

# The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Relationships with other Christians are usually made through the church. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, renowned theologian, said what is most important in life are relationships. Though a variety of things can consume our focus and distract us from what is most important, God created us for relationships.

At Caroline Church we will begin a relationship with our new organist, Samantha Angstman, a Stony Brook University Doctoral student in Piano Performance, from Vermont. She is very excited about being part of our parish and we are equally excited about having her join us. Please warmly welcome her on Sunday.

The fall season is with us and our active parish has many opportunities for us to enter into new relationships with one another engaged in active ministry in and through our church. From Bible Studies, Sunday School teaching, women's and men's groups, altar ministers, soup kitchen helpers, and a myriad of committees covering all aspects of our parish life, each of us has an opportunity and obligation to be part of the active life our parish with one another. The many ministries of service here at Caroline Church welcome new relationships.

Also of importance, we, as a members of the Episcopal Church, have a relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. Many serve the Diocese through the Cursillo Movement and Youth Group participation, including our support of Camp DeWolfe. That relationship is personified and nurtured, through the leadership of our Diocesan Bishop, Lawrence Provenzano. We are looking forward to his triennial Parish Visitation to Caroline Church on Sunday, October 18 at the 10:00 a.m. service. He will also be Confirming and Receiving several Caroline Youth and Adults. He loves to chat with everyone in an informal way during the post-service reception that will take place in the MCS building that morning. Please feel free to speak with him about what is happening in the Diocese, Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion.

We never know what tomorrow will bring. In this technological age, we sometimes think we have the capacity to capture the universe. Then, when we are caught up short, we are reminded of, as scripture says, what fools can be. We must live our best for the glory of God each day, nurturing our relationships with one another, while we plan with hope for tomorrow.

One thing you and I know for sure, the Lord God almighty is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. He created us to be in relationship to Him, now and always!

In loving relationship with you and our Lord Christ,

Cn. Richard+

## Coffee & Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess Sign up for 2014/2015



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.

### ***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

### Humans as the Center of the Universe and Self-Sacrifice

One might assume that God's creation of human beings in God's image as the final act before resting demonstrates that God intended to place us at the center of the universe. This would be, however, to ignore the second creation story, in which God created Adam before the trees, Eve after the trees, and there is no mention of being in God's image. Actually, Christianity does not place human beings at the center of the universe. God is at the center of the universe and should be at the center of our attention just as humans seem to be at the center of God's attention. The anthropocentric universe removes God from the center, and humans from God's attention.

When we see humans as the center, we place our needs first and tend not to see how those needs are intertwined with the rest of the universe. The results have been devastating to the planet. George Monbiot reminds us of the interdependence of all species in his discussion of the rewilding of Yellowstone National Park. He describes how wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone in 1995, which created a trophic cascade. Trophic cascades are processes "that start at the top of the food chain and tumble all the way down to the bottom." Before that, the number of deer had built up and they had eaten away at the vegetation. The wolves not only killed some of the deer, but also changed their behavior such that they avoided valleys and gorges where they could be trapped easily. This allowed a regeneration. "In some areas," notes Monbiot, "the height of the trees quintupled in six years." Birds and beavers returned, and the beavers created new habitats for animals. The numbers of bears increased because of the berries. The rivers changed because the forest stabilized the banks so that they meandered less. The wolves's presence not only increased the biodiversity of the eco-system, but also altered the physical geography of Yellowstone. Rewilding thus can result in the "mass restoration of ecosystems." Monbiot compares this to the effect that whales have in the ocean. One of the excuses the Japanese have used to pursue whaling is that, by killing the whales, more krill will exist to feed the rest of the ecosystem. In reality, the opposite is true. Monbiot tells how the whales create giant fecal plumes that feed the phytoplankton that feed the zooplankton that feed the krill. In reality, the whales are enriching the ecosystem.

When we look at an ecosystem purely from the perspective of the species at the top in a hierarchical model, with some species having a greater impact than others, we reason that killing the top species will cause others to flourish. Monbiot demonstrates that the sacrificing of one creature does not lead to the flourishing of others, but actually decreases biodiversity. Rather than a top down model, we need an organic model, one that recognizes that world is a self-regulating organism. Without it, we misjudge the effects and limit the biodiversity.

The same is true of the ethical universe. When we place

ourselves at the top and see our needs as preeminent, we diminish ourselves and the world around us. We create a society of self-idolatry in which we are able to see only our own desires and no longer recognize our mutual dependence upon the sacred world. We become alienated from our fellow human beings and from the rest of creation, yet unaware of what we are missing and seek desperately to fill the resultant emptiness with other things. In such an alienated world where we do not recognize that the planet and the entire universe is a self-regulating organism, we forget that, in the longterm, what hurts others hurts me, and vice-versa.

This effects even our understanding of Christianity. It is evident, for example, in our esteem of self-sacrifice, yet another way of placing ourselves at the center. In an organism, we are not called to self-sacrifice, but to joyful sharing. Seeking methods of self-sacrifice insults Christ to the extent that the sacrifice is made for the sake of sacrifice. There are extreme examples of those who have themselves nailed to a cross, sometimes yearly, for example. Such a narcissistic act does nothing for those who are in need of companionship, nothing to nurture the creation, nothing for the billions on earth and the one in seven Americans who are forced by an inequitable economic system to live in poverty.

This is not to say that I am in agreement with the notion of substitutionary atonement as the last sacrifice—an approach that explains too much and helps too little. I do not believe that Christ came primarily to die, but to be an example of how to live. The doctrine of substitutionary atonement turns Christ's witness into a kind of simplistic magic. All we have to do is to affirm that magic, and we are saved, no fundamental altering of our being required. In reality, we must change our hearts from self-idolatry to a focus on God, whose logos subtends the entire universe. The question we must keep before us is, therefore, am I sacrificing for my own ego, or am I sharing out of joy?

Ecology and theology are not in consonance merely metaphorically or coincidentally, but because the logos of the universe is behind each. It suffuses all reality—æsthetic, ethical, environmental. Humans are part of an interdependent organism, the sacred creation, and we either function in accord with the logos of that system, or we strain against it and create pain, alienation, and degradation.

## Our Anglican Heritage

Samuel Schereschewsky

Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky was born in Lithuania in 1831, went to Germany to study for the rabbinate, there became a Christian, emigrated to America, trained for the priesthood, and in 1859 was sent by the Episcopal Church to China, where he devoted himself from 1862 to 1875 to translating the Bible into Mandarin Chinese.

In 1877 he was elected Bishop of Shanghai, where he founded St John's University, and began his translation of the Bible into Wenli (another Chinese dialect). He developed Parkinson's disease, was largely paralyzed, resigned his position as Bishop of Shanghai, and spent the rest of his life completing his Wenli Bible, the last 2000 pages of which he typed with the one finger that he could still move.

Four years before his death in 1906, he said: "I have sat in this chair for over twenty years. It seemed very hard at first. But God knew best. He kept me for the work for which I am best fitted."

From William Steven Perry's Bishops of the American Church (1897): The third missionary bishop of the Church in the United States appointed to China was a native of Russian Lithuania, and was born in Tanrogen, May 6, 1831.

He was educated in the schools of his native town and in the adjacent town of Krazi, and at the Rabbinical College at Zhitomeer, in Russia. He was a student for two years at the University of Breslau, Germany. On coming to this country he was for a time in the Western Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, but afterward entered the General Theological Seminary. He received deacon's orders in St. George's Church, New York, July 7, 1859, from the first Bishop Boone, who ordained him to the priesthood in the mission chapel at Shanghai, October 28, 1860. In 1875 he was elected by the House of Bishops to the missionary episcopate of Shanghai, but declined. Two years later he was again chosen to this office, and was with difficulty induced to accept. He received the doctorate in divinity from Kenyon in 1876, and from Columbia the following year.

He was consecrated in Grace Church, New York, October 31, 1877, by Bishops Bosworth Smith, Henry Potter, Bedell, Stevens, Kerfoot, and Lyman. After most faithful labors in his field, failing health compelled his resignation of his episcopate, which was accepted by the House of Bishops in 1883.

The celebrated Professor Max Müller, of Oxford, stated to the writer in 1888 that Bishop Schereschewsky was 'one of the six most learned Orientalists in the world.' He has translated from the Hebrew the whole of the Old Testament into the Mandarin dialect. He was one

of the committee having charge of the translation of the New Testament from the original Greek into the same tongue. Together with the bishop of Hong-Kong, Dr. Burden, he has translated the Book of Common Prayer into Mandarin. He has also translated the Gospels into Mongolian, and has prepared a dictionary of that language. He has (1895) just gone abroad to perfect and publish these translations, which have occupied his time since the resignation of the episcopate.

He is remembered throughout the Episcopal Church on October 14.

*Don't Forget.....*

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Stop & Shop / King Kullen /  
Wild by Nature**

At coffee hour on Sunday or  
at the church office during the week!

## Adult Education Program

"Borderland" is a four-part television documentary, produced and aired in April 2014, in which six Americans from varying backgrounds are confronted with the realities of undocumented migrant labor. The six participants split into three groups and go to Mexico and Central America in order to retrace the footsteps of three migrants who did not survive the journey north. They discover the circumstances which led the migrants they are tracing to risk their lives; they make their way north by riding atop a cargo train known as "La Bestia" or "The Beast"; they learn about the impact of Mexico's drug wars on immigrants; they traverse the desert in which some 2500 migrants had died the previous year.

Alex Seel, Sue Seel and Spencer Edelbaum's son (Caroline Church parishioners), was one of the six participants and will be present for question and answer. These presentations are for adults and mature teens.

We will consider two episodes per evening on October 20th & 27th beginning at 6:30pm. Undocumented migrant labor is a compelling issue that all Christians face. Come view the documentary and discuss.



### Operation Shoe Box begins October 4th

*Deadline to return your box is 11/15.*

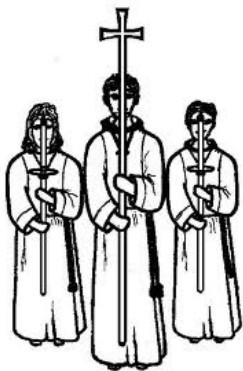
Please join the Sunday School as we collect Christmas boxes for children around the world. This project brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Please place small toys and other gifts in a shoebox and label it for 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 15th**, for National Collection Day. If you have any questions please contact Deborah Felber. Thank You.

### Vestry Highlights September

- Bishop's visit on October 18 at 10:00
- Audit report - all is in order
- Formed Nominating Committee for new vestry in January 2016.

Mary Wueste  
Sub-Clerk of the Vestry



### A Call for Acolytes!

All those entering 6th Grade or above, are invited to serve on the Altar at Caroline Church. This is a great opportunity to serve your parish community by helping the priest and the people worship Our Lord on Sunday mornings. Also our Acolyte Corp have a fun time together with BBQ's, game days, and a Paint Ball outing planned. There will be a

training session for new acolytes this month. Call the parish office and let Cn. Richard know you would like to be one of our new acolytes.



### Church School News

We are pleased to offer an extensive education program for all ages at Caroline Church.

Our Sunday School (for infants through Grade 12) meets from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in the Marco C. Smith Building. We are blessed with a caring and competent staff of teachers. We also offer a nursery, staffed every Sunday starting at 9:30am -11:00am for all families wishing to worship at the church while their children are in religious preparation.

Children's Chapel: Children's Chapel starts at 9:30am and runs until 10:00am when all children will proceed to their classrooms. This is a special worship service each Sunday for pre-Kindergarten through second grade held in the Marco C. Smith Building. Our older students can participate in the service to provide guidance to our younger students. The service consists of scripture, prayer, songs, and a short homily. We also have special seasonal services specifically for our young people.

Our Sunday School presents a musical Christmas pageant on the fourth Sunday of Advent each year. We hope to have all our Sunday School Children participate in this wonderful up lifting and fun presentation.

The curriculum is age appropriate and carefully chosen from the hundreds available. Our teachers work tirelessly to provide a positive religious educational experience to each student. Infants through age three years are cared for in a clean and well-equipped nursery where Bible stories as well as other appropriate stories are read.

We are still seeking a co-teacher for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. If you are interested in teaching or have any questions about the children's programs, please call the Director of Children's Ministry - Debbie 631-255-2929 or email at [debfel@optonline.net](mailto:debfel@optonline.net) I look forward to meeting you and having your participation in our programs will enhance your child's experience. Have a peaceful day.



*“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 remem-bered at the Altar  
of Caroline Church  
during the celebration of  
All Saints Day  
November 1st, 2015

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Return to the Parish Office before October 25th, 2015

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 as part of the intercessions for the Burial of the Dead at our Holy Eucharist service on All Saints’ Day, Sunday, November 1 at all three worship services.

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 25.

### Confirmation/Reception

When Bishop Provenzano visits on October 18th, he will Confirm/Receive seven into the Episcopal branch of the holy Catholic Church. The youth to be confirmed are Elyse Kady, Andrew Lockhart, Maggie Reyes, and Gracie Sobalvarro. The adults are Maureen Reyes and Jean Sobalvarro (reception), and Nancy Clark of All Souls' (confirmation). We celebrate the blessing of their presence among us and ask your prayers for all seven as they begin the next steps of their Christian journey.



### Caroline Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club is on October 16th at 3:00pm in the Parish House. We are reading “Walk In The Woods” by Bill Bryson. If you have any questions call Allan Gallo-way at 473-3767. All are welcome.

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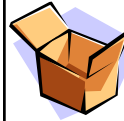


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## Caroline Campus Cares

Well it is that time of year again!! We are getting ready to send our Fall Campus Cares Package to our students studying away from home.

Our Wish List of supplies and goodies needed will be posted in the MCS meeting room- watch for them each Sunday starting in mid-October. We are so grateful for all the contributions received from our Parrish Family over the past 10 years since this wonderful ministry started. We hope you will continue to support Campus Cares for our youth. We have heard countless times how much it means to them (and their roommates) to know we are thinking about them and sending well wishes and goodies their way.

As in the past, we will leave a basket of cards and "mailbox" so you and your family can jot a personal note. Your encouragement and advice is cherished. All donations of items and/or cash for postage will go directly to the students! Look for a donation box in MCS.

Most importantly, please let us know of new names and updated addresses for our college bound students at Caroline. We do not want to miss anyone. You can email names and address to me at:

[ehazel@optonline.net](mailto:ehazel@optonline.net)

or leave a message on my home phone at 751-2623 or Linda at 689-2588.

Keep posted to the bulletin for dates we will be packing. Please consider joining us pack. Many hands make light work!

Thank you again for participating,  
Eileen and Linda



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

Michael Cardamone, Melanie Gonzalez,  
Don Gonzalez, Andrew Gaebelein

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

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

## Parish Ministry Opportunities

### Eucharistic Ministers

One of the ministries that all of us participate in every Sunday is Lay Eucharistic Ministry. Either we take a sip or intinct from the consecrated wine or we are administering that Holy Sacrament to our fellow parishioners. The 69<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church authorized a form of lay ministry titled Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM), formerly known as Chalice, Chalice Bearer, or Chalice Administrator. This Canon of the Church provided for the laity to administer the Eucharistic Elements in “the absence of sufficient number of Priests or Deacons assisting the Celebrant” (1988). Ever since the early 1970’s the Episcopal Church has authorized laypersons to administer the Chalice at the Holy Eucharist services.

Our Diocesan Bishop Provenzano made some changes in the preparation and administration of the sacraments. First, the ministerial office is now simply known as Eucharistic Ministry. Second, this liturgical office should be utilized even if there are a sufficient number of priest at a given service. Third, the training will now take place in the local parish instead of at Mercer School in Garden City and upon certification by the clergy; a license will be issued by the Rector.

With several Eucharistic Ministers moving out of the area, we have a need to expand our numbers. I would like to invite all Caroline parishioners to consider assisting at the altar in this important and holy ministry. We have a fine core of Eucharistic Ministers who have embraced their calling by Our Lord and have been gifted with the tools to participate in our worship services through this particular altar ministry. Do consider joining this group of dedicated ministers. Please speak with Cn. Richard or call the parish office.

### Foyer Group Coordinator

Foyer Groups provide one of the best opportunities for parishioners to get to know one another and enjoy each other’s companionship. Participants are assigned to groups of approximately 8 people who share dinners in their homes over the next several months. They rotate from home to home with the evening’s host providing the entrée and guests bringing other courses.

Last year there were over 30 participants who were distributed into four groups. Several members of our Partner Church, All Souls’ Church, participate. The size of the groups are kept to a maximum of 8 to assure that people could be comfortably seated in most dining rooms and that the overall number of dinners would work as a comfortable series and not be burdensome in people’s

busy schedules. In the Spring there is a Joint Foyer Dinner at the Church with some entertainment.

Each September we invite enrollment in a new series of Groups. We use an Excel spreadsheet to track the groups over the year and refer to it to try to minimize repeats. Newcomers are always welcome, in fact, encouraged to join a group. We leave a bit of space in some groups to enable additions at any time of the year. Mirjana Ellis has been a co-coordinator of this ministry, with Christine Oster at Caroline Church for several years. Mirjana will be stepping down from this ministry this month. We owe her our gratitude for her ministry as we seek one or two other parishioners to “take up the torch.” If you can help with this ministry, please let Cn. Richard know of your interest. For further information about what this ministry entails please call Mirjana Ellis at 689-2627 or Christine Oster at 368-8686.

Three Village Historical Society presents our Annual Spirits Tour on Saturday October 17th at 4:00pm. Rain date is Saturday, October 24th at 4:00pm. The tour begins in the parking lot of Setauket Presbyterian Church. Contact the Historical Society at 751-3730 for more information and tickets.



### New Phone/address Office Directory: Will be printed in October.

If ANY of your information has changed since 10/13/14, or if you are NOT in the directory and would like to be, please contact Janet **BY October 15th**

*Please review the last Directory, dated 10/31/14 (ivory color) to see if your information needs to be changed.*

You may email me at: [office@carolinechurch.net](mailto:office@carolinechurch.net),  
or phone me at 941-4245.

The new Office Directories will be handed out starting November 1st at all three services.

## Caring for the Caregiver Support Group

The Caregiver Support Group continues to meet twice a month and will be meeting at 9:30 in the Parish House on Saturday, October 10th and 24th. If you know any caregivers, please spread the word. The support and understanding of other caregivers and the resource information that participants receive can truly make a difference in their lives. Also, note that the Caregiver Support Group will once again host an annual Senior & Caregiver Education & Resource Workshop. This year's event will be held on Saturday, November 21st from 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm and will be held offsite at the Holiday Inn Express on Nesconset Highway. The Holiday Inn Express has generously donated its largest special use room for the event and, on behalf of the Caregiver Support Group as well as personally, we are most grateful. The event remains free, but registration is REQUIRED. Please contact me at 428-0902 or vcash5msw@aol.com.

### 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 is October 17th at 8:30am.

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

## Calling New Confirmands!

A new confirmation community is forming to explore our Episcopal tradition and help students articulate their Christian faith. Students will be prepared for the sacramental rite of Confirmation through specially designed classes, worship experiences, field trips, and retreats.

All young people in the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade who are fifteen or sixteen by the fall of 2016 and their parents are cordially invited to an orientation session with the clergy.

Please let Fr. Farrell or Cn. Richard or the parish office know of your interest as either a student or mentor. We look forward to hearing from you!

### Theophilus Healing Mission

A Chapter of The Order of St. Luke the Physician

The next Healing Service is Friday, October 2nd at Bethel AME Church beginning at 7:30pm. There will be no meeting in October.

The Order of St. Luke the Physician (OSL) has been around since the early 1950's and it's members, clergy, laity, medical profession laity are dedicated to praying for those who are ill in body, mind or spirit. We are also charged with bringing Jesus' healing ministry back to churches. We also have prayer teams available after the 9:30am Sunday Services in the church. All are welcome.

Ginny Apmann, Ann Lallo

## Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King are dedicated to a service of prayer and service.

As a service to our Caroline Church families we will be praying for your prayer requests. There will be blue prayer cards in the pew racks for you to use for requesting prayers or giving thanks. We will have a box in the vestibule for you to put your cards in. We will keep you in our daily prayers for a month (unless you request longer). As always all prayer requests are kept confidential. Thank you for letting us provide this service to you.