

# The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

*Hopefully yours, I.M. Busy*

I am glad that whoever was praying for snow in our parish has finally stopped, we can use some sunny days. The other day I was having breakfast in a restaurant with some parishioners and I noticed on the bottom of the menu the words “No Substitutions, Please.” When I asked the waitress exactly what that meant, she informed me that they had a set menu, so, for example, you were not allowed to substitute pancakes for toast.

In the Christian life, “no substitutions” are really possible either. Oh, folks try other involvements, some positive and some negative, but if they are really honest, they have to admit that the substitutions don’t really work out. The foundation of our Christian life is a living relationship with Jesus Christ and his Body - the Church. Nothing can take the place of that.

An acquaintance who usually attends her church regularly was now unable to participate because of an injury that left her housebound. She sent me this humorous “Letter to God” she came across over the internet:

*Dear God,  
I am certainly sorry that You put Sunday where You did!  
Our entire family could attend church more regularly if  
Your Day came at a more convenient time. You have chosen  
a day that comes at the end of a hard week, and we  
are all tired out. Not only that, but it is the day following  
Saturday night.*

*I mean no disrespect, Lord, but You must remember that  
you picked the day on which we have our biggest outings:  
skiing, family gatherings, and all that. On top of it all, the  
Church has fixed an hour that is too early and disturbs  
my rest, or too late so that we cannot go on a trip after  
the service.*

*Then, too, have You ever thought of my poor husband  
John? He’s cooped up in his office all week, and Sunday  
morning is the only time he has to tinker with our car,  
work around the house, play golf, watch a football game,  
or as a family, we can go away together.*

*I am telling you all these things, Lord, because I want  
You to get our viewpoint. We ‘d like to go, and we need to  
go, but there are so many things to see and so much to do  
on weekends that the Church kind of gets crowded out.  
You see, You made the mistake of choosing the wrong  
day. It’s really the only day we have to ourselves.*

Actually, I feel a great deal of sympathy for I.M. Busy. Life can get so crowded with a multitude of things that seem absolutely necessary. However, the real issue is not the number of activities we are involved in, but our priorities.

To be a Christian means to put Christ at the center of your life, to make Him the number one priority. When all is said and done, when Christ is at the center, when there have been “no substitutions,” other activities and concerns have a way of sorting themselves into the correct priority.

We are now in the season of Lent. This is the time of our Christian year, the time in our lives when we need to take inventory of our life; a time when we need to look at our journey with Christ. Let us take this opportunity to re-invite God to come to be with us, to be part of us, to be our all in all. Let us lean more on the everlasting arms of Jesus. One way of reconnecting with Jesus is through this year’s Lenten Program. Lent calls each of us to explore and take to heart our Baptismal vows. Lent calls us to walk the road to Calvary to be healed and reconciled in the name of Jesus.

May Christ always be the center and measure for each of us, for there is no substitute for our faith.

Strengthened in the arms of Jesus,

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 further-  
ance of His kingdom in an environment of love, under-  
standing, and support, through prayer, worship, Christian  
education, and fellowship.*

## Fr. Farrell Graves

### Of Savages, Elephants, and Saints: How Science Fostered Alienation

Science is often depicted as the pure and virtuous alternative to religion, which some assert to be a significant cause of war and oppression. If only things were so simple. Actually, at some point, human beings manage to misuse any and all tools at their disposal, science included. Though the advance of science in the world has brought us cures and conveniences, it also has been used to justify an alienating and oppressive understanding of what it is to be human. In its earlier days, science promised that humans would be able to understand everything through abstract reason. Possessing such reason became the mark of being fully human. Now, some scientists are beginning to realize that the final explanation always recedes from us. Doubts are growing that we will ever achieve *the* explanation after which no new textbooks need be published. What science offers, it is becoming apparent, is ever more useful metaphors for how the world works, but not Truth. Despite this, the popular understanding of the human being is influenced more by the lessons we learn in schools and on television and by our daily experiences than by the philosophy of science. For the time being, therefore, abstract thought remains for many the mark of a fully developed human being, that which separates us from the animals. We assume, moreover, that such reason is used to tame our more basic “animal” nature. When people behave in ways of which we disapprove, we still often think that they are behaving like animals, though political correctness often dictates that we not say it out loud. When Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz published Pope John Paul II's private journal, he was referred to in the headlines as a possible hyena. Similarly, when we do something that seems to escape our own control, we blame it on our lizard brains. Each time we make such statements, we reaffirm the assumption that humans possess a unique ability that helps us to control our lower, animal nature.

This began in the nineteenth century, when the scientific method became ascendant. Upon encountering different cultures not dominated by the scientific method and its model of humanity, many Europeans imagined them to be without the capacity for abstract thought, savage, lacking compassion and proper order, utterly “unreasonable.” Some ascribed this to cultural inferiority, a correctable deficiency, whereas most asserted a racial divide that, among other tragedies, helped justify such things as the slave trade, Nazi and Japanese wartime experiments, the Tuskegee syphilis experiment, and radiation experiments on mentally disabled children. At its worst, Christianity lost sight of its fundamental principals and adopted the values of its contemporary world. Some Christians supported slavery, for example, yet many of those who opposed slavery were motivated by the same religion.

The case of Charles Darwin is illustrative. After dropping out of the University of Edinburgh course in medicine, Darwin determined to become an Anglican priest. At the

time, there was little formal theological education in England. A person aspiring to ordination would seek a degree from Oxford or Cambridge *in any field* and then would undertake a modest specialized divinity course before being ordained and becoming the learned person of the village. Darwin's interests at Cambridge lay primarily in beetles, not theology. Still, he was an Anglican and, contrary to popular assumption, it was not his investigation of the origin of the species that led him to doubt his faith, but his understanding of the resultant nature of the human species based on his observations. In Tierra del Fuego in 1832, he was witness to acts that he considered barbarous (rather than sociopathic, a later way of looking abstractly). He wrote, “I could not have believed how wide was the difference between savage and civilized man: it is greater than between a wild and domesticated animal.” He repeatedly described the del Fuegians in such terms as “miserable, degraded savages,” yet, unlike fellow scientists who began to draw strict racial boundaries, Darwin saw them as wholly human. In other words, he found them capable of abstract reasoning, whereas his colleagues did not. For Darwin, he had witnessed the most basic nature of our species, something that could only be countered but never vanquished through education. If humans were so barbarous, Darwin wondered, how then could there be a God? Were we nothing more than one more species of animal who, without the exercise of abstract thinking, would descend into atavism? The divine spark, he began to suspect, did not exist.

Now we are beginning to realize that not even animals are “animalistic.” Animals, we acknowledge, use tools, play, and behave in a manner that is more or less reasonable. In a move that recognizes the dignity of dolphins, India recently banned the use of them in aquatic theme parks. The internet, moreover, is awash with images of animals expressing compassion and friendship. One such example circulated after the fatal heart attack of Lawrence Anthony, author and conservationist, last March. Among his many activities, Anthony had worked to save a group of elephants that had been considered dangerous. “To save their lives, I would stay with them, feed them, talk to them. But, most importantly, be with them day and night,” Anthony said. It was reported that, even though the elephants had not been informed of his death, in accord with elephant customs of mourning, shortly after his death, they marched in single file procession for several miles to gather around his house in South Africa in vigil during which time they fasted. (After two days, they returned to their home and are doing fine.)

Despite our newfound understanding of animals, however, we have not embraced our kinship with them. Instead, we reject even more of our nature than we did in the nineteenth century. We have begun to deny that we share some of the more basic qualities with them. They may have some semblance of reason, but, unlike humans, theirs is muddled by primal needs which we do not share. We not only think *more* abstractly than animals, in other words, but our abstract thought is unsullied by more basic

needs. Play, downtime, even deep human relationships become despised in favor of performance and productivity. In short, we seek to emulate our own creation, the computer. Music and art programs, which develop our sensitivity, creativity, and awareness, are cut in favor of science and math, presumed to be the vehicles of salvation.

Just as some Christians absorbed the worst of nineteenth century scientism, moreover, many contemporary Christians have adopted this latest concept of what it is to be fully human. Too often, therefore, spiritual development is assumed to mean merely holding the correct abstract opinions. As with computers, in other words, correct input is thought to equal correct output. The importance of holding correct opinions has increased to the point that we have barricaded ourselves behind red and blue walls, the opposite of harmony, peace, attachment, and warmth, and churches are taking sides with the Methodist Church caught in the middle. Spiritual practice, the day-by-day, week-by-week occupations that bring us into ever deeper contact with God and with our true selves, is unpopular. For many, religion, like science, is merely about thinking the right thing.

As Christians, we can have every confidence that we and animals are not savage, not without compassion, and that the fullness of our being is far greater than mere output. (Perhaps it was Darwin's Christian roots that prevented him from joining others of his era in believing that people in different cultures were fundamentally inferior.) We know that, in our hearts, we carry the indwelling Holy Spirit that longs for harmony, peace, attachment, and warmth. Spiritual growth, therefore, is not a matter of taming ourselves by our abstract reasoning, or of denying all but our abstract reasoning. It is achieved instead by centering ourselves so that we are in touch with the indwelling Spirit, and, in order to center ourselves, we need formation, which includes prayer, worship, and community. The first two can be found in church, at home, or in the forest, but the third, community, requires affiliation. One might find God in the forest, but only in community with others can the urgings of the Spirit towards harmony, peace, attachment, and warmth be lived out fully.

Anglicans in particular recognize the important of practice. Since the 1600s, sacramental Arminianism has had a place in our faith (albeit contested). Sacramental Arminianism is the understanding that we are brought closer to our true selves and to God through contact with the sacraments and prayer. Through steady spiritual practice, we lose the fears that drive us away from our centers. Lifelong spiritual practice releases that twinkle in the eye of those who have aged in the faith.

Our challenge in countering alienation has grown since the nineteenth century, as today we try to fill people with correct information in order to get the results that we desire. Despite evidence to the contrary, for example, we think that, given the right input, undemocratic societies can be turned democratic in a matter of months. We now seek not growth through practice, but to engineer proper

human beings, and parents are as guilty of this as schools. Little or no time is left for worship or for quiet reflection. Children are too busy being programmed to participate in spiritual practices the outcome of which are not immediately apparent. The result is well-educated youth with no sense of self or of their place in community and lacking in emotional maturity. Others, deemed too broken to warrant attempting to input with appropriate information, are thrown away on the streets and in prisons. We must liberate Christianity from contemporary views of the human being. Saints are not programmed. Saints are released from the bondage of fear by practices that help them to find their center, to experience God who dwells within themselves and others. Practices that help us to connect with the indwelling Holy Spirit undermine alienation and liberate humans from oppression. This is our message to the world.

## **Lent 2014: Praying in the Arms of Christ**

The Joint Adult Education Committee of the Caroline Church and All Souls has planned a series of intergenerational Lenten meetings to strengthen communal bonds and prayer. *Praying in the Arms of Christ* begins on March 12 with a soup supper and the making of pretzels, symbols of both prayer and of Lenten simplicity. On March 26, we will celebrate Eucharist at table, an event that celebrates the Eucharist in the context of a meal, as in the early church. During the meal, a short story will be read aloud as is the dinner custom of Benedictines. Continuing the theme of intergenerational prayer, on April 2 we will have a soup supper followed by praying through the labyrinth, which provides a miniature pilgrimage. Finally, on the week before Passover/Holy Week, we will have a soup supper and watch a DVD on the history and meaning of the seder and its relation to the Lord's Supper. Each event begins at 6:30 PM and ends at 8:00 PM. Bring your whole family and friends to pray together.

## Our Anglican Heritage

### Cyril of Jerusalem

Cyril was born in Jerusalem around 315, and became bishop of that city in about 349. The years between the Council of Nicea (325) and the Council of Constantinople (381) were troubled years, in which the Church, having committed itself at Nicea, over the strenuous protests of the Arians, to the proposition that the Son is "one in being" (*homo-ousios*) with the Father, began to backtrack and consider whether there was some other formula that would adequately express the Lordship of Christ but not be "divisive." Experience with other ways of stating what Christians believed about the Son and his relation to the Father finally led the Church to conclude that the Nicene formulation was the only way of safeguarding the doctrine that Thomas spoke truly (John 20:28) when he said to Jesus, "My Lord and My God!" But this was not obvious from the beginning, and Cyril was among those who looked for a way of expressing the doctrine that would be acceptable to all parties. As a result, he was exiled from his bishopric three times, for a total of sixteen years, once by the Athanasians and twice by the Arians. He eventually came to the conclusion, as did most other Christians of the time, that there was no alternative to the Nicene formula, and in 381 he attended the Council of Constantinople and voted for that position.

Cyril is author of the *Catecheses*, or *Catechetical Lectures* on the Christian Faith. These consist of an introductory lecture, then eighteen lectures on the Christian Faith to be delivered during Lent to those about to be baptized at Easter, and then five lectures on the Sacraments to be delivered after Easter to the newly baptized. These have been translated into English (F L Cross, 1951), and are the oldest such lectures surviving. (It is thought that they were used over and over by Cyril and his successors, and that they may have undergone some revision in the press.)

Every year, thousands of Christian pilgrims came to Jerusalem, especially for Holy Week. It is probably Cyril who instituted the liturgical forms for that week as they were observed in Jerusalem at the pilgrimage sites, were spread to other churches by returning pilgrims, and have come down to us today, with the procession with palms on Palm Sunday, and the services for the following days, culminating in the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. We have a detailed account of Holy Week observances in Jerusalem in the fourth century, thanks to a Spanish nun named Egeria who made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and kept a journal which is a historian's delight.

We honor Cyril of Jerusalem on his feast day every year in the Anglican Church on March 18th.

March 5th, 2014



#### Services:

10:00am Holy Eucharist & Ashes  
5:00pm Family Service, Holy Eucharist & Ashes  
8:00pm Holy Eucharist & Ashes



## Ash Wednesday March 5

Our Lenten Journey begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. The use of ashes as a sign of penitence goes back to the Old Testament times and still has special significance for us as we reflect on our lives past and our hope for the days to come. We have all, as the Prayer Book says, "erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep.., we have left undone those things we ought to have done, and done those things we ought NOT to have done."

Ash Wednesday provides us the occasion to seek to put things right, and to see our lives in the light of God's eyes, to affirm God's loving kindness, and to open our lives to God's healing presence.

So that we, each one of us, may have an opportunity to gather together as a community in "love and faith and true repentance," our parish will offer three Ash Wednesday services throughout the day. Do plan to attend of one these special Ash Wednesday services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes: 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

May this Ash Wednesday prove the beginning of a rich and rewarding spiritual journey, one that will deepen our faith by opening our lives more fully to God's forgiving and healing presence.

## Lent Madness 2014

*The Sainly Smack Down*

What do you get when you combine a love of sports with holy saints? Lent Madness, of course. Based loosely on the wildly popular NCAA basketball tournament, Lent Madness pits 32 saints against one another in a single-elimination bracket as they compete for the coveted Golden Halo. But it is more than that: Lent Madness is really an online devotional tool designed to help people learn about saints.

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck, an Episcopal priest and rector of St. John's Church in Hingham, Massachusetts. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the church's calendar of saints, Schenck came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born on his blog "Clergy Family Confidential."

Starting last year, Schenck partnered with the Rev. Scott Gun, Executive Director of Forward Movement (the same folks that publish Forward Day by Day) and Lent Madness went viral, reaching over 50,000 people and getting mentioned in everything from the Washington Post to Sports Illustrated (seriously).

Here's how it works: on the weekdays of Lent information is posted about two different saints on [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) and then participants vote to determine who goes on to the next round. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time – usually 24 hours – and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Sainly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. It's fun, it's informative, it's the saintly smack down!

To win in 2014, will take grit, determination, holiness, and perhaps some good old-fashioned luck. This year Lent Madness features a slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical including Basil The Great, Charles Henry Brent, Julia Chester Emery, Alcuin, Ephrem of Edessa, Joseph of Arimathea, Anna Cooper, Antony of Egypt, David of Wales, F. D. Maurice, Thomas Merton, John and Charles Wesley and Moses the Black.

This all kicks off on "Ash Thursday," March 6, and will continue throughout the 40-day season of Lent. To participate, log onto [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org), where you can also print out a bracket and fill it out to see how

you fare or "compete" against friends and family members. Like that other March tournament, there will be drama and intrigue, upsets and thrashings, last-minute victories and Cinderellas.

If you're looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn't be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to grow closer to God?

Check out the web site: [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org).



## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Sunday  
March 2nd  
10:30 am  
MCS Building**

The Church School will be hosting Coffee Hour. We will be serving Pancakes, bacon, juice, fruit & coffee. The children will participate in pancake races, flipping the pancakes and other games. We will have masks and beads for all to wear. Please join us for this fun filled morning. A free will offering will be taken.

Originally beginning on Sunday, Shrove Tuesday was a three-day celebration that culminated in large feasts on Tuesday night. By the beginning of the 20th century, however, the event was restricted to the Tuesday observance. *Carnival* became associated with Shrove Tuesday, in part from the Spring Equinox celebrations that were practiced by the Romans and the ancient tribes of Europe. The word "carnival" comes from the Latin *car-nem levare*, meaning "to take away the flesh". However, in the New Orleans and Rio de Janeiro celebrations, public revelry and carousing have become the tradition for Carnival around the world. It was mostly as a result of the Carnival celebrations that the Church restricted the observance to a single day.

“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 2014 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.



## Daughters of the King

Prayer, Service & Evangelism

We have started a new chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King at Caroline Church. All women of the church are invited to attend.

We are currently in the process of a monthly study to discern whether we each feel called by God to become a daughter. If you would like to participate in the study, it is not too late. Please contact Chris Muffly and she will be happy to give you the materials.

In order to complete the study we are meeting monthly on Saturday mornings from 9:00am-10:00am in the parish house. Our next meeting is March 1st at 9:00am.

The Order of the Daughters of the King® (DOK) is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. We have made a commitment to Jesus as our Savior, and we follow Him as Lord of our lives. We are an Order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the Historic Episcopate.

**Don't Forget.....**

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

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

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

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

## Parish Family News



Congratulations go out to David Blake on successfully defending his Doctorate dissertation at Stony Brook University.

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Parishioner News Events: Please send items of interest (weddings, accomplishments etc.) to Maritza Groth at [mlgroth@aol.com](mailto:mlgroth@aol.com) or Irene Ruddock at [peace2429@optonline.net](mailto:peace2429@optonline.net)  
Submitting photos is encouraged!

*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.*



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

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

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

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/01	Kaitlyn Roggemann Amanda Hazell Alexandra Cierski Aaliyan Ashley	03/22	Sarah Boyle Matthew Pisano Hayley Reyes Nathaniel Clarkson
03/02	Sue Nalewajk Amanda Johnson	03/23	Eileen Hazell Daniel Kelly Scott Kady
03/03	Dan Johnson Fred Pollert, Jr. Julia McCarthy	03/24	Donna Butruch Daniel Strakosch Sarah Griesel
03/04	Megan Herbst	03/25	Jon Seymour
03/06	Peter Baigent Jackie Hull	03/26	Diane Kaiser Justin LaSorsa
03/07	Bethany Cencer-Blake Brian Campbell Zachary Flynn Sophia Foucher	03/27	Anthony Coleman Marilyn Folz Sue Seel Michael Wittkowski Vincent Semler Christian Aversano
03/08	Paul O'Dell Carl Zorn Kayla Zorn Conner Frank	03/28	Cynthia Rickey Katelyn Wittkowski
03/09	Derek Hampson Regina Sanislo	03/29	David Dunn Mike Specht Greg Timm
03/10	Heather Gristock	03/30	Abigail O'Dell
03/10	Sarah LaSorsa	03/31	Richard Schwab Eric Laux
03/11	Stephanie Seymour Emma Kanestrin		
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 Sky Klasek		
03/18	Phil Sheridan Nicholas Buscemi		
03/21	Ed Kemp Neil Boyle		



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

## 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 15th at 8:30am. We look forward to having new members.

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



## Coffee & Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess

Sign up for 2014

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.



## Attention - ECW Evening Branch Ladies



The first meeting of the ECW evening branch was held on Feb. 19th with a small group of active participants. It was decided that we would go forward with monthly meetings through June and then resume in September if there continued to be enough support. Our focus will be threefold: to help raise funds for Caroline Church by being active participants in several church wide fund raisers such as the Fair in May; to take on a community outreach activity with a local organization that is seeking outside support; to have interesting discussions through speakers, books, DVDs and, of course, to have some time for socializing together.

To this end, the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19th at 7:00pm in the MCS building. We are planning to watch a few segments of Prof. Bart Ehrman's talks on the historical background of the New Testament taken from the Great Courses series and plan our next meetings. We welcome more of our snowbirds home and encourage them and anyone else who missed the first meeting to join us on March 19th! For further information and questions, please call Terry Russell at 631-509-1722 or e-mail me at [tandrussell@aol.com](mailto:tandrussell@aol.com).



## Men & Boys Corporate Communion Breakfast Saturday, March 15th 8:00am

All men & boys of Caroline Church are invited to attend this breakfast hosted by the ladies of the church. We begin with an 8:00am Eucharist followed by a breakfast and guest speaker from Habitat for Humanity. There will be a hearty breakfast to enjoy as well as good fellowship and some laughs.

A wonderful opportunity for all the ladies of Caroline Church to help serve breakfast to the men and boys. We will need to setup at 7:45 that morning. All women are welcome to come and help, and also enjoy breakfast. Please contact Chris Muffly if you can help at 689-8804. Thanks very much and God bless you.



## Theophilus Healing Mission

A Chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician

Our next Healing Service will be March 7th at Caroline Church. We start at 7:30 pm. Our March Healing Meeting will be Friday, March 21st beginning at 7:00pm at Caroline Church. Next months Healing Service will be at St. Cuthberts E. C., 18 Magnolia Place, Selden on Friday, April 4th beginning at 7:30pm.

Three THM members traveled to the Netherlands in February with Fr. Gary and Mo. Judith Dalmaso from RICM (Renewal in Christ Ministries) to help train Dutch team members in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. The Dutch people are wonderful, fun-loving, and (yes the majority speak English) friendly. We took in the sights and sounds of Amsterdam and then traveled to Emmaus Retreat House in the countryside town of Heilvort. We'll share our trip and pictures soon.

Ginny and Ann  
Co-Covenanters



## Grief Support Group

Our next meeting is to be determined. 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.

## Vestry Highlights February

- ◆ Delegates to Diocesan Convention elected
- ◆ Annual Parochial Report approved
- ◆ Committee Chairs assigned

Barbara M. Russell  
Clerk of the Vestry





## Brotherhood of St. Andrew

March Brotherhood:

As we enter March – Lent and the Summer Fair the Brotherhood starts to get busy. Please take note of the following dates:

- ◆ March 6-9<sup>th</sup>  
Cursillo weekend: help is always needed so please consider giving of your time.
- ◆ March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday Men's and Boy's Communion breakfast hosted by the ladies of the church. We start at 8:00am with a Eucharist followed by a breakfast and guest speaker from Habitat for Humanity.
- ◆ March 26<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday Brotherhood is preparing soup and bread for the Lenten series.

Weekly meetings begin to continue preparation for the annual fair. Day and Time TBD.

Other dates to consider:

- ◆ April 12<sup>th</sup> – Annual Brotherhood retreat at Little Portion Friary- more to come
- ◆ May 10<sup>th</sup> – Annual Spring Fling at the neighborhood house.

Thank you all,  
Blessings – Br. Mark

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Workshop

Saturday, May 3, 2014  
10:00am to 1:00pm  
St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church,  
18 Magnolia Place, Selden, NY

Led by Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo Since the last time we invited Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo to do a workshop for us in 2007, Prayer Shawl Ministry has grown significantly throughout churches all over the country. We are pleased to invite these authors back to show how they combine the practices of caring and prayer with the love of knitting and crocheting and how it can be a blessing to both the crafter and the recipient.

Bring your needles, yarn, and a personal journal and come share a day of prayer, sharing, shawl making, and guided meditation followed by a Q&A session and tips/ideas/guidelines. Registration for this webinar/workshop requires pre-payment by Master Card, Visa or e-check. If you would like to pay by check or to make other arrangements please call 631-821-2255



## 12th Annual Summer Fair May 31st

Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> will be our Annual Summer Fair with a rain date of Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>. We still have committees that need support and we welcome all new ideas. All those interested in helping in any way please give Mark a call at 609-0993 . We start meeting weekly in March so please keep an eye out for the day and time.

Thanks  
Mark

## 20s & 30s Group

This month the 20s and 30s will be hosting a college ministry group from Georgia Southern University who are coming to Long Island to do Sandy cleanup during their Spring Break! We will go out for pizza with them at 6:30 at The Bench on March 18th. All are welcome to join us.

Lindsay Porter

## 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 for Ultreya. It is a shared time of fellowship, singing and spiritual encouragement.

We will meet on Friday, March 28th at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join us.

## Caring for the Caregiver

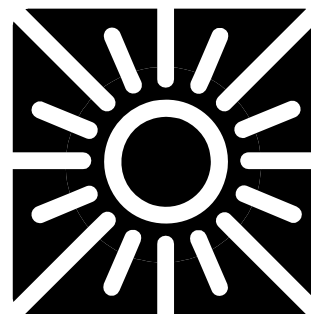
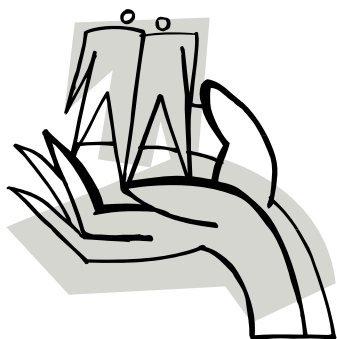
The Caring for the Caregiver support group is thriving. It has been just over two years since Caroline Church took on the outreach mission of connecting with local caregivers and providing them a place to gather and a structured forum in which to participate. Caroline Church, through the support group, provides a safe place where stories are shared, information exchanged, tears shed, spirits boosted, and support given; all, of course, as Canon Richard has noted, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The support group meets the second and fourth Saturday of every month from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Parish House. Participants are welcome to come once, occasionally or regularly; whatever works for them. The support group is free, open to all caregivers in the community, and is non-denominational, non-sectarian, non-disease specific.

It is important to maintain a level of continuous outreach in the community and all parishioners are encouraged to help achieve this goal. Colored flyers are available from Virginia Cash and can be distributed in places that you frequent. It is really easy to hang a flyer in your barbershop or nail salon or doctor's office or dentist's office or drugstore or . . . (I'm sure that you get the idea!).

Finally, while not under the auspices of the Caring for the Caregiver organization, Virginia Cash, facilitator of the group at Caroline Church, is facilitating a new caregiver support group at the Rose Caracappa Senior Center in Mt. Sinai. This group meets the first Tuesday of the month from 10:30 to 11:30 and is also free and open to all caregivers.

For any additional information, please contact Virginia Cash at 428-0902 or [vcash5msw@aol.com](mailto:vcash5msw@aol.com).



### 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](mailto:cmis@hotmail.com); or Barbara Delfyett at 751-3658.



### Joint Foyer Dinner

The Joint Foyer Dinner is open to all church members and friends -- both Caroline and All Souls. The dinner is on Sunday, March 16th starting at 5 pm and the theme is celebrating St. Patrick's Day! Entertainment will be by our very own musically gifted Sweet Carolines.

Come and join the fun and sing along! Main course dishes will be pot luck provided by members of the foyer groups. We will also have appetizers, liquid refreshments and dessert. This is a great family event.

Please do come but let us know by emailing Mirjana Ellis at [rmellis@optonline.net](mailto:rmellis@optonline.net) or calling 689-2627 so we have an idea of how much food to prepare. You can also call Chris Oster at 368-8686. Hope you can come!