

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

We have just been through a beautiful Holy Week at Caroline Church and are now in the Great Fifty days of Eastertide. Now that we are renewed it is time to turn the corner and move ahead. And that is what many of our fine young graduates are doing this Spring. If you are graduating this May or June, please let the parish office know what your plans are so we can acknowledge your accomplishments and pray for your new endeavors.

The other day, I was trying to get in touch with a customer service representative and had to run the gauntlet of pressing various numbers on my touch tone phone, navigating many menus. I know many of you well understand this all too frequent fact of life in our 21st Century. We have learned to live with voice mail as a necessary part of life and I must be honest with you, when calling Caroline Church's parish office you will experience some of this electronic movement.

But have you ever wondered, "what if God decided to install voice mail?" Imagine yourself in the midst of fervent prayer and hearing this: "Thank you for calling my Father's House. Please listen carefully, since we have recently changed our menu options. Please select one of the following options: Press 1 for Praise; press 2 for Thanksgiving; press 3 for requests; press 4 for complaints; press 5 for really big complaints; press 6 for all other inquiries."

After you navigate that menu, what if God used the familiar excuse ... "I'm sorry, all our angels are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to each person of the Holy Trinity, and will be answered in the order it was received, so please stay on the line."

Now let's say you are becoming too frustrated waiting on line listening to celestial music. So you decide to press "o" and get the "operator". However, once you do, imagine how you would feel getting these kinds of responses from your call to God in prayer: "If you would like to speak to: Gabriel, press 1; Michael, press 2; for a directory of other Angels and saints, press 3. If you would like to hear King David sing a Psalm while you are holding, press 4; to find out if a loved one has been assigned to

heaven, press 5, enter his or her last four digits of their social security number, then press the pound key. Warning: If you get a negative response, try area code 666."

Now let's say you are getting up there in age, and realize that the number of days ahead of you is much less than the number of days past. So, you want to make a reservation at "My Father's House", you dial the main number and you hear the recorded angel operator say: "Please enter J -O-H-N followed by 3-1-6."

Some of us may be praying fervently for some insight into perennial questions like, where is God when you really need him, when did the world begin, why is there so much suffering in the world, or where is Noah's Ark anyway? So you press 8 on your touch tone phone, but unfortunately get this recording: "Please wait until you arrive here."

Let's say you are a good Episcopalian and you pray often every day. How would you feel if you get this response from your Father's House: "We sorry, but our computers show that you have already prayed once today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow. This office is closed for the weekend to observe the religious holidays. Please pray again Monday after 10:00 am. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local priest."

My friends, aren't you glad to know that God doesn't have voice mail, He always listens. So, keep on praying!
Blessed Eastertide,

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

Buddhism and Christianity on Suffering

Some people have been influenced by both Buddhism and Christianity and even mix practices from both traditions in their spiritual lives. Despite this potential for symbiosis, however, there are some irreconcilable differences. Although the problem of human suffering is significant in both religions, they differ on the point of how it is made meaningful.

The most basic tenets of early Buddhism are the Four Noble Truths. They can be elucidated as follows:

1. All life is suffering.
2. Attachment is the cause of suffering.
3. If we rid ourselves of attachment, we free ourselves from suffering (and reach enlightenment).
4. Buddhist practice is the way to rid oneself of attachment.

In Buddhism, suffering includes but is not limited to old age, sickness, and death. In addition to these, they assert, any pleasure soon becomes monotonous or is taken from us and thus becomes a source of suffering. My excitement over a new toy ignores the fact that it is decaying before my eyes, a truth that will eventually make itself known. Not only that, but my fascination with it wanes over time. The truth of suffering therefore means that we are always in a state of greater or lesser dis-ease. We are prevented from reaching a state of complete contentment.

The truth of the origin of suffering means that our relying on various things to save us (for Buddhism, this can include reliance on the gods, who are seen as being as trapped in suffering as we are) only leads to more disappointment and suffering. Whatever I grasp upon to save me from suffering ultimately disappoints, at which point most people turn to something else in a never ending cycle of grasping and disappointment (and the Buddhists truly mean *never ending*, through countless lifetimes if we do not succeed in reaching release through enlightenment).

The truth of the cessation of suffering is that the cycle can be broken. Freeing ourselves of all attachment means that we release ourselves from clinging to this world, we stop the endless cycle of grasping and disappointment, and are freed from further rebirth.

The truth of the path leading to cessation is that Buddhist practice will lead to release from attachment that in turn will allow us to exit the cycle of suffering and rebirth.

Suffering is not without benefit in Buddhism, which posits that what we suffer now is the result of ignorant mistakes

made in the past, ethical errors caused by my attachment to things. This ethical causality is known as karma. If, for example, my attachment to wealth (greed) causes me to ignore the suffering of others, I might be reborn as a person in desperate need of the support of others. If my attachment to physical pleasure causes me to use and hurt others, then I might be reborn as someone who is unattractive. Suffering therefore both teaches us and is the burning off of previously created bad karma. Once I have weathered well the fruiting of bad karma, I may be reborn into a life that is less challenging. For Buddhists, the best possible life is one in which we have the ability to study religion and to grow. Too much ability to distract ourselves, or too little time to do anything other than secure survival, and we are unlikely to make spiritual progress. One can, in other words, be too comfortable or too distressed. (During the Vietnam War, it is said, Buddhist monks ceased teaching religion and simply prayed for peace so that, once again, people could engage in spiritual practice, undistracted by pressing survival needs.)

For Christians, suffering results not from karma, but from our partial separation from God and our own freedom to choose between good and evil. This partial separation and freedom mean that we can love others, for love bridges a distance. In other words, if there is complete separation, love cannot reach, and if there is no separation, love cannot bridge. In addition, the choice to love must be freely made or it is not love. With freedom and partial separation come, therefore, both the ability to love and the ability to suffer. Without the possibility of loss and getting hurt, there can be no love. Loving means to take a risk and to trust. Freedom extends beyond ourselves, however, to the natural world. We might suffer hurricanes, illness, physical and emotional limitations as an accident of existence. Hence, in contrast with Buddhism, suffering has no inherent meaning for Christians, but can be made meaningful, as each instance can be an opportunity to love. If we connect with others and love them, we increase integration and come closer to the God, to the kingdom of heaven. If we turn away from others towards ourselves, on the other hand, we create further disintegration in the world.

Christians and Buddhists can agree that our repeated seeking of distraction and salvation in things like money, sex, power, and notoriety only increase suffering. We can also agree that letting go of our attachments to these things is helpful in our spiritual lives. Similarly, in both religions, being too shielded from suffering leads to spiritual atrophy and a tendency to be self-seeking, which in turn causes more suffering. We do our children no favor, for example, when we shield them from all suffering rather than walking the path of suffering with them and helping them to make the suffering meaningful.



Our Anglican Heritage

Alcuin of Tours

A significant difference is that Christians do not believe we can ever reach a state of enlightenment, a state of no attachment and abiding contentment. As Episcopalians, we reject the Calvinist notion that all humans are totally depraved (a comfortable conviction of ours that is challenged every time we turn on the news, but is affirmed each time we attend church), but we also do not believe in an enlightenment. It is true that some Christian mystics hold that a temporary union with God is achievable, but when that union ends, we are returned to the dis-ease of existence. Like the Buddhists, this world is a place we look forward to leaving, but we are not sanguine about the prospects of achieving enlightenment in the meantime. What we can do is to engage in Christian practice, to cultivate our love of neighbor and of God and share one another's burdens so that the suffering of this world is mixed with joy and our burdens are lightened. It is not that Buddhists anticipate no joy, but that they think joy is fleeting and not conducive to enlightenment. It can even be a hindrance if one becomes attached to it. Christians can agree that the pleasures of this world are fleeting and that not becoming attached to them is wise, but we also believe that our glimpses of God in this life are a foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven.

¹ St. John of the Cross explains that, though God is always present to us, "a permanent actual union of the faculties in this life is impossible; such a union can only be transient." (St. John of the Cross, *The Ascent of Mt. Carmel* in *St. John of the Cross, Selected Writings*, trans. Kieran Kavanaugh (Mahwah, New Jersey: Paulist Press, 1987), p. 89.)



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.

Alcuin was an Englishman from York, born into a noble family about 730, and educated by a pupil of Bede. Having become a deacon, he was made head of the cathedral school at York around 770. In 781 he was asked by the Emperor Charlemagne to become his minister of education. He accepted, and established schools at many cathedrals and monasteries, and promoted learning in every way he could. In the preceding years of constant wars and invasions, many ancient writings had been lost.

Alcuin established scriptoria, dedicated to the copying and preservation of ancient manuscripts, both pagan and Christian. That we have as much as we do of the writings of classical Roman authors is largely due to Alcuin and his scribes. (He is credited with the invention of cursive script, in which the letters are connected for greater speed of writing.) To Alcuin, backed by Charlemagne, belongs much of the credit for the revision and organization of the Latin liturgy, the preservation of many of the ancient prayers, and the development of plainchant. He revised the Roman lectionary and adapted the Gregorian sacramentary for use in Gaul (Francia) by incorporating elements from the Gelasian sacramentary and composing a series of ferial and votive masses. This liturgical work preserved many of the Collects that have come down to the present day, including the Collect for Purity of Heart that has begun the Anglican Eucharistic liturgy since the 1549 Book of Common Prayer. Alcuin's writings include biblical exegesis; a major theological work on the Trinity; moral and philosophical essays; manuals of grammar, rhetoric, orthography, and mathematics; and poems on a wide variety of subjects. He and his fellow theologians at Charlemagne's capital of Aachen (or Aix-le-Chappelle) were important advocates of the doctrine that the Holy Ghost proceeds from the Father and the Son jointly. Unfortunately, the East, which regarded the Emperor at Byzantium as the sole Emperor, resented Charlemagne's assumption of the title of Holy Roman Emperor, and this hardened their opposition to the aforesaid doctrine, thus contributing to the rift between East and West. Alcuin withdrew from court life in 796 to become abbot of Saint Martin's at Tours, where he died on May 19, 804. He was buried in the Church of Saint Martin. Alcuin is remembered throughout the Episcopal Church every year on May 20.

SAVE THE DATE

Diocese Celebrating the Class of 2014

WHAT: Graduation Service:
Honoring the High School Graduates in the Class of 2014
WHERE: Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City
WHEN: Saturday, May 31, 2014 - 10:00 AM
WHO: Graduating Seniors and their family, friends, and church members

Dear Youth Leaders, Clergy, Students and Parents:

Please join Bishop Provenzano and the entire diocese in recognizing and blessing our high school seniors as they prepare to transition to the next phase of life. This is an opportunity to thank our seniors for their gifts, talents and service in our parish and diocese ministries. We will have a service on the lawn (weather permitting) followed by fun and food! Take time to connect with friends from across the diocese and learn about campus ministries and Episcopal ministries for young adults.

Online registration and Invitations will be available soon. Please email the names, email address and home address of high school graduates from your parish to:
youth@dioceseli.org

All youth interested in planning or participating in the service should contact Myra Garnes Shuler at mgarnesshuler@dioceseli.org or (516) 248-4800 x118.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Our men's annual retreat was held on April 12. Fr. Farrell lead the days discussion as we read, prayed and discussed Jesus' night in the Garden of Gethsemane and His personal discussion with His father. We thank Fr. Farrell for leading us as we prepared for Holy Week.

Looking forward:

- ♦ May 10th is a standard meeting beginning with an 8:00am Eucharist
- ♦ May 17th the men host the Women's and Girl's Communion Breakfast – we start at 7:00am
- ♦ May 31st is our Annual Summer Fair – any and all help will be appreciated – we start at 7:00am

Br. Mark

Juice & Cookies on the Slype

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.

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 \$\$\$

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 May 3rd 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.



12th Annual Caroline Summer Fair Needs Your Help!

Saturday May 31st

Rain date Sunday June 1st

Our **biggest fundraiser of the year** on Saturday May 31st needs your help! We need you to lend your hands to help make our annual fair a success.

We have a number of new ideas that we are looking into that require support during the day of the fair.

**Currently we are estimating that we will need up to
25 parishioners during the fair to
support the various activities.**

We will have a sign up sheet beginning in May to gauge the parish interest and commitment – Remember, more support allows us to offer more to the community during the fair.

If you are not able to join us you can still participate through a financial donation.

Bake Sale - If you can make some of your delicious baked goodies to be sold at the Fair, drop them off in the kitchen of the MCS building with a note that they are for the Fair. They may be dropped off the day before, Friday, May 30th. (We are looking for a lead person for this).

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 organize & run the children's crafts, as well as assistants.

Children's Games - We are looking for donations for the children's jars. Please fill up a jar and drop it off in the MCS building. We also need someone to run the children's games this year as well as assistants! .

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.



**WE NEED
YOU!**



Holy Week at Caroline Church

A great word of thanks to all our parish ministers: Fr. Farrell, lectors, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar guild members, acolytes, office volunteers, choristers, and musicians, for all their efforts in seeing that our Holy Week services were celebrated with dignity and grace. Our parish staff: Janet, Dallas, Bethany, Katherine, Mary and Nancy truly extended themselves in making this holy week a time in which so many could enter the holiness of this season as they came to worship Our Lord. What a genuinely inspirational Holy Week and glorious Easter Sunday it was for us at Caroline Church.

Alleluia Christ is Risen!
The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Women & Girls Annual Communion Breakfast

The Brothers at Caroline Church cordially invite the women and girls of the parish to the "Women and Girls Annual Communion Breakfast" on Saturday May 17th.

The morning starts off with an 8:00am Eucharist followed by a special breakfast, entertainment and a guest speaker. Hope you can join us.

Welcome INN Soup Kitchen needs a few good people – maybe YOU?

Caroline Church parishioners regularly volunteer to prepare dinner for the Welcome INN Soup kitchen on Tuesdays.

Did you know that the generosity of our community also enables us to serve hot meals to 60-80 neighbors 5 days each week - not just Tuesdays?

We receive a number of food donations that require timely pick up and transportation to our various Port Jefferson soup kitchen locations.

If you are able to help out regularly on some early Tuesday or Friday mornings, please give me a call at 631-871-5327 or email me at 18susie@gmail.com.

Thanks! Sue Nalewajk

Attention - ECW Evening Branch Ladies



The next meeting of the Episcopal Church Women's evening branch group will meet on Thursday, May 29th at 7:00pm in the MCS building.

We will finish up any preparation work for the Church Fair and plan our June meeting which will be the last one before we break for the summer. If there is any change of date, it will be posted in the weekly church bulletin so please check beforehand. Hope to see you all there. For further info. or questions, please call Terry Russell at 631-509-1722 or e-mail me at tandrussell@aol.com.



African Team Ministries

The African Team Ministries sale will take place at Caroline Church on May 4th. The sale will take place following the 8:00 and the 9:30 a.m. services.

African Team Ministries is a non-profit organization based in California serving as an intermediary between African and American churches of Episcopal and Anglican denominations. The Ministries oversees the sale of craft items and jewelry handmade by people living in East Africa. All proceeds from these sales benefit the dioceses in East Africa, providing:

- ♦ Care and education of African orphans in eight Anglican dioceses;
- ♦ Jobs for unemployed women as they make crafts, enabling them to care for their children and parents;
- ♦ Funding for projects of refugee relief, health education, especially AIDS education and prevention, clergy and lay education, and building repair.

Make sure to stop and see the many unique and special treasures on display. These items make wonderful spring gifts for Mother's Day, a graduation, wedding, or birthday and your participation and support of this outreach brings relief to so many in need.

“Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.”—Proverbs 22:6

We as a congregation, we share a responsibility with parents to offer solid teachings to help direct children’s lives. We believe that what children receive from our Church School and the entire church experience will provide them with the kind of knowledge that will help guide them in their lives and enable them to experience of God’s love.

We need to be people who are known for our thankfulness...

especially in our homes;

in our community;

with our wives/ husbands/ children/ parents

Partly because of the change it can bring about in our families, but more importantly because of the change it can bring to our own lives and hearts.

I read an article about a woman that I found interesting. She said that her cousin had invited them to “Come for a thanksgiving dinner on Saturday, March 20th.”

She wrote: *“She was not celebrating an early Thanksgiving. She was saying that all was well with her husband, who had finished a battery of hospital tests. “In our family,” she said “we sometimes have as many as ten thanksgivings in one year. They mark happy events for which there are no formal celebration dates: a job promotion, a graduate degree, a good medical report. Sometimes we celebrate with a dinner party, sometimes with a picnic or outing, but always with as many members of our clan as we can round up.”*

10 Thanksgivings a year... can you imagine what that would do to your diet??? And yet here in Colossians 3:17 we’re told that 10 Thanksgivings a year would not be enough for a Christian that tried to follow Paul’s advice: “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” In WHATEVER we do... every day of every year... we should be giving thanks. We should be known as “thankful people”. In fact, Colossians 2:7 declares we should be “...overflowing with thankfulness.” And in Ephesians 5:20 we’re told that we should be “...ALWAYS giving thanks to God the Father FOR EVERYTHING, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

We, as Christians, should be known as a thankful and grateful people. And that should be true of us in EVERY aspect of our lives. Especially, it should be true in our homes and in how we deal with our families.

A few years ago Dr. Nick Stinnett of the Univ. of Nebraska conducted a series of studies in an attempt to discover what characteristics were common in strong families. He and his researchers discovered six qualities. And the first quality, one of the most important to be found in strong families, was that of appreciation. They concluded that families which were strong were strong because family members expressed appreciation for what each member DID and for who they WERE. In a similar study another researcher looked into the effect of praise in the workplace. His study showed that the ratio of praise to criticism in the workplace needed to be 4 to 1 before employees felt that there is a balance - that there had to be 4 times as much praise as there was criticism before those employees felt good about their work and about the environment they worked in. (Both studies were reported in Richard J. Fairchild’s "Gratitude-A Necessary Attitude" 2001) This tells us that people need appreciation. They need praise. And they need these things 4 times as often as they receive criticism to have a healthy environment at work or home.

I would like to invite you all to show your appreciation for our Church School and our volunteers in the next 6 weeks. Then, on June 8th join us to celebrate our Church School Children and Volunteers with a Special Brunch during Coffee Hour. There will be a sign up sheet of items that we would like to have at the Brunch, please sign up.

I look forward to seeing everyone during the remaining weeks. Thank you in advance for all your help.



Mary
Church School Director

Historical and Cultural Artifacts Commission

The Historical and Cultural Artifacts Commission is pleased to present “The Diocese of Torit, People and Places” in the History Center. The pictorial exhibit depicts the lives, communities, sanctuaries and life styles of our sister diocese.

Bishop, The Rt. Reverend Bernard Oringa Balmoi has kindly supplied answers to some questions regarding the environment, the conflict in neighboring provinces and the cultural diversity of the Diocese; this dialogue is posted on the bulletin board in the History Center. It is interesting to note that one Sunday School class has 128 pupils.

Please come and enjoy a glimpse of the Episcopal Church in another part of the world.

**Youth Service Day at
Camp De Wolfe**

May 10th
9:00am-3:30pm
Lunch provided



We will be cleaning up
the grounds of the
camp and getting it
ready for Summer
Camp



First Holy Communion



June 1st
during the 9:30 service

Followed by a Special Coffee
Hour for everyone in the MCS
building.



Appreciation Brunch
Sunday
June 8th

Let us show our appreciation for
our Church School and our
volunteers at a Special Brunch
during Coffee Hour.

There will be a sign up sheet of items
that we would like to have at the
Brunch, please sign up.

**Camp Caroline
Starts June 15**

Please sign up for a
Sunday.
Lesson is provided.
Sign up sheet is in the
MCS building.



Vacation Bible Camp
July 7-July 11
8:45 until 12 Noon

Teachers needed

Diocese 2nd Annual Faith Formation Convocation

Join us for the Diocese of Long Island's second annual Faith Formation Convocation at the Mercer School of Theology in Garden City on Saturday, May 3 from 10:00AM to 4:30PM.

The Diocese of Long Island Formation Team strives to support Christian Formation for all throughout the parish communities of Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk. Plan to be with us for a great day with an inspirational keynote speaker as well as a variety of workshops specific to formation for various ages and circumstances.

Nationally and within the church we are often reticent to face issues around racial divisions head-on. Yet, if we are to be truly one in Christ; if we are to be able to pass on one faith with one effective voice, we must talk together about race, racism, and diversity among us. So, we are delighted to be able to welcome as our keynote speaker on May 3, the Executive Director of the Tracing Center on the Histories and Legacies of Slavery, James DeWolf Perry. The title of the opening address will be "Let Us Be Repairers of the Breach: Addressing the Legacy of Race & Building Beloved Community." You can learn more about the Tracing Center at <http://www.tracingcenter.org>.

Workshops include:

- ◆ Smells Like Teen Spirit: Stories and Strategies to Keep Youth Connected
- ◆ Guided Meditation: Making a Space for God to Find You"
- ◆ LGBTQ Spirituality
- ◆ Building Beloved Community in Multicultural Contexts: A Panel Conversation with Diverse Leaders
- ◆ Renewal Works: Forward Movement's new program for the Spiritual Vitality of Parishes
- ◆ Emergent Church & New Liturgies
- ◆ Understanding Immigration as Ministry
- ◆ Education for Ministry (EfM) & New Programs
- ◆ Spiritual Direction
- ◆ An Introduction to Godly Play
- ◆ Creating a Retreat for your Parish
- ◆ Strategies for Becoming a Missional Church

Register online for the Faith Formation Convocation at: <https://licommin.wufoo.com/forms/2nd-annual-faith-formation-convocation/>

Prayer Shawl Ministry Workshop

Saturday, May 3, 2014

CANCELLED

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 self-ish 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; though 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.

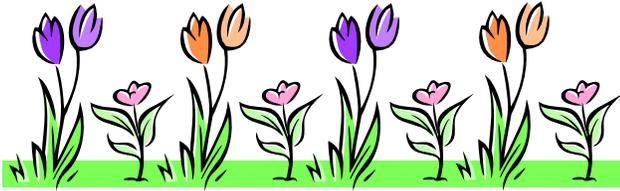
Please contact the parish office with your child's graduation information so that we may post it in the up-coming June Carillon. We will be having a special acknowledgement and blessing for all graduates on June 8. Please join us and celebrate their accomplishment.

Parish Family News

The New York State Master Teachers program last month announced the names of 42 Long Island educators who will join the ranks of a total of 215 people statewide, sharing their best ideas with their peers. We are happy to learn that parishioner Gillian Winters has been chosen for the field of Physics. Awesome!

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





Vestry Highlights April

- ◆ Encourage Dash project participation
- ◆ Discussion of the Carriage Shed
- ◆ Upcoming Church Fair needs parishioner participation
- ◆ Spring Fling is May 10th
- ◆ Voted to restructure Christian Education for Children & Youth

Barbara M. Russell
Clerk of the Vestry



Buildings & Grounds

Easter Day has passed, and hopefully we have *really* seen the end of the cold weather. The pansies seem to have survived the cold snap that preceded Easter, although some were not so lucky when it came to deer browsing for a snack. But things are clearly getting greener. Old Field Landscaping has done an initial cleanup—the lawnmowers can't be too far behind.

The sprinklers have been tested and the garden zones will be turned on shortly. The systems survived the winter well, with only two heads along the parking lot succumbing to the snowplows. We continue to cut back each year on watering the lawns. This will encourage the grass to root a bit deeper, save us some money and hopefully preserve the headstones that at times look greener than the grass.

We have met with three contractors, an engineer and an architect regarding the carriage shed. We continue to gather information, hoping to have some options and costs in hand sometime in May. We have also brought in two carpet vendors to measure the library/undercroft area. Some decisions on that should be made within the next few weeks. We will need volunteers to help with some painting and removal of the old carpet down there to keep the costs of this much needed project down. Anyone interested in helping with some gardening, painting or carpet removal please call or email me. The pay isn't so great but the rewards are out of this world.

Chris Haring, Chair
Buildings and Grounds

May Birthdays

5/01	Suzanne Shane	5/17	Chuck Rampone
	Madison Schmitt	5/18	Cassandra Visconti
	Stephanie Schmitt		David Blake
5/02	Michael Desposito	5/19	Sharon McKinley
5/03	Mira Busko	5/20	Christine Monastero
	Marcy Dunn	5/21	Jeremy Mis
	Janine Laux		Caitlin Huss
	Patti Wittkowski	5/22	Katherine Gilmore
	Elyse Kady		Andrew Postiglione
5/04	Sarah Huss		Susan Markee
	Erika Kady	5/23	Susan Lasser
	Emma Laraque		Martin Schmitt
5/05	Dave Elling	5/24	Joseph Denyko
	Kelly Loeber	5/27	Alexis Butruch
	Stephanie Davis		Avery Timm
5/06	Len Calone	5/28	Jerry DiBartolo
	Noah Spata		Matt Cincotta
5/07	Mary Rydzeski	5/29	Brian Anderson
	Megan DeCastro		Peter Sanislo
5/08	Ray Edmonson	5/30	Sharon Donnelly
	Anne Kilmer		Jeffrey Michel
	Lindsay Porter		Isabella Sobalvarro
	Peter Shaw		Sammy Gonzalez
5/09	Peter Johnson		Owen Timm
	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		



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Grief Support Group

Our next meeting is May 22, 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.