

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

October is a very odd month. I have often noted that in my counseling experience, I find a great deal of depression in October. It seems that people realize that summer is really over, and the sunny days of September begin to fade. This, then, indicates that many long nights are ahead as we see less sunlight every day. Spring and new life seems to be so far away.

In a sense, very often the Christian lives in a theological October. Jesus has been here and Jesus will come again. We know about his first coming because of the Holy Bible and we know that He is coming a second time also because of Scripture, but also because of faith.

That is the key – faith. The Epistle to the Hebrews has a magnificent definition of faith. The sense of it is that we hope in things which we do not see. For instance, how do you know that there will be another Spring and Summer? Do you believe on past experience? The past has no real guarantee. Or do you have faith that this will happen.

In order for our parish to grow we must let some ministry end so that new ministry can begin and flourish. We have a new commitment to our partner parish All Souls Church and we are looking to engage Stony Brook University students with our Episcopal presence. We have something fine to offer people seeking a spiritually alive, growing community with a rich worship life and a warm diverse fellowship. We must keep moving forward. This month we will again focus on the stewardship of our money, on the theology which undergirds our giving, and our commitment to offer time, talent and treasure for building up the patch of God's kingdom that we know and love as Caroline Church.

The Christian must understand that October is necessary in order to have April. That is, leaves must fall and die before the tree can again come forth with buds. So it is with us. We can sit around and dread the "October" of our lives, since it seems to be a prelude to our ending, or we can rejoice, knowing that our ending ushers in our beginning. That is not some double talk. In order to be a new creature – in order to live with Christ in eternal Spring-time, we must first experience our earthly ending

– our earthly Fall. Just as we enjoy every last moment of looking at the orange, red, and yellow leaves – a different kind of beauty from the green of Spring, so too, we must enjoy every moment of our lives. Perhaps for many, October is a depressing time, but for the Christian it is unrestrained beauty.

In joyful expectation,

Fr. Richard+

5th Annual SOLES for All Souls' Race

and our *Bring a Can-Lend a Hand* food drive.
Saturday, October 12th beginning at 8:30am

Tell all your friends who are runners to join us, and if you're not a runner, think about joining our team as a race volunteer! Or just come by the morning of the race with a food donation and cheer on our runners!

The goal is for each person to bring in one sponsor. For registration and information about the race contact Mary Ellen at medoris@waterview.com or call 751-6371, or Sue at sbkerrs@aol.com or call 241-2775. Or www.allsoulsrace.info.

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

A Christian Response to Ideology

Ideology obtains when we assert the permanent linking of concepts for the purpose of power. As a straightforward example, we might take Paul Craig Cobb, who moved to Leith, North Dakota (population 24) in the hopes of establishing a neo-nazi community. The people of Leith are seeking ways to prevent this community of hatred from growing. In Mr. Cobb's ideology, non-white = inferior. The two concepts are permanently linked for him, and he wants others to accept that linkage. The result of acceptance is that we limit the kinds of interactions we will permit ourselves. Hence, accepting such ideology is to accept enslavement to Mr. Cobb's power and to seek to limit the work of God who is always redefining the world.

One might think that this limitation is merely because the ideology of Cobb is detestable, but actually, all ideology limits us. In a more subtle example, we might take the linkage of theft with evil. This seems straightforward enough until we consider what Thomas Aquinas wrote in the *Summa Theologiae* (2-2 q.66 a.7, "Whether it is allowed to man to steal in state of want"): ". . . in case of want, everything is common property; therefore it is no sin to take the goods of somebody else, because need makes that such thing common property." In other words, God has made the things of the world for all people such that each can fulfill his or her needs. In cases of serious need, therefore, the right to fulfill one's need trumps property rights. The person is merely taking his or her own as provided by God, thus theft in such a situation does not equal sin. If we claim that theft = sin in all cases, therefore, we are enslaved to the right of property in an unholy, life-denying manner, and are transgressing the law of God.

When I was a child, I read a short story in which a boy of European descent befriended a Native American. As a part of the traditional coming of age rite for the Native American, he had to travel a considerable distance in light clothing in winter (though not deathly cold). The boy of European descent chose to accompany his friend on this journey. The cold was difficult for him to bear until the Native American taught him not to fight it. Once the boy of European descent stopped thinking "cold = bad," he was freed from limitation and was able to endure the trek.

Even if we tether God with good (God = good), we are limiting God according to our own sense of what good is. God transcends any of our concepts and thus cannot be limited by us. It is as if we are telling God what good is rather than allowing God to lead us to what will be ("I will be what I will be." Exodus 3:14). Whenever we insist that two concepts can be permanently linked, we are seeking to

limit God, are denying that God can enter into any situation, and are submitting to a power structure established by something other than God. We must recognize that each situation is unique. Abandoning ideology frees us to be in the moment and opens us to the activity of God who is constantly breaking into the world.

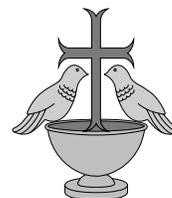
Prayerbook History Course

Did you ever wonder why some priests only say "The gifts of God for the people of God," and others add "Take them in remembrance that Christ died for us . . ."? Have you noticed that there are two different psalm lectionaries? Our prayerbook is a rich testament to the history of the Anglican Church. It contains the results of centuries of discernment, disagreement, and eventual accord. In this course, we will look at the history of the development of the prayerbook. By the end, we will be able to read the 1982 prayerbook with a deeper sense of understanding and appreciation, and you will be able to discern the theology of priests based on how they say the Eucharist.

We will be offering this study to both Caroline Church members as well as All Souls' member, by rotating the location of the study. All studies are on Thursdays and begin at 7:00pm. The following is the breakdown of locations:

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| 10/3 | All Souls' Church Parish House |
| 10/10 | Caroline Church Parish House |
| 10/17 | All Souls' Church Parish House |
| 10/24 | Caroline Church Parish House |

We hope to see you at these studies.



Liturgical Calendar September

Wedding

Susan Ann Lasser & Gary David Ruiz

Blessing of the Marriage

Frederick Andrew Pollert and Stephanie Jean Rooney

Weekly Email Blasts

By the time you read this, two or three emails from Caroline Church may well have dropped into your Inbox. They are in a more attractive format, including a photo or two embedded into the article. The church has set up an account with Vertical Response (a competitor of the better known Constant Contact) and, because of our not for profit status, our usage is free. Using Vertical Response allows us to quickly compose these articles. It also allows us—and you—to quickly add and delete addresses from our list.

If you buy on line you are certainly familiar with these emails coming from vendors on a daily basis. We promise not to engage in daily reminders! While we're sure virtually everyone will like the more attractive format, finding the magic "how often" balance is nearly impossible because people have widely differing opinions as to where this magic spot lies.

So we are making it very easy for our members to "opt out" or "opt in." We have started with 260 addresses from our Church Directory. If you received the emails at an address that is not convenient, simply click at the "unsubscribe" link at the bottom. That address will be immediately and automatically removed. We will not—cannot—reinstate that address to the mailing list without jumping through some serious hoops. So that address will remain off the list.

If you or a family member was not one of the original 260 addresses we put on the list, there's a simple way to "opt in." Just go to the carolinechurch.net web site and follow the menus to Events/What's New. There you will find a very simple form. Input your name and email address, then click "submit." The automatized system will then send an email to that address asking you to confirm that you want to be added to the list (thus ensuring some prankster has not made you the target of unwanted emails). Once you confirm that you want to be added, you will be on the list and will receive the next weekly article. This is an option for many of our younger members who may be away at school and do not have their emails listed in the directory.

The Vestry hopes you will find this new system an attractive, informative and not overly intrusive way to keep you abreast of happenings at your parish.

All Souls' Concert Series

The second concert in the series at All Souls' Church on Main Street in Stony Brook Village will be on October 6th at 8:00pm. The program will be a Duo for Violin and Viola in B Flat, K. 424 by Wolfgang Mozart and the String Sextet No. 1 in B Flat Major, Op. 18 by Johannes Brahms, played by Andy Bhasin and Anne Sophie Anderson, violin, Philip Carter, Brett Walfish, viola, Bryan Lu and Teddy Schumacher, violoncello.

Please join us.

Our Anglican Heritage

Vida Dutton Scudder

Vida Scudder, educator, activist and founder of the Episcopal Church Socialist League was born to Congregationalist missionaries in India on December 15, 1861. In the 1870s, Vida and her mother were confirmed as Episcopalians by Phillips Brooks. After studying English literature at Smith College and Oxford University, Scudder began teaching at Wellesley College. Her love of scholarship was matched by her social conscience and deep spirituality. As a young woman, Scudder began the College Settlements Association, joined the Society of Christian Socialists, and began her life-long association with the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross in 1889. In 1893, Scudder took a leave of absence from Wellesley to work with Helena Stuart Dudley to found Denison House in Boston. Scudder experienced a breakdown in 1901 due to the stress of teaching and activism. After two years of recuperation in Italy, she returned renewed and became more active in church and socialist groups; she started a group for Italian immigrants at Denison House and took an active part in organizing the Women's Trade Union League. In 1911, Scudder founded the Episcopal Church Socialist League, and formally joined the Socialist party. Her support of striking textile workers in the Lawrence, Massachusetts strike in 1912 drew a great deal of criticism and threatened her teaching position. Though she initially supported World War I, she joined the Fellowship of Reconciliation in 1923, and by the 1930s she was a pacifist. Throughout her life Scudder's primary relationships and support network were women; her closest companion was Florence Converse, who shared in her religious faith and political ideals. After retirement, Scudder authored sixteen books on religious and political subjects, combining her intense activism with an equally vibrant spirituality. She was the first woman published in the *Anglican Theological Review*. Her life and ministry is celebrated throughout the Episcopal Church every October 10.

Buildings & Grounds

Fall is in the air, the Church has been painted and our “normal” activities are back in full swing. So what’s on the horizon for maintaining our facilities? Plenty. While things are looking good, there is no shortage of things to put on the “to do” list.

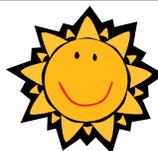
In the “we can do those ourselves” category, the Sacristy is in the process of receiving a much needed paint job. More areas on the painting list include the nursery, portions of the MCS Building’s main floor, and the ceiling in Fr. Richard’s office (stained from a malfunctioning air conditioning system—see below). Outside, summer plantings now need to be removed, to be replaced by fall flowers and bulbs for next spring.

Some more ambitious things on the “to do” list include a long term project to address our HVAC systems. The heating plant in the MCS Building was replaced about five years ago. But did you know there are seven separate air conditioning units cooling the church, Parish House and MCS Building? Six are outdated and beginning to cost significant dollars to maintain. At the September meeting the Vestry approved the replacement of the two rooftop units serving the MCS second floor. That will fix the problem of water leaking through the Rector’s office ceiling and give us units that will cost far less to run & maintain. We are getting an excellent price for doing this project outside of the cooling season. Over the next several years we will need to systematically replace units serving the church and main floor of the MCS Building.

Other long term projects include addressing the issue of cleaning and repairing headstones in the cemetery. Additionally, the carriage shed is in need of shingle and siding repair. More importantly, we need to evaluate the structural integrity of that shed as it continues to lean in several different directions. Over the coming months we will be consulting with knowledgeable members of our parish, as well as outside experts, to come up with a plan to address these two important areas. Then there’s the Rookery. A topic for another day.

Much has been accomplished, but as the days grow shorter, the “to do” list grows longer! Please join us this fall at the Blessing of the Animals on October 5. Then come to the Rummage Sale, Barn Sale and Pumpkin Sale the weekend of October 19. Take a few minutes to walk the grounds before winter weather closes in!

Chris Haring, Chair
Buildings, Churchyard and Village Green



ECW Morning Branch

We will be having a Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday, October 18th & 19th.

Please do NOT drop off any items until that previous Monday, October 14th, in the MCS building.

We welcome your clean, gently used clothing to share with those less fortunate. We also welcome your assistance with setting up and breaking down. If you can help, please speak with Pat Harding at 981-9853.

Thank you.



Foyer Group

Foyer Groups are Forming!

This year there will be a slight change to the foyer groups. The main foyer group will be smaller, only six people, allowing for two individuals from outside the church to be invited. So we will call it Foyer Group Plus! What is a foyer group? Participants meet periodically for fellowship meals at each other’s homes. Each host provides the main course and all other members bring an appetizer, a salad or vegetable and a dessert. The groups decide on the schedule that is convenient for everybody and meet approximately once a month for the year. It is a fun way to get to know people outside of church and to enjoy some camaraderie. For more information, any questions or to sign up please call Mirjana Ellis at 689-2627 or email at rmellis@optonline.net. You may also contact Christine Oster at 368-8686. We are currently working on putting groups together. Hope to hear from you!

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.

Blessing of the Animals

To all Caroline Church pets, be sure you communicate to your caring owners that you want to come to Caroline Church for your yearly blessing. You know how much they enjoy worshipping God in a faith affirming community, so don't be shy about asking the Lord to bless you as an important part of the family. The Blessing of the Animals will take place on Saturday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the Carriage Shed in the Church Parking lot. This unique service in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all of God's creation has always been a special time for all members of our parish family, even those that wag their tails or chirp. We will also take an informal vote on the most exotic pet presented for a blessing.

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.



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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 10/01 | Ashley Cierski |
| 10/02 | Matthew Bonvento |
| 10/03 | Roxanne Taranto |
| 10/04 | Nancy Buzzetta |
| 10/05 | Art Gilmore |
| 10/06 | Melanie Gonzalez |
| 10/07 | Bob Brown
Ginger Postiglione
Christopher Rampone
Quinn Cierski |
| 10/08 | Donald Palmer |
| 10/09 | Gail Bratone
Kristin Loeber |
| 10/13 | Patricia Kiriluk |
| 10/14 | Eileen Clancy
Sandy Greenman |
| 10/16 | Fr. Richard Visconti |
| 10/17 | Darrin Lopez |
| 10/18 | Midge Brown
Bob Nalewajk
Preston Owens
Joseph Sigona |
| 10/19 | Phillip Foucher |
| 10/20 | John Doherty |
| 10/21 | Joan Lynott
Flo Kemp
Gracie Sobalvarro |
| 10/22 | Marissa Anderson |
| 10/23 | Emily Mauro
Ethan Timm |
| 10/24 | Amy Worrell
Susan Winters |
| 10/25 | Anthony D'Aleo |
| 10/27 | Phil Monastero
Matthew Sullivan |
| 10/28 | William Woreth
Maddux Korzonko |
| 10/29 | Barbara Tyler
Ginny Sheridan
Robert Nalewajk, Jr.
Casey Jon Haggerty
Lea Herbst |
| 10/30 | Christine Scott |
| 10/31 | Linda Barrett
Sarah Elizabeth Bone
Andrew Semler |



All Saint's and All Soul's Day

Praying for the departed appears in many places in our Book of Common Prayer. Although there is a weekly opportunity for remembering the dead in the Prayers of the People in the Holy Eucharist, our Prayer Book Calendar lists November 1st as All Saints' Day and November 2 as Commemoration of All Faithful Departed - All Souls Day.

Since our society allows less and less time for grief, the observance of these days are an important part of our pastoral care of the bereaved. We show our solidarity with one another and our love for those who have died, commending them in faith to God. We are in continuing fellowship with the faithful departed within the communion of saints and the unsearchable riches of Christ's passion applied to their existence and ours.

As we have done in previous years, the insert here in the *Carillon* as well as in our Sunday Bulletin has spaces for you to write in the first and last names of any departed you wish to be remembered aloud as part of the intercessions for the Burial of the Dead at our Holy Eucharist service on All Hallows' Eve, Thursday, October 31 at 12:30 p.m. The names will also be reproduced in the Sunday bulletin on All Saints' Sunday, November 3.

You are welcome to submit names even if you are not present at the afternoon Holy Eucharist service on All Hallows' Eve. I invite you to put your completed inserts in the offering plate at a Sunday service or return it to the parish office by **October 20th**.



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, October 25th at Caroline church, beginning at 7:30pm.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Seel.

*“Lay this body anywhere, only this I beg of you,
That you remember me at the altar of the Lord.”*

(Dying words of St. Monica to St. Augustine)



Beloved

Departed

**To be remembered at the Altar
of Caroline Church
during the celebration of
All Saints Day Eve on
Thursday, October 31st, 2013**

(Please print)

Requested by: _____

Telephone no.: _____



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 October 19th at 8:30am. We look forward to having new members.

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

Please support our Bike MS Fundraiser!!!



Dear Caroline Church Family,

On October 6th, my husband Dave and I will be biking 30 miles around Manhattan Island to raise awareness for Multiple Sclerosis, a neuroinflammatory condition encompassing a range of symptoms that vary from person to person. This event is an annual fundraiser for the National MS Society.

I was diagnosed with MS in November 2012. After making several lifestyle changes, I am pleased to say that I am feeling healthier than I have in years! I now want to help others who are struggling with MS (more than 2.1 million people worldwide).

You can either donate online, or give a check to Bethany or Dave at church and they will donate the specified amount online in your name. To donate online, please go to the following link:

http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/HOMBikeEvents?px=11637177&pg=personal&fr_id=21176

Thank you so much for your thoughtful support. It means a lot to us!

Sincerely,
Bethany Cencer Blake and Dave Blake

Vestry Highlights September

- ◆ We celebrated the confirmation of our latest class of students on September 14, 2013;
- ◆ The Parish Annual Independent Financial Audit was submitted and passed;
- ◆ The Nominating Committee is being formed to find new candidates for the Vestry;
- ◆ A new Adult Education program is available at All Souls Church on Wednesday evenings;
- ◆ The History Center designed by our Historical Committee which exhibits many of our artifacts will have its official opening in November;
- ◆ The Caregivers Support Group is taking off and many parishes in the area are copying our model;

Lorraine Massie
Clerk of the Vestry



Operation Shoe Box begins 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.



Brotherhood of St. Andrew

We kicked off our season on Sept 14th with a general planning meeting. For October we have two events planned.

October 5th will be a service day:

We had tentatively scheduled to work on the fire escape staircase scraping and painting, but have been asked to help out at Camp DeWolfe with the yearend closing. Either way please keep the date and a half day open.

October 19th Barn Sale.

Yes it's that time again for the annual Brotherhood Barn sale. We start unloading the barn at 7:30am.

Get out your pens and note paper. We have been asked by the Caroline Cares team to prepare notes for our youth away at college. The notes will be added to the care packages in November. More to come

Br. Mark

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. To that end, there will be a business meeting on October 6th at 10:45am, to which all parishioners are invited. Specifically, there will be discussion of, among other things, the addition of a second support group and how best to proceed with the marketing and outreach of the group to the community. All input is welcomed and appreciated.

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.

Please join us for the Support Group business meeting on Sunday, October 6th following the 9:30am service in the upstairs conference room in the Marco Smith Building.

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



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

Parish Ministry Opportunities

Coffee hour is a great time for our parishioners to check in with one another. Let me express my sincerest gratitude to all those who have been participating in our Sunday Coffee Hour Program, by signing up to host a Sunday. We would love for you and your family to sign the clip board in the kitchen area of the MCS building and provide refreshments on any Sunday you choose. Although for the most part the program has been successful, there have been on occasion several weeks when no one signed up and even more of an issue, a no-show or two. When this occurs, we often have no refreshments or are forced to raid the children's cookie table! Our Lord has indeed richly blessed us as a true parish community in many ways. At the time of Coffee Hour we share that joy with those who have been with this church for many years and those who are visiting the church for the very first time. Let them see the joy, enthusiasm, and genuine concern we have for each other. For indeed we are reflecting the true hospitality that Christ has called us to extend to all. Do pick an upcoming Sunday or two and the parish office will gladly send you a reminder.

Acolytes

Our youth Acolyte experience is a marvelous opportunity for our young people and an important part of each Sunday worship service at Caroline Church. We have a great program of service to the church while enjoying some fun time together. If you are in the 6th Grade or older and would like to join this excellent program of helping the priest in celebrating Mass, please let Fr. Richard know or call the parish office. If you join soon, you will be able to join us for our paint ball outing in November.

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.**



Parish Family News A letter from Joan Neuls

To all Caroline Church members;

It is with great joy that I am able to thank you all. It's been a long way back. Without your most sincere encouragement, this could never have happened. A day after my fall, I was given a Prayer Shawl brought to the hospital by a very dear friend. This was the start of so many wonderful things – the personnel notes, the phone calls and all the prayers. When I was able to return home you brought us home cooked meals. These meals were prepared with loving care and so very much appreciated. Many of the meals were prepared by Church family members we had never met. We know them now!

Many inquired about visitation. These had to be limited to a very few. Mother Ann and Fr. Richard were there more times than I know. It was during one of these early visits that the Lord made it very clear all would be right. Just before Fr Richard left for the evening he said the Lord's Prayer. I am told I said the prayer along with them, not following, but with them. Before this I couldn't speak but a word or two.

I would like to thank you all so very much and God Bless all of you.

Joan

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

Both your happy news and news of other life changes such as a loss of a close family member will be shared through this column when you let us know to do so. As a Christian family, we will be closer if we can share our life joys and struggles with one another.

