

# Calvary

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

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## Collect for All Saints Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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## Marching In

Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Feast of All Saints. It is one of the most treasured events of the Church, when we sing those beloved songs such as, "I sing a song of the Saints of God," "For all the Saints," and sometimes, sometimes..."When the Saints go marching in." It is one of the high feast days when incense fills the room and there is a heightened sense of adoration of our Lord. It is a time when we reflect upon those noble, saintly Christians marched by faith through the world and gave so much to the Church. Saints such as all Evangelists and Apostles, Sts. Mary & Joseph, Gregory, Basil, Athanasius, John Chrysostom, Monica, Ambrose, Augustine, Bernard, Thomas Aquinas, Thomas Beckett,

Thomas Merton (lots of Thomas'), Catherine, Theresa, and the list goes on into the hundreds. There is one in whom we pay special attention in the month of October and one whose name is shared with someone who received much notoriety lately. The name is Francis.

Of course, St. Francis of Assisi (Italy) is the first who comes to my mind and revere for his love of God's creatures but an honorable mention should go out as well to Pope Francis, the Bishop of Rome, who came marching into America recently. One has been "Sainted" by the Church, and the other looks

very promising for sainthood. Many people were talking about Pope Francis' long awaited visit. Many expected him to come and set the record straight with the American, Catholic Bishops, many of whom endorse issues the Pope might not agree. Instead, his march into Washington, Philadelphia and New York took a deliberate step to praise America, the home of the free for our historical charity shown to the poor, the sick and to those who have been war-ravaged and plagued by illness. He gave encouraging words and showed himself as a moniker of love for all people. Kissing babies, giving food to the poor, spending time in hospitals, visiting captives set free, it is clear that Pope Francis raised the banner of love when he came marching into town. He lives up to his patron as the one who long ago marched into Assisi, clothed in humility and embraced his own poverty. Francis "died to self" as we hear about in the Bible (1 Cor. 15-21) and we are reminded that in order to champion becoming a saint we must first surrender to the love of God.

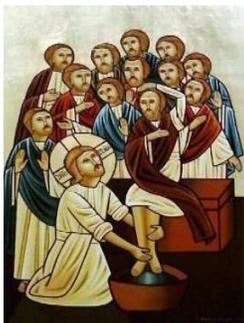
We need to fall in with the steps of Francis, joining together in prayer for those who are poor. Praying for those in need is where we find the virtue to love. How many of us can honestly say we have cast all our troubles away, giving them to the Lord in prayer? How many of us can say we have trusted the Lord in our poorest moments and after we have fought with our selfish desires? Until we embrace the poverty of our own soul and realize that God intends to use what is bad in order to usher in what is good, we will not see the road to sainthood as God ordains for each of us. We are called to be a saint of God. Each of us need to go through the wilderness, the shadowy depths of our existence, our poverty, broken, fallen. It is only then that we take the hand of Jesus, who says, "Come and follow me." Do you want to be a saint of God? If so, Calvary is the right place for you. Let us reach out to others. Let us all come marching in.

Yours, faithfully in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Father Jon



PS: Fr. Mike Day will be the celebrant for both services at Calvary on All Saints.



## Leadership

### **New Sr. Warden**

We welcome Mike Alford as our new Sr. Warden, replacing Glenn Bradley for an unexpired term. Mike and his wife Rebecca, along with their wonderful children, Zach, Grace and Jacob, have been faithfully attending and participating in so many facets at Calvary for several years. Mike is an attorney for Raymond James and currently serves as the Chair of the Endowment "Legacy Society" of Calvary. He has a heart for mission work as well, going many times to Nicaragua as a missionary. His family attended the Jr. High mission trip to Charleston, SC this past July with Fr. Jon, Dianne Oeste and other youth at our church. Please welcome Mike and thank him for stepping up to this most important leadership role.



## **Praying for a Treasurer**

Nine months have gone by without us having an "official" Treasurer. We have asked a few people to consider the assignment and we have made appeals in all our newsletters and weekly announcements, but for some reason no one has stepped forward. We have been blessed, however, to have key people who have volunteered to keep our finances in good shape. Cherie Smith has taken on much of the work and has been our ex-officio Treasurer, working with Laurie Lawther (our Administrative Assistant), Fr. Jon and all the members of The Finance Committee. We have also benefited from outsourcing to a local CPA, Mrs. Ellen Fontana to do our accounting, to get us acquainted with Quickbooks software and providing bank reconciliations. Without all of these efforts much would come to a standstill. It is a great team but the role of the Treasurer is so important to keep the team working together. The Treasurer should understand the importance of stewardship in a Church, the value of leadership from special volunteers and staff, and they are wonderful in fellowship by keeping people on a positive path. You may be that person, so called by God, to volunteer as the next Treasurer of Calvary. If you would like to know more, please see Fr. Jon, Cherie Smith, Cathy Athanson, Jo Simpson, Chuck Pond, Derek Good, Julie Heinicka, Mike Alford, Cynthia Laitinen, Marilyn Clark, Jim Yanacheck, Judy Marx or Dianne Oeste from the Vestry, or (Cherie and Mike), Maria Gonzalez, Keith Oeste or Greg Donham from the Finance Committee. Our goal is to have the right person, trained and in place before working on the 2016 budget.

## **Praying for our Bishop**

Our Diocesan Bishop, Dabney Smith, recently announced at our Convocation in Valrico (Holy Innocents Episcopal Church) that he has been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. This came as a shock to our delegates who attended. He informed the assembly that the markers were good markers and that this was not a "death sentence." It is a chronic illness, one that will be with him a long time. Only three months ago we prayed for God's will to be done in regards to the election of the next Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the USA, as Bp. Dabney was one of the four nominees on the ballot. "Now," he rejoiced in saying, "you're stuck with me." He loves our diocese very much and we love him. When you hear us praying for the Bishop, know that it is for the continuance of his faithful leadership within the context of carrying the cross he now bears.

## **CREDO for Fr. Jon**

Fr. Jon will be attending his first ever CREDO conference after being in active, full-time ministry since the year 2000. The conference will be held at Lake Logan in Canton, NC from October 28-Nov. 2. The history of CREDO extends back nearly two decades when, in response to a perceived need to develop a churchwide resource to contribute to the well-being of the clergy of the Episcopal Church (TEC), the Church Pension Fund formed the Wellness Initiatives Advisory Committee to explore options for plan participants. TEC scholarships 80% of the conference and the parish/diocese affords the remainder for their clergy to attend.

In the mid-1990s, the committee researched and then recommended a number of pension plan initiatives to enhance benefit options for clergy and their spouses. The committee also recommended a program to give clergy a chance to pause—to evaluate their spiritual well-being, their gifts and skills, and their vocational call through an eight-day discernment conference. Since then, CREDO has held more than 275 eight-day CREDO conferences. CREDO participants number more than 6,000 members of the clergy, more than 130 bishops, and more than 400 lay employees. With the support of the Church Pension Fund, CREDO has engaged crises in the Episcopal Church with health and wellness resources. Following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, CREDO responded with "Weathering the Storms" to assist bishops, clergy and church staff along the devastated Gulf Coast. A second resiliency conference, "Lighting the Path," focused on clergy and clergy families. Immediately after the earthquake in Haiti in January 2010, CREDO held a series of clergy and lay leaders conferences on the Caribbean island. Between 2009-2012, CREDO supported the four reorganizing dioceses of Pittsburgh, Fort Worth, San Joaquin, and Quincy in a three-year program called Strength for the Journey after their episcopal leadership departed.

CREDO also performed the administration for Fresh Start, a diocesan-led program that fostered healthy relationships among clergy and congregations in times of transition, and College for Bishops. In 2005, Presbyterian CREDO launched a partnership with Episcopal CREDO and has held three dozen conference for Presbyterian clergy.

The Latin word, CREDO, can be translated as "I believe," but it has a much deeper meaning. Literally translated, it means, "I give my heart." CREDO encourages participants to rediscover the passionate essence of their life and ministry in the context of their faith, their relationships, and community. Through the strength of a holistic approach to wellness, participants are invited to examine their minds, bodies, spirits, and hearts by examining four significant areas of their lives—spiritual, vocational, health, and financial. To learn more about CREDO go to: <http://episcopalcredo.org/>

## Diocese Annual Conference

The Diocese of Southwest Florida gathers for an annual conference, or convention. It is comprised of 76 churches (parishes) spread out north to south from Brooksville to Naples and as far inland as Plant City and Arcadia. Delegates of Clergy and Laity converge every year at the Charlotte Harbor Convention Center to attend workshops and worship together by the leadership and direction of Bishop Dabney Smith. This year the Diocesan Convention will held on: October 16-17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

All members of Calvary may attend the Diocesan Convention and are encouraged to do so. Our delegation this year includes: Fr. Jon, Dcn. Melissa, Derek Good, Jim Yanacheck, Judy Marx & Marilyn Clark (Alt.).



## Property

### Property Report

Since taking on the role as Jr. Warden for an unexpired term, Julie Heinicka has rolled up her sleeves, literally, to identify several areas that need attention. Every Jr. Warden who has served at Calvary shares the same rite of passage. They are handed a facility that always needs maintenance, repair and improvement, often with limited resources. It has been no different for Julie. Here, in this section, we have addressed areas needing attention and support. This is to bring awareness to these needs in the hope that it will promote fundraising support by events or individual contributions. Our budget is very "trim" and such financial support is critical to our operation. You may recall the "red envelopes" last year that raised money for two of our exhausted air conditioners.

These areas need our attention and support:

- Pest control
- Plumbing
- Organ repair
- Improvements

### Pest Control

Some churches have bats in their belfry, but we at Calvary have termites in our temple. There has been a long-standing rumor that we have had these gnawing pests for quite some time in our balcony of the Church. We tapped on walls and scoped underneath the floors. We saw the evidence but where were they? Thanks to the work of Julie and Kim Heinicka, along with professional feedback from trusted experts, the rumored termites of old have been found. They have eaten just about all of the "delicious" white pine, non-structural, two-by-fours that were used to fill in around our stained glass windows facing First Street. All of the eaten wood has been removed. Nothing left but cedar plank and pressure treated wood throughout the church, wood they



traditionally do not eat. We will wait and see how they like the poison that has been applied to the open spaces around the windows. Once we get through the treatment, we will put out a few bids to restore the windows and have them cased back in.

Estimated cost: \$2000

On the same note, we do have an ongoing contract for pest control on our property but unfortunately it does not cover this specific type of damage as it was pre-existing.

### **Plumbing issue**

In the last couple of years we have endured a most foul odor coming through our septic line due to a clogged pipe outside, on the west side of the Church, by the Food Pantry. Caused by flushed debris getting caught near the street, we suspect root infiltration or pipe deterioration. It occasionally backs up in our kitchen and becomes a hazardous health issue. The plumber has visited three times since 2013 to unclog and after video surveillance recommends replacement of that section of pipe.

Estimated cost: \$2000

### **Organ Repair**

Our electronic Allen organ sounds pretty good, right? That's mainly because of the talent of the Organist. Both Matthew Burke (our current Organist) and Jim Culver, his predecessor, made beautiful music with the stops available, however the "Generator Board" has been broken for years. This component gives us more sound quality and adds to sounds that have not been heard in a very long time. The instrument has been recently serviced and the Allen technician recommends we replace this part.

Estimated cost: \$2000

### **Improvements**

Parish Hall Audio/Visual Project – The youth are practicing for their musical, "The Christmas Mission Across America," on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. There is a great need for the children to be heard and our poor mic/speaker system is very outdated. We would like to use this upgraded system as well for presentations offered throughout the year with the many activities we host in the Parish Hall. Greystone Digital Technologies has met with us and given us an estimate that is conservative and will provide us with the following installations: new cable and ports for current day equipment, a router for up to five wireless mics, a digital projector (mounted to ceiling) for visual aid, a stand-alone microphone tower to capture multiple voices and ranges (to also be used by the choir in the sanctuary), and two outdoor speakers for our deck outside the Parish Hall for formal occasions.

The December musical will be a fundraiser to raise monies for a portion of this project.

Estimated cost: \$6000

Signage Project – The sign on Gulf Blvd. hangs on a leaning pole with chains and appears a bit rusty. We need to improve this image. A more decorative appearance, perhaps with lighting would send a better message to the many people who travel by it, becoming more inviting to them to visit. At this time, anyone who is interested in this project should contact Fr. Jon.

South Parking Lot Project – The parking lot by the kitchen is in dire need of improvement. With roots exposed and washed out sand, this lot could benefit from a harder packed, permeable surface. Whether it be a shell, rock or decorative type of block, this would serve our community well. We do



receive donations from Keegans for this lot as their employees are allowed to park there, but we seek additional help from our congregation to get the job underway.

Estimated cost: \$2000-\$10,000

Waterside Project - The IRFSA (Sailing Association) has relocated to the Clearwater Yacht Club (see resolution in the September Crier) and we now invite all parishioners to submit their ideas on how we may renovate around the dock and our backside of the Church. Would new railing look nice? What about a dock presence that invites people to come to church by boat? How could we make our appearance more inviting for special events such as the Easter Sunrise service, Easter Egg Hunt, Animal Blessings, dinners, etc?

Write out your ideas and submit to Julie Heinicka, Fr. Jon or any Vestry members. There is no time line on this project as we are just entering conception mode. No estimated cost at this time.



## Christian Education

### **Cursillo**

FOURTH DAY - It has been a long, hot summer - and a rather lazy one for us. We took a sabbatical from our regular Fourth Day gatherings, but it's time to get back and prepare for the upcoming Cursillo Weekend. The next Weekend is October 9-11. Jo Simpson will be serving on that team. We gathered together on Saturday, the 19th, and enjoyed a morning of fellowship and good food. Anyone who would like to learn more about Cursillo is invited to attend these meetings. We begin by sharing a pitch-in brunch to fill our physical needs (and boy, do we have good cooks), followed by a brief business meeting and then scriptural study to fill our spiritual needs. If you have questions or would like more information please contact me at [happyclark@aol.com](mailto:happyclark@aol.com) or call at 517-4071.

Marilyn Clark

### **Episcopal Church - Our Values**

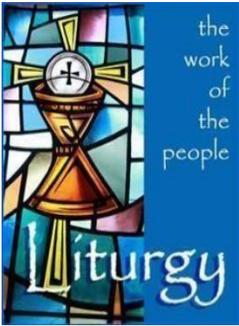
This month we continue to share information with you regarding the history of the Episcopal Church. The governance of the Episcopal Church today shares many of the same values as our eighteenth-century ancestors. We are a church that values representative government and democratic participation by all the orders of the church. We value spiritual freedom and shared authority. We trust that people in churches can govern local affairs. We respect diversity, and at the same time strive to build unity across our differences. We believe in the importance of the legislative process, and through the General Convention, we gather every three years to govern our church as one of the largest legislatures in the world. The Episcopal Church invests a great deal of confidence in its people's ability to govern. In a real sense, to be Episcopalian is to participate in the governance of the church. At the same time, it takes practice to effectively participate in the structures of the Episcopal Church. That is why it is so important that we preach and teach our unique heritage as a means to furthering democratic participation in the governance of the church.

The liturgical renewal movements of the 1950s and 1960s that emphasized the importance of baptism and the priesthood of all believers, further emphasized the idea that all the baptized have a role in the ministry and governance of the church. The 1979 Book of Common Prayer with its renewed emphasis on baptismal living communicates a vision of the ministry of the church as carried out by the whole people of God, and thus, has deep implications for how we govern if we are to be faithful Christians. In the Episcopal Church we believe that authority for ministry comes with our baptism. The recovery of baptismal living through the Prayer Book builds the life of the church around two interrelated focal points; the life of the community through worship, mutual care, and learning; and, mission through reconciliation, servant hood, and proclamation. Ministry is showing forth Christ to the world in all of these ways; governance involves our participation in the structures and processes that

support ministry. If we are to be faithful to our mission in the world, then the church cannot be a static, self-involved institution. Rather, the baptized are called to participate in a church that is always changing, that is mission-centered, and that concerns itself with the larger world and all of creation.  
Cathy Athanson  
weacpa@tampabay.rr.com

## Confirmation Class

It is not too late to join our adult Confirmation Class held on Wednesday nights. The syllabus can be found on our Calvary website under Christian Education. For those who have not been confirmed, or wish to learn more about what it means to be an Episcopal Christian, see Fr. Jon.



## Worship

### Altar Guild New Members

Drum roll please!!! We know that you will join us in welcoming two new members to our team. We are pleased to announce that Helen Jedry and Susan Koester will be part of our Altar Guild family. They will bring their very special gifts of time and talent to support us in our mission of preparing all things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist or any of the other sacraments and offices of the church. It is our fervent prayer that others of you will step forward to participate in

this wonderful ministry. Please contact any member of our guild if you have questions.

Several of our members have been gone for the entire summer. We have dearly missed them but September is here and they will be drifting back to our sandy shore. What a blessing this will be. I sincerely want to thank some of our angels who stepped forward to fill in, Marilyn Clark, Judy Marx, David and Karen Hillegas, Cynthia Laitinen, Lorraine Argo Vernonesi and Jo Montgomery. They have my heartfelt thanks.

Cathy Athanson for the Altar Guild

Questions? Contact Cathy at [weacpa@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:weacpa@tampabay.rr.com)

## Music

One of the keys to our worship is the understanding that our liturgy functions on many levels of awareness. There is an intellectual component as we study the Scripture and contemplate our relationship with God. There is an emotional component as we express our love and our sorrow and all our other feelings which find a place in the liturgy. And, in the Eucharist, God also speaks to us in ways for which there are no words, to parts of our soul beyond the reach of our conscious mind.

Music is an important tool which assists our worship on all these levels. Speaking to our intellect, music effectively amplifies the words we sing, and the words we hear, words of Scripture and the deep and striking poetry of hymns and choral music. Emotionally, a poignant musical phrase, with or without words, might connect with our feelings, helping us express them more fully. And finally, forms of sacred music such as Gregorian chant are specially designed to reach past our conscious awareness, amplifying the alpha rhythms of liturgy.

Sacred music is a spiritually-centered art form that is designed to fulfill specific functions in liturgy. Sacred music sounds different from popular music, and even from classical concert music, because it has an entirely different function. It is not primarily intended as entertainment. Sacred music is a form of prayer. The language of prayer is different from the language of entertainment. In every religion, it is known that music enables us to express that which is otherwise inexpressible. It enables us to touch the central depth of our humanness. It opens a door and enables us to know the presence of God.

When you sing a hymn, and when you listen to the choir sing, always pay attention to and contemplate the text, and allow God to use the music to speak to you. In its purest expression,

church music can be wordless prayer. Keep your mind and your heart open for something you may not have heard before.

As Episcopalians, we have a musical heritage that is one of the world's richest and most deeply spiritual. For 1500 years, Anglican church music has sought to tell the Christian faith in authenticity and truth. Our music is not a homogenous product, but an extremely diverse and multi-layered art form that celebrates and encompasses many different traditions. You might be interested, when singing hymns, to read the small print below each one and note the many and varied sources of the poetry and the music.

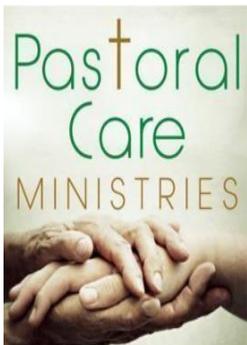
Resource: Episcopal Church.org  
Judy Marx, Worship Chair

### Adult Choir

The Choir is sounding great!! We love all that our Choir contributes to our worship services. We would like to personally thank Matthew Burke for his leadership and for all the members of the choral and bell choirs: Ned Baugh, Paul Martin, Loretta Scott, Ruth Tripp, Sally Donnor, Debbie Thayer, Barbara Annen, Nancy Cerwin, Nancy Cohen, Patty Call, Kacy Call, Sue Stauffer, Julie Heinicka, Judy Marx and Jo Simpson.



New members have joined for the first time or returned to our Choir. Welcome Jenny Bleichner, James Widdell, Denise Carter, Carol Carpenter and Emma Roberts.



## Pastoral Care

### "Sit and Be Fit" Exercise

Yes, you can!! We meet every Tuesday morning in the Parish Hall a 10:15 and we enjoy getting fit. If you are recovering from a weakening situation or just need to build some strength and flexibility, come join us. You are not asked to do anything that is painful or uncomfortable - we concentrate on deep breathing, good posture and balance and coordination. There is no charge for the class - only the minimal cost of a resistance band, which we use to build muscle and flexibility. And, if you decide to drop by and see what it's all about, you will also

see smiles and laughs. Want to know more? Just call me at 517-4071 or email at [happyclark@aol.com](mailto:happyclark@aol.com). Marilyn Clark, Class Leader

### Choosing Wisely

It is difficult enough understanding diagnostic tests and medications, let alone be active participants in treatment options. So when initiatives are discovered such as *Choosing Wisely*®, that of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Foundation, it is well worth sharing.

ABIM's mission is to advance medical professionalism to improve the health system. Its *Choosing Wisely*® initiative "helps providers and patients engage in conversations to reduce overuse of tests and procedures, and support patients in their efforts to make smart and effective care choices". (<http://www.abimfoundation.org/Initiatives/Choosing-Wisely.aspx>, accessed Sept 2015). I suggest checking out this resource. In the meantime tho, here are just a few of the web site's highlights.

1. Don't automatically initiate continuous electronic fetal heart rate (FHR) monitoring during labor for women who are not at risk. Consider intermittent auscultation (IA) first.

Rationale: continuous FHR monitoring during labor is associated with an increase in cesarean and instrumental births. IA allows women more freedom of movement during labor enhancing their ability to cope with labor pain and utilize gravity to promote labor progress. Upright positions and walking have been associated with shorter duration of first stage labor, fewer cesareans and reduced epidural use.

2. Don't place or maintain a urinary catheter in a patient unless there is a specific indication to do so. Rationale: Catheter associated urinary tract infections (CAUTIs) are among the most common health care associated infections in the US. Most are related to urinary catheters. Reduced use of indwelling catheters and their removal ASAP will contribute to infection prevention. "Convenience" is not a justification for an indwelling catheter.

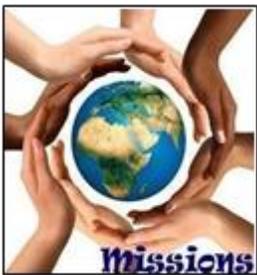
3. Don't use aloe vera on skin to prevent or treat radiodermatitis.

Rationale. Aloe Vera has been shown to be ineffective and possibly worsen dermatitis caused by radiation treatments. Speak with your doctor or pharmacist about the benefits of other agents.

4. People who are living with cancer must be advised to get physical activity and exercise during and after treatments so as to improve management of fatigue and other symptoms.

Rationale. Resistance and aerobic exercise have been shown to be safe, feasible and effective in reducing symptoms of fatigue during multiple phases of cancer care. Exercise has also been shown to have positive effect on symptoms of anxiety and depression. (Check out Marilyn Clark's "Sit and Be Fit" class)

Yours in good health, Jo Simpson, on behalf of the Parish Health team



## Missions

### **Christmas Shoebox Ministry**

Yes, it's getting to be that time again. The holidays will be here before we know it. There will be a shoe box wrapping the morning of Saturday, October 10, in the Parish hall beginning at 9:00 am. The women of St. Dunstons have been invited to join us again - what a blessing they have been! Bring a sack lunch and we will provide the drinks and chips. Invite all your friends to come and help in this

worthwhile and fun event. We have a big goal to meet this year so, here's the challenge - let's send more than ever before!!! Empty shoe boxes and Christmas wrap are always needed. And, of course, monetary donations will be gratefully accepted. So mark your calendars and don't forget!

Martha Kelley & Marilyn Clark  
Co-Chairwomen

### **United Thank Offering**

If you feel the world owes you something, brace yourself. You'll never get reimbursed! Henry Ward Beecher said "A proud man is seldom a grateful man, for he never thinks he gets as much as he deserves." The sky is never blue enough, the steak isn't cooked enough, the universe isn't good enough to deserve a human being like you.

Pursue gratitude. The grateful heart is like a magnet, sweeping over the day, collecting reasons for gratitude. Thank you, God. Your lungs inhale and exhale 11,000 liters of air every day. Thank you, God. For the jam on our toast and the milk on our cereal, the blanket that calms us and the joke that softens us and the warm sun that reminds us of God's love. Gratitude leaves us looking at God and

away from dread. It does to anxiety what morning sun does to valley mist. It burns it up! Thank you God (From the book You'll Get Through This by Max Lucado).

We all have a chance to show our gratitude to God with our blue United Thank Offering boxes. God blesses us every day with big little blessings such as a sunny day, a hot cup of coffee, a doughnut, and big blessings such as a new job or a big promotion. I hope all of you have been thanking God for all our blessings with a prayer and a coin in your blue box.

If you need a box, boxes and envelopes will be available at either entrance of the church. Ingathering will be Sunday, November 22. Please be a blessing to our counters by taking the money out of your box, writing a check for that amount, and putting the check in a blue United Thank Offering envelope.

Nancy Cerwin, UTO Chair

## Book Club

The Bookies of Calvary will meet on October 19 at 6:30 PM, in Parish Hall. Refreshments are served. Join us for good fellowship and fun and a lively discussion of a variety of books. Our current selection is *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah.

Cherie Smith and Cathy Athanson

## Fellowship

### Get-together with local Churches

"Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph: 4:3)

Please join us for an ecumenical meeting on October 5, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Jerome Church in the Education Building, located at 10895 Hamlin Blvd. Largo. Please respond to: \* Sr. Lucia Brady, 727-410-1175 or

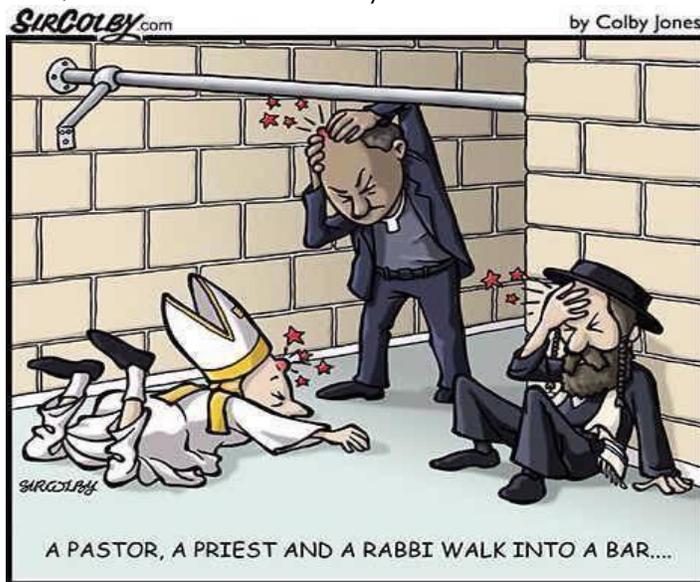
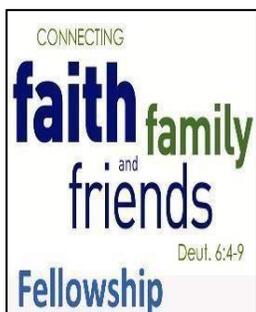
### OUR OBJECTIVE

Joint Planning for an ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at St. Jerome Catholic Church, in the main sanctuary.

Recommendations for future actions, including the following:

1. Experiencing each other's churches
2. Working together on common causes
3. Identifying commonalities
4. Introducing ecumenical events to the community
5. Listening to the needs of the community and finding ways to address them
6. Having representatives from the other churches in our area

Our initial core committee includes representatives of St. Jerome, St. Justin Martyr, Oakhurst UMC, Connect2Christ, Calvary Episcopal, Prince of Peace Lutheran and St. Dunstan's Anglican Church.





## Outreach

For our Church to endure and flourish and "to make Christ known" we all must create the opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to join our great faith community. We need to be alert to those in our daily lives that may want and need to be invited. We can ask them to visit our great website as well. IT NEVER HURTS TO ASK. Let us also be aware of visitors and people we do not recognize while attending church services and activities. We should introduce ourselves and welcome them and introduce them to others.

To help in this endeavor our Outreach ministry will be reaching out to new residents in our community via post cards of welcome and invitation to visit our church. Our St Raphael Guild (greeters and ushers) will be giving our visitors that wonderful " first impression" of friendliness and warmth and will introduce our visitors to Fr Jon and others after the service.

Our website is terrific and we plan to enhance it in November. Our plan is to have Fr Jon create a video thanking those who have come to the site and invite them to click on each of "The Great Commissions". Each vestry member will create their own very brief video describing what that commission is and what they are doing. We think this will add life and create interest. We hope you will think so too!!

In His service,  
Chuck Pond



## Connections

### October Birthdays

- 1 – Ian Simpson, Shirley McAllister, Noreen Spicer
- 3 – Eric Romero
- 4 – Bettie Benson, Maria Gonzales
- 5 – Jeremy Lincoln
- 7 – Ned Baugh, Fr. Jon Roberts
- 9 – Robert Allen
- 10 – Penny Yanacheck
- 11 – Janel Norton, Rebecca Alford
- 12 – Roger Knickerbocker
- 13 – Gloria Ladeaur
- 19 – Dot Romanowski, Hunter Walker
- 20 – Christine Kline
- 22 – James Emaus
- 23 – Zachary Alford, Judy Cannistrano,  
Jennifer Zabetakis
- 28 – Claudette Gibson
- 29 – Marguerite Widell
- 31 – Jacquelyn Emaus, Mike Brewer



### Pinellas Suncoast F&R Birthdays

- 1- Ginger Lyle
- 9 – Richard Rubel
- 25 – Jim Norberg



### Wedding Anniversaries

- 12 – Andrew & Karen Guarino
- 18 – Robert & Roma Allen
- 30 – Jim & Claire English

IF we missed your date or if there is need of correction, we apologize.  
Please notify the office.

## Important Dates “At-a-Glance”

Thursday, October 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 pm	Choral Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Bells Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 pm	Octoberfest Dinner
Sunday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
	11am	Finance Committee
	1pm	Blessing of the Animals
Monday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	Prayer Team Meeting
Tuesday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit
	11 am	Administrative Staff Meeting
	7pm	St. Raphael Guild meeting (Ushers/Greeters)
Wednesday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
	6:45-7:15	Family Dinner
	7:15-8:15	Youth Musical Practice
		Adult Confirmation Class
Thursday, October 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Choral Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Bells Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	Christmas Shoe Box Ministry
Sunday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>	8/10 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Monday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	6/6:30pm	Executive Committee/Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit
	11 am	Administrative Staff Meeting
Wednesday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
	6:45-7:15	Dinner
	7:15-8:15	Youth Musical Practice
		Adult Confirmation Class
Thursday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Choral Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Bells Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	8/10 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Tuesday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit
	11 am	Administrative Staff Meeting
Wednesday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
	6:45-7:15	Dinner
	7:15-8:15	Youth Musical Practice
		Adult Confirmation Class
Thursday, October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 pm	Choral Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Bells Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7 pm	Families United: Bowling Night
Sunday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Tuesday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am	Morning Prayer
	10:15 am	Sit and Be Fit
	11 am	Administrative Staff Meeting
Wednesday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
	6:45-8:15	Dinner/Christian Ed.

**Deadline for the November Crier: October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Please send all pictures and articles to us by then.**



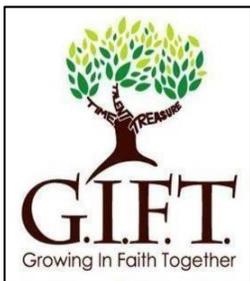
# Winterfest

## On the Rocks

February 6, 2016

**Arts - Crafts**  
**Kids Activities**  
**Food - Beer**

### Calvary Episcopal Church



## Stewardship

In October we are gearing up for Stewardship at Calvary. Giving of one's Time and Talent are so important but so is a person's Treasure. Jesus said in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:21). We hope that your heart will be into Calvary when it comes time for the Pledge Campaign. During that time we ask that everyone prayerfully consider a pledge of money to Calvary in order for us to construct our budget for 2016. We have done an amazing job keeping our expenses down and remaining steady with "nearly" making our budget through the leanest time of the year when people travel. Consider giving an additional 3% of what you gave last year as part of your "Journey to the Tithe."

### **New "I Give Online" Cards**

The convenience of online giving is taking on with members of our Church. If you give online through your bank or through our website portal, the "I Give Online" Cards are available in the narthex. Take one as you come in and place in the offering plate as it is passed during the service. We are thankful to those who brought up this creative idea that helped us put it into practice.



**General Financial Statement** (January-August 2015)

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over Budget</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Pledge (Members)	109,979	113,328	-3,349
Non-Pledge (Members)	28,677	20,000	8,677
Plate (Visitors)	12,279	17,328	-5,049
Food Pantry	14,123	14,800	-677
Special Events	13,314	9,264	4,050
Designated Giving	36,653	39,440	-2,787
Other Revenue	1,358	4,600	-3,242
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$216,383</b>	<b>\$218,760</b>	<b>-\$2,377</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Personnel	97,159	99,992	-2,833
Facilities & Equipment	55,826	69,088	-13,262
Commissions	35,000	44,288	-9,288
Operational	29,460	32,664	-3,204
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$217,445</b>	<b>\$246,032</b>	<b>-\$28,587</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue*</b>	<b>\$1,062</b>	<b>-\$27,272</b>	<b>-\$26,210</b>

\*The 2015 Budget allotted \$30,000 of Revenue to come from an unrestricted investment fund to stabilize expenses for the year. Year-to-date, we have not made any withdrawal from this account as we have maintained low expenses. No deficit in Total Revenue has occurred due to the success of our fundraising efforts for Special Events (ie. Winterfest, Parking, dinners, Cost-sharing with outside users, etc.) Pledged income is most helpful to create and sustain our Church operation. Please consider making a pledge during our Stewardship Campaign.



**Pledge Cards available in November**



## Calvary Episcopal Church

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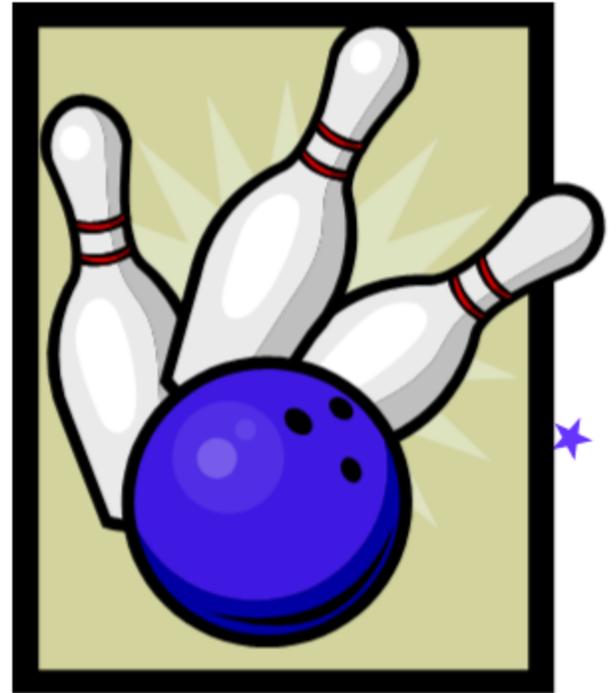
### Harvest Blessing Benefit Bash, Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>:

Mark your calendars. The Harvest Blessing Benefit Bash brings our IRB community together once again. Dinner is prepared by a professional chef, dancing with music provided by a D.J. and a silent auction are just some of the many things for this wonderful benefit. This event is held at the Church Parish Hall. All proceeds go to the Food Pantry. Please contact the Church Office or Connie Curran via email [ctc416@gmail.com](mailto:ctc416@gmail.com) for ticket cost and purchase. We offer a special bit of gratitude to Pete and Dawn Grasso who have always organized this event.

**Friday, October 23, 2015**

**7:00 p.m.**

# Bowling Night



**Families United bowling!**

**Six lanes are reserved, 5 per lane**

**Come and join fellow families for 2 hours of unlimited bowling (includes shoe rental)**

**\$12.00 per person**

**Seminole Lanes**

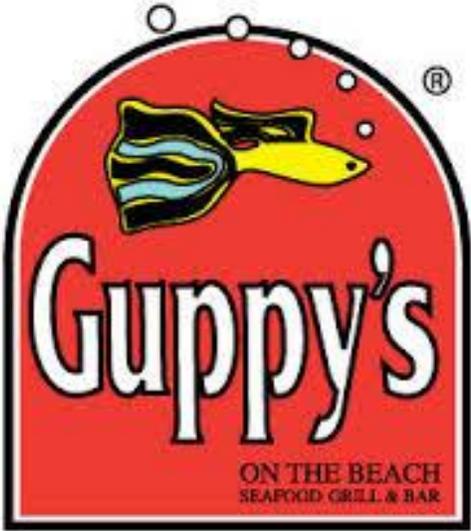
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**Seminole, FL 33777**

**YOU MUST RSVP BEFORE  
10/18/15**

**Dianne Oeste  
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# Community PARTNERS



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Indian Rocks  
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