway to the staircase and back wall where the ladders are stored open at all times. We use those ladders year round to change lights, both inside and outside.



CYC-Youth Group

The CYC had a blast on our annual ski trip! We enjoyed skiing, hot tubbing, tubing, bowling, eating delicious food, and attending Sunday service at the local Episcopal Church. Thank you so much to our Caroline alumni hosts, the Nalewajks, and our chaperones, Mark LaSorsa and Bill Clark.

We are putting together our Summer 2016 Mission Trip!! We will be traveling to Lorain County, Ohio (near Cleveland) to partner with Next Step Ministries in doing home improvement for the elderly and underprivileged. The trip will be open to rising Middle and High Schoolers, and will be from July 16-23. The cost will be somewhat determined by the number of participants, but will be between \$300-\$400. We will be doing lots of fundraising to offset this cost. A \$50 deposit is due to Lindsay by March 27th. Check out the organization here: nextstepministries.com

Just a reminder, anyone interested in participating in the 30-Hour Famine, April 9-10, should contact Lucia Buscemi at luciabuscemi@hotmail.com. Anyone wanting to donate to this worthy cause can do so at youth.worldvision.org/team/caroline We will be holding a bake sale to raise funds on March 5th at ACE Hardware. Please stop by Ace to drop off baked goods or to purchase any.

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."

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All Souls' Church Events:

The Second Saturday morning poetry series will be returning to All Souls' Church (61 Main Street, Stony Brook) on March 12th (11:00am to 1:00pm). The readings will be hosted by Robert Savino, Poet Laureate of Suffolk County, with assistants Rosie Wiesner, Ginger Williams, Michelle Wittaker, and All Souls' parishioner Kathy Donnelly. Featured poets will be Mankh (Walter E. Harris III) and Elizabeth Sackett. An open-reading will follow the intermission; all are welcome to read their own work or that of another.

Please bring a can of food to donate if you want to help feed the hungry in our area. "Lend a hand. Bring a can." For more information, please call 631-655-7798.

Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King are dedicated to a service of prayer and service.

As a service to our Caroline Church families, we are praying for your prayer requests. There are blue prayer cards in the pew racks for you to use for requesting prayers or giving thanks. There is a box in the vestibule for you to deposit your cards. We will keep you in our daily prayers for a month (unless you request longer). As always all prayer requests are kept confidential. Thank you for letting us provide this service to you.

We are also offering Blood Pressure and Heart Rate Screening during coffee hour one Sunday in March. Date is still to be determined. We hope this will help us manage our health throughout the year.



Sunday School News

The Church School children will be making Palm Crosses on Sunday, March 13th during class time in the main room of the MCS building. All the classes will come together at that time to make them together and will hear the story of the Palm. These Palm Crosses are then shared with our Christian family here at Caroline on Palm Sunday.

Don't forget to come to our Good Friday Children's Service on Friday, March 25th at 5:00 PM. This is our 'Pretzel' Service and is geared toward the children and their families. Hoping to see you all there!

We will be having our Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Egg Hunt, Hat Contest and Golden Egg contest on Saturday, March 26th at 9:30am in the MCS building. Thank you to Barbara Delfyett for volunteering to run this fantastic event this year!

Cindy Schleider
Sunday School Director



CHURCH FAMILY

Parish Family News

Parishioner News Events: Please send items of interest (weddings, accomplishments etc.) to Maritza Groth at mlgroth@aol.com or Irene Ruddock at peace2429@optonline.net

Don't Forget.....Buy Gift Cards for Stop & Shop / Wild by Nature

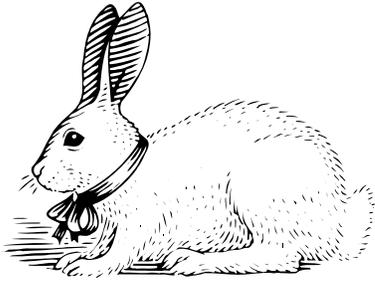
During refreshments on Sunday or at the church office during the week!

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

We are in need of volunteers to sell Gift Cards on Sunday's during Coffee Hour. You will be scheduled for only 1 Sunday a month. If you are interested, please speak to Chris Haring, Cn. Richard or call the Parish Office. Training is available.

Caring for the Caregiver Support Group

Caring for the Caregiver Support Group meets every second and fourth Saturday of the month from 9:30 – 11:00 AM in the Parish House. There is no cost for participating and the group being non-sectarian, non-denominational and not disease specific is open to all caregivers in our community. Our next meetings will be March 12th & 26th. The 26th we will meet in the *lower* parish house.



You are cordially invited to our Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt!!

Date: March 26th

Place: Caroline Church, MCS building

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

RSVP by March 19th to 941-4245 if you are able to make it.

Don't forget to bring your cameras to take a picture. Who will find the Golden and Silver Eggs? We will also have a contest for the best Home-made Easter Hat. Be creative. Prizes will be given out!!! Please join us.

Annual Summer Fair

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is organizing our 2016 Annual Summer Fair and are in need of additional committee heads to share the work and reach more within the Caroline community.

Committee heads would tackle one important aspect of the Fair (example: advertising) and build a small team around this effort. We have learned a lot over the years and would support and guide the sub-committee efforts. Areas of special attention are:

- Advertising and Publicity (possible 2 committees) we have not yet finalized a date and this committee would determine the most suitable date possible. Renew our signs etc.
- Special Events - looking to build a theme(s) around the event. Committee would also look for music and other such events during the Fair.
- Food Court
- Vendors

If anyone is interested in chairing a sub committee please see Mark LaSorsa, Don Muffly or Len Calone.

Young Parishioners (20s, 30s, and beyond!)

Young Parishioners will be dominating at Trivia once again this month! Join us on Tuesday, March 29 at the Country Corner at 8:00. Lent will be over, so come indulge!! PLEASE RSVP via text to Lindsay at 561-3767 so we can stake out your seat.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

* March 12th is a special meeting as we will be hosting Br. Dunsten for a taping of his WWII experiences.

* March 19th will be our Annual Brotherhood Retreat. Location is TBD.

Summer Fair: we are still working to establish a date for our Annual Summer Fair, trying to avoid other major venues. We will keep the parish notified as soon as we choose a date. Still looking for volunteers. Please see article below.

Minimum Wages

Minimum wages has been a hot topic on the local scene these past few months. One group of workers fighting for a funded living wage are those in the Human Services and Medicaid-funded activities. There are 500,000+ in New York State, 59% have some level of college education and 82% are women. 57% earn less than \$15/hr. and 39% earn less than \$11.50. Most work for nonprofits providing services under State and local contracts or reimbursed by Medicaid. Ironically most are often eligible for the same benefits as their clients.

What can be done to support those working hard to support others? 1) Increase the State minimum wage to \$15/hour. 2) Amend State human services contracts to include this wage increase, to ensure quality services. 3) Increase Medicaid reimbursements to account for wage increases for home healthcare, personal care, and other direct service providers. 4) Ensure that these essential workers do not need to choose between meaningful work and sustaining their families. 5) Support nonprofits to recruit and retain qualified staff to ensure service levels and quality.

These recommendations are supported by a growing statewide coalition of nonprofit providers. For further information please contact: Mallory Nugent, Senior Policy Analyst mnugent@fpwa.org (212) 801-1341. *The Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:00 AM ECW MB meets in upper PH 3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM 6:30 PM No Shore Chamber Choir</p>	<p>2 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 9:00 AM DoK meet in PH 10:00 AM DoK Study in PH 6:00 PM Lent Soup Supper/Program in MCS building</p>	<p>3 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:00 AM 3 Village Homemakers meet in Parish House 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Sunrise Asst. 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>4 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 3:00 PM Book Club meets in PH 7:00 PM Confirmati on Class meets 7:30 PM OSL Heal- ing Service at Caroline Church</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM DAR meets in MCS building</p>
<p>6 LENT 4 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services 11:00 AM CYC brunch at Fratelli's 11:15 AM BAPTISM: Minor (twins)</p>	<p>7 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:45 PM 'Explore the Word' Bible Study meets in RCR 7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Library in lower PH</p>	<p>8 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:00 AM ECW MB meets in upper PH 3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM 6:30 PM No Shore Chamber Choir</p>	<p>9 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 6:00 PM Lent Soup Supper/Program in MCS building</p>	<p>10 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:00 AM 3 Village Homemakers meet in Parish House 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Woodhaven 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>11 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School</p>	<p>12 8:00 AM Brother- hood of St. Andrew meets 9:30 AM Caring for Caregivers Support Group in Parish House</p>
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<p>27 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 AM Sunrise Ser- vice at Setauket Beach 8:00 AM H.E. w/Adult Choir 9:30 AM H.E. w/Youth Choir 11:15 AM H.E. w/Adult Choir</p>	<p>28 EASTER MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED MS closed 7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Library in lower PH</p>	<p>29 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 10:00 AM ECW MB meets in upper PH 6:30 PM No Shore Chamber Choir 8:00 PM Young Parish- ioners meet at Country Corner</p>	<p>30 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School</p>	<p>31 8:30 AM -2:30pm Montessori School 9:30 AM Collate the Carillon kitchen of MCS 10:00 AM 3 Village Homemakers meet in Parish House 10:00 AM Tour-Bev 12:00 PM H.E & Healing Service</p>		

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Join us for breakfast with the Easter Bunny 3/26

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