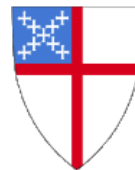


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AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN."

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O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Collect for St. James, July 25)

### Rest and Relocation

As we enter the summer months, many will rest, and many will relocate. This reminds me of a story.

Once upon a time there was a businessman who ordered flowers to be sent to the opening of his friend's new branch office. When the businessman got there, he was shocked to see the flowers with the inscription. "Rest In Peace." He was so outraged that he

stopped at the florist to complain. "It could be worse," the florist said, "Just think: Today someone was buried beneath a floral arrangement with the inscription. 'Congratulations on Your New Location!'"

After the time following Jesus' relocation (resurrection), his twelve students (disciples) were thrust into becoming teachers (apostles). Perhaps much sooner than they expected. We read in the Acts of the Apostles (11:27-12:3) the account of the first martyred apostle, St. James. Herod the Great was incited by Jewish leaders to put down this insurrection so that they could find rest. They were weary of these followers of Jesus who were stirring up the masses and causing mayhem. Traditions and customs were not at risk, however. It was about people who wanted to hold on to their positions of power, wealth and prestige. When Herod saw that it pleased them, to put James' neck to the sword, he didn't stop.

Herod went after the head of the conspirators and proceeded to arrest Peter. The story gets better as the angel of the Lord appeared to Peter in prison and rescued him. Sending him safely to Caesarea is nothing short of amazing. Peter, and the continue this course of finding rest and relocation for a few more years before their eventual martyrdom, similar to the one faced by James. This was in order that the Gospel would continue to spread throughout the world. I believe they received flowers of both kinds, for them to, "Rest in peace" and "Congratulations on your new location."

As Christians we are always in the midst of rest and relocation. God is always calling upon us, to listen, to learn and to lead. Looking ahead, June will be a time for me to rest,...in peace (not the eternal kind) and quiet my mind. The Rector of Calvary has been leading a lot through management of our building, administration and programs. God has blessed me with top notch leaders and staff members who I trust completely. This year I am committed to intentionally rest. That means I will cut off my link to work related email and texts. I will not actively engage in social media to see what all of you are doing. It will be hard, but I must try. Thank you for allowing me this time to rest and relocate for a brief time. See you in July.



PS: Fr. Jon will celebrate & preach on Pentecost (June 9)

Yours, faithfully in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Father Jon



## Leadership

### **The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Grant History**

I want to provide you with additional history and facts of the Lilly Endowment:

Lilly Endowment Inc. was formally established in 1937 with gifts of stock in Eli Lilly and Company. The pharmaceutical firm was founded in Indianapolis in 1876 by Col. Eli Lilly, father of two sons, J.K. Sr. and Eli. The Endowment exists to support the causes of religion, education and community development. Lilly Endowment's religion grant is designed to deepen and enrich the religious lives of American Christians. It does this largely through initiatives to

enhance and sustain the quality of ministry in American congregations and parishes.

The first donations, back in 1937, of 17,500 shares were originally valued at \$262,500, but the giving of J.K. Sr. and his sons did not stop there. By 1971 their combined gifts (after stock splits) amounted to nearly 32 million shares valued at about \$94 million. Several nonfamily members contributed another 210,000 shares, valued at \$1.1 million. And the Endowment was included in the estate plan of Ruth Lilly, the daughter of J.K. Jr., resulting in gifts from her beginning in 2003 totaling more than \$200 million.

The Endowment during the past 80 years has made grants totaling nearly \$9.9 billion to 9,792 charitable organizations. At the end of 2017 the Endowment's assets totaled \$11.7 billion which will be used to benefit future generations.

Among J.K. Sr.'s favorite charities were the YMCA, the Community Fund and the Red Cross. He also donated significant time and resources to other educational, charitable and scientific endeavors, serving on the initial board of trustees for the Indianapolis Foundation and helping to establish and lead the Purdue Research Foundation. Young Eli – known as Mr. Eli in later years – gave millions of dollars to Indianapolis Episcopal churches, was a leader in organizing Indiana's chapter of the United Way, and contributed heavily to countless colleges and charitable organizations. He left virtually his

entire estate to charity, including gifts designated for the Indianapolis Museum of Art, The Indianapolis Children's Museum, the Indiana Historical Society, Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral and several educational institutions.

Another trait shared by the founders was a conviction that philanthropy was something to be quietly practiced and not heralded. J.K. Sr. summed it up for his sons with the admonition, "When you do something nice for people, do it in a nice way." His sons interpreted that advice to mean they should give quietly, thus explaining why the philanthropic foundation that bears their name has typically maintained a relatively low profile and encouraged any attention to be given to its grantees, their staffs and volunteers who actually do the charitable work supported by Endowment grants.

Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

This passage is about God's goodness and our confidence that His plan will work out as He sees fit. Since His plan is always good, Christians can take confidence that, no matter our circumstances or environments, God is active and will conclude things according to His good and wise design. With this knowledge we can learn to be content (see Philippians 4:11). This is why we pray each Sunday in Church to hopefully receive this prestigious award.

More information can be found at [www.lillyendowment.org](http://www.lillyendowment.org)

It is my honor and pleasure to serve as Senior Warden.

JoAnn Martindale

Sr. Warden & Vestry Chair for our Stewardship Commission, [Joadale@yahoo.com](mailto:Joadale@yahoo.com)

### **Lilly Grant Prayer**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation, everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! These were Paul's words to the people of Corinth (Cor 5:17) what a glorious promise to us that everything has been made new, the old has passed away.

Each week in the prayer of the people we have been praying for renewal of our congregation the application to the 2019 Lilly Endowment, National Clergy Renewal Program. This is a grant program providing up to \$50,000 for congregational renewal. The program seeks to strengthen Christian congregations by providing opportunities for pastors to step away briefly from the persistent obligations of daily parish life by engaging in a period of renewal and reflection. Funds granted can also be used for a supply priest, ongoing and increased staffing needs and other needs for congregational renewal. The Lilly endowment grant application details those renewal periods are not vacations, but times for exploration and reflection, for regaining the enthusiasm and creativity for ministry.

Intellectually, our parish understood the need for sabbatical. It was built into the contract created for the priest that was to be called to lead our congregation at Calvary. We rejoice in the Spirit that we can honor not only the contract, but the ministry that Father Jon's life has become to our lives. For all that he sacrifices daily in mind, body in spirit in his life at Calvary; the time away from his family and putting the others needs before his own to touch each our hearts and spiritual wellbeing. In every encounter we can see his deep emotion and love for Christ. We know that upon his return he will be renewed with the Holy Spirit which will benefit our congregation beyond all measure.

Please continue to pray for the approval of the Lily grant proposal for the renewal of our parish, Father Jon and the entire Roberts family. Keeping in your daily prayers the verse from Romans 8:28 "we know that for those who love God all things work together for the good of those called according to his purpose"

In His Love;

Margaret Richcreek, Vestry Leadership Commission

## Youth Minister Wanted

Lisa Kingston is now our Vestry member who is leading the Search process for our new part-time Youth minister. Here is the update.

Since gifts were provided to afford a Youth Minister at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 27, we have posted the job on The Episcopal News network (TEN), The Diocese of Southwest Florida website and the Calvary websites (including Facebook and Nextdoor). Indeed, the online job search engine has generated the most activity from a broad range of candidates, totaling a half dozen to date.



You may have also noticed that we have included the search for a new Youth Minister in our Sunday prayers, praying that God will lead the right person to this calling.

In addition, Fr. Jon and the Vestry have asked five parishioners if they would consider the position. We feel that we have been most comprehensive and inclusive. We are also certain that these efforts will near an end, and will continue the search until July. If you know of any qualified individual(s) please do not hesitate to direct them to Lisa Kingston.

The Search Committee members include, Lisa Kingston, Karen Hillegas, Lynne Roberts and Fr. Jon.

Responsibilities include creating a yearly vision for the Calvary youth ministry program; design and oversee creative Sunday worship/Bible study programming for all children in the church; plan, coordinate and lead weekly events including weekly gatherings, ongoing Bible studies and volunteer training for our middle and high school students; create and coordinate meaningful special events such as mission trips, retreats, and service projects; build relationships with youth and their families through direct communication including communicating regularly with youth, parents, and staff through social media, the church's website, and other forums to advertise events and furthering the youth programming agenda; provide information and encourage participation in DaySpring camps and weekends; be an active member of and provide information to the Christian Education Commission regarding youth activities, curriculum, and budget.

We are going to close the search during the first week of July and make a decision on who is best qualified, in all who have been presented until then.

The specific job description is found at: <https://www.calvaryirb.org/calvaryjobopenings>

## Special Farewell

Jim, Penny and David Yanacheck will be moving soon to live in South Carolina. Their family has been faithful and committed members of our church for six years, arriving the same time Fr. Roberts' family arrived in 2013. They are going to be sorely missed. Both Jim and Penny have served on the Vestry, serving the Pastoral Care, Fellowship and Christian Education commissions. Penny regrettably submitted her resignation to the Vestry. Spencer will remain in Seminole and Daniel is already attending a military prep school in South Carolina near Columbia. Please send them a card or give a call, wishing them the best and telling how much they will be missed. Their current address in Seminole will remain active for a few more months.

At the May Vestry meeting, our leaders shared with her just how much she meant and how much her whole family will continue to be held dearly. We sent her with our prayers and blessings as they enter into a new chapter in their lives. Thank you Penny and Jim for sharing your lives with us. Thank you for the "Boys" and how much they enriched our lives as well.





## New Sexton

**Definition:** a church officer or employee who takes care of the church property and performs related minor duties (such as ringing the bell for services and digging graves);

Last year, the Vestry decided to appropriate a new staff position known as a Sexton and proposed the Church move away from outsourcing our cleaning & care of the inside of the building to Jan-Pro. We thanked Jan-Pro for their faithfulness and reliability these last eight years and we opened a search process beginning in March.

Fortunately for us, Joe Hatin came forward to apply. With experience as the Sexton at Curlew Methodist Church he has experience not only in cleaning and caring for facilities but also on how to manage them. This fits into our long term strategic plan of how to orchestrate more weddings, receptions and so on with events in the IRB community.

Joe has attended some of our Wednesday noonday healing masses, where we got to know him well. He is also husband to Lia King, our Administrative Assistant. With his vast knowledge and looking at the overall picture of how our facilities work, he will be an asset to our overall administration and key figure in working with the Jr. Warden and Rector as projects arise. Please welcome "Joe".



## Christian Education

### "The Bible Project"

*The Bible Project* group will resume on Wednesdays in the fall at a date to be announced. To catch up on this video-based study, it's easy. Simply go to [thebibleproject.com](http://thebibleproject.com) and begin watching the "Series" related to "How to Read the Bible", "Themes in the Bible", "The Torah series" and "Wisdom series." Let Fr. Jon be aware that you are interested in joining him and others during that 10AM, Wednesday study.

### St. Michaels Confirmation

The St. Michaels Confirmation is July 27<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Youth from Calvary have been attending the conference since 2014. It is a formative experience in Anglican liturgy ("high church"), study of various topics that relate to scripture, tradition and reason, and concludes with emphasis on personal confession to a priest. The Christian Education conference is for rising 9<sup>th</sup> - graduating college students who are active members of Episcopal/Anglican parishes. See Fr. Jon if interested in learning more about this event.

This year's attendees will be Emma & Watson Roberts, Jordan Coker and Garrett Fisher. Fr. Roberts has been called to be on faculty once more and joins priests from Episcopal and Anglican churches from California, Massachusetts, George, Ohio, Connecticut and North Carolina.



If you go to our website, on the "Christian Education" page, you will find a video that introduces the Conference. It is worth watching if you want to see how this conference shapes and forms our younger Episcopalians. Sponsors are always encouraged to help our young people offset their expense. Please see Fr. Jon for details on how you can help in this way.

# Worship

## **Worship Commission Update**

Worship – Fr. Roberts and Deacon Melissa blessed us with a beautiful Lent and Holy Week. We noticed an increase in visitors this year; attendance has remained steady over 2019. As summer approaches, we observed Youth Sunday on May 26 and will begin holding one service (9 o'clock) in the summer months.

Altar Guild – The Guild, after a busy Lenten season, is focusing on the continuation of replacing or upgrading items under their care. With funds received from their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Winterfest Bake Sale, plans are to replace the candlesticks in the Chapel, refinish the candlesticks and cross in the Children's Chapel and purchase some much needed linens. An "angel gift" allowed for the refinishing of the processional cross, a needed project. The Guild also received a gift of a lovely embroidered cover for the pew torches, keeping them dust-free when not in use.

Music – Apollo XIII was a resounding success! Nearly 300 people of the community were thoroughly entertained. The event touched on several Commissions of Calvary. Matt, musical director and

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Hillegas, Worship Commission Chair

## **Church Visits**

If you visit a church this summer, be sure to take a picture with you in or near it, then send to us. We would very much enjoy publishing in our fall Crier. Recently, Fr. Jon & Lynne visited Emma on Mother's Day at her new church home, away from home, at Grace Episcopal in Brooklyn Heights. Also, Chad and Melissa Wilbee went to St. Peters Cathedral in St. Petersburg, the same date to enjoy the music.



**If you visit a church this summer, send your pictures to Fr. Jon at [jroberts@calvaryirb.org](mailto:jroberts@calvaryirb.org).**

## **Holy Humor**

Father Norton woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So... he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and persuaded him to say Mass for him that day. As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish. Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

Submitted by Debbie Whisenand

## **The Choir Thanks Sally Donner**

For several years, Sally has been a faithful member of our choir. She is being honored by the choir for her service, commitment, and the joy she has brought. Thank you Sally for sharing your lovely voice!

Those in the choir will tell you how much fun it is to practice and lead the church in choral worship on Sundays. If you are interested in being a part of the choir, there is a place for you.

Special note: The Choir is on Sabbatical until mid-August. Please see Matt Burke, our Organist/Choirmaster, or any choir member if you would like to join as we truly would like to grow more members who can follow in succession those like Sally. Altos, Tenors, Bases, are all welcome. Yes, even Sopranos and Baritones!



# Fellowship

## **Fellowship Report**

*Let All That You Do Be Done in Love / 1 Corinthians 16:14*

We had a Potluck in March on the fifth Sunday that was a success. People seemed to enjoy eating and connecting over a great deal of delicious food.

Easter Sunday was also a success thanks to many hands and many cooks. Special thanks to JoAnn, Lisa and Renee and the many people who donated delicious and even nutritious food.

Some of the people who have been working coffee hour are bringing home baked goods or even nutritious goodies. Although this is not a requirement of volunteering it is certainly welcome any time.

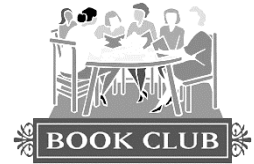
We are working on getting more volunteers who would be willing to work coffee hour on a regular basis. One suggestion is to have the people who have been volunteering, certainly to continue, but also to ask a friend who has not volunteered yet to join them thus expanding our volunteer basis. If we can get to a point where we do have more volunteers, we would work on having teams to cover. The more volunteers we have the lighter the load is for everyone.

Submitted by Denise Hughes-Conlon



## The Bookies of Calvary

We are hoping you will join them at 6:00 PM in the conference room on the following date(s) for discussion, reflection, and great fellowship. Our next book will be on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. If you have questions, please contact Cathy Athanson, [durbinwv41@gmail.com](mailto:durbinwv41@gmail.com).



## Smooth Sailing Ahead - The CFAE Sets Its Course

As we quickly approach summer, we find several of our Committee members, "pulling up anchor," and leaving the area for vacations and northern visits – some to return sooner than later, others their usual 3-6 months here and 3-6 months there. We miss you, Kathy, Judy, Julie and Tim, Jo, and new members Leslie and Sandra. However, Matt, Liz, Denna and Chuck will keep on planning and keeping you informed of our progress, always welcoming hearing from you and your ideas. Thank you for your continued support and enjoy your time boating, cruising, walking, flying or just visiting. May it all be blessed by our "Dear Lord and Savior" and may you return to us safely, smoothly and SOON! Here's what's been happening as we continue to chart our course:



April 12th meeting provided a time for us to meet and summarize the performance night of Apollo XIII. Area by area was covered with critiques, ideas and suggestions for improvement (what worked, what didn't work), excluding parking since no one was available to report about that. Liz will be in touch with Chuck, David, and John Paul. Door coverage was good with 4 people (1 with vase tagged "Love Offering") at each entrance. Suggestion: doors locked until ½ hour prior to performance then unlocked and special guests, then remainder of guests ushered to their seats. Guests who have health issues may use seats in shade outside or Barge Hall for sitting. Bottled water available for sale, possibly. All agreed that there would be no rehearsal past 5:30PM.

Jo provided a spread sheet of our financial status to date. She said that donations were still coming in and all bills had not been paid to date. She will hope to have another update for the next meeting.

The Committee continued to critique the first event for CFAE: rope, ribbon (cordon off) to be used for reserved seats and 1 or 2 people at each end of those pews; remind groups who normally reserve church that there will be no meetings the date of the event; food set aside for cast; at end and before reception, cast guided to tables first, then special guests, then others; remind Father Jon that new castors are needed on altar; take picture of altar before take down and after intermission at 3 entrances with volunteers and AFTER performance, prior to reception; offering baskets on reception buffet tables; AC on high prior to opening – no fans due to acoustic interference. All preceding suggestions were agreed upon by those present.

Kathy presented the following re reception: Offer beverages first and guide guests away from food buffet "rush"; wine – 3 selections only (large bottles only since small bottles take more time to open and people have to wait); 2-sided label cards for 2-sided buffet items; Liz added that 10 additional volunteers were missing from reception- illness and "no show" but were definitely needed for next event, including chairperson/co-chairperson; lastly, discussion followed re thank you notes and an after performance party – perhaps 4/28 from 5 –8pm.

It was noted at the May 1st meeting (Apollo XIII), that extra programs were needed. Matt said he would see that we have extras for sponsors, etc. and that the DVD would soon be ready after editing, then made into CDs, then available for sale. Denna emphasized that the pre event publicity had a definite positive result in attendance when Liz shared the "post publicity" photo/cutline with the Committee. (Beach Bee).



Jo gave a report that a budget of \$5,000 was set for Apollo XIII. Revenue from donations was a total of \$4744 and expenses (majority in) totaled \$4416. Bottom line: All costs covered under budget to date.

Ideas for continuing the series for CFAE early Fall and on were also discussed and have spurred on Matt and Liz to begin setting dates, themes and contacting musicians/artists, and volunteers. Some of the events being considered are: Trio of piano, harp, female soloist, Chamber ensemble with flute, piano, cello, Suncoast Symphony, Dr. Otto Band, (smooth jazz quartet), Paradise Brass (return for Winterfest), Gospel Choir, art exhibition with classical guitar, harp or piano. Plans to turn the reception into a way to create more funds via beverage sales, raffle, door prizes will be considered for the events. Most important to consider: Keeping future performances at same level of theme/ interest/enthusiasm/attendance.

We hope to confirm dates and at least the next 2 performances by Friday, June 7th. If you would like to participate in any way or volunteer in any capacity, or contribute financially with any amount, please contact Matt or Liz. The CFAE committee will welcome you gladly to join us all as we chart our course to benefit our Calvary by bringing the arts to our beaches!

Liz Robb for The Calvary Fine Arts Events Committee

### Youth Breakfast Fundraiser

The pancakes were home-made, the fruit was fresh cut, the sausage was sizzling, and the generosity on all ends was served, May 26<sup>th</sup> that followed the 10am service. Thanks to our amazing Church, the youth program (specifically the St. Michaels Conference) received nearly \$900 that Sunday, during the event. Another \$1,000 was pledged by two members who wanted to donate in addition. Truly remarkable!



# Missions

## **Food Pantry Director's Report**

I would like to thank everyone in our church and neighbors who contributed to the USPS mail drive that occurred May 11<sup>th</sup>. We received over 200 bags and boxes of all varieties of food. We are so blessed to be able to receive all these wonderful donations through this annual event.

On May 8<sup>th</sup> we also received a big shipment from Publix for their "Share the Cost" program. It included: 240 cases of peanut butter, tuna, macaroni & cheese, fruit cocktail, beans, corn and other items. The BCFP receives this shipment twice a year. We are so blessed to have enough food on our shelves at least to get us through the summer.

A special word of thanks to Zach Alford who comes in to help move our product from the stage or front delivery to our storeroom or stockroom. Each month, several hundreds of pounds of inventory is circulated and needs some "muscle." Thank you Zach!

The BCFP leaders and volunteers are so wonderful, as well as our Calvary family who brings donations of food and money. I thank you all for helping us give, "Food from the Heart."

If you can find a few hours to help at any of our events, or even better help out in our wonderful food pantry, it is a great time to make new friends and help out a very worthy cause. Please feel free to call me or drop me an email and I would love to talk with you. Thank You to everyone who participates in the "1 Can 1 Can" food program as "1" can Does make a difference.

Blessings to All, Connie Curran Director Beach Community Food Pantry

727-482-6167, ctc416@gmail.com

## **Food Pantry Volunteers "Always" Wanted**

Calling all parishioners...

We have a dedicated volunteer base who help our Management Team:

- serve our clients during open hours;
- maintain our flow of incoming inventory;
- make the trip each week to our retail and wholesale food suppliers;
- receive, sort and package our monthly USDA inventory;
- receive and sort the various organizational and private food donations from the Postal Service, Country Day School, city of Indian Shores and North Redington Beach, Publix Food for Sharing and others;
- staff our external PR opportunities at Oktoberfest.

## **"I can 1 can" food program**

These are the items we need over the summer. When you go to the store, pick up an extra box or can, especially the "BOGOS" and drop it off at the Church in one of our collection baskets.

We Need: **Cereal & Canned Fruit**



## Youth Mission Trip to Vero Beach, FL



On July 7<sup>th</sup> we will pray for our "missionaries" attending this summer's trip to Vero Beach, FL. They will return on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Those attending are Mike and Grace Alford, Elyssa, Jordan and Dylan Coker, Watson Roberts, Carmen McDaniel, Kevin Oeste, Penny and David Yanacheck, Kenneth and Garrett Fisher, Bob Lima, Terra and Samantha Kingston and Clay & Ty Graham.

They will be working in the inner-city communities of Vero Beach, Indian River, etc. through the mission organization, "Epic Missions." Their purpose is to help care for seniors and less privileged children through various planned projects. Here are a few of their projects:

### **Shining Light Garden**

Pulling Weeds, planting or harvesting at an 18 acre farm that donates 100% of product to the needy.

### **TC Food Bank**

Sorting food on a massive distribution scale that serves the whole treasure coast.

### **Abbie Jean Russel Care Center**

Playing outdoor games and having visitation with elderly at a local care center.

### **HALO Animal Rescue/ Dogs & Cats Forever**

Cleaning and caring for abandoned and abused animals.

Assisting in dog care and organization at a no-kill shelter.

### **Feed the Lambs/GYAC**

Provide recreation, education and mentorship services for underprivileged children.

Recreation with at risk and low income children in a summer camp program.

### **St. Francis Manor**

Door-to-door visitation at a low income elderly community. Window washing, praying and socializing with residents.

### **MFI**

Cleaning airplanes, preparing shipments to missionary families; cleaning pill bottles for Haitian clinics.

### **Redlands Preschool Branches 1 & 2**

Working in a migrant farming community with children that are facing homelessness.

### **Habitat for Humanity Restore/Salvation Army Restore**

Sorting and circulating inventory, moving furniture, clothing and appliances.



## Slyce Supports BCFP

Did you know that our friends and partners at Slyce Pizza Bar, actively support BCFP? On the first Monday of each month, Slyce contributes 10% of their sales to BCFP, which last year resulted in a sizeable donation to us. You can help increase their contribution to us by making it a point to dine at Slyce sometime during the first Monday of each month. The next scheduled First Monday will be March 5th. Please put that date on your calendar and join us in supporting Slyce and our food pantry. See you next time on March 4<sup>th</sup> between 6-8pm.

## BCFP Van Blessing

The new van has been so helpful in food pickup. On Pentecost, June 9<sup>th</sup>, we will provide a formal and special blessing for it, so that it continues to be of good service. The service will begin shortly after the Church service held at 9am.



## Garden for Free

Connie has installed the "Garden For Free IRB" container gardens in the space by the dumpster fence. Please feel free to donate any veggies or herbs so we can fill them up! (Home Depot has herbs for sale right now – 4 for \$10) Please remember that Saturday, May 11 is Stamp Out Hunger – letter carriers will pick up your donated food, and in our area – they deliver the food to BCFP!!!

## Hands Across the Sand

We supported Plumlee Realty, the Homeowner's Association of IRB, and Church of the Isles, on May 18th, by allowing parking for hundreds of people who held a public and peaceful demonstration. The objection is a collective, community wide response against offshore drilling on Florida's coast. The thought of spills became apparent with the tragic spill in 2015 on the New Horizon. Subsequent "Loop currents" posed a threat and could have a terrible effect on our tourism. The event is typically held in the month of May.





# Pastoral Care

## **Calvary Prayer Team**

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, and with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God" Philippians 4:6.

Summer typically sees a break in activity: not so for Calvary's Prayer Team. Submit all prayer requests to Lia, our parish secretary, who will convey them to Deacon Melissa for the prayer team. Requests may be confidential or for listing in the Sunday Customary. Prayers, as Our Book of Common Prayer teaches, are for all who are in trouble, sorrow, sickness, or need or any other infirmity. "Bring it to the Lord in prayer".

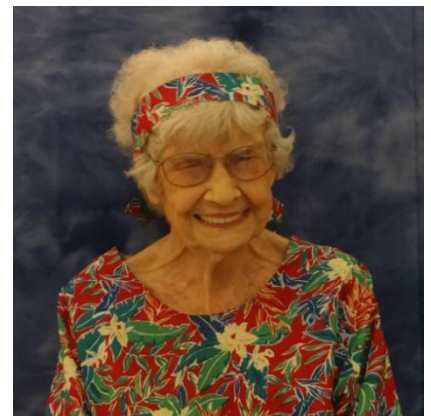
Yours in Christ,  
Jo Simpson, Secretary, Prayer Team

## **Necrology**

"I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die forever."  
(Book of Common Prayer, p.491)

We present to you, these faithful members of Calvary, who died recently.

Bettie Benson, who was a beloved "Shut-in" parishioner died on April 12<sup>th</sup> at her residence in The Barrington, Largo, FL. She was survived by her niece and nephew. A small service commemorating her life was offered to the family and friends on May 29<sup>th</sup> in Calvary's Chapel of the Holy Cross. The remains of her body were committed to the Columbarium.



# Outreach

## **Outreach Report**

Larry Hite and Renee Lee met to discuss how to recruit new ushers and greeters. Father Jon had provided a list of current and potential possibilities. An email will be sent to everyone on the list, inviting them to remain a part of or join the team.

We will also host a small wine & cheese gathering to make sure everyone is comfortable with the role and celebrate their participation. I am updating the Calvary training document for the Saint Raphael Guild. Everyone seems to L-O-V-E the new name tags! Lia has ordered another stand so we can have tags at the north entrance for those that enter that way.

## **New Welcome Visitor practice**

When Fr. Jon returned from Brooklyn, he was thoroughly impressed with the gesture of the Rector he observed at Grace Episcopal and the effect on visitors. Many of you have been in a church where visitors are asked not to be shy, to stand and tell everyone who they are and where they are from. It doesn't work for all churches, but he felt it would work for Calvary. Since he started the practice in May, we have become more attentive when we see and hear visitors introduce themselves. The Visitor Cards are marvelous only when they are completed and turned in. Let us continue to extend warm welcomes to all those who visit and worship with us.

## What does it take?

"How does a person become a member", you may ask? There is some bit of formality to it. They meet with the Rector and say, "I would like to become a member," at which time Fr. Jon would ask them a few interested questions about what led them to that decision. He then extends a hand of personal welcome, followed by an official letter receiving them into the church. That's it!

Let's take a step back for a moment to see what it takes for a visitor to get to that place where they want to join us as a member.

First and foremost, every prospective member seems to say, "I just felt this was the right place." That could mean they liked the worship service as it relates to something ancient and sacred. That could mean they felt the Rector was warm and inviting. That could mean they read about us on our website and were given assurance. That could mean they enjoyed having coffee and pastry with members in the Parish Hall after church. Mostly, it was all the above, from our random survey.

Presenting all the necessary features and personalities is no light task and it must be authentic. Always look at every visitor, much like how you entered. What did it take to make you want to join?



# Property

## **Property Report**

April 2019

1. The new Viscount organ experienced a faulty CPU board and needed to be removed for repair. It turns out that there was simply a bad solder joint on the electrical board that supplies power. We were without for five weeks and it came back to us, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Although the Nursery glass was frosted last month, to reduce sight for the children to look out and see their parents, it did not effectively deal with the noise factor. Palm Sunday was very loud, due in part to older children being in there and also in part to them opening and closing the doors. Elyssa's earlier request for fabrication of a half-wall will now be revisited. Fr. Jon will contact Craig Price, a trusted worker we have used in the past to get to work. \$3,000 was approved by the Vestry and presented to FC.
3. John Paul Malicinski (JP) has been a dynamo for us! We afforded his labor and material cost to do all of our signage projects as well as improving the Dropbox system. We now have three (3) handsome, secure and fully operational collection points at our North and West lots. He has also used his welding talents to refurbish the front Marquee. Fr. Jon has made numerous visits to Extreme Signs, working with Toni and Vicki, the owners, in the fabrication of new graphics. He also worked with them in fabricating four (4) new High Density Urethane (HDU) signs on Gulf Blvd., 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> along First St. This is one of our greatest improvements yet.
4. JP restriped half of the north lot just prior to Beachfest upon Fr. Jon's request as we were at risk, parking the public on that busy day;
5. The Dishwasher continues to work well on Sundays but we are in need of more volunteers to sign up on Sundays and learn how to operate;
6. We had the motor blow out of the HVAC that serves half the church. It was out from Apollo XIII to Palm Sunday. Fortunately, it was repaired by Easter. Cost \$1,000.
7. Harvey Brillat has designed an approved lettering to honor Gene Chapman, naming the Columbarium after him. This lettering will go inside the Chapel above the stained glass windows;

There are lots of projects at the church for volunteers as well. Please don't hesitate to apply.

Things to accomplish before end of Summer:

1. Pour & spread a gravel, install new materials on south lot to improve parking;
2. Install sectional, pvc picket fencing on south lot, preventing public access over grass;
3. Negotiate new housekeeping contract with someone "in house."
4. Evaluate our landscaping contract;
5. Evaluate sprinkler system and make needed repairs;
6. Install smaller dishwasher in Barge Hall or Parish Hall kitchen;
7. Install new Calvary street signs (4);
8. Install new donation boxes (3);
9. Improve front marquee signboard;
10. Re-stripe parking lines in north lot;

Report by: Fr. Jon Roberts and Bob Lima

## **Calvary Fall IRB Yard Sale**

I have decided to step down from chairing the fall yard sale. Unless someone wants to step up 2018 was our final year. Please refrain from bringing any items to church as there really isn't any place to store them at this time and if no one wants to take over we won't need them anyway. Thank you for all the help over the last couple years and especially last year when my mother was sick.

Julie Heinicka



## Parking Lot Update

Thanks to the generosity of a member of our parish, four High Density Urethane signs were provided, totaling \$4,200. Fr. Jon designed them to complement the advertising and character of all our other signage, including the website. The Episcopal shield proudly stands above our welcome to all who pass by, inviting them to visit us. We thank JP Malicinski who provided the labor and know-how in the installation and to Extreme Signs in Seminole who provided graphic layout and fabrication.

Signs are located on Gulf Blvd, 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> St. intersections with First St., and the entrance to the north parking lot.

The Vestry approved to spend \$10,000 on parking lot improvements which includes a north and south lot perimeter 3' fencing as seen here. Studies have shown a significant traffic pattern and increase to ~400 cars parking on our lot every week, from those parking to go to the beach. The fence will help reinforce where our property boundaries are to visitors who park and to get the point across that donations are expected for that privilege. Several parkers will stay at the remote north end and walk through our corner on 18<sup>th</sup>. A gate, beside the dropbox for donations will be unavoidable. As we have shared before, there is great opportunity here for evangelism and we continue to ask for volunteers who can come over on a Saturday or Sunday and place invitation cards in windshields of beach going folks. We tell them, "If you like parking in our lot, you'll love parking in our pews!"

If you would like to assist in the annual Octoberfest Parking Lot fundraiser, please see Fr. Jon for details. We anticipate parking nearly 400 cars on that day, Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, ALL DAY. Funds go to support our youth programs. Octoberfest will be on the same day as our Diocesan Convention in Punta Gorda.



## Stewardship

### Making a pledge

We budgeted \$187,500 for 2019 pledge giving. This includes what we anticipate in adding new membership.

To date, we have \$181,000 in pledge commitments. No new pledges to date. 2019 Pledge cards are located at the entrances of the church (Narthex & Office). If you have any questions, please ask Jane Small, [jdsml@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jdsml@tampabay.rr.com), our Finance Committee Chairperson, or Lia King, [admin@calvaryirb.org](mailto:admin@calvaryirb.org), our Church Secretary.

<p>ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE ONE IN HEART AND MIND NO ONE CLAIMED THAT ANY OF HIS POSSESSIONS WAS HIS OWN BUT THEY SHARED EVERYTHING THEY HAD ACTS 4:32</p>	<p>↑ All things come of the O Lord</p>	<p>CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2019 PLEDGE CARD</p>		<p>TEAR THIS PORTION AND KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS</p> <p>THE JOURNEY To The Tithe Calvary Episcopal Church COMMITMENT TO GIVE \$ _____ For this 2019 Year</p> <p><small>We believe it is possible to honor God through giving our time, talent &amp; treasure. Please consider all the possibilities of giving through the gifts God has given us.</small></p>
		<p>NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____</p> <p>I/WE PLEDGE TO GIVE FOR 2019: Total \$ _____ We appreciate all forms of giving. Please consider giving online/through your bank Signed: _____</p>		



## The Calvary Endowment Fund

As the chair of the Endowment Fund, I would like to provide you with this 3-part Endowment Fund update.

First. Amidst the trends of today's stock market, Calvary's Endowment Fund has been blessed with growth. In December 2018 the Fund's balance was reported as \$660,021.00. As of 23 May 2019, this balance stretched to \$731,335.00. Thank you God.

Second. The Endowment Policy is nearing completion. Currently with Vestry for review and comment, we are on pace to have it completed by September. This is good progress and thank you to all who made this happen.

Lastly, I am sure you would agree that we would like to see our Fund principal grow. To this end, the Endowment Fund Committee would like to invite everyone of all ages, to participate in a simple, brief fundraiser entitled "Pennies for Prosperity". Beginning mid-September 2019 bring in all those pesky pennies (and any other change you are inclined to have lying around), pop it in the container and then watch our Fund balance grow. Tax receipts will be issued for wrapped coins. The best part is that everyone can participate!!

The Endowment Fund is our legacy to Calvary's future. Thank you for your support.

Jo Simpson

Chair: Endowment Committee

## The Legacy Society

When you walk down our hallway from the church to the Parish Hall, you will see mounted on a wall a large display for The Legacy Society. That board, with the names present may generate your interest and motivate you to include Calvary in your long term estate planning. Names that are listed are those who have included Calvary in their Will, or who may have endowed the church in a very special way that instills a life-long desire to see us grow and flourish. If you would like to become part of that expression of becoming a recognized Legacy member, please see Fr. Jon or JoAnn Martindale for a more in depth conversation.



*The Legacy Society*  
An Endowment of Calvary Episcopal Church

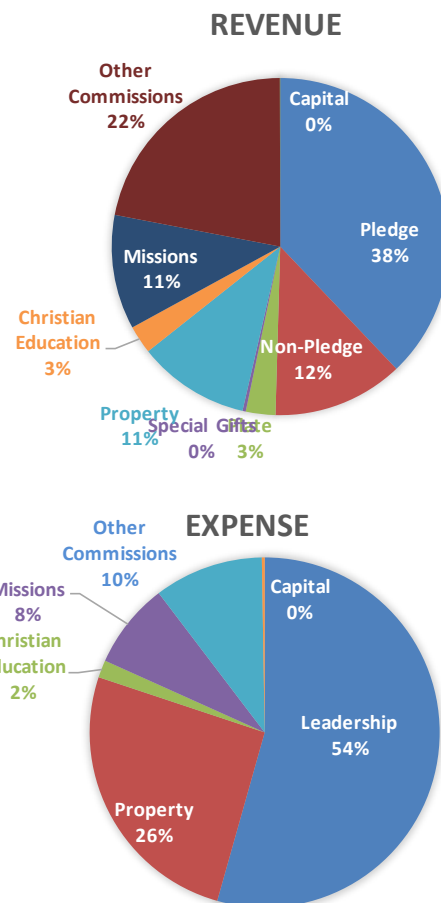


## Easy Online Member Giving

In the recent quarterly report letter, you should have received in the mail or in person, you were provided information on a new stewardship product for our Church; Realm ACS gives you an online account access, 24/7 for all parishioners.

If you would like to be able to login to your individual account on Realm, all you need to do is visit our website and find this button for "Easy Online Member Giving." You can set your own user ID and Password to have access to Realm, this online and secure database. In this program you can make direct payments from your checking account or credit/debit card, set or change your profile picture, and most importantly, check your current giving record and pledge balance. What's more is the function of grouping, where all ministries will be able to communicate within this product for all programs and activities.

Summary of Financial Activity (YTD Jan-April 2019)			
	Actual	Budget	Difference (+/-)
<b>Revenue</b>			
Pledge	\$61,268	\$62,500	(\$1,232)
Non-Pledge	\$20,276	\$16,000	\$4,276
Plate	\$4,585	\$3,833	\$752
Special Gifts	\$500	\$8,333	(\$7,833)
Property	\$17,353	\$15,167	\$2,186
Christian Education	\$4,372	\$3,250	\$1,122
Missions	\$17,738	\$11,700	\$6,038
Other Commissions	\$35,460	\$14,085	\$21,375
Capital	\$70	\$2,000	(\$1,930)
Investments (Interest only)	\$3,065	\$6,667	(\$3,602)
Total Revenue	\$164,687	\$143,535	\$24,754
<b>Expenses</b>			
Leadership	\$77,000	\$85,529	(\$8,529)
Property	\$36,448	\$31,050	\$5,398
Christian Education	\$2,285	\$2,800	(\$515)
Missions	\$11,226	\$11,400	(\$174)
Other Commissions	\$14,288	\$11,753	\$2,535
Capital	\$368	\$6,667	(\$6,299)
Investments (Fees)*	\$1,323	\$2,100	(\$777)
Total Expenses	\$142,938	\$151,299	(\$1,285)
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$21,749</b>	<b>(\$7,764)</b>	<b>\$26,039</b>
<p>*The 2019 Budget allotted \$20,000 of Revenue to come from a Church unrestricted investment fund to stabilize expenses for the year. Year-to-date, we received generous gifts to fund the new Youth Minister position. There were also pledges paid in full at beginning of the year. Pledged income remains most helpful to create a budget and sustain our Church operation. Another note: "Other Commissions" includes Winterfest fundraising YTD &amp; new Youth Minister position revenue.</p> <p><b>Please fulfill your 2019 pledge and prayerfully consider your commitment to help Calvary fulfill its mission.</b></p> <p>Revenue is designated and non-designated for operation of the Church. Expenses listed are primary categories of spending. Missions is primarily the Food Pantry and Christian Education is primarily our Youth programs. * Investment Revenue &amp; Expense vary on the Market with realized gains/losses and are currently managed by Merrill Lynch. Interest, not directed for operational use, has been typically reinvested in the Calvary Endowment Fund.</p>			



## Easy ACH Donations sent from your Bank

Parishioners are also using online banking, enjoying the convenience when it comes to their tithes & offering in a different online approach. Whether you give weekly, monthly or annually, did you know that you can set up easy and dependable schedules of giving to the church right from your bank account online? It is in the "Pay Bills" feature where you can set up a recurring donations to Calvary. Automated Clearing House "ACH" is the method that some of our parishioners use as the bank sends a paper check to the Church upon your approval.

Thank you for giving and helping to the Church and taking advantage of the convenient technologies now available.

# Connections

## The Church "By the Numbers"

Supplied by Steve Hein (Data as of May 20<sup>th</sup>)

This information does not include the influx of new members received this year and published in this edition of The Crier.

Our Church "Vitals"			5/20/2019		
175	56 %	Active Resident	26	8 %	Inactive
48	15 %	Active Seasonal	40	13 %	Related / Family
6	2 %	Elderly / Shut-in	0	0 %	Transferred out
14	4 %	New Members	3	1 %	Deceased
			0	0 %	Moved away
243	Total Active Members		69	Total Inactive Members	
Total Active and Inactive Members			312		
137	44 %	Seniors / 65+	136	44 %	Single
131	42 %	Midlife / 20 - 65	176	56 %	Married
44	14 %	Youth			
312	Total Age Demographic		312	Total Married / Single	

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"Like Us" on your social feeds in order to help us connect to more people and share the great things that are going on at Calvary.



NEW NAMETAGS  
Are Here.  
Submit a request to get  
yours today.  
Good for Year-round  
residents and Seasonal  
residents at no charge!

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## June Birthdays

4 Jacqui Carpenter  
 4 James Stewart  
 6 Chris Gorman  
 6 Sandra Fulton  
 7 Helen Jedrey  
 7 Judy Marx  
 9 Susan Koester  
 11 Robert Krupitza  
 14 Mary Beals  
 16 Carmen McDaniel  
 16 Chad Olson  
 18 Lorraine Argo Veronesi  
 19 Joan Franzoni  
 21 Jacqueline Keech  
 23 BenJedrey  
 25 Gordon Burton

## July Birthdays

2 Marlene Martin  
 4 Roberto Lima  
 5 Bernd Koester  
 6 Bonnie Brophy  
 8 Ed Parker  
 9 Amy Doyle  
 10 Jo Ann Montgomery  
 12 Benjamin Pond  
 12 Margaret Richcreek  
 13 Ellen Ludlow  
 19 Jim Brophy  
 21 Mike Alford  
 23 Margaret Pond  
 25 Christian Bhagwandin  
 25 Paul Fisher  
 30 Kevin Oeste

## August Birthdays

4 Barbara King  
 6 Chuck Morris  
 7 MacKenzie Laun  
 8 Eleanor Hughes  
 10 Fred Cutlip  
 10 Trey Richcreek  
 11 Eric Nelson  
 12 Cherie Smith  
 12 Pauline Monize  
 14 Eugene Price  
 15 Marty Yeast  
 19 Harvey Brillat  
 20 Connie Curran  
 21 Alexis Lewis  
 26 Duke Diehl  
 28 Les Hurst  
 28 Terry Collier  
 31 Michael Lewis

## June Wedding Anniversaries

1 Sara and Keith Goodrich  
 4 Beth and Jim Widell  
 10 Lisa and Bruce Westall  
 12 Lisa and Gary Kingston  
 12 Marlene and Paul Martin  
 13 Betsy and Dick Reynolds  
 18 Bernice and Gordon Stevenson  
 20 Helen and Ben Jedrey  
 22 Joan Vogt  
 28 Valerie and Bob Lima  
 29 Susan and Harvey Brillat  
 30 Mary and Rick Schock

## July Wedding Anniversaries

3 Anne and Scott Brown  
 3 Hillary Taliaferro  
 5 Cathy and William Athanson  
 5 Julie and Kim Heinicka  
 14 Penny and Jim Yanacheck  
 18 Ann and John Matter  
 21 Deborah and Kirby Nowlan  
 26 Barbara and Edward King  
 26 Patti and Jerry Call

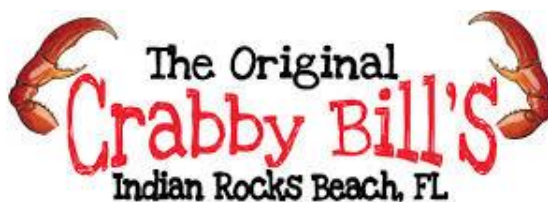
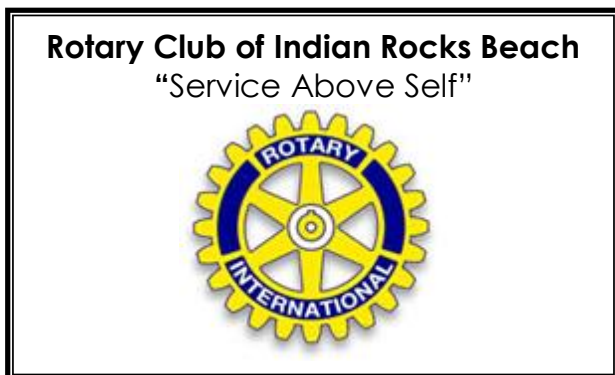
## August Wedding Anniversaries

5 Noreen and Leighton Spicer  
 6 Margaret and David Richcreek  
 11 Christopher Perez  
 23 Deacon Melissa Sands and Greg Donham  
 25 Flo and Fr. Hugh Bell  
 27 Suzie and Jay Snyder

If we missed your date or if there is need of correction, we apologize. Please notify the office. [admin@calvaryirb.org](mailto:admin@calvaryirb.org)



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August 15, 2019**

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**Meeting with the Rector**

When making an appointment to see Father Jon, please do so in advance by either calling him (941/806-7232) or emailing him (jroberts@calvaryirb.org) making request for that meeting and including the purpose. He is available at almost all church events in the evenings and weekends and during these days/times listed.

Summer Sundays  
9am (Holy Eucharist)

Monday – Thursday  
9am – 2pm (Office hours)

Summer  
June – Away