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"TO KNOW CHRIST...
AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN."

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Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Collect for Easter Sunday)

Raised from the dead

Several years ago I served a lovely Church in Venice, Florida, where we had a beautiful memorial garden called "All Saints." When I started there were over forty unmarked burial sites where the faithfully departed rested. In my first year I had fourteen funerals and I became very worried that I was going to bury this church quickly with all the deaths. Fortunately, things slowed down a bit with the number of burials in the years that followed and many heard me humorously say that I forbid anyone else to die. Many days, I would go out and sit on one of the benches in the garden and listen and pray. There was comfort in visiting the places where I buried many of my friends.

This garden cemetery was unique as I mentioned the burial sites were unmarked. How people knew where their loved ones were buried was based on their memory of the service and a map we maintained. Mostly they remembered how far away the site would be from a pine tree, a bougainvillea, a large rock or the fountain in the middle. However, I felt there needed to be a better way, one that would uphold the need to maintain the natural beauty. I did so by making a practice to raise the dead every year in a very special way.

Every Easter we enjoyed those beautiful Easter lilies around the altar and as I looked at them, reminded that they are the symbol of resurrection, the idea hit me. Churches should not throw them away weeks after they've been unclaimed, have dried up and died, I thought. So I took the plant and shook it free of the dirt and the stem and removed the bulb. Somewhere I read you could wrap it in a wet cheese-cloth and it would stay dormant but not die. This is what I did. I kept those bulbs and I would pull them out of the place I kept them whenever we had a burial service. With the remains in a cloth bag, they would go down into the hole in the ground and on top I would place that bulb. I filled it in with dirt, patted it down and put one of the palm crosses from Holy Week on top. Saying a few prayers, I spoke the dismissal and everyone would leave.

When spring came back around, what do suppose happened? Those leaves of the lily sprouted out followed by the long stem and eventually bloomed the white Easter lily. Once more, life was raised up from the dead. Easter is only a few weeks away. What will come out of the ground of our lives between now and then I wonder. I still hold fast to the quote of the poet John Keats who wrote, "Call the world if you please, 'The vale of Soul-making. Then you will find out the use of the world.'" Perhaps Jesus continues to speak to us, along with those we have loved but have gone onward, in those mystical gardens of our life to raise us up. On Easter Sunday our Church is expected to be in full blossom with people, many that we haven't seen in a long time, or ever before. They are souls being made. Look at them as you would the Easter lily, a sign of resurrection and life that has been raised up once more from the dead.

Yours, faithfully in Christ Jesus our Lord,
 Father Jon




Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday

“Passion” & Holy Eucharist Rite I/II

March 20th

8/10 AM

Holy Tuesday

Morning Prayer

March 22nd

8 AM

Maundy Thursday

Holy Eucharist & “Foot Washing”
 Prayer Vigil (*1 hour sign up*)

March 24th

7 PM
 8:30 PM - 7 AM

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross: Traditional
 The Solemn Liturgy & “Veneration”
 Stations of the Cross: Contemporary

March 25th

8 AM
 12 PM
 7 PM

Holy Saturday

The Great Vigil & Holy Baptism

March 26th

7 PM

~Bring your “Bells”!

Easter Sunday

“Sunrise” Holy Eucharist “Waterfront”
 Holy Eucharist Rite I/II
 The Great “Easter Egg Hunt”

March 27th

7 AM
 8/10 AM
 11:30 AM

~Bring your “Baskets”!



Daylight Savings Time “Spring Ahead”

Reminder that it's time to spring ahead and set your clocks forward on Sunday, **March 13th**.



Leadership

4 Questions Every Team Leader Needs to Ask

Written by: CVDaily Editors

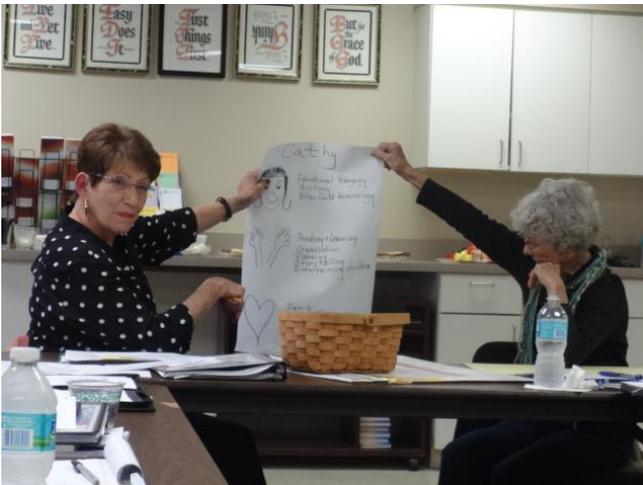
Team ministry has become the mantra of churches around the world. There's no shortage of resources available to enable you to become an effective team leader. But are you aware of the impact you have on your team?

Here are four questions to ask in order to evaluate your effectiveness in building a successful team:

1. **Does everyone's opinion matter?** A team isn't a group of people who just agree with the leader. You need people who will challenge your ideas, thought processes, and ways of doing things. Understand the non-negotiables, but leave everything else open for discussion. Hopefully, you've surrounded yourself with people who understand the vision and mission of your church. Value their opinion. If you spend most of your time convincing them to agree with you—either by force or lack of acknowledgement—you'll find yourself void of creative team members.
2. **Do you openly value your team?** One of the most common complaints of team members is that they're not appreciated by the leader. Celebrate input and creativity. Create a culture where cross-pollination occurs through team interaction. Identify strengths and listen to each person. Provide an atmosphere of authenticity and openness. Teams flourish when celebration, praise, and truthful evaluations are done on a regular basis.
3. **Does everyone know what's expected of them?** When a leader changes direction, philosophy, or mode of operation too often, team members lose sight of their goals—both individually and corporately. Change is necessary, but make sure there's a valid reason for it. Review job descriptions, goals, and team member responsibilities regularly.
4. **Are you willing to let go?** Helicopter-leaders create team member dependency. Instead, release team members to do what they've been asked to do. This helps them develop their unique gifting and equips them for future leadership roles. Releasing is not abandonment. Provide support and encouragement as team members take ownership for their ministry.

Vestry Retreat

On Saturday February 13th, our Vestry got together for a retreat at Calvary. The retreat was the first meeting that included those newly elected Vestry members from the annual meeting. We participated in various teambuilding activities and defined our leadership roles within the Great Commissions of Calvary. Below are a few pictures from this event.



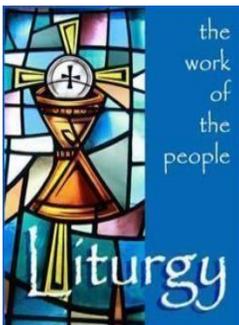
Would you like to know what the Vestry discusses every month? Well, you can by going to our website and clicking on "Latest News." We post all of the "Minutes" of our Vestry minutes including our discussions on building leadership skills, areas that we are proud to see growing and areas that we need to put more time and attention. All official motions and approvals relating to our business as a Church are found here. By being informed we feel you will become engaged in the life of Calvary.



Christian Education

Cursillo Retreat

Cursillo #132 was held at DaySpring, the Diocesan Conference Center in Ellenton. Marilyn Clark and Judy Marx served on the team for this Cursillo. Cursillo is known as a short course in Christianity but it is so much more than that. The Cursillo weekends take place in this beautiful setting at DaySpring and we use most of the facility. There are short talks now as "rollos" given by both clergy and lay people. There are lots of wonderful surprises as the weekend unfolds. You go on Thursday night as strangers and by Sunday afternoon you have made wonderful friends from all over the Diocese. Your meals are in Curry Hall, the dining area of DaySpring. Worship is either in St. Thomas Chapel or at the outdoor chapel which is beautiful (pictured below). There are three weekends a year – one in February, a Spanish speaking weekend in June and a weekend in September. Please don't miss this wonderful opportunity. Feel free to talk to Marilyn Clark, Judy Marx, Fr. Jon and any of Calvary's Cursillistas. We will answer any questions you may have and we can assure you, you will wonder why you waited so long to experience one of the best weekends of your life. Marilyn Clark (happyclark@aol.com) and Judy Marx (Jmarx9450@aol.com)



Worship

Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross

The term "Stations of the Cross" refers both to a series of fourteen representations of events on Christ's journey to the Cross and the popular devotion of passing before them in meditation on Christ's sacrifice. The devotion reflects the practice of pilgrims to Jerusalem who, from earliest times to the current day, have followed the way of the Cross from the house of Pilate to Calvary and wished to re-enact this journey on their return home.

The traditional pilgrimage route in Jerusalem starts at the site of Pilate's Judgement Hall in the Antonia and follows the Via Dolorosa through the narrow streets of Old Jerusalem to come to the

Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre on Calvary Hill. When the Franciscans received custody of the holy places in medieval times, they encouraged the erection of tableaux in their own churches depicting the sacrificial journey. The custom spread widely to other churches.

The content and number of the stations has varied widely throughout the ages, but the number was settled as fourteen under Clement XII in the 18th century. Eight of the stations directly reflect incidents recorded in the Gospels; the remaining six are based on inferences from the Gospel or from pious legend. With the recovered theology of the paschal mystery stressing the integral unity of Christ's death and resurrection, a fifteenth station representing the resurrection has frequently been added to the series.

Stations of the Cross are part of our Good Friday service. The traditional version is led by Father Jon at 8:00 AM. Deacon Melissa leads a more contemporary version at 7:00 PM.

The Stations are as follows and you can see them depicted in plaques found on the walls of our Sanctuary.

- I. Jesus is condemned to death.
- II. Jesus takes up the cross.
- III. Jesus falls for the first time.
- IV. Jesus meets his mother.
- V. The cross is laid upon Simon of Cyrene
- VI. A woman wipes the face of Jesus.
- VII. Jesus falls for the second time.
- VIII. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.
- IX. Jesus falls for the third time.
- X. Jesus is stripped of his garments.
- XI. Jesus is nailed to the cross.
- XII. Jesus dies on the cross.
- XIII. Jesus is taken down from the cross.
- XV. The tomb is empty. Jesus is not here, for he has risen.
- XIV. Jesus is placed in the tomb.



Respectfully submitted by the Altar Guild
Cathy Athanson, (durbinwv41@gmail.com)



Holy Week

From early times Christians have observed the week before Easter as a time of special devotion. As the pilgrim Egeria recorded in the late fourth century, Jerusalem contained many sacred places that were sites for devotion and liturgy. Numerous pilgrims to the holy city followed the path of Jesus in his last days. They formed processions, worshipped where Christ suffered and died, and venerated relics. From this beginning evolved the rites we observe today on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These services provide a liturgical experience of the last days of Jesus' earthly life, as well as the time and events leading up to his resurrection. The BCP provides special liturgies for each of these days. The eucharistic lectionary also provides proper readings for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week. The three holy days, or Triduum, of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are at the heart of the Holy Week observance. Here at Calvary the liturgical color for Holy Week from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday is red. Holy Week ends at sundown on the Saturday before Easter, or with the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

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Maundy Thursday -What does the name mean?

The term "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum;" it is from a verb that means "to give" or "to order" -- command. After Jesus and the disciples finished the Last Supper and walked toward Gethsemane, Jesus taught them a new commandment -- "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34).

ONE MAUNDY THURSDAY



The Last Supper

On the first Maundy Thursday, after they had eaten, Jesus gave the disciples his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of their sins. Our Eucharist is a celebration of this event.

Foot washing

The story of the Last Supper in John's Gospel records a remarkable event that is not mentioned in the other Gospels -- to illustrate humility, Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another. Calvary incorporates this act of humility into our Maundy Thursday service.

Stripping the altar

After the Eucharist is celebrated it is customary to "strip the altar," which symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. It represents the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin as a preparation for the celebration of new life. In many congregations Psalm 22 is read or sung while the paraments are being removed.

Good Friday

The stations of the cross

The stations of the cross is a devotional practice that consists of 14 stations, each one standing for an event that occurred in the passion of Jesus. Art, combined with literature, movement, prayer and reflection assist people as they work their way through this devotion.

The seven last words of Jesus

These are the phrases spoken by Christ during the time of his crucifixion. Recorded in the Gospels, they reveal the divinity of Jesus as well as his humanity.

The Vigil of Easter

White is the liturgical color used on this night.

The Easter Vigil is the pinnacle of the church year. Held between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter morning, it is the first celebration of Easter (traditionally holy days are considered to begin at sunset).

Service of Light

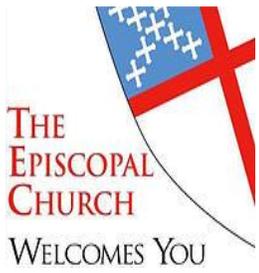
The Easter Vigil begins when the paschal candle is lit. Worshipers are reminded of the connection between the Passover of ancient Israel and the new Passover, which is Christ's victory over sin and death. The alleluia is used for the first time since the beginning of lent

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Scenes from Lent The Burial of the Alleluia's





Outreach

Our Newest Members

Denise Hughes Conlon

Denise has been worshipping with us for over a year and we are delighted she decided to join us officially as a member of Calvary. Denise has been married for 24 years to her husband Chas. They have a 22-year old son Christopher. Denise is a Clinical Director for a Re-entry program in Pinellas County. Denise was introduced to Calvary by Lisa Kingston and is very grateful for the support and love that Lisa and her family have shared with her. She is also grateful for the kindness she has experienced from all members at Calvary.



Deacon Jim and Anne Carter

Anne and Jim have been married 65 years. They met at Fortville High School in Indiana and later became avid Hoosiers, both graduating from that university in 1948. Jim was called to the Korean war in 1950 and was wounded on the front lines when the tank he was driving hit a land mine. He was in 3 major battles. When he returned they lived most of the time in Fortville but also in Helena, Montana. His occupation was mainly in the old hot metal printing, working at newspapers and commercial printing shops. Anne worked in several places: for Blue Shield Union Bank, The Independent Record and The Green Star newspapers, the Ponderosa Lodge, the Montana Highway Dept., and the US Post Office.

In Wyoming they saw country they never would have, with Jim working as an outfitter and guide. He rode and took care of around 40 horses, doing his own shoeing, etc. There, they joined the Episcopal Church in Green River, in 1970, with both being confirmed in their faith. When living in Indiana, both worked and had their own

commercial printing shop The Pendleton Printing Company, doing commercial printing. They had a weekly newspaper, called The Towne Crier, and their specialty was horse auction sale catalogs. They lived most of that time in Anderson, Indiana and actively worshipping at Trinity Church. Jim felt the call and became a Deacon working in prison ministry and also was a paid chaplain at both of the hospitals in Anderson, IN. He helped Fr. M. A. "Al" McClure, the rector at Trinity with confirmation classes and assisted with weddings, funerals and baptisms. He was in charge of the Government Food Program and President for the Gleaners Food Bank for Madison County.

Deacon Jim and Anne moved to Florida in 1988 to assist the rector, Fr. Bob Wagonseil, at Calvary. He trained Lay Eucharistic Ministers and worked with acolytes and the youth with Anne's help. He retired as a Deacon from Calvary to start the Chaplain Program in St. Petersburg Police Department and later joined the Largo Police Department as Chaplain. Bishop Smith called him back into active duty as the Deacon for St. Dunstons in Largo in 2010, where he faithfully served this Church family at the Altar and also in Pastoral Care. Jim+ and Anne have now returned to Calvary where he has now officially retired the beginning of this year. Their faith in God means everything to them and they love to share their faith. We are blessed to have them here.

CONNECTING
faith family
 and
friends
 Deut. 6:4-9
Fellowship

Fellowship
 Winterfest Pictures







Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



Valentine's Day Concert



Lavabo Bowl – Catholics vs Protestants





A great day was had by all who came out to play for the 1st Annual "Lavabo Bowl." It was a spirited event with the Catholics pulling out the victory over the Protestants, 32-19. All of our photos can be found on the Calvary Facebook page.

Next year's 2nd Annual Lavabo Bowl will be on Feb. 5th, 2017 at Bonner Park.

Carol's Culinary Corner

Hello to all and welcome to Carol's Culinary Corner. Currently I have been attending Culinary school in Georgia part-time until my husband, Phil, and I decided to remain in Pinellas County permanently. I will be finishing my studies here. In the meantime, I have been lead to share the fun of cooking in a monthly article for the Crier. I hope you enjoy it as much as I enjoy sharing "the gift of food". It all brings us back to the communion table in sharing the bread and wine and the love of Christ that unites us.

Did you know that HOT CROSS BUNS DAY is Friday, March 25, or most commonly known as Good Friday? According to Wikipedia a hot cross bun is a spiced sweet bun made with currants or raisins and dried fruit and marked with a cross on top. They are traditionally eaten on Good Friday in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada and India. It "marks" the end of Lent. Part of the buns have certain meaning. The cross represents the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday, and the spices represent the spices put on the body of Jesus after his death. Some spices/flavors that have been used in baking these buns are cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, toffee, orange and cranberry. However, Australia and New Zealand have developed a chocolate version and also a coffee flavored version.

In the time of Elizabeth I (1592) a decree was issued that these buns and other spiced breads could not be sold except at burials, Good Friday and Christmas. If they were, then all the product was given to the poor. As a result, these buns were made in home kitchens. In 2014, yes, just recently, these buns can be made year round but called 'NOT CROSS BUNS' and instead of a cross on top, there is a smiley face to reference "NOT CROSSED" or ANGRY. First sold commercially in Australia.

Why not try making your own hot cross buns and start a tradition in your family? Here's a recipe for Easy Hot Cross Buns. Hope you enjoy and until next month...KEEP COOKING BECAUSE IT MAKES YOU GOOD LOOKING!



EASY HOT CROSS BUNS

BUNS:

1/4 cup apple juice or rum
1/2 cup mixed dried fruit
1/2 cup raisins or dried currants
1 1/4 cups milk, (room temperature)
3 large eggs, 1 separated
6 Tbsp butter (room temperature)
2 tsp instant yeast
1/4 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp ground cloves or allspice
1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
1 3/4 tsp salt
1 Tbsp baking powder
4 1/2 cup unbleached All-Purpose Flour (I use King Arthur Flour)

TOPPING:

1 large egg white, reserved from above
1 Tbsp milk



ICING:

1 cup plus 2 Tbsp confectioners' sugar
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
pinch of salt
4 tsp milk, or enough to make a thick icing that you can pipe thru a bag

DIRECTIONS:

1. Lightly grease a 9"x13" pan.
2. Mix the rum or apple juice with the dried fruit and raisins, cover with plastic wrap and microwave just till the fruit and liquid are very warm. Set aside to room temperature.
3. When the fruit is cool, mix together all of the dough ingredients except the fruit, and knead, using an electric mixer till the dough is soft and elastic. Mix in the fruit and any liquid not absorbed.
4. Let the dough rise for 1 hour, covered. It should be puffy.
5. Divide the dough into 3 3/4 ounce ball size pieces. about 1/3 cup. It should make about 12 to 14 pieces. Using greased hands to round them into a ball shape and place them in the prepared pan.
6. Cover the pan, and let the buns rise for 1 hour, or until they have puffed up and are touching one another. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
7. Whisk together the reserved egg white and milk and brush it over the buns.
8. Bake the buns for 20 minutes, until they are golden brown. Remove from the oven and transfer to a rack and cool.
9. Mix together the icing ingredients and when the buns are completely cool, pip it in a cross shape on top of each bun.

ENJOY.

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Wednesday Lent Dinners

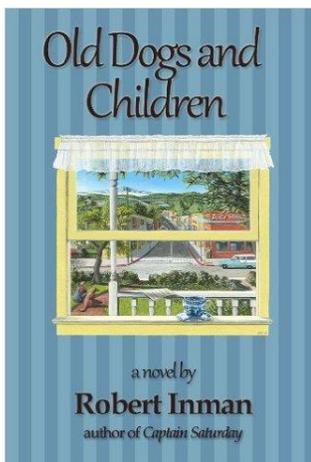
Please join us on Wednesdays during Lent at 6pm for a Holy Eucharist service followed by the most awesome soups and salads on Indian Rocks Beach. We have had great turnouts so far and look forward to seeing everyone to share in not only the best soups and salads but a Lenten program lead by Father Jon.

If you wish to make a soup or salad, please contact Cherie Smith or Carol Beauchamp or sign up on the chart located in the Parish Hall. Remember, keep a Holy Lent and you will be blessed with a Happy Easter!

Carol Beauchamp (CD5210@aol.com) and Cherie Smith (CHERISMYTHE@AOL.COM)



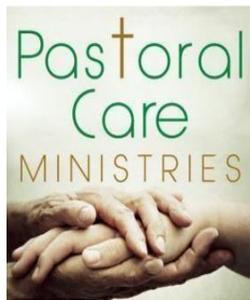
Book Club



The *Bookies of Calvary* will be meeting next on April 18th at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. Our next selection is Old Dogs and Children by Robert Inman. Please join us for fellowship and a great book chat. Cherie Smith (CHERISMYTHE@AOL.COM) and Cathy Athanson (durbinwv41@gmail.com)

The 11th Annual Tea & Fashion Show "Ladies Who Lunch"

On Saturday, April 9th at 1pm, enjoy an afternoon of tea and crumpets along with the Spring collection from Patchington's clothing displayed by our own models. An auction of various items will take place so bring your money ladies and gentlemen. All proceeds from the event will support Calvary Episcopal Church and its several missions. Please see Leslie Long for more details ladyldl@verizon.net.



Pastoral Care

SIT AND BE FIT EXERCISE FUN

This is a short explanation of "inflammation" - a word we are all familiar with and sometimes take for granted. But, it can be a

serious problem in our bodies. Within every living cell of our bodies there is a time bomb waiting to go off - inflammation. However, it should be noted that inflammation is a double-edged sword. More animals (and probably people) die from an inflammatory disease than all other disease processes combined; yet without an adequate inflammatory response by the body's cells the living organism could not survive for long. The inflammatory response is necessary for fighting infection and the normal healing of damaged tissue. In most cases inflammation is a good thing and we do not want to eliminate it. But because of its ability to "run wild" and do more harm than good, there is a need to control it. Diet is important in fighting the "bad" inflammation, and following is a list of foods that help in that fight; soy, nuts, dark leafy greens, tomatoes, garlic and onions, tart cherries, ginger and turmeric, berries, fatty fish, beets, olive oil, whole grains. Incorporating these foods into your diet can go a long way in fighting inflammation.

*Information taken from an article written by Michael Ball, DVM

The exercise class meets every Tuesday morning at 10:15 in the Parish Hall. We have fun as we are helping our bodies - no charge!!! Join us.

Marilyn Clark (HAPPYCLARK@AOL.COM)

Nutritional Nuggets

How many of us struggle with what to eat? Like everything else we can often make it so difficult that we give up. Yet, it is really quite simple. Think of the 3 musketeers: Carbohydrates, Protein, and Fat. These 3 fellas provide vitamins, minerals, anti-oxidants, phytonutrients, fiber, water, amino acids, and sugars. Nutritionists refer to these as "nutrients" which when consumed naturally (i.e. food) are of better use to us than pills, potions or powders.

"Sugar", a carbohydrate, is often considered the bad boy (girl) of many diseases and is frequently eliminated by avoiding all carbs. This is not a good idea says Nadine Pazder (Registered Dietitian).



CALVARY ANNUAL TEA & FASHION SHOW
LADIES WHO LUNCH
FASHIONS BY PATCHINGTONS

APRIL 9, 2016
1:00 PM
COST \$25.00

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1601 FIRST STREET, INDIAN ROCKS BEACH

Come enjoy an afternoon of tea and crumpets along with the Spring collection from Patchington's. An auction of various items will take place so bring your money, ladies. All proceeds from the event will help the many missions at Calvary Episcopal Church.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: LESLIE LONG @ 727-593-3959 OR LADYLDL@VERIZON.NET

Carbohydrates, such as those found in whole grains, fruits, and vegetables are the source of glucose and other sugars that give us the much needed energy we require. Conversely, avoiding all carbs will leave us tired!

"What about protein", you might say. Well, proteins allow for tissue growth and repair, muscle building, immunity, and hair growth, but they cannot do it alone. For a nutritional balance they must be in combination with carbs and fats. Fats? Yes Fats! Adding some healthy fat to our diets allow absorption of some very important vitamins. Healthy sources of fats can be found in olive oil, seeds, nuts and nut butters.

So the next time you are perplexed about healthy eating, think of those 3 musketeers: Carbs, fats and proteins. Be balanced. Be moderate. Be healthy.

For more information, go to *ChooseMyPlate.gov*. or ask your doctor for a referral to your local nutritionist.

On behalf of the Parish Health team

Yours in good Health

Jo Simpson (JSIMP0901@AOL.COM)



Missions

Christmas Shoeboxes

Yes, December is a few months away, but we believe in the motto "Always Be Prepared". Empty shoe boxes are in high demand - please search your closets; all nooks and crannies; buy some new, and always much needed, shoes; ask your neighbor - and bring them to us. We will put them to good use. Thank you.

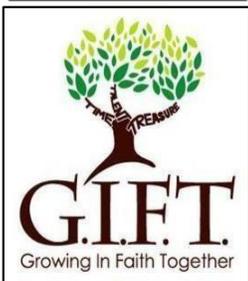
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Property

Clean-up Day

Come one, come all to help clean up Calvary on Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00 am. This is a change in date as it was originally scheduled to be on March 13th. Landscaping, repair work, washing windows, cleaning carpets and dusting. All part of our Holy Housework in preparation for Easter. Phil Beauchamp is the organizer for this event.



Stewardship

IRAs

TAX-FREE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS ("IRA") FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Congress enacted legislation in 2006 allowing tax-free qualified charitable distributions of up to \$100,000 from an individual retirement account ("IRA") to a church or other charity. This provision was made permanent for 2015 and future

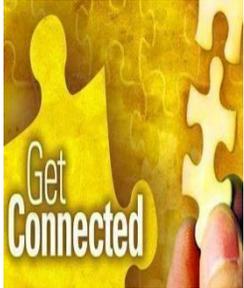
years by the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015.

Note the following rules and conditions:

A qualified charitable distribution is any distribution from an IRA directly by the IRA trustee to a charitable organization, including a church, that is made on or after the date the IRA owner attains age 70½.

A distribution will be treated as a qualified charitable distribution only to the extent that it would be includible in taxable income without regard to this provision.

This provision applies only if a charitable contribution deduction for the entire distribution would be allowable under present law, determined without regard to the generally applicable percentage limitations. For example, if the deductible amount is reduced because the donor receives a benefit in exchange for the contribution of some or all of his or her IRA, or if a deduction is not allowable because the donor did not have sufficient substantiation, the exclusion is not available with respect to any part of the IRA distribution.



Connections

The Calvary Picture Directory

We have been meeting with John Valli, a representative for Re-member Church Directories, Inc. to plan out our next directory. Our current one is six years old and it is time for a new one. Members of Calvary should expect to receive a call from this company by the end of February as they will set up an appointment for your photographs. You also have the option of signing up at the "Front Desk" at Calvary as we are more than willing to help you reserve your spot. Sign-ups will be available after February 10th.

Every member is entitled to one free photo and photo packages are optional.

Every family is entitled to one free directory. You will find the quality to be excellent and may choose to have an updated family or individual photo for personal use.

If you do not receive a phone call from this company by the end of February, please call the Church office and let us know as we will make every effort to capture all members on this special directory. If you are a seasonal member we hope that you will be around for the opportunity. If not, then we will gladly accept a good quality, digital photo from you. Please inquire with the Church office if you need assistance with taking that photo separate.

The dates will be presented when you are contacted by the company with options only on Thursdays, before Holy Week and after Easter.

All photos will be taken in Barge Hall at Calvary.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for Calvary members to see and recognize one another and we urge you to set your appointment with the company representative when they call you.



**Thursdays to Consider for your
Photo appointment:**

March 17th

March 31st

April 7th

The New "Welcome Video"

We now have a new welcome video on our Church website. Already, we have had many people give wonderful feedback saying it enhances our page by inviting people to come and join us in worship, fellowship, Christian education, missions, outreach, etc.. Please take the opportunity to go and see for your self.



Connect spiritually and socially using Black & White XP, Facebook & Yelp. Search for "Calvary Episcopal Church" Indian Rocks Beach, FL.



Not getting the Crier each month?

We strive to send out our information in a timely and efficient manner. If you have changed your email address, PLEASE notify Laurie Lawther at lawther@calvaryirb.org

Important Dates "At-a-Glance"

Tuesday, March 1 st	8:00 am Morning Prayer 10:15 am Sit and Be Fit
Wednesday, March 2 nd	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist 6:45 pm Soup Dinner & Lenten Devotion
Sunday, March 6 th	8/10 am Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Tuesday, March 8 th	8:00 am Morning Prayer 10:00 am Administrative Staff Meeting 10:15 am Sit and Be Fit
Wednesday, February 10 th	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist 6:45 pm Soup Dinner & Lenten Devotion
Saturday, March 12 th	9am-12pm Church Clean-up

Sunday, March 13 th	8/10 am Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Monday, March 14 th	6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, March 15 th	8:00 am Morning Prayer 10:00 am Administrative Staff Meeting 10:15 am Sit and Be Fit
Wednesday, March 16 th	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist 6:45 St. Patrick's Party
Saturday, March 19 th	9:00 Palm Cross and Easter Egg Prep
Sunday, March 20 th	8/10 am Palm Sunday 'Passion' & Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Tuesday, March 22 nd	8:00 am Morning Prayer 10:15 am Sit and Be Fit
Wednesday, March 23 rd	6:00 pm Holy Eucharist 6:45 pm Bells Practice 7:30 Adult Choir Practice
Thursday, March 24 th	Office Closed 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday 8:00 pm The Maundy Thursday Vigil
Friday, March 25 th	8:00 am Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm Veneration of the Cross
Saturday, March 26 th	9:00 am Morning Prayer 7:00 pm Easter Vigil
Sunday, March 27 th	7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service 8/10am Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Tuesday, March 29 th	8:00 am Morning Prayer 10:00 am Administrative Staff Meeting 10:15 am Sit and Be Fit
Wednesday, March 30 th	6:00 Holy Eucharist

All liturgical events and only non-liturgical monthly events will be posted. All events of Calvary are included on the Church main calendar found on our website.

March Birthdays

- 1 – Valerie Lima
- 2 – Nancy Hanna
- 3 – Paul Jewell
- 6 – Judy Clemens, Mary Schock, Watson Roberts
- 9 – Kirby Nowlan

- 14 – Karen Hillegas
- 17 – Mary Morris
- 19 – Kathleen Sullivan-Brown
- 20 – Kathleen De Santis
- 21 – Melissa Willbee
- 24 – Catherine Sutherland, Meredith McKenna
- 25 – Dorothy Yates
- 28 – Shannon Nelson, Derek Good
- 31 – Michael Porter



Pinellas Suncoast F&R Birthdays

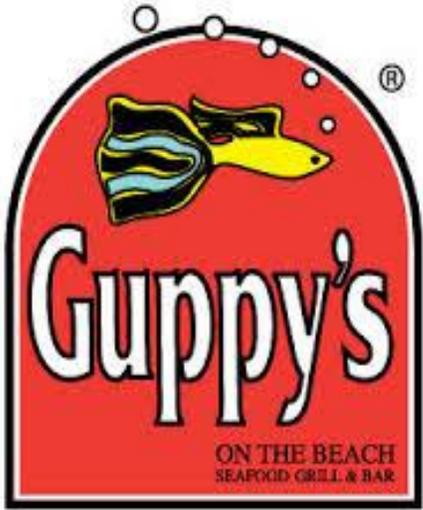
- 1 – Dennis Furnell
- 10 – David Karpinecz



Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 – Alan & Patricia Bowlsby
- 10 – Josh & Catherine Sutherland
- 15 – Joyce & Ed McNamara
- 24 – Ray & Janet Norton
- 26 – Judy & Derek Marshall

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