

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

September is upon us and we begin a new program year here at Caroline Church. As usual we have many activities, events and educational opportunities in the works for all ages. We have a vibrant church community that is always discerning where Our Lord is calling us to minister. We must continually be vigilant in answering that call. We can expect God to shine forth in our lives in many ways but it is here in this place we call community, Caroline Church in which we know for certain our God is present. It is in the community of the Church that we find the shining-forth (Theophany) of the presence of God.

At least that's what seems to be what is intended. Jesus tells the disciples to take bread and wine and share it in community. The early Church doesn't begin to grow or have a purpose until it began to see itself as a community. St Paul tells us that God gives each of us gifts through the Holy Spirit, but that none of those gifts is worth anything at all if they are not brought to and used by the community of the Church. The Anglican Reformation affirmed that there must be a community present in order for the priest to celebrate Holy Communion. The light of the presence of God shines forth in our lives through the community of the Body of Christ.

You see, by definition, we can't be Christians unless we are part of a worshipping community. There's no such thing as Christianity in isolation. Even the hermits of the desert came back regularly to the community to be fed in the sacrament and to experience the breaking of bread at the community table. We can be good and faithful people, but the word *Christian* means someone who is part of the Body of Christ, the community of the Church. And that means coming together regularly to worship God together and to share in all of the gifts that the Holy Spirit provides through the community of people who gather together in the name of Christ.

We expect a theophany; we expect to find God present in this, God's world. And there are many places where God suddenly presents us with an experience of overwhelming love and support. But when we go out to seek God's presence, we have only one place and that place is in the

midst of a people who are bound to each other in love; and we hope and pray that the Church is such a place. We expect a theophany of which we know only the place, and the place is called 'Community.'

I would urge you this fall to encourage others to be an active part of this Caroline community. The greatest gift you can give to a friend is that which makes most sense to you in your own life, and Jesus is the answer. "Bring a Friend to Church" Sunday is on September 28 – a perfect opportunity to invite someone to worship with you and enjoy a special coffee hour.

My prayer is that God will continue to bless us with the gifts that we share: love, friendship, compassion, forgiveness, reconciliation, caring and so much more. We are promised that we may expect those gifts from God; and they will come to us through community.

As we look forward to a new program year, I look forward to all the opportunities to share our lives together, especially in our worship of God.

Together in Christ's service,
Cn. Richard

Our Caroline Church Vision Statement:

*To help people encounter the living God together
and live transformed lives for Christ.*



Our Mission Statement

** We, the parishioners of Caroline Church of Brookhaven, are committed to Jesus Christ, to His teaching, His life, death and resurrection, in our call to serve and worship Him, in the tradition of the Anglican Communion.*

** We strive to share our faith and blessings for the furtherance of His kingdom in an environment of love, understanding, and support, through prayer, worship, Christian education, and fellowship.*

Fr. Farrell Graves

Equanimity: The Elusive Goal of Spiritual Growth

We seek it in the serenity prayer; we see it in the death of martyrs—equanimity, that elusive goal of spiritual growth. It is the ability to be aware of the struggles of the world, of the birth pangs mentioned in Matthew, of the raging injustices around us—war, lack of privacy, political manipulation, increasing disparity of wealth, loss of community, destruction of the planet—without giving up hope. It is important, however, to realize what equanimity is not. It is neither distraction nor denial, but is instead the ability to remain aware and engaged without despairing. The martyrs who went to their deaths singing hymns did so *because* of their involvement in the world.

Distraction is perhaps the most common method of avoidance. Our culture has developed more avenues of distraction than any society I know—more television stations, more websites, more methods of accessing them. In the constant search for viewership, even news has become a source of entertainment rather than of important albeit often unexciting information necessary for the democratic governance of our society. Fear-inducing and adrenaline-charged reports trump complex political analysis, and as we remain entranced, our power is co-opted. The search for distraction affects not only news, but every facet of our culture. Though one can still find music that seeks to share important ideas, that is not what is promoted to the top of the charts, a process that is itself rigged by record labels to inflate sales. ¹ Such distraction allows us to avoid engagement, to ignore our responsibility to our brothers and sisters.

Distraction is not always apparent. For example, our national addiction to competition, whether it is game shows, “Project Runway,” or the more than ten cooking competition shows on television today, distracts us from the important questions of how to work together, how to support each other, how to foster thriving. Cooking, the art of preparing an experience for all five senses that brings people fully into the present and in community with one another,² is viewed as one more vehicle for individual dominance. Though competition can stimulate creativity, in our worship of the individual, we have lost sight of the goal as the competitive factor becomes the sole focus.

Denial is a close companion to distraction. As we look away from what is significant, we tell ourselves that it is not important, after all. We find excuses for the status quo. We back our arguments with opinions from unqualified people rather than with facts. We seek excuses to dismiss abuses. As a complement to the twins of distraction and denial, chirrupy religions that offer easy answers

have become popular. The prosperity gospel promises whatever we desire for nothing more than the cost of prayer. This is God as the indulgent parent rather than as the source of righteousness and justice. The long, difficult process of formation has been short-circuited as people seek a fast track to spiritual success.

There is nothing quick or easy about developing equanimity. There is nothing facile about being engaged with the world, yet not angry at the world. It takes prayer, practice, contemplation, study, wisdom, and communal support. It will not be achieved automatically through baptism or confirmation. Those are merely significant steps along a lifelong journey of growth. As we look towards confirmation in October, let us uphold the confirmands in community and pray that they be led towards a lifetime of growth, service, engagement, awareness, and eventually, equanimity.

1 See both <http://www.nytimes.com/1996/01/25/arts/are-pop-charts-manipulated.html> and <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/pop-charts-no-longer-trustworthy-1190439.html>.

2 This is the subject of the beautiful film, “Babette’s Feast.”



Church School Teachers Needed for September

As you know we are revamping our Church School program for our children and youth. We are in need of adult parishioners of any age to help teach our children during Church School time on Sunday mornings. We would like to have two teachers for each grade level, to share the responsibilities thus allowing for weeks of family commitments or worship attendance. We are in need of a pre-kindergarten co-teacher.

Fr. Farrell will continue to assist with our program, to be sure our current and new teachers will be thoroughly trained in the particular curriculum they will be teaching and receive ongoing practical advice and counsel.

Please prayerfully consider this vital educational ministry and speak with Cn. Richard or call the parish office.

Our Anglican Heritage

The Reverend Alexander Crummell

Episcopalian priest, missionary, and educator, Alexander Crummell was founder of the American Negro Academy in 1897, America's first major black scholarly society. As a religious leader and an intellectual, he advocated for educational opportunities and leadership among young black Americans.

Born in New York City in 1819, the grandson of a West African chief and the son of a free mother, Crummell attended the Quaker-operated New York African School as a young man. Among his classmates were other future black leaders: Henry Highland Garnet, Ira Aldridge, and Samuel Ringgold Ward.

Due to his race, Crummell was denied entrance to General Theological Seminary. Despite this setback, he went on to receive his theological education in the Diocese of Massachusetts. In 1842 he was ordained to the diaconate and two years later to the priesthood by the Bishop of Delaware. In 1844 he established a small mission in Philadelphia where he became involved in politics including the campaign for equal suffrage and the abolition of slavery. After being excluded from the Pennsylvania diocesan convention, Crummell left the diocese and moved to England in 1848 where he graduated from Queen's College, Cambridge in 1853.

As an early advocate of the colonization of Liberia, Crummell went to Africa in 1853 as a missionary and served at four parishes and on the faculty of Liberia College. Crummell believed African Americans needed a moral and spiritual revival and viewed Liberia as the place to accomplish this. Here was an opportunity to create a model Christian republic where blacks could experience a racial uplift with the Episcopal Church providing a moral and rational discipline. Making visits to the United States, he advocated the emigration of blacks to Africa and for African self-help.

After running into opposition and indifference in Liberia, Crummell settled in Washington, D.C. in 1873 and became "missionary at large to the colored people." He focused on founding and strengthening urban black congregations that would provide worship, education, and social services for their communities. In 1883 when the Southern Bishops proposed that all black congregations become separate missionary districts, Crummell organized the Conference of Church Workers Among the Colored People (succeeded by the Union of Black Episcopalians) in protest.

A prolific writer, Crummell published articles, sermons,

and three books: *The Future of Africa: Being Addresses, Sermons, etc. Delivered in the Republic of Liberia* (1862); *The Greatness of Christ and Other Sermons* (1882); and *Africa and America: Addresses and Discourses* (1891). He continued his campaign against racial oppression and the promotion of African American leadership until his death in 1898.

He is remembered throughout the Episcopal Church yearly on September 10.

We will begin our
Fall Season
with three services on

Sunday, September 14th

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

We will have the Installation of Teachers/Helpers at Mass on Sunday, September 7th at 10:00am.

Church School will begin on Sunday, September 14th at 9:30am in the MCS building.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood will begin the new season on Saturday, September 13th at 8:00am. All men of the parish are invited to join us. We will discuss our plans for the upcoming year. Hope to see you there.

Bro. Mark

Senior Choir Planning for the New Musical Year

It is not too early to mark your calendars and remember that promise you made to yourself to be involved in the church choir. Beginning Thursday September 11th, the Senior Choir will begin rehearsals in the Upper Room of the Parish House at 7:00 p.m. For anyone who would like to join, please contact Choir Director Dallas Garvin at 751-6559 for more information.

Just think, what would Sunday services, Christmas, or Easter be like without any music? Did you know that the very first musical instrument that God created was your voice? Let us use this wonderful creation to sing praise and glory back to God.



Church School News

This year there are some changes with our Church School program. Besides having a new Director of Children's Ministry, we have some new teachers and approaches to the spiritual education of our children.

Please take some time to read all the information about Church School and fill out the registration form for each child. Even if you filled one out last year, please do so again this year as it helps us keep accurate records.

As usual we have many activities planned for the children during the year and I am pleased to say we have most of our teachers returning and a couple of new parishioners volunteering their time.

We could use some more help teaching our youngest children as well as volunteers to help with our nursery. Do pray about this.

Pre-K-Kindergarten: Janene Timm

1st and 2nd Grade: Cheryl Aversano

3rd and 4th Grade: Virginia and Lainey Cash

5th Grade: Donna Butruch and Don Pollard

6th and 7th Grade: Maureen Reyes and Chuck Glaser

8th and 9th Grade: Chris Callahan and Bruce Cash

10th Grade Confirmation: Father Farrell

This confirmation class will meet every 2 weeks beginning in November, more information to follow.

Youth Group, 6th-12th Grade: Director of Youth Ministry. The first Sunday of each month will be Youth Sunday, we will rotate youth, although we hope to get volunteers. They will usher, bring up the offerings and read. The youth that are not volunteering will sit upstairs; after church they will go out for breakfast. The other 3 Sundays the youth group will meet in the afternoon in the MCS Youth Group Room.

The first day of Church School will be September 14th at 9:30 am. All parents of Children Pre-K through 9th Grade need to go to the classroom and pick up your children. Each teacher will go over some important information with you about the coming year.

Children's Chapel is for the children in Pre-K through 2nd grade, but if your child is in 3rd grade or above and would like to participate in Children's Chapel, please let the Director know. The service starts promptly at 9:30 am. We are in need of volunteers to play the piano. If anyone is interested please call the parish office.

It should be another great year of learning about our faith for our children. See you soon.

Caroline Book Club

The Caroline Book Club will meet on Friday, Sept. 5th at 3 p.m. at the home of Karl and Jean Soderstrom, 10 Lotowana Lane, Stony Brook. We will be sharing our comments on books we have read over the summer. All are welcome! Karl Soderstrom Phone 751-7234

CYC Youth Group

We're BAAA-aack!! Come join us for a special kick-off meeting of the CYC Sunday, September 14th from 4-6 in the Cave (basement of the MCS building).

Open to all 6th-12th graders and their friends. Wear shoes you can run in and be prepared to get a little cray-cray. A "prize" will be awarded for craziest summer story. Dinner provided!



Home Bible Study

The Monday Night Home Bible Study will resume the study of Luke's gospel on September 15th at 7:00 p.m. refreshments 7:30 study. We meet in the upper room of the parish house. On Saturday, September 13th there will be an appetizer/dessert "get together" and celebration of the Eucharist. This will be hosted by Barbara Delfyett (751-3658) at her home at 10 Brewster Hill Rd., Setauket. It will begin at 5:00p.m. Newcomers are welcome!! Wayne Johnson

'Explore The Word' Bible Study

'Explore the Word' bible study will resume for the season on Monday, September 8th at 6:45pm in the MCS building. This season Len Calone will be sharing his Leading Skills with Cn. Richard Visconti and Fr. Farrell Graves. Come, hear, share, discuss and learn the Word of God. We meet every other Monday. Come for one session or all. Whatever is comfortable for you. Hope to see you there.

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, September 28th

Bring a Friend to Church

Cn. Richard, the Vestry, and the Welcoming Committee are encouraging parishioners (children included) to bring a friend to the 9:30 service on Sunday, September 28th. There are many people out there who probably would like to "get back to church" and might welcome an opportunity to worship with us!

Coffee hour, hosted by the Welcoming Committee, will follow the service. Join us in welcoming some new Christian friends!

Questions or volunteers, e-mail Irene Ruddock at peace2429@optonline.net



**CHOIR CAMP
with the
JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR**

Sunday, September 14th
10:45am-12:30pm.
Lunch provided.

Join us for our choir camp kickoff with crafts, games, and lots of singing as we start the year. If your child is between 2nd-9th grade and likes to sing, we welcome them to make joyful noises unto the Lord with us. It's a great way to get children to serve the congregation, and it's lots of fun!

We do not have auditions nor do we require prior musical experience. We would like to have as many singers as possible, so please consider adding us to your schedule. The more the merrier!

Regular rehearsals are Sundays 11-11:45am after the 9:30am service. We sing in church on the first and third Sundays at the 9:30am service between the second reading and the gospel.

RSVP at Katherine.J.Kaiser@gmail.com

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

Parish Ministry Opportunities

Parish Nursery

Many of last year's Sunday School teachers are returning this year to teach. For this we praise the Lord! However, there are a few spots where we could use another teacher to be part of a team or as a substitute, especially for the youngest grade level. Also, we offer at Caroline Church, nursery care for the youngest ones during our 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday mornings. We need an adult or mature teenager to supervise this service of hospitality for our parish family and visitors. Parents appreciate the time spent in church worshipping the Lord while their baby or toddler is being cared for over at the MCS building. If you can help with this important church ministry please speak with our Director of Children's Ministry who can be reached through the parish office and let her know you are willing to help out.

Children and Teen Singers

Our Youth Choir is a Ministry. Through singing in a choir, a child or young teenager can serve as a leader in the most important gatherings of the congregation. Your child does not need to match pitches or sing beautifully in order to be a Chorister. In our Joyful Noise Choir of children and youth all will learn to sing well. They will learn to use a great gift—their singing voices—and they will have fun and fellowship in the process. Their friends who are not members of the parish but are interested in singing are also welcome.

Please encourage your child or young teen to contribute to the life of our church by singing as choristers – a small deed that is well within the reach of each child at Caroline. If you would like to know more about the program, or to sign up your child or young teen, please contact Ms. Katherine Kaiser, our Joyful Noise Choir directress or the parish office.

**Adult Confirmation &
Inquirer's Class**

Those adults interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and those wishing to be received/confirmed as Episcopalians on October 18th should sign up for an exploratory class. If you are interested, please contact the parish office or speak with the clergy.

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- 9/04 Margaret Reyes
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- 9/05 Chad Kilmer, Jr.
Jake Volpicella
- 9/06 Katharine Sanislo
Claire Mis
Ellen Gristock
Logan Steffens
- 9/07 Britt Burner
- 9/08 Geoff Burton-Perlotto
Allie Purcell
- 9/09 Thomas Shimaitis
Jerry Sosa
- 9/10 Hunter Owens
- 9/11 Carol Goodwin
Donald Pollard
Ben Busko
Sebastian Aiello
Lucas Aiello
- 9/12 Anna McCarroll
Kevin McGrath
- 9/13 Brian Groth
Bradley Michel
- 9/14 Eileen Roggemann
Jack Worrell
- 9/15 Keith Brazier
Dan Cook
- 9/16 Wayne Johnson
Sean Brazier
- 9/17 Virginia Bidwell
Mandy Grosskoph
Fred Pollert
DT Rowe, III
- 9/18 Linda Haring
Samantha Free
- 9/20 Lawrence Light
Lorraine Massie
David Rickey
Carly Jung
- 9/21 Laurie Theobalt
Anthony Esernio
Viny Aiello
- 9/22 Alice Denton
Bobbi Wimmel
Stephanie Denton
- 9/23 Steve Roggemann
- 9/25 Stephanie Free
Linda Sanders
Donna-Marie Scott
Ed Wimmel
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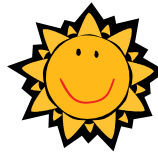


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ECW Morning Branch

We will be having a Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday, September 26th & 27th.

Please do NOT drop off any items until that previous Monday, September 22nd, 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.



Grief Support Group

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 25th at 7:00pm. Anyone who has lost a loved one is cordially invited, even if your loss was years ago. Your attendance may be the spark to help someone else. We follow a basic structure and all sharing or discussions are held confidential.

For additional information, please contact Cn. Richard at the parish office, or Don Muffly at 689-8804.

**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.



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

Michael Cardamone, Adam Fullerton,
Roy Raguso, Mike Hanna, Kevin O'Donahue
Kevin LoRusso, Melanie Gonzalez, Don Gonzalez.

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



women of faith TOUR
FROM SURVIVAL TO REVIVAL 2014

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, November 7th

Air time: 7:00 - 9:00pm

Saturday, November 8th

Air time: 9:00am - 4:30pm

Seating will be 45 min prior to air time.

LIVE SIMULCAST

Speakers:

Christine Cane
Patsy Clairmont
Lisa Harper

Sheila Walsh
Lysa Terkeurst
and Gateway Worship

Location:

Caroline Church, 1 Dyke Rd, Setauket
631-941-4245

**Cost: \$10 includes both days
\$15 includes both days & boxed lunch**

**Tickets must be purchased by:
October 27th, 2014 *(no refunds)***

**Limited: 200 people
16 years and over only.**

**Contact Janet Giacomini for tickets at:
631-941-4245 / 631-786-3603 / office@carolinechurch.net**

Foyer Group

One of the best ways of getting to really know a person is over a meal. Sharing what is going on in our life with interested others helps us realize how connected we truly are to one another. Caroline Church has Foyer Groups that nurture that experience. Foyer groups are a great way to socialize with members of our congregation. If you have not been in a Foyer Group, you are invited to put your name on the list. If you have been part of this experience, new groups will soon be forming. We will continue to encourage the group to invite one non-member of Caroline Church to be part of this experience while keeping the groups small and manageable. It is a great deal of fun and a nice way to connect with others. Please call Christine Oster at 368-8686 or e-mail Mirjana Ellis at rmellis@optonline.net

All are welcome to join us!

Come to the first fall meeting
of the
North Shore Utreya!

Friday, September 19th, 2014

6:30 p.m.

Caroline Church of Brookhaven

Marco C. Smith Building

941-4245

Come and join us for
Prayer, Praise, and Fellowship.

Please bring a covered dish or a salad.

Drinks and dessert will be provided.



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.

Buildings & Grounds

Summer isn't over, but we are preparing our facilities for fall. The carpets are clean, with linoleum floors scheduled for a professional waxing as Sunday School begins. Donna has been working furiously all summer to deep clean many nooks and crannies. All we need now is you and the children to arrive on Sundays!

Bids are coming in on stabilizing the carriage shed, as well as work on the roof and siding. Hopefully we will have a more solid report to give to the parish by the time the October Carillon goes to press.

As activities resume, please remember to leave room in the same condition (or better) as you found it. If you serve food, don't leave garbage in the kitchen cans to wait for someone else to empty it five or six days down the road. And please do not leave food in the refrigerator that you have no intention of using in the next few days. Those days tend to turn into weeks. If you would not want it in your refrigerator for that period of time, please don't leave it for another parishioner to have to put out. Many like a mystery, but the mystery of what used to be in that dish generally isn't an appetizing thing to greet you when you open the fridge to put in your food for your meeting.

Chris Haring, Chair
Buildings and Grounds



Theophilus Healing Mission

A Chapter of The Order of St. Luke the Physician

Our next Healing Service is September 5th at 7:30 pm at Caroline Church. Fr. Farrell will be our guest preacher for the evening. Our OSL meeting will be Friday, September 19th at 7:30pm in the Parish House. We will be viewing the DVD lessons for becoming a member of OSL. There are some great teachings about the Healing Ministry of Jesus.

Please feel free to join us for these great teachings and discussion.

Ginny and Ann