

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

As all of you know by now, on the first Sunday of this month, All Saints' Sunday, I was privileged to be installed by Bishop Provenzano with five other colleagues as an honorary Canon in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. This recognition of my priestly ministry over the years is a humbling experience for me. I don't like to call too much attention to anything I personally do for the greater glory of God and His mission within our community. I am much more comfortable lifting each and every one of you up as you live out your commitment to Our Lord through your ministry here at Caroline Church. So, I hope that all of you can feel proud that the ministry that we do together has had an impact on the life of those around us. That is what I am truly grateful for as we enter this season of Thanksgiving. God's gifts are often given in the form of people. His voice and presence is expressed through your listening ears, empathetic presence or kind words spoken. In those times I am convinced that God's gifts are what we give of ourselves to one another.

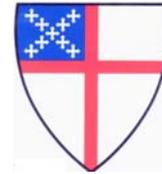
November is an especially appropriate time to reflect upon thankfulness. For some, harvest season is completed, leaving time to consider the tangible benefits from months of hard work. For another, November is a time to enjoy the seasonal changes before the storms of winter. For still another, it is a time of final preparations around the home in anticipation of winter and the holidays. And for us as a parish family, we intentionally reflect upon the importance of this faith community we are part of, celebrating our past year as we make a financial commitment for the future.

Take a few moments to reflect upon the abundance of God's grace in your life and then express your thankfulness for God's generosity in a way that is appropriate for you and your family. We will bless our Estimate of Giving Cards for 2014 on November 17 and then join in a celebration dinner that evening, in anticipation of what we can do together as a parish family for God's glory in the coming year.

May God's Holy Spirit guide you in your reflections.

For Christ's kingdom here and now,

Fr. Richard+



Canon Dr. Richard D. Visconti

On behalf of the parishioners of Caroline Church, The Vestry acknowledges, and congratulates our Rector on having been appointed Canon within the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island.

Canon Richard has extraordinarily served in the ministry for over thirty years; eleven here at Caroline Church, and has recently been named Priest-In-Charge of All Soul's Church in Stony Brook. He has a distinguished service as the Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese. He was the Province II Coordinator for Ecumenical Affairs. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Protestant Campus Ministries, the Long Island Council of Churches, Meals on Wheels, Shalom Interfaith Project, Stony Brook Hospital Ethics Committee, and a member of the Three Village Interfaith Clergy Association.

The Vestry proudly supports the Diocese in honoring our Rector, and extends to Canon Richard Visconti our heartfelt prayers and wishes for many more years of faithful service to Caroline Church and the Diocese of Long Island.

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

Things Not to Say to People Who May Be Suffering or How to Remain in the Present

People with good intentions are often at a loss as to how to be present to those who are suffering. It is not easy. Sometimes, in our uncertainty, we confuse making ourselves feel better with making the situation better. Below are a few things to avoid when talking with a person who may be suffering.

1. “It will be alright.”

Unless we are speaking eschatologically in the manner of Julian of Norwich (“*All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.*”), that is, unless we mean *ultimately* everything will be alright, after we die, this is not a good thing to say, mostly because it may not be true. Bad things happen to good people. The universe and other people can cause us all sorts of suffering. Saying “It will be alright” is really a way of avoiding being present to the suffering of our fellow human beings. Before things are alright, there will probably be many experiences that most of us would prefer to avoid. It is best to be honest. “That sounds dreadful,” for example, allows people to admit how they are truly feeling and to talk about what is on their minds. “It will be alright” shuts people down.

2. “All things work out for the good.”

Again, this may be true eschatologically, but it simply is not true for individuals in this life. The Bible records the tales of many innocent people suffering terrible fates. It starts in Genesis, when Cain slays Abel, and continues right on through the New Testament with the crucifixion and beyond. Not only scripture, but also newspapers confirm that this is not true. Jyoti Singh Pandey died of the wounds to her body and soul. Saying “All things work out for the good” is a way of avoiding reality, and people need us to be present in that reality with them, to walk a part of the path together.

3. “It is the will of God.”

Though God can help to bring good things out of our suffering, God does not cause us to suffer. Joseph was abandoned by his family, which later allowed him to save them from famine, but this does not mean that it was God's will that Joseph be abandoned. His half brothers' decision to sell him into slavery was a sin, but God managed to bring reconciliation out of a sinful situation. Just as God is with us in our suffering, people need other people to be with them in their suffering, as well.

4. “You look great!”

A person who had cancer once told me how much she hated to hear these words. For her, people were saying, “I don't want to hear about how you are really doing, so I am going to talk about something else.” Just as we would nev-

er say, “You'll make a great looking corpse,” we should not tell people whom we know to be suffering that they look great. If someone healthy comes back from a vacation and looks rested, on the other hand, it might be nice for them to hear that they look great.

5. “How's your family? Did you see the game? What did you have for breakfast?”

Playing twenty questions is not what a suffering person needs. When we do this, the conversation leaves the room. That is, we shift attention away from our discomfort over the current feelings of others to facts. Medical professionals have to ask questions to diagnose. People are not looking for this from their loved ones. Most simply need to be heard.

6. “God will not give you more than you can take.”

Being told to “buck up” never helped anyone, but even more importantly, we must never lose sight of the fact that God is the God of peace, love, order, and beauty. God *does not give us suffering*. History shows, however, both that misguided human beings are capable of great cruelty and that nature can wipe out a lifetime of work in a few minutes. God will be there with us throughout our suffering and will be there to receive us on the other side, but sometimes the world gives us more than we can take. People die of broken hearts. Of course, when someone is merely playing on our sympathies to get attention, we do not need to get caught in their drama. (See 9 below.)

7. “Others are suffering much more than you are.”

This is always true, and thinking this to *ourselves* may help to put things in perspective, but people do not want to hear it from *others*. It shifts attention away from their suffering so that we do not have to sit with them in it. Of course, if a person with a paper cut wants an inordinate amount of attention for it, we can simply give them what we sense is an appropriate amount, *e.g.*, “Paper cuts can be painful. I hope it will heal soon. I have to make a phone call,” and move on.

8. “It's time to move on.”

It may well be time to move on, but it is not for us to tell others the course their lives should take. Hopefully, the person is actually moving through the stages of mourning at his or her own pace and not getting stuck, but there is no predetermined end time. Mourning takes as long as it takes. It is a process, and to be sad after the loss of someone is not a failure. What can help is the understanding of others, especially of those with similar experiences.

9. **Caveat**

Some people do remain trapped in negative experiences. We recognize this by their tendency to repeat the same or similar stories even though they do not suffer from dementia. These people are not looking for someone with whom to connect in the present, but are themselves stuck relating to the past. There is no need for us to join them *there*. We should remain in the present. If they want to be there with us, fine. If not, we can move on. Again, be honest, reminding them without anger or derision, “You

have told me this.” If such a person persists, it is fine to say, “I don’t feel heard,” but not “I think you are trapped in the past,” which is a diagnosis that may make us feel better, but will not help the trapped person.

All of the above are ways of avoiding the present. People need us to be present to them, and that means to be present to their suffering, as well. Just remember to avoid preaching, teaching, fixing, judging, and diagnosing. “I don’t know what to say, but I am here with you” is an honest, caring, beautiful thing to say to a person who is suffering.

Our Anglican Heritage

William Temple

William Temple, 98th Archbishop of Canterbury, was born in 1881, the second son of Frederick Temple. At the age of two, he had the first attack of the gout that would be with him throughout life and eventually kill him. His eyesight was bad, and a cataract, present from infancy, left him completely blind in the right eye when he was 40. However, he was an avid reader, with a near-photographic memory, and once he had read a book, it was his. He was a passionate lover of the music of Bach. In literature, his special enthusiasms were poetry (Browning and Shelley), drama (the Greeks and Shakespeare), and a few novels, especially *The Brothers Karamazov*. He believed that theological ideas were often explored most effectively by writers who were not explicitly writing theology.

He was at Oxford (Balliol) from 1900 to 1904, and was president of the Oxford Union (the debating society of the University). Here he developed a remarkable ability to sum up an issue, expressing the pros and cons so clearly and fairly that the original opponents often ended up agreeing with each other. This ability served him in good stead later when he moderated conferences on theological and social issues. However, it was not just a useful talent for settling disputes. It was, or developed into, an important part of his philosophy, a belief in Dialectic, derived from Hegel and from Plato. He thought that beliefs and ideas reach their full maturity through their response to opposing ideas.

In 1906, he applied for ordination, but the Bishop of Oxford would not ordain him because he admitted that his

belief in the Virgin Birth and the Bodily Resurrection of Jesus was shaky. However, Davidson, the Archbishop of Canterbury, after a careful examination, decided that Temple's thought was developing in a direction that would inevitably bring him into an orthodox position, and decided to take a chance on ordaining him (deacon 1909, priest 1910). He may be said to have won his bet, in that by 1913 Temple had indeed committed himself fully to the orthodox position, and could write: "I believe in the Virgin Birth...it wonderfully holds before the imagination the truth of Our Lord's Deity and so I am glad that it is in the Creed. Similarly I believe in our Lord's Bodily Resurrection."

In 1908 he became president of the Workers' Educational Association (founded by Frederick Denison Maurice), and in 1918 joined the British Labour Party, and worked actively for the implementing of its platform. He also became vigorously involved in movements for Christian cooperation and unity, in missions, in the British Council of Churches, in the World Council of Churches, in the Church of South India (a merger of Anglican, Congregationalist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches into a single church, with provisions for safeguarding what each group thought essential).

In 1916 he married Frances Anson, and the night before the wedding he stayed up late to finish writing his first major theological treatise, *Mens Creatrix* (the Creative Mind). Eight years later he published a companion volume, expanding and clarifying the ideas of the first, called *Christus Veritas* (Christ the Truth). In 1921 he was made Bishop of Manchester, a heavily industrial city. In 1926 Britain experienced what was known as the General Strike, in which most workmen in all trades and industries went on strike, not against their particular employers, but against the social and economic policies of the country as a whole. In Manchester this meant primarily a coal stoppage. Temple worked extensively to mediate between the parties, and helped to bring about a settlement that both sides regarded as basically fair.

He excelled, it would seem, not as a scholar, but as a moderator, and above all as a teacher and preacher. Temple became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1942, when a German invasion seemed likely. He worked for the relief of Jewish refugees from Naziism, and publicly supported a negotiated peace, as opposed to the unconditional surrender that the Allied leaders were demanding.

His gout worsened. His last public appearance was at a clergy retreat (a time spent in a secluded place, with silence, prayer, meditation, reading, and listening to sermons), where he was taken by ambulance and spoke standing on his one good foot. He died on October 26, 1944. His ministry is remembered throughout the Anglican Communion every year on November 6.

Buildings & Grounds

Trees are the main topic this month. In October we brought in Sunburst to trim some trees at the Rectory that threatened our neighbor along Main Street. While they were here, Sunburst did some significant trimming of a Japanese Maple that shades both the Parish House and MCS parking lot. The heavy shade over the Parish House had caused moss to grow on that roof, but Sunburst had been hesitant to take action. They feared that the old tree would not tolerate the shock of a major trimming. But it had become clear that the maple was posing a threat to the building. Complete removal was considered, but rejected. So the tree has been cut back, providing more light to the roof and more safety to the structure. But it is also clear that the Japanese Maple—estimated to be about 100 years old—is nearing the end of its lifespan. It likely will have to come down before the end of the decade.

We have done a lot of tree work in the past few years. Irene, Sandy and the February blizzard certainly have contributed. We also did some preventative maintenance in 2012. We have been fortunate that the three storms caused very little damage from the downed trees. A few sections of fence and damage to a lamp post (the same light twice!) were the only casualties. But if we continue to remove trees, will we end up denuding our beautiful grounds? No.

That's because back in the 1980's the Churchyard Committee, led by Dave Elling, began a long term maintenance program. Back then Sunburst identified literally dozens of trees—many Maples—that were in decline. The committee began a planting program and a program to fertilize and otherwise maintain those newly planted trees. They were placed in a way that contemplated the eventual death of the much older trees. Those “new” trees have now matured and fill the gaps left by the older trees that have come down. About seven maples have come down along Bates Road, but if you stand in the churchyard and look in that direction, you likely would not notice the loss. While it does cost money to fertilize and spray the ornamental trees planted over the last three decades, the vision of the Churchyard Committee back in the eighties has translated into lasting beauty as the older trees are removed by storms or chainsaws. That will hold true when the Japanese Maple near the Parish House has to come down. Nearby is an Eastern Redbud tree planted as part of the master plan. It is now at least twenty-five feet high, blooms beautifully every spring and stands ready to fill the gap that will be left by the maple.

Finally, a big thank-you to Bill Harvey for helping me to complete the painting of the Sacristy area. The project is now complete and included replacing an aging door with a window, reinforcement of some dangerously sagging cabinets, painting walls and ceilings (featuring a lot of

trim work), polishing the floors, two new light fixtures, carpets sent out for professional cleaning and replacement of an undersized switch. Hopefully this will provide a warmer environment for the ladies who work tirelessly to decorate and maintain the altar for services week in and week out.

Chris Haring, Chair
Buildings and Grounds



BIKE MS RIDE!

On Sunday, October 6, we played hooky from church and participated in the Bike MS NYC ride, circumnavigating Manhattan for 30 miles. While the weather was cloudy and rainy, spirits were running high. That's because our team, with *your* help, raised \$5,247!! Bethany received a Top Fundraiser jersey and will likely be one of the Top 200 Fundraisers for the entire ride. We are so grateful for the support we have received from the Caroline Church community, not just through fundraising but the emotional support over this past year.

With love,
Bethany and Dave Blake



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 11/1 | Patricia Brush
Mark LaSorsa |
| 11/2 | Theresa Williams
Mary Doherty
Lauren Herbst
Gary Ruiz |
| 11/3 | Greta Holm
Ryan Granger |
| 11/4 | Sarah Keck |
| 11/5 | Arline Irving
Marian Haubold
Patricia McGuigan
Duy Nguyen
Daniel Groth |
| 11/6 | Deanna Lopez
Jill D'Aleo |
| 11/7 | Blanche Davis |
| 11/8 | Irene Gwinnett
Bill Shane
Dan Wueste
Jessica Esernio |
| 11/9 | Eileen Davenport |
| 11/10 | James Esernio |
| 11/11 | Martha Underhill
Arleen Spence-
Gonzalez |
| 11/12 | John Worrell |
| 11/14 | Laura Haring |
| 11/16 | Joseph DiSclafani |
| 11/18 | Janet Giacomini
Don Gonzalez |
| 11/19 | Stephen Gristock |
| 11/20 | Donald Dubowski
Henri Buchet |
| 11/21 | Joan Hatfield
Roger Reyes |
| 11/24 | Richard Flynn
John Sanislo
Emily Bishop
Christopher Nguyen |
| 11/25 | Joseph D'Aleo
Michael Granger
Brent Klinzing |
| 11/27 | Nancy O'Neill |
| 11/28 | Alfredo Sobalvarro |
| 11/29 | Marc Foucher |
| 11/30 | Ruth Strassle
Matthew Dattwyler
Brian Hazell |

Annual Acolyte Recognition Day

All acolytes are asked to attend this year's Annual Acolyte Recognition Day on November 10. All acolytes will renew their commitment to this vital ministry of service at the altar of Caroline Church at the 9:30am Service. There will also be a special brunch and an annual meeting held directly after the service in the Marco Smith building. You will have an opportunity to ask about the requirements to become a Master Acolyte. All acolytes should pray that Our Lord will inspire other teens to join our Acolytes Corp. Your Acolyte Director Mr. Duy Nguyen, and I are looking forward to this special day in your honor. *RDV*



Brotherhood of St. Andrew

October was a busy service month for the Brotherhood. We spent a Saturday at Camp DeWolfe helping to paint and assist in other general winter readiness activities. Then on Saturday the 19th we had our annual Brotherhood Barn Sale. This year we assisted our Eagle scout candidate- Thomas Hull in raising funds for his project through a pumpkin sale. Both events were well supported. -thank you all who helped.

Looking to November:

Saturday 9th,- Study meeting beginning with a 8:00am Eucharist. We continued our video bible series - Faith under Fire.

Saturday 23rd- will be a service day - yard cleaning event 8:00am - 1:00pm. Locations to be determined.

Blessings
Br. Mark

Coffee & Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess

Sign up for 2013/2014



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.

'Twas the night of Thanksgiving, but I just couldn't sleep.

I tried counting backwards, I tried counting sheep.
The left-overs beckoned - the dark meat and white,
But I fought the temptation with all of my might.

Tossing and turning with anticipation,
The thought of a snack became an infatuation.

So, I raced to the kitchen, flung open the door,
And gazed at the fridge, full of goodies galore.

I gobbled up turkey and buttered potatoes,
Pickles and carrots, beans and tomatoes.

I felt myself swelling, so plump and so round,
'til all of a sudden, I rose off the ground.

I crashed thru the ceiling, floating into the sky,
With a mouthful of pudding and a handful of pie.

But, I managed to yell as I soared past the trees,
Happy eating to all - pass the cranberries, please.

May your stuffing be tasty, may your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes 'n gravy have nary a lump.

May your yams be delicious,
may your pies take the prize,
May your Thanksgiving dinner stay off of your thighs.

**Let us remember to give God Thanks
For everything He has given us!
And let's not forget those
who have no food.**



Annual Caroline Church Christmas Fair!!



Our traditional Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, December 7th from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

WE NEED YOUR HELP
(big or small)

In order to make it a success and to raise funds to help those in need during hard times.

Possible ways to help:

Set up/decorate tables

On Friday, December 6th from 9:30am to completion in the Marco C. Smith Building.

Donate items for:

- ⇒ Bake and Food table
- ⇒ Used Christmas decorations
- ⇒ New Gift Table
- ⇒ Jewelry Table
- ⇒ Crafts & Hand Knit tables

Whatever you can do to contribute, we will appreciate very much. Please bring your items upstairs to the machine room, as the building is used throughout the week for other groups. Thank you.

Pat Harding, President
Members of the ECW (MB)

ECW Morning Branch

We would like to thank everyone who helped us make this years Rummage Sale one of our best! From those who donated items, to those who helped set up, break down, salespersons during the day - anyone and everyone who had a hand in this sale. We could not have done it without you!

Pat Harding, President
Members of the ECW (MB)

Liturgical Calendar October

Baptisms: Jennifer Butruch, Madison Aubree Butruch
Tristan Sean Hannifin.

Wedding: Kelly Conroy & Roberto Lucchetti, Jr.

Burial: Fayette A. Stroh



Caroline Cares Campus Ministry

We are getting ready to send out our Fall Care Packages to our students studying away from home. We will be packing our boxes on Wednesday, November 13th in the MCS building at 7:00pm. Our Wish List of supplies needed will be posted in the Coffee Room – watch for them each Sunday. We are so grateful for all the contributions we have received from our Parish Family over the past nine years, and hope you will continue to support this ministry to our young adults. They do so appreciate knowing that we are thinking of and praying for them.

We encourage individuals and groups from our Caroline family to write a personal note and put it in the box next to collections. Whether they just graduated from college or have graduated many years ago, we would like to have individuals write letters of encouragement and advice.

Address updates, or new names can be sent to Eileen Hazell at ehazell@optonline.net. All donations should be brought to the MCS building as soon as you purchase them. Please consider being part of this ministry. If you have any questions please call Eileen at 751-2623 or Linda Sanders at 689-2588.

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 November 16th at the home of Sue Seel at 8:30am. We look forward to having new members.

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

Crèche as Antidote to Advent Mania

Everybody's Christmas is better with a creche in it. If this is not true for you, you have not found the right crèche. Using many examples from her own collection, Denise Outlaw presents the history and tradition of the crèche and teaches how to read its symbolism. Join us for the two-lecture series at All Souls' Parish House on Tuesday, December 3 and 10 at 7:00 PM.



Come to Sunday Morning Prayer

On Sunday, November 24th at the 11:15 a.m. Service, we will celebrate said Morning Prayer. We have been worshipping in this ancient fashion on a quarterly basis. Please join us for his hour of prayer and adoration of Our Lord Jesus as we praise him for the blessings we have received.



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.



Operation Shoe Box began October 5th

Deadline to return your box is 11/10.

Please join the Sunday School as we collect Christmas boxes for children around the world. This project brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Please place small toys and other gifts in a shoebox and label it for a boy or a girl and don't forget to include your check made payable to 'Operation Christmas Child' in the amount of \$7.00.

Filled boxes can be dropped off during the week in the Church School office, Main office, or brought in on Sunday mornings to the Marco C. Smith building. All boxes must be in by **November 10th**, for National Collection Day. If you have any questions please contact Mary Doherty. Thank You.



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.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, November 22nd at 7:30 at Caroline. There will be no December Ultreya. *Going forward* - we will not be meeting at Caroline for Ultreya unless someone steps up to the plate to be the organizer. I am not able to do that anymore because of so many date conflicts on my part. But I will keep you posted so that you can adjust the calendar for 2014.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Seel.

Caring for the Caregiver

Caroline Church has emerged in our local and, actually, not so local community as a place that provides caregivers, any and all caregivers, a forum in which to come and receive support on many different levels.

It is remarkable to see a caregiver attend their first meeting. They are usually pretty raw and desperate, just trying to survive and get through each day. Then you watch them leave; the fight back, their energy renewed. The support of other human beings, all suffering their own uniquely difficult and challenging issues, has provided a bond of support generously sharing the combined strength of all. It is wonderful to witness the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

There has been a marked and continual increase this summer in group participants which clearly shows us that there is a real need for what the support group provides.

The support group continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 9:30am - 11:00am in the Parish House. The group is free, non-denominational, non-sectarian and non-disease specific.

For additional information, please contact Virginia Cash, Support Group Facilitator, at 631-428-0902 or at vcash5msw@aol.com



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 Fr. Richard at the parish office, or Don Muffly at 689-8804.

Thanksgiving Services

The Three Village Interfaith Clergy Association is once again organizing a community wide Thanksgiving worship service. All members of Caroline Church are encouraged to come and worship with our sisters and brothers from the three Abrahamic faiths and give thanks and praise to God for our many blessings. This interfaith service will be held on **Tuesday**, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Setauket Presbyterian Church across the green. Our 2013 Thanksgiving theme is "Giving Thanks Through Sharing." A combined interfaith choir will lead us in songs of praise. Gather your guests and friends and join us.

We will also have a Holy Eucharist **Thanksgiving Day** service with hymns on Thursday, November 28 at 10:00 am at Caroline Church. As you prepare your grand feasts for friends and family or map out your trip to visit relatives, we encourage you to first join with your parish family in giving thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon you and your loved ones.



My Offering for Christmas Memorial Flowers



In memory of _____

As a Thank Offering for _____

Name: _____ Envelope No. _____

Amount: \$ _____

Christmas Decorations

Christmas is coming up very quickly and as we begin to think about Christmas presents, let us not forget about adorning our church with the beauty of Christmas flowers. If you would like to make a gift of flowers for the altar on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, please fill out the above form and return it to the Parish Office, One Dyke Road, Setauket, NY 11733, no later than **December 8th, 2013**. Please make checks payable to CAROLINE CHURCH, with "Christmas Flowers" noted in the memo portion of the check. Let us not only remember our loved ones who have gone before us, but let us be thankful for the loved ones in our midst now, and for the joy of family and friends around us.





Church School

Fall is in the air and before we know it Christmas Songs will be playing in the stores, if they haven't already started.

Please remember to bring your Shoe Boxes back to church by November 10. The directions

for filling them are located in the MCS building.

We will be selling pies this month. All the proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity. Your order must be in by November 17. Pies will be delivered on November 24 during all Church services. The pies can be frozen up to a year, I just baked my last one from last year, and it was delicious.

Our Christmas Pageant will be on December 22, during the 9:30 am service. All the children are asked to take part in the Pageant. Each class will be involved in some way. There are not many speaking parts so we do not have to have many rehearsals. We will have a dress rehearsal on December 21, time to be determined. I will hand out costumes during the month of December during coffee hour.

After the pageant this year we will have a church wide celebration for young and old - a breakfast for everyone. Liz Specht will be making small Gingerbread Houses for all the children to decorate. You will need to fill out an order form that will be sent to you by the deadline so Liz has time to make all of them. The children will decorate the Gingerbread Houses during Coffee Hour. Santa will make a special appearance during this time, so bring your cameras.

On December 1st, all of the children will be making Advent wreaths to bring home. If anyone in the parish would like one, please let me know and we will make one for you. Advent Calendars and daily devotions will be handed out to each child.

If anyone has any questions, please call me or e-mail me.

Mary Doherty
Church School Director



20s & 30s Group

Caroline 20s & 30s are heading to brunch this month! Please join us at the Fifth Season Restaurant in Port Jefferson on Sunday, November 17th at 11:30am.

A reservation has been made so that we don't have to wait when we arrive- so please RSVP to Lindsay and/or Alison a few days in advance so that we can adjust the reservation accordingly:

lindsay.baldwin.porter@gmail.com, cell 631-561-3767 or alisondelaney@gmail.com, cell 631-413-7073. You can also RSVP on our Facebook page, Caroline Twenties and Thirties.

Fifth Season is located at 34 East Broadway in Port Jefferson, across the street from Danford's. Metered parking is available behind the restaurant and the restaurant does validate parking. Hope to see you there!

Confirmation Class of 2014

A new confirmation community has now formed to explore our Episcopal tradition and help students articulate their Christian faith. Students are about to begin their preparation for the sacramental rite of Confirmation through specially designed classes, worship experiences, field trips, mentor relationships and retreats.

If you have not registered for this class, please do so as soon as possible. The classes will begin on Friday November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Marco Smith Building.

For further information please speak with Fr. Richard or Fr. Farrell. We look forward to our learning together!

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.**