

## Columbarium at Caroline Church

As was stated in a previous article, the present cremains area of the churchyard is in need of a specifically designated and beautified area. Several Vestry members have been researching various columbarium designs, and cost estimates for each. As we attempt to plan for the future of the cremains area it is important to understand that more and more parishioners are considering the option of cremation. In consultation with Bryant Funeral Home we have learned that presently over 40% of all burials are cremains and that figure is projected to increase over the years ahead.

Today, as churches have come to appreciate more deeply the theological, environmental and economic implications of cremation, they are making a columbarium an integral part of life of their community of faith. From the earliest times, people have been concerned about their final resting place, especially that it be near the gathering place of their families so that each may be held in lasting, loving remembrance. Here at Caroline church we must acknowledge that we are running out of space in our historic graveyard. A columbarium appears to be a possible solution to space for parishioners to consider for the future.

The Long Range Planning Committee in conjunction with the Churchyard Committee has reviewed five distinct plans for the cremains area. Perhaps the next step is to bring together the present committees with a small group of parishioners who may have an interest or who may see this as a way to be of service. If you are interested, please contact Don Muffly, Ginny Apmann or Cn. Richard.

### Vestry Highlights

- Third quarter financial reports reviewed
- Parish Community to be updated on the condition of the Carriage Shed via the Carillon
- Parish events regularly sent to the local newspaper
- Budget and Vestry Nominating committees formed

Barbara Russell  
Clerk of the Vestry

## '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.**



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

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



## Theophilus Healing Mission

A Chapter of The Order of St. Luke the Physician

Please note that there will be NO Healing Service in November because we are offering the 'Women of Faith' simulcast. Please join us for this event. Tickets are available through the office at Caroline Church, sorry men, women only.

We will be having our THM meeting on November 21st at 7:30 pm. Our next Healing Service will be Friday, December 5th at Bethel AME Church at 7:30 pm. We do offer Healing Prayer after the 9:30 Sunday service each Sunday here at the altar at Caroline.

In His healing love,  
Ginny and Ann

## Annual Caroline Church Christmas Fair!!



Our traditional Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, December 6th 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 5th 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)

## Caroline Conversation On-line

The Caroline Conversation, started in June of 2009, is an on-line discussion group for members and friends of Caroline Church. The format is a weekly consideration of the Gospel for the week ahead. The discussions have been wonderfully thoughtful and thought provoking, and we look forward to hearing from more Carolinians. All you need is an e-mail address to sign-up!

If you would like to join the Conversation, just send an email to Fr. Richard at [carolinerector@gmail.com](mailto:carolinerector@gmail.com) from the e-mail address where you would like to receive messages, and you will receive an "invitation" to the Conversation with directions for joining and a covenant shared by participants. Hope to hear from you soon!

## Carriage Shed 1988



*Caroline Church Vestry Minutes April 14, 1887*

*The Committee on horse sheads presented the following report to the Wardens and Vestry of Caroline Church Setauket Gentlemen your Committee on horse sheads respectfully report that the following persons subscribed and having paid for the Seven Sheads now Completed at a cost of Two hundred and Seventy three dollars*

*Mrs Mary E Smith  
Mr Thomas G. Hodgkins  
Mrs Margaret Dickenson & Sarah G. Dominick*

*Genl Francis Spinola  
Sheperd [ ] Jones Sen  
Mrs. Frank Norton  
Mr. Wm H. Edwards*

The minutes verify the completed date of construction of our present Carriage Shed, approved by the Vestry and funded by the families who wanted shelter for their horses and carriages. What appears to some as a building that outgrew its original use about one-hundred years ago was, for most of the twentieth, and into the twenty first century a rather unique and quaint parking place. Actually, it has always been a parking place. The vehicles just changed. This writer always preferred it on rainy Sundays, as I could exit my car, open my umbrella and make my way to the church vestibule without getting wet. In the summer months, my car stayed cool in the shade. Those Victorians knew what they were doing when they planned and built a simple structure to make their life just a little more pleasant. The sliding windows on the west wall just gave their horses a little air, and a view while harnessed to a wagon, and tethered for an hour or more. Horses like to see what is going on around them. Their family name board just reserved their spot, which they paid for!

What does it look like to residents who travel Main Street or Dyke Road, and pass it everyday? What does it look like to a newcomer, maybe shopping for a home in Setauket? What does it look like to a child who sees it for the first time? To know the answers, you will have to ask your friends, your new neighbors, and the seven year old who lives down the street. But the most important question is: What does it look like to you?

Is it a humble structure that reminds you of a simpler life? Life may have been simple, but it wasn't easy. We can rush through the morning, jump into the car and drive to church in a temperature-controlled car. In 1887, in addition to getting ourselves ready, we would have fed, groomed and harnessed the horse to our carriage. Then we made our way to church, rain or shine, hot or cold.

Is it a structure that has seen its better days, and outlived its usefulness? Hopefully not, as our church building itself, could have looked tired and in need of some TLC many times over the last 285 years. Thankfully, the congregation did not think "new is better", but respected the building, and we are blessed to be able to worship there still.

Is it part and parcel of the Caroline Churchyard? That answer is undeniably a yes. It still sits in its original location where the Vestry of 1887 designated it to be.

Is it important for us to maintain and use? In 1991, the Church and Cemetery was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. What type of criteria should be evaluated to receive this honor?

To quote from the National Parks Service requirements:

*To be considered eligible, a property must meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation. This involves examining the property's age, integrity, and significance.*

- Age and Integrity. Is the property old enough to be considered historic (generally at least 50 years old) and does it still look much the way it did in the past?*
- Significance. Is the property associated with events, activities, or developments that were important in the past? With the lives of people who were important in the past? With significant architectural history, landscape history, or engineering achievements? Does it have the potential to yield information through archeological investigation about our past?*

With the honor, goes the responsibility to maintain these sites. Your Rector, Wardens and Vestry are presently considering the findings of the Buildings and Grounds Committee regarding the present condition of the Carriage Shed. Here is what we know:

- A new cedar shake roof is needed, but last Winter’s heavy snow and winds shifted the building, so that structural repairs are also now required. Every effort should be made to keep the simple structural integrity that was originally constructed. Unfortunately, about twenty-five years ago, in an effort to curtail the local “partying atmosphere”, the loft was removed. In retrospect, this was an error, as it was a stabilizing component, which will have to be put back, in an abbreviated form.
- The Carriage Shed is not just a Caroline Church structure, but a visible icon in our community, and very much a part of the Village Green view. It does not just impact the congregation.
- The cost is expensive, but does come under the jurisdiction of the Churchyard Fund. The Melville family funded the Churchyard Fund to maintain our grounds, and fund capital projects within the churchyard.
- Like all church and churchyard projects, it is the congregation that must pass on the traditions. You might keep in mind, that repairs and restoration work can be done for the construction costs, and the goodwill toward our community. The option to pursue the opposite requires permits, and approvals that might be difficult to obtain, and damaging in the long run.
- Please keep in mind that the structure has been deemed dangerous in its present condition. Temporary shoring has been put in place for the safety of all. The weather is closing in and a decision must be made shortly, but the Vestry is making every attempt to keep the congregation informed of this visible structure fronting our churchyard.

Barbara M Russell

*My Offering for Christmas Memorial Flowers*



In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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As a Thank Offering for \_\_\_\_\_

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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 7th, 2014**. 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.





## We are Stewards of God's Love Our Financial Response



I wonder if you have counted your blessings lately?

Our financial response is connected to our ability to recognize our blessings and gifts.

The Caroline Church Community has not only been blessed by YOU, but it is my prayer that you have also been blessed by God through your friends and family at Caroline Church!

Yes, it is that time of year!

**Thanksgiving** is *coming* and our **Annual Stewardship Financial Response** time is **HERE!**

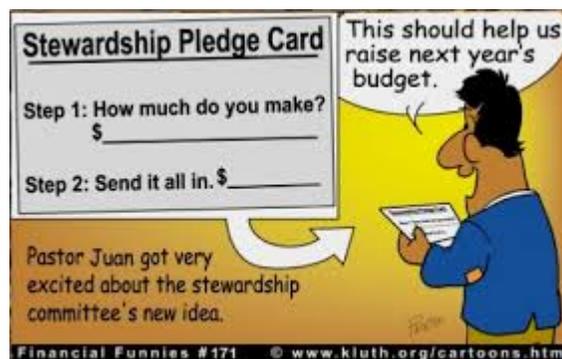
Please take time to prayerfully consider increasing your estimate of giving for 2015. If every parishioner increased their pledge by as little as \$5 a week, we would bridge our budget gap by 25%. This would result in less dependence on our investments to help us meet our financial obligations.

W. Graham Scroggie wrote,

*“How much of my money shall I use for God? or How much of God's money shall I use for myself?”*

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. (Psalm 24:1)

We belong to God and so does our money.



Thank you for completing your Estimate of Giving Cards by November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

They will be blessed at all three services on that date.

100% response will assist the Vestry in planning for 2015.

Join us also on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00  
at the Setauket Presbyterian Church for our Celebration dinner.

Great food, good fun and wonderful fellowship!

# ***Whoever Welcomes Children Welcomes Me*** (Matthew 18)

## **The Facts about Child Refugees on Long Island**

### **Background and Causes for the Children Coming to LI**

Their core reason for coming is to escape life-threatening violence in their Central American homelands (Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador). Other motivating factors such as extreme poverty are secondary.

This crisis started in 2006 with only a few thousand children, increasing each year as horrific drug and gang-related violence (murders, rapes, kidnappings) in these countries escalated.

The U.S. is not the only destination for these children. Child refugees have also fled to Panama, Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Belize.

Almost half of the children are girls, and many are elementary school-aged kids -- some are as young as four years old.

### **The Actual Presence of the Children on Long Island**

The approximately 2,500 children settled on Long Island year-to-date represent only one-half of 1 percent of the total immigrant population on Long Island.

Those who stay in shelters stay briefly -- 2 weeks to 2 months at most.

Almost all are being reunited with family members. Very few will become wards of the state.

Congressmen Steve Israel and Peter King have introduced a federal bill that will reimburse school districts experiencing a surge in refugee children up to \$12,000 per child.

### **The Children's Legal Situation**

Most are scheduled for immigration court appointments or interviews with Department of Homeland Security within a month of arriving on Long Island.

Not all will be awarded protected status and allowed to stay. Many will be deported.

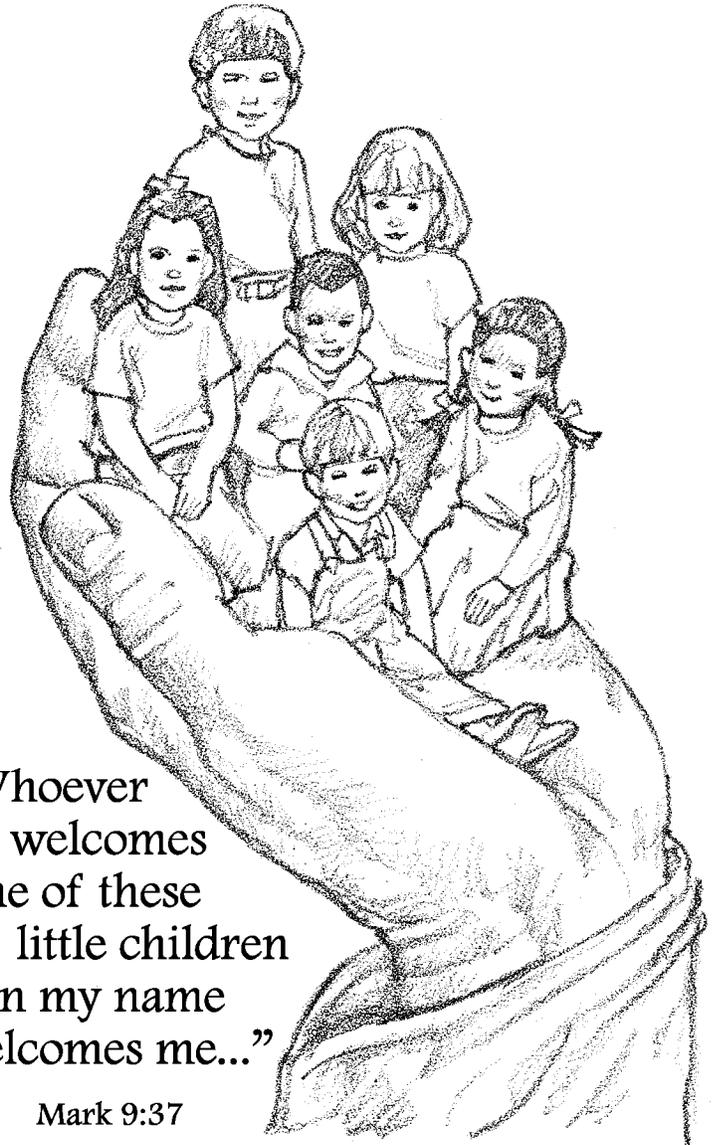
### **Health and Well-Being of the Children**

Social workers visit the home that they are placed in to ensure the living conditions are acceptable, among other matters.

Every child has been medically examined before being released to Long Island. Most (93 percent) were vaccinated as infants in their home country.

When they arrive on Long Island they are hungry, hurting, and scared. Yet they are also very happy to be seeing their parents and other relatives after many years.

They are normal children. They want to go to school, make friends, play sports, and have freedoms they don't have back home.



**“Whoever  
welcomes  
one of these  
little children  
in my name  
welcomes me...”**

**Mark 9:37**

**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR THE 2015 VESTRY  
AND  
CONVENTION DELEGATES**

The Vestry Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the Vestry and for Delegates to Diocesan Convention. According to our church's bylaws, this year there will be three (3) three-year Vestry positions to be filled and one (1) two year warden position to be elected at the Annual Parish meeting held on January 28, 2015.

The Vestry is the legal board of directors for The Caroline Church of Brookhaven exercising corporate and budgetary authority. The Vestry of Caroline Church is comprised of twelve (12) members. Lay members of the Vestry are elected for a three-year term. Wardens are elected for a two-year term.

The Vestry will elect Three (3) At-Large Delegates to the Diocesan Convention and their alternates for one year. Two youth may also attend from each parish with voice but no vote. These delegates along with the clergy represent our parish at the annual convention that is scheduled for Friday and Saturday on November 13 and 14, 2015.

If you would like to recommend yourself or someone you know to the Vestry Nominating Committee, please complete the following Nomination Form. Completed forms should be in the Church office by December 1.

If you are interested in serving but are unsure if you meet the qualifications listed below, or have any questions regarding the election process, please speak with Cn. Visconti.

Thank you,

Chris Haring, Chair

***NOMINATION FORM***

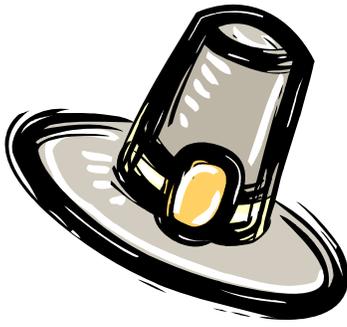
I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to serve God as

\_\_\_\_\_ A Member of Caroline Church's Vestry

\_\_\_\_\_ An At-Large Delegate to Diocesan Convention

I certify that I am a communicant of the Church, eighteen years of age or older, who has been enrolled in the Parish Register for the past twelve months and have communicated in the parish in the year preceding, and that I am and have been a stated contributor in my own name to the support of the parish for the past twelve months.

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# NOVEMBER 2014

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**ALL SAINTS' DAY**  
8:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew meets  
9:00 AM Caring for Caregivers MINISTRY FAIR in MCS building  
9:00 AM DoK Parish House  
2:00 PM FUNERAL : Art Gilmore

2 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services <b>All Saints Sunday</b> <i>Fr. Farrell Officiates</i> YOUTH SUNDAY 9:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 11:15 AM CYC Brunch at Fratelli's 12:30 PM Dedication Children's Plaque/Prayers	3  4:00 PM Staff Meeting  6:45 PM 'Explore the Word' Bible study  7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Upper Room of Parish House	4 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in MCS building  3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM  7:30 PM Health Stewards of our Body class	5	6 10:00 AM Three Village Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Sunrise Asst.  12:00 PM H.E. & Healing Service  7:00 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal	7 <b>7:00 PM WOMEN OF FAITH SIMULCAST</b>	8 <b>9:00 AM WOMEN OF FAITH SIMULCAST</b>  9:30 AM Caring for Caregivers Support Group in Parish House
9 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services PRAYER & PRAISE SUNDAY 9:30 AM Acolyte Recognition Sunday 2:00 PM Church Tour 4:00 PM PACK CAMPUS CARES PACKAGES IN MCS WITH YOUTH GROUP	10 VETERANS DAY/ OFFICE CLOSED	11 10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in MCS building  2:00 PM Tour - Bev  3:30 PM Soup Kitchen at CCUM	12	13 10:00 AM Three Village Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to Woodhaven  12:00 PM H.E. & Healing Service  7:00 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal	14 <b>DIOCESAN CONVENTION</b>	15 <b>DIOCESAN CONVENTION</b>  8:30 AM Shawl Ministry in people's homes
16 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services <b>OPERATION SHOE BOX ENDS.</b> 9:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir 9:45 AM 5th grade breakfast for the parents 11:00 AM Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal 11:00 AM Confirmation Orientation Class in lower parish house 4:00 PM Youth Group Meets in the 'Cave'	17  4:00 PM Staff Meeting  6:45 PM 'Explore the Word' Bible study  7:30 PM Home Bible Study in Upper Room of Parish House	18 <i>Janet's Birthday</i>  10:00 AM ECW (MB) meets in MCS building	19    7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	20 10:00 AM Three Village Homemakers 10:30 AM Pastoral Team to PJ Health  12:00 PM H.E. & Healing Service  7:00 PM Sr. Choir rehearsal	21 1:00 PM Organ Tuned  5:30 PM 'Parents Night Out'  7:30 PM No. Shore Ultreya  7:30 PM OSL Meeting in Parish House	22 9:30 AM Caring for Caregivers Support Group in Parish House
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30 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am Services <b>ADVENT 1</b> <i>Fr. Farrell officiates</i> 10:45 AM Teachers Meeting 4:00 PM Youth Group Meets in the 'Cave'						

# ***THE CARILLON***

**Caroline Church of Brookhaven**

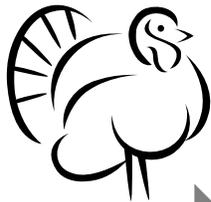
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*Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at All Souls' Church  
November 27th- 10:00 a.m.*

*Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service  
Tuesday, November 25th - 7:00 p.m. at  
St. James R. C. Church  
Setauket*

**Caroline Church of Brookhaven**

**Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m.**

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