

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Everyone likes a Birthday Party. True - not everyone likes to be reminded of their age, but most people like a present or two at birthday time. I always like to see the person who-acts as if he doesn't want anyone to know that it is his birthday, then he drops hints to everyone, or is offended when it seems that no one has remembered.

This month on May 19 we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost - the birthday of the Church. It is the day when the Holy Spirit, although present for all eternity, entered the Church in a special way, and empowered them to do the work that God had intended. Our own birthday is when we began life. Pentecost is the day when the Church took its first breath, and moved from the Upper Room to the world itself. The Good News was not to be carefully guarded by an Apostolic Board of Directors, but rather, it was to be carried to the People of God.

We should never forget that we are the church – the people of God, with Our Lord as the head of the family. This family we call Caroline Church is richly blessed with so many interesting and talented individuals. I am excited about the family history project that Don Muffly and Lainey Cash are developing for us that involves the sharing of our stories with one another as a faith community here in Setauket.

I wondered what it would be like if one of us, even myself, had the opportunity to interview the head of the family – Our Lord God himself. Imagine.

“Come in,” God said. “So, you would like to interview Me?”

“If you have the time,” I said. God smiled and said: “My time is eternity and is enough to do everything; what questions do you have in mind to ask me?”

“What surprises you most about humankind?”

God answered: “That they get bored with being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That by

thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future. That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived ...”

God's hands took mine and we were silent for while and then I asked ...

“As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?”

God replied with a smile:

“To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved. To learn that it takes years to build trust, and a few seconds to destroy it.

“To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives.

“To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis!

“To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.

“To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.

“To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.

“To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.

“To learn that money can buy everything but happiness.

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.*

“To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it totally different.

“To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them ...and likes them anyway; that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves.”

I sat there for a while enjoying the moment. I thanked Him for his time and for all that He has done for me and my family, and He replied, “Anytime. I’m here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me, and I will answer.”

It is my prayer that this Pentecost season will be a time for us as a parish family to give and receive the love that Our Lord offers us every day, as we truly appreciate our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Affectionately in Christ,

Fr. Richard+



Come, People of Caroline Celebrate the Feast of the Ascension!

Thursday, May 9th
7:00pm
Caroline Church
A Festive Eucharist

“...as they were watching he was lifted up, and a Cloud took him out of their sight...” —Acts 1:9

The Ascension is One of the Principal Feasts noted on the Church calendar that is often forgotten or neglected these days, but not at Caroline Church. You are invited to bring friends and family and come take part as we celebrate Jesus’ return to the right hand of the Father. As Christ’s humanity is taken up into heaven so all of humanity is restored to God. Jesus has gone “to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory [Book of Common Prayer, page 379].”

Don’t stand around looking up into the sky! Come to Caroline and praise God!

Our Anglican Heritage

Dame Julian of Norwich

Very little is known of her early life, even her real name. What we know about her is gleaned from her book and from other contemporary writings. She was born in 1342 during the time of the Black Death. This was a very unpleasant age to live in England. The black death or plague led to very bad social conditions and the oppression of the poor. There was a shortage of labor, high taxes and bad harvests, prices were soaring and unrest was bound to follow. The climax of this unrest was the Peasants Revolt in 1381. The wider Church was also in a sorry state: the Religious Orders were at loggerheads, the Papacy had left Rome and was in exile at Avignon in France, and not half a mile from S. Julian’s Church, the early followers of the Protestant John Wycliff, The Lollards, were being burnt in the Lollards Pit, just the other side of the river. It is into this dire situation that the girl we know as Julian of Norwich who calls herself a simple, unlettered creature, comes bringing with her a message of divine love and hope.

Julian was an anchoress. It is fairly certain that she was not a nun. An anchoress was a person called to a solitary life, but one that was not cut-off from the world, but one anchored in it. Her life was one of prayer, contemplation and counseling, a life highly thought of by people of the time. Her home was a small room, or cell, attached to the Church of S. Julian, Bishop of Le Mans, just off one of the main streets of Norwich. She probably took her name Julian from the Saint of the Church. There was a 'Rule of Life' associated with this order drawn up in the 13th century, which stated that the cell should have 3 windows that opened; one into the Church, so she could hear Mass and receive the Blessed Sacrament; one to communicate with her servant, who would have lived close at hand and would have been responsible for the chores; one to give advice to those who sought it. The life of an anchoress, although not common during the Middle Ages, was not a novelty. Many of the churches in Norwich at the time had cells where an anchoress could live. It is thought that anchoresses had lived in Julian's cell before and after her. Julian of Norwich wrote her text 'Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love' about her vision and religious meditations. The book was believed to be the first book written in English by a woman. Her book is a tender meditation on God's eternal and all-embracing love, as expressed to us in the Passion of Christ. She describes seeing God holding a tiny thing in his hand, like a small brown nut, which seemed so fragile and insignificant that she wondered why it did not crumble before her eyes. She understood that the thing was the entire created universe, which is as nothing compared to its Creator, and she was told, "God made it, God loves it, God keeps it." She was famous for

saying, "all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well".

There is an Order of Julian of Norwich within the Episcopal Church founded in Norwich, Conn., in 1982. It is an order of both men and women who follow the spirituality of Julian of Norwich. It is contemplative in that its purpose and goal is simply the practice and teaching of silent and intercessory prayer. The Order follows the traditional monastic vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, and adds a fourth vow: Prayer.

Her feast day is celebrated throughout the Episcopal Church on May 8.

Come to Sunday Morning Prayer

On Sunday, May 26th at the 11:15 a.m. Service, we will celebrate said Morning Prayer. This year we have been worshipping in this ancient fashion on a quarterly basis. Please join us for this hour of prayer and adoration of Our Lord Jesus as we praise him for the blessings we have received.

Caring for the Care Giver Support Group

The Caring for the Caregiver support group will be hosting another Resource Fair for caregivers and their families on Saturday, June 15th, from 9:00am -1:00pm in the MCS Bldg.

Representatives from various local agencies/organizations will be present to talk about their services and how they can be accessed. Attendees can ask questions on a one to one basis, and literature will be handed out. Legal, home health, adult day care are some of the services that will be represented.

Helpers will be needed on the day of the fair and also for posting flyers beforehand in places they frequent. Please contact Virginia Cash at 428-0902 or email her at vcash5msw@aol.com if you can help. We need all the hands we can get!

The next support group meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11th. The group meets regularly on every second and fourth Saturday of the month from 9:30 to 11:00am in the Parish House.

A Thought From The Senior Warden

For the past year or more I have been the recipient of comments regarding church attendance. These comments range from, "The church is in trouble" to, "Why aren't more people coming to church" to, "What are we doing wrong, and what is the Vestry doing about attendance?" Someone even suggested, "Why don't we close off the balcony and make everyone sit downstairs so it would look like more people are attending."

I thought perhaps such comments were directed to me as warden, but, lets face it, many of us have been noticing some empty pews, and had similar thoughts or heard them as well. Yes, the Vestry has discussed the issue of attendance, but there is no single answer, no silver-bullet answer. Church attendance is down in most mainline churches nationwide.

Perhaps we all need to do that which most Episcopalians are not to good at doing; evangelize! The fact is, we are all responsible to spread the good news of hope, peace, joy, strength, fulfillment, and transformation to others. If we truly desire our Christian family to grow, we simply cannot sit back and expect others to come to us ready to be "Episcopalian-ized."

In his book, "Transforming Congregations" the Rev. Dr. James Lemler writes, "This urgent moment for the church is also a hopeful one...even more hopeful are the identity and nature of the Episcopal Church itself. We are a church of openness, spiritual vitality, and mutual respect. Much of our identity connects well with the postmodern world and culture in which we find ourselves. We are a church which does not take a judgmental stance regarding people or their lives...we value our rich tradition of spirituality and encourage a variety of approaches and styles. We are a church for the moment in so many ways."

If that isn't enough, others should also know that we are a family that enjoys good times. We are a joyous, Christian, friendly family. We laugh, sing, dance, and pray together. So, if you think the pews aren't full enough now is the time to start talking to your friends and neighbors about all Caroline church has to offer. True, we don't have the sugar pop music of the mega churches or the latest electronics to entertain, but we have a message and a commitment to follow Christ, and perhaps it is just that simple a message others need to hear.

Don Muffly,
Warden

Prayer Shawl Ministry

On April 6th, we were blessed to host our sixth annual combined Prayer Shawl gathering here at Caroline Church. Almost 25 women were present that morning, gathering for prayer, worship, knitting and crocheting and fellowship with each other. Members of the following parishes were present: St Cuthbert's, St. Mark's Islip, St. Ann's, Sayville, The Setauket Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Smithtown, St. James RC Church, Setauket, St. Patrick's RC Church, Smithtown, St. James Episcopal Church, St. James, and Caroline Church.

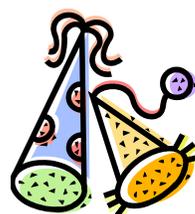
Wylie Hunt, parishioner at St. James Episcopal Church and founder of our Prayer Shawl Ministry was our speaker. She spoke on the outreach of our Long Island prayer shawl ministry to the victims of the Newtown shooting. A few days after the shooting, Wylie coordinated a collection of shawls to deliver to Newtown. Within a few weeks, she had commitments from many churches, and we were able to collect about 29 shawls to help add to a gift for every teacher and school staff member in Newtown. A shawl was also given to a woman who lives in Stony Brook, who lost her granddaughter in the shooting at Sandy Hook. We are so very grateful to all who contributed to this outreach – a small but visible token of our love for those in pain.

Sue Seel and Wylie sang a song by Laura Story entitled 'Blessings' as a prelude to our time of quiet meditation. We were reminded that often our blessings come through 'raindrops' and that 'trials in this life are God's mercies in disguise.' Dara Linthwaite, choir director at St. James Episcopal, brought her guitar for a special addition to the morning. She sang a beautiful song by Judy Collins, entitled "Had I a Golden Thread."

It was a lovely morning, and we hope you will consider joining us at any of our monthly meetings on Saturday mornings, or at next year's annual gathering planned to take place at the First Presbyterian Church in Smithtown. Watch the bulletins and The Carillon for dates!

Our next monthly gathering will be on May 18th at 8:30am. We look forward to having new members.

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



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| 5/01 | Suzanne Shane Madison Schmitt Stephanie Schmitt |
| 5/02 | Michael Desposito |
| 5/03 | Mira Busko Marcy Dunn Janine Laux Patti Wittkowski Elyse Kady |
| 5/04 | Sarah Huss Erika Kady Emma Laraque |
| 5/05 | Dave Elling Kelly Loeber Stephanie Davis |
| 5/06 | Len Calone Noah Spata |
| 5/07 | Mary Rydzeski Megan DeCastro |
| 5/08 | Ray Edmonson Anne Kilmer Lindsay Porter Peter Shaw |
| 5/09 | Peter Johnson Emily Haggerty |
| 5/10 | Katherine Specht |
| 5/12 | Alison Woreth |
| 5/13 | Penny Scholl Lily DeRose |
| 5/14 | Suzan Benzinger Jim Postiglione Natalie O'Dell Jake Heming |
| 5/15 | Teddy Shimaitis Melanie D'Aleo Ethan Sanislo |
| 5/16 | Manuel Lopez |
| 5/17 | Chuck Rampone |
| 5/18 | Cassandra Visconti David Blake |
| 5/19 | Sharon McKinley Christine Monastero |
| 5/20 | Jeremy Mis Caitlin Huss |
| 5/21 | Katherine Gilmore Andrew Postiglione |
| 5/22 | Susan Markee Susan Lasser Martin Schmitt |
| 5/23 | Joseph Denyko Alexis Butruch |
| 5/24 | Avery Timm |
| 5/27 | Jerry DiBartolo Matt Cincotta |
| 5/28 | Henry Stevenson Brian Anderson |
| 5/29 | Peter Sanislo Sharon Donnelly Jeffrey Michel |
| 5/30 | Isabella Sobalvarro Sammy Gonzalez Owen Timm |

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Looking for Readers In another language!

Do you read/speak another language? Would you be willing to share that gift with your church family?

Pentecost is Sunday, May 19th



As you remember, Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit came in tongues of fire upon the disciples, and they spoke in many different languages.

We are in need of 2 readers per service. So if you are around, available and able to read 1 lesson at 1 service, please contact Janet in the office as soon as possible.

20s & 30s Group

The Twenties and Thirties will defend our championship title at Trivia Night at Country Corner in Setauket on Tuesday, May 7th, at 8:00pm. Let us know if you're coming either via Facebook (Caroline Twenties and Thirties) or by emailing Lindsay at:

lindsay.baldwin.porter@gmail.com.

ECW Evening Branch

In order to reduce costs the ECW Quiet Day is rescheduled for Saturday, May 25th from 10:00am to 4:00pm. To reduce costs we will be joining a program open to the public but will have time scheduled for our group. Brother Mark Alessio's retreat topic will be the Wideness and Wonder of Prayer. Cost for the retreat is \$30. which includes the brothers' delicious lunch.

Our group can arrive a half hour early, by 9:30 to gather together. There will be time also later in the day to meet as a group. The Friary would need to know how many to expect for lunch so please call or email to let me know if you can come. You can pay when you arrive. That time of May should be lovely weather to stroll the grounds during our retreat. Hope you can come!

Mirjana Ellis
689-2627
rmellis@optonline.net

Hospitality/Newcomer Brunch

On May 5th, Fr. Richard, the Vestry, and the Hospitality Committee cordially invite all newcomers to our annual Hospitality Brunch, held in the MCS building beginning at 11:00am. Please join us for a time to get to know each other better, and to allow us to show our continued interest in your feeling welcome at the Caroline Church.

Parishioners who would like to get to know our newcomers are also most welcome to join us !

Please R.S.V.P. to Irene Ruddock (751-8337).

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



Afghanistan:

Michael Cardamone, Adam Fullerton,
Roy Raguso, Mike Hanna, Kevin O'Donahue
Kevin LoRusso

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



CYC Youth Group

As of this day Lindsay and Don are still waiting for their bundle of joy. June 2nd from 4:00pm-7:00pm the youth will be going to Country Fair Entertainment Park, in Medford. The cost will be \$15 for each youth. We need 20 youth to sign up to get a group rate. We will have 3 hours of unlimited Go-Karts, Batting cages, Miniature Golf, Golf Driving Range, and outdoor Laser Tag.

The event is opened to all youth 6th-12th grade. We would like to invite our 5th graders who will be going into 6th grade next year to join us.

Please let me know if you will be able to join us. I will have a sign up sheet at coffee hour for the next few weeks.

Also during the Summer months we will be offering our youth some special events. Please look for upcoming news about this fun events.

Mary Doherty

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

Parish Ministry Opportunities

Food Gift Cards Salesperson

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. Very doable. If interested, please call Janet in the Parish Office at 941-4245. Training is available.

Annual Summer Fair

We still could use some one to run our children's games and help setting up and cleaning up at our Summer Fair on the village green on Saturday, June 8. If you can lend a hand, please give Chairperson Mark LaSorsa a call at 609-0993 or email him at lasorsam@optimum.net and say you will do your part in helping with this year's fair. Don't be surprised if you have a fun time doing so.

Caring for the Caregiver Support Group Needs your help!

The Caring for the Caregiver Support Group, a community outreach ministry of Caroline Church, is looking for someone to set up and put out the portable sign publicizing its twice monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month and the sign should go out a week prior to each meeting. The sign is kept in the barn and needs to be brought out to the front of the entrance to the Marco Smith parking lot. Please consider if this could be a meaningful way for you to participate in your church community. For further information, please contact Virginia Cash at 428-0902 or vcash5msw@aol.com

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 \$\$\$\$



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
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.



Caroline Church Parishioners are Invited to a Potluck Brunch

**In Honor of our
2013 Graduates,
Church School Students and Teachers!**

Sunday, June 9th
after the 9:30am service
in the MCS building

Come join us as we congratulate our 2013 Graduates, show appreciation for our Church School Teachers and hand out awards to our Church School children.

Help us to make this a very special day of appreciation by bringing a pot luck type of food to share. We do not want the teachers to bring anything, so we are counting on you. Please contact me to let me know that you will be coming and what you will be able to bring.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to congratulate our graduates and church school children and to show how much we appreciate all that the teachers do for our children each week throughout the school year.

Thank you!
Mary Doherty
Church School Director

11th Annual Caroline Summer Fair Needs Your Help!



Saturday June 8th
Rain date Sunday June 9th

Our **biggest fundraiser of the year** on Saturday June 8th needs your help! We need you to lend your hands to help make our annual fair a success.

Bake Sale - Please contact Caroline Ennis at 473-2924 if you can make some of your delicious baked goodies to be sold at the Fair.

Barn Sale - Don't forget the Barn Sale! Think of us now while you are doing your spring-cleaning. Donations can be dropped off in the Barn during the week, see Janet for the key, or on weekends by contacting Mike Specht at 689-2927.

Children's Crafts - We are still in need for someone to run the children's crafts, as well as assistants. If you are available to help in either capacity, please call Mark LaSorsa at 609-0993 as soon as possible!

Children's Games - Maritza Groth is heading up the Children's Games this year and could use some help. If you would like to assist her, please contact her at 941-1304.

Raffle Baskets - Eileen DeRosa, from the raffle basket committee, would appreciate help from you. We are looking for unwanted 'new gifts' for the raffle baskets. If you have items to donate, please drop them off in the Parish Office or contact Eileen directly at 474-7483.

Sponsors - We are asking if your family would like to sponsor one of the children's game events. With about 10 games, we are asking families for a \$20 sponsorship per game. With each \$20 sponsorship, your family's name will be noted as the sponsor of that game on the day of the Fair. Please contact Mary Wueste at 689-7269 if interested.

Vendors - Mark LaSorsa is looking for vendors for this coming summer fair. Please contact Mark for an application by calling him at 609-0993.

Watch for more Fair News
coming soon!



Graduation Time

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to face the challenges of life with your steady hand and use the opportunities that are before them as building blocks for a new journey. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One of the prayers for youth in our Book of Common Prayer also speaks of children "growing up in an unsteady and confusing world" (page 829). The challenges faced by every high school, college, and postgraduate student are enormous.

Please contact the parish office with your child's graduation information so that we may post it in the up-coming June Carillon. We will be having a special acknowledgement and blessing for all graduates on June 9. Please join us and celebrate their accomplishment.

Juice & Cookies on the Slype Host/Hostess Sign up for 2013

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.



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.

The next Ultreya will meet Friday, May 17th (due to the Memorial Day Weekend) beginning at 7:30pm at Caroline Church.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Seel.

Church School Happenings

Wow, I can't believe that the end of the year is almost here. Hopefully the weather will get warmer and we will all be able to get and enjoy the Spring and Summer seasons.

As the Church School year comes to a close it is important for our children to come to class each week. The teacher's and myself are planning end of the year projects for the children. Each class will be doing something different. The younger children will also be singing a song that they have been taught during Children's Chapel, during the year. The children will be singing it during the 9:30am Service on June 9th. The younger children are also working on a project, that will be displayed in the Marco C. Smith building on June 9th. The 3rd and 4th grade will be singing the Books of the Bible at our Brunch. The 5th grade class will be displaying their Holy Communion Banners. The 6th - 12th graders will be making a stain glass cross to be displayed in the church. Please make every effort to bring your children to Church each week.

This year Rogation Sunday is May 12th, Mother's Day. We will be giving out plants to each child to bring home. We will also plant a few in the garden.

Our 5th graders will receive Holy Communion on June 2nd this year. We will have a special coffee hour for them, during which we will give each of the children a gift and a certificate. Please join us for this wonderful celebration.

The following week, June 9th, will be our last day of church school. I would like to invite everyone to our end of the year brunch to "Honor our Teacher's and Youth" Our teacher's are a dedicated group. They come every week to help our children discover a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. As mentioned above each class will have a special project or song to share with the congregation. Please make sure to mark your calendar and join us for this special day.

The following week, June 16th, starts Camp Caroline. This year we will be using past VBS programs. There is a sign up sheet in the kitchen, please give some thought to help us out this year.

Something new that we will be offering to the Parish will be bi-weekly movie nights. The movies will be shown in the Marco C. Smith building on Friday evenings at 6:30 pm. The youth will be running a concession stand to raise money. The movie will be free of charge. I will have a list of the dates and movies in

next month's Carillon. There will also be a flyer hanging up in the MCS building and I will be sending out information in the next few weeks to everyone.

Last but not least, WE NEED YOUR HELP. Please give some thought to volunteering at this years Community Vacation Bible School, July 15-19. We have hosted this for over 25 years. We have children that have gone to VBS, come back to volunteer as youth helpers and as Teachers. This year we are in need of volunteers to teach. The registration forms for volunteering and to come to the camp are in this issue of the Carillon and on-line at our web site. There are also forms downstairs in the MCS building that you can pick up. If any youth want to volunteer I must get a form from you, the sooner the better since areas are filling up and I can not guarantee that you will be placed where you want to be.

Mary Doherty
Church School Director
Director VBS

Liturgical Calendar

April

Baptisms: Nathan Teller Johnson
Fitzpatrick Tepker Schaudies
Brennan Sean Melvin
Colin Schuyler Cook

Vestry Highlights

April

- ♦ A bid has been accepted to paint the church and its tower;
- ♦ On Saturday, May 4th from 9 a.m. til Noon parishioners will work together to spruce up our Church. Please join in one of the projects to keep Caroline beautiful;
- ♦ May's Ministry Spotlight will be on women's ministries;
- ♦ Newcomers' Brunch is set for May 5th. Join us to welcome our newest parishioners;
- ♦ Planning for the Summer Fair is underway – June 8th on the Green. The committee would love your input and help.

Lorraine Massie
Clerk of the Vestry

Buildings & Grounds

The Sacristy door has been replaced with a window that fits the character of the building and brings in welcome additional light. A paint job is in order for the Sacristy, which hopefully will be accomplished soon.

Speaking of painting, the Vestry voted to move forward with painting the exterior of the church and Parish House. We received proposals from five contractors including three locals and two from out of state. After clearing up a few questions from the Vestry, the agreement should be signed by the time this article is distributed. The work has not been scheduled as of the time of this writing. The company will be using rigging to reach the high areas, not lifts or scaffolding. They are real steeplejacks, so we should have some interesting photos!

On Saturday, May 4, the Stewardship Committee will be sponsoring a Cleanup Day. Many inside and outside projects are planned. I'll be out of state for Ryan's graduation, but I hope you can give a few hours to help beautify our facility. Other articles in this month's Carillon will give more details.

Old Field Landscape did a great job with the Spring Cleanup and our grounds looked outstanding for Easter Day. The sprinkler systems have been powered up and several leaks repaired. Father Jim's Garden and the walkway beds wrapping around the church have now been converted from sprinkler heads to drip irrigation. We will now be able to water those beds daily if needed without spraying the foliage. The sprinkler head sprays were causing damage to bushes in the garden and some ornamental trees immediately adjoining the beds. This project was started last summer, but is now complete and the lines are buried from sight.

While making the sprinkler repairs we encountered many grubs in the soil—not a surprise since we had an outbreak of raccoons tearing up the grass late last summer. The grubs are too deep to treat now, but we will make a preemptive strike later this spring to prevent a repeat of last summer's damage.

Finally, we are in the process of treating moss that has grown on a section of Parish House roof. That growth is caused by a tree overhanging the roof. We spoke to our arborist last fall about the situation. That tree is old and they feel that trimming off otherwise healthy portions could kill it. So we will prune any dead wood, but for now will not do any radical pruning. Instead we will kill off the moss as it grows, hope the tree will see more

years, while monitoring that it does not become a danger to the Parish House.

Chris Haring, Chair
Buildings, Churchyard and Village Green



Grief Support Group

Anyone who has lost a loved one is cordially invited, even if your loss was years ago. Your attendance may be the spark to help someone else. We follow a basic structure and all sharing or discussions are held confidential.

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



Hunger in America

Volunteers Needed for a Hunger Study:
"HUNGER IN AMERICA 2014"

Help show the face of hunger on Long Island

Are you caring, compassionate and good at communicating with people? Do you want to make a difference? Working with Island Harvest Food Bank, you can be a part of a national hunger study and help document the extent of hunger on Long Island.

- ◆ Volunteer Data Collector and Volunteer Team Leader positions available
- ◆ Hunger Study Duration: April 1 to August 30, 2013.
- ◆ Volunteers will administer online survey using electronic tablets (tablets and training provided).
- ◆ Must be age 18 or older and have reliable transportation.

Excellent experience for those interested in social work, human services, research, policy or related fields.

Apply online. Any questions please call Andrea Morale at Island Harvest at 631-873-4775 ext. 215.