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Monthly Newsletter

Collect of the Epiphany (January 6th)

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gifts.

We had a wonderful Christmas this year. At Church and in our home we were glad to find gifts. These were the gifts of love, joy and peace. The twelve days of Christmas were individual moments in time to intentionally cherish these gifts. These should not be taken lightly as they represent what our Lord and Savior offers us today. In this season of Epiphany this act of giving resonates and we have a gift exchange. At Christmast, Jesus gave us love, a gift of great value and one that was very expensive as it cost him his life. Jesus gave us joy, a thoughtful gift and one that shows we were considered from the beginning of time. Jesus gave us peace, a gift of comfort and one that will be everlasting through our many ups and

downs. During Epiphany we will be like one of the wise men who comes bearing gifts in exchange for the gifts of love, joy and peace.

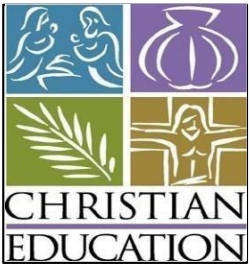
It's good to know there are still some places where we can observe gift exchanges between the world and our Savior. Recently two friends of ours in the Church invited us to go hear the Candlelight procession at Disney's Epcot. Walt Disney was a devout Catholic and within his life pursuits he intended to give something back to Jesus in whom he adored as a faithful Christian. This processional event has been going on for years and includes a full symphony, hundreds of caroling choristers and a narrator to retell the nativity of our Lord. Toward the end of this amazing testimony of God's gifts given to the world we heard the lyrics, "God of wonder, God of light, God of royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy wondrous light." We are just like the three kings, I thought. We have journeyed from afar along God's highway, going to a wondrous light, and we hope for Christmas never to end. The love, joy and peace we felt is to be everlasting and the season of Epiphany is about the manifestation of Christ, the light of God, in our lives. It is a time of giving our gifts.

The three men who traveled to see Jesus in the manger were wise because they came to find the Messiah, the one who would provide these gifts to the world. Balthasar brought a gift of value. He brought gold as it is in exchange for God's love. Caspar brought a thoughtful gift. He brought frankincense as it is in exchange for God's joy. Melchior brought a healing gift. He brought myrrh as it in exchange for God's peace.

What gifts do you bring to Jesus? Consider Calvary the new manger scene. Have you pledged at Calvary? Have you offered what is valuable, what is fragrant and what is healing to the one who was sent to save the world? We are the world. Our family, our neighbors and our community, are all the "world." The Church is centered in the middle of it all. It is a simple place, like the manger, where we still find the wood where Christ entered. It is a thoughtful place where we still find the Word of God being revealed. It is a healing place where God, mysteriously so, takes us by the hand and loves us through our moments. Who wouldn't want to exchange a gift? Let us all join the chorus and sing triumphant praise about the good tidings that God has bestowed upon us and give to this blessed Church in which He lives. I would like to see this as one of our best years, not a season or two that lasts only a few weeks then fades away when the weather warms. Consider making a lasting commitment at Calvary and offering the many gifts that God has given you.

Yours, faithfully in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Father Jon

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Father Jon Robert" with a small cross symbol at the end.



Christian Education

CURSILLO

"Thank you," to Fr. Jon who led our Advent Quiet Morning. It is an uplifting way to begin the Advent Season and to be reminded of why Christmas is. We sometimes get lost in the hustle and bustle of everyday life and forget that if it were not for Christmas we would have no Saviour - the most precious gift ever given.

Our next Fourth Day Gathering will be on Saturday, January 10, beginning at 10:00 in the Parish Hall with a delicious pitch-in brunch. The first Cursillo weekend for 2015 is February 26-March 1. Hopefully we will have some pilgrims from Calvary attending that unforgettable weekend. Anyone who is interested in learning more about Cursillo or attending a weekend is invited to attend the meeting. If you have questions, contact Marilyn Clark at 517-4071 or happyclark@aol.com.

Marilyn Clark
Cursillo Liaison

Loving the Church

Why should we love the Church?

Why should we love her laws?

She tells us of Life and Death, and of all we would forget.

She is tender where we would be hard,

And hard where we like to be soft.

She tells us of Evil and Sin, and other unpleasant facts.

They constantly try to escape

From the darkness outside and within

By dreaming of systems so perfect that

No one will need to be good.

But the man that is will shadow

The man that pretends to be.

And the Son of Man was not crucified once for all.

The blood of the martyrs was not shed once for all,

The lives of the Saints not given once for all.

But the Son of Man is crucified always

And there shall be Martyrs and Saints.

- T.S. Eliot

Listening for God Through Mark Adult Bible Study

Bible Study will begin on January 7 as part of the Wednesday evening program. After a brief service at 6 p.m. to help us shake the cares of the day, we gather in the Parish Hall for a delicious meal and time to socialize with friends. This is followed by an hour of Christian Education. The program ends and we are on our way home by 8:15 p.m.

In our Sunday worship this year, the Gospel proclamation is predominantly from St. Mark. To help us understand more about what we hear in Church on Sunday, we will be studying Mark's Gospel, the shortest and earliest written Gospel, in the Wednesday night adult Bible class. The study is called "Listening for God Through Mark" and is a series of eight guided lessons covering most of this book of the Gospels. The lessons are based on an ancient Bible study method called "Lectio Divina" or Divine Reading. The method is ancient, but the study book is written with a contemporary audience in mind. The goal of Lectio Divina is to help us gain understanding and hear God's Voice speaking to us.

If you don't think Bible study is for you, I would like to encourage you to join us for a few classes to find out if your assumption is true. Previous classes have been very lively and enjoyable. The participants have agreed that when we hear the readings in Church, there is a new awareness and understanding of God's Word.

The study book is inexpensive (\$5.50) and could be shared by a couple. It is an easy read, sprinkled with interesting quotations from theologians, writers and Scripture to help illustrate the reading for that lesson. Deacon Melissa has copies of the book "in stock" so please see her if you would like to buy one for use in the class.

For the January 7 class, we will be studying the first chapter of Mark, verses 1 through 20 (Mark 1: 1-20).

The Bookies of Calvary

The Calvary Book Club continues to meet on the 3rd Monday of each month. Books chosen are for fun and pleasure or they can be thought-provoking while expanding views on the issues of the world, as well as those that enrich our lives and have relevance. This is an opportunity for good fellowship and an opportunity for you to bring guests to join us. We also serve dinner and we meet at 6:30 PM in Parish Hall.

Our next selections are as follows:

January 19 – *Somewhere Safe and Somebody Good* by Jan Karon (the latest Mitford series book)

February 16 – *Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

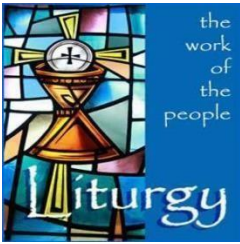
March 17- *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

Come join us,

Cherie Smith - cherismythe@aol.com and Cathy Athanson – weacpa@tampabay.rr.com

Families United: Christian Education

We resume our Wednesday night dinners on January 7th at 6:45pm followed by our classes offered in Christian Education. The K-5th graders meet for the "Creation" class taught by Lynne Roberts; the 6-8th graders meet for Confirmation class taught by Fr. Jon, and the adults are led by a study of the Gospel according to St. Mark by Deacon Melissa and Mary Schock. A sign-up sheet will be made available at the Front Desk for those intending to join.



Worship

ALTAR GUILD: Symbols Drawn from Flora

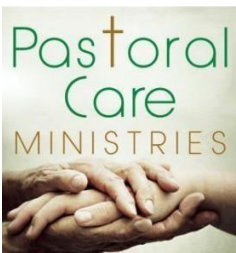
Early in the fall, the Altar Guild shared with you that we would produce several articles this year on the Symbols of the Church. We hope you not only enjoy the following information but that you will continue to appreciate future articles.

Trees and flowers have always been symbols of virtues and persons. Many of the plant symbols found in the Western church have very ancient origins. The acacia bush, harks back to the burning bush out of which the voice of God came to Moses. The acanthus refers to the peace of Eden, the almond to the choice of Aaron as priest (hence Aaron's rod), and the apple to the Fall. The rose is one of the happier Christian symbols, as in the rose of Sharon that signifies Christ. The mystic rose represents the Blessed Virgin; the Christmas rose, the Nativity. Crown of roses are, in turn, the symbols of St. Cecilia, St. Dorothy, and St. Theresa. The cypress was an ancient symbol of death and mourning. When combined with palm and olive, it becomes a symbol of the Blessed Virgin. In general the symbolic associations with the Blessed Virgin Mary are common to the Christian world.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: There are a number of flowers associated with Mary: the almond recalls the budding, blooming and blossoming of Aaron's rod; the violet suggests humility; jasmine's white color and fragrant scent symbolize the Virgin's purity and sweetness. Lilly of the valley, thanks to a reference in the Song of Song's, is regarded as a symbol of the Immaculate Conception. The iris, also called a "sword lily" is another reference to Mary's suffering. But the lily has become the primary symbol of the Blessed Virgin whether it be in the fleur-de-lis or in portrayals of the Annunciation from the Middle Ages on.

(Reference: Outward Signs - The Language of Christian Symbolism by Canon Edward West)

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Pastoral Care

SIT AND BE FIT EXERCISE CLASS

This is an excellent time to begin to exercise - after all that good food and fun of the holidays - to get rid of the extra pounds. And, we have fun! The class specializes in flexibility, balance, good posture and proper breathing - no sit-ups or jumping jacks. We use resistance bands to help build muscle strength. There is no charge for the class - just a minimum cost of the resistance band. We meet Tuesday morning at 10:15 in the Parish Hall. Come join us! Feel good about yourself and put a smile on your face!

Marilyn Clark
Class Leader

Prayer Cards

Do you have a need for prayers? Located at the pew and at our reception area/front desk you will find these cards for that purpose. Please know we hold them in sacred trust as both clergy and laity offer intentional prayers for you, your loved one, your special need. Prayers also come in several varieties. They may be passed along as a form of adoration, confession, thanksgiving or supplication. May your requests be known and discover the power of prayer.

Health Insurance

If you need information on health insurance, there will be a free one-on-one advisory session with a Health Insurance Navigator on Wednesday, January 7th between 1 and 7 PM at Morton Plant Hospital. The session is free and open to the public but appointments are recommended: 855-404-3334.



Missions

Pill Box Ministry

In 2014, we shipped 15 large boxes filled with pill bottles to Matthew 25 Ministries - that's a lot of pill bottles! But they can use all we send, so keep them coming. And we also welcome monetary contributions to pay the cost of shipping, since this is an unfunded ministry. You may use one of the pew envelopes for your contribution and write "Pill Bottles" on it to ensure it will get to the right place. Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile endeavor.

Ralph Kiphuth, Marilyn Clark, Co-Chairmen

The Beach Community Food Pantry: "A Place of Hope"

The Beach Community Food Pantry, or "Food Pantry" is a mission of Calvary Episcopal Church (1615 First St., Indian Rocks Beach) and will celebrate its 10th anniversary in the New Year. Its slogan is "Food from the Heart" and endeared by thousands in need who visit every year, looking to receive relief and support when so much has been lost in their lives. They come for food but we find they are in need of hope more than anything. We call our visitors "patrons" as they are treated with dignity and respect. They leave here with provisions of food and a sense of warmth and love. Many have said how thankful they are for this benevolence, not knowing how they would cope with the struggles of life without the Food Pantry. We continue to seek support from our Church and community and hope that as you read this, you will consider doing so.

There are many outspoken volunteers who have made the Food Pantry so successful. The succession of directors, in particular and in historical order include Carol Beauchamp, Harvey Brillat, Chuck & Peggy Pond and, currently, Connie Curran, all of whom are faithful members of Calvary. The inspiration behind the Food Pantry began on a Wednesday night service just prior to Thanksgiving. A man was noticed in the back of the Church, worn, distressed and humbled. He approached the clergy afterwards asking for assistance. After pulling some food items from the kitchen shelf, the man was presented with a bag full that would be a gift

to give him hope on a cold night. Only a few people came the first year but as word got out, a consistent base of patrons were established. Since then, the Food Pantry has grown and built trusted alliances with supporters in our community that include, but not limited to, the following: Rotary of IRB, Action 2000, IRB Homeowners Association, the Town of IRB, Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue, Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, the United States Postal Service (annual collection), Church of the Isle, St. Jerome Roman Catholic, Christ the King Lutheran, Slyce Pizza, Keegan's Restaurant, Guppy's & E&E Restaurants, Grasso Funeral Home, Publix and of course the IRB Newsletter and its affiliate newsletters with Bob Griffin who graciously publish such articles. All of these relations help to make this a Beach Community Food Pantry, "A place of hope."

The Food Pantry would not survive without donations of food and financial support from generous people within the Church and our nearby community. It also would not exist without a large pool of volunteers who help operate it on a routine basis. Some of our most committed and loyal volunteers provide their time and effort because they feel fed by helping others. The Food Pantry is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to noon of every week and behind the scenes are additional volunteers who are our buyers who supplement what extra food is necessary. They work to gather and stock the food on our shelves so that it will be a reliable source of support for the many patrons who show at our doors. They shop and transport food from local bulk suppliers and donors such as Publix, Feeding America, Sav-A-Lot and Aldi's, to name a few. The multiple sources of charitable giving by individuals from those who drop off canned foods, etc. to the larger civic or corporate sponsors truly make this a Beach Community Food Pantry, "A place of hope."

Maybe you would like to support this vision to give hope to a hurting world. See firsthand the goodness of giving by volunteering a few hours of your week and stock shelves, help buy or transport food products, meeting and greeting our patrons, organizing your church or organization to provide a canned food drive for the Food Pantry, or raising the money individually to help for the common good. Come and see what we are all about. This is the Beach Community Food Pantry where we serve "Food from the Heart" in "A place of hope." Those interested in any of the above listed areas of support should contact the Director, Mrs. Connie Curran at 727/482-6167.

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Checks for Missions

Food Pantry, Holiday Meals, Pill Box Ministry, Shoe Box Ministry, UTO, ERD, etc., etc., are all vital "Missions" of Calvary. Whenever you intend to designate your giving to these missions, please do not write directly to them on payable to portion of your checks. Our banking institution has cautioned us to cease this practice as they are not their own entity. We will experience check returns in the future. A letter has been sent to the State of Florida indicating a "DBA" for the Food Pantry so that at least this may filter through. Any future designations to these missions, please do so by writing them on the "memo line" of your checks. Also, if you have multiple designations on the memo line please give instruction on how the donation is to be broken down. We appreciate your benevolence. As always, look

at the operation of Calvary as our primary mission within the community. Make a pledge and provide generously to our Operation.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Just before Christmas, I was privileged to meet two true men of God, Father Mario from Redeemer Church Mission, Arcadia and Father Richard Lampert from St. Mary's in Palmetto. These men minister to the poorest and least fortunate among us, the migrant workers. They both said how fortunate they were to be chosen to minister to these families and how they got back so much more from them than they could ever hope to give. What a humbling thing say, and they both meant it from the bottom of hearts.



They were so deeply touched by the Shoe Boxes and other gifts provided by the parishioners of Calvary and St. Dunstan's. In many cases, what provided will be the only Christmas that these children will receive. I felt bad that we were only to fill 113 boxes this year. They both replied that even one box was more than what they expected. Needless to say, Michael and I were both moved to tears as were Father Mario and Father Richard. We were hugged and blessed and hugged some more until I thought my ribs would be bruised. We left there feeling the love of God and the love of these two devoted priests.

After this wonderful experience, I am more dedicated to the wonderful Shoe Box Mission. I have a goal for next year and a challenge. I would like to be able to drive down three vans filled with shoe boxes. I have already had requests from two of our parishioners who would like to go. Let us keep the Christmas spirit alive all year by planning and filling throughout the coming months. With Father Jon's help, we also plan to issue a challenge to all the churches in the Clearwater Deanery to join forces with us to help us complete this mission.

My personal plan is \$5 a week. I know that I waste at least that much each week on non-essential items that I pick up in the check-out lane. Instead I will put it toward items to fill shoe boxes. By the time Christmas rolls around next year, I should have quite a pile of loot for the children. Please, won't you join me in helping these poor unfortunate children? Let us show them the true meaning of Christmas by giving from our heart. If all of you join in, we may need more than three vans. Wouldn't that be truly wonderful?

Jerry L. Brewer
Chairman, Christmas Shoe Box Mission
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Fellowship

Hospitality Report

There will be many events upcoming in the New Year - among them the 10th Inspirational Tea & Fashion Show! The date is set for Sunday March 8, 2015. Butlers get your white dress shirts ready (black bow ties and aprons will be supplied.) H.E.P. will again be the recipient of the proceeds from this festive affair.

The Annual citywide (IRB) yard sale was a success - weather was perfect, most everything we put out was sold, and we cleared over \$1200. Many thanks to all who worked for days pricing, serving, cashiering, toting, and cleaning up....much work went into making this a good day - the bake sale run by the Altar Guild attracted a lot of shoppers.

The Hospitality Committee must grow in numbers if we are to keep serving Sunday coffee as well as keep up with what was once called K.P. I would like to organize monthly teams to set up (which means coffee/cake must be ready for after 8 am mass) and clean up (after the 10am coffee hour). The clean-up committees have dwindled - so more of you must be recruited - please call me (595-4744) to set up a month that you are willing to serve - first caller gets the first choice (which might mean a month with only 4 Sundays instead of 5. Harvey & I will be away Jan 18 and Jan 25. Melissa Willbee has graciously offered to do the coffee set up for those 2 Sundays; Chad Olsen will work with her. I am pleading with you to help out with this ministry.

Susan Brillat

IRB Holiday Parade

The Indian Rocks Holiday Parade on December 7th was a great success. Many families from Calvary Episcopal participated in the parade by riding in the Jolly Trolley and had lots of fun!!

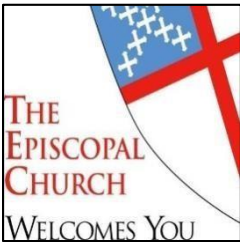




Connections

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Outreach

New Members

We welcome our newest member, Joan Lyndon who was received on December 29th by Fr. Jon. She has lived in Largo for several years and is married to her husband John. She enjoys her retirement from being a Special Needs school teacher from the state of Tennessee. Joan has transferred her letter of membership from St. Andrews in Maryville, TN. Please welcome her as our newest member.

Important Dates "At-a-Glance"

Thursday-Friday, Jan. 1-2 nd	All Day	Office Closed
Sunday, January 4 th	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Tuesday, January 6 th	6pm	Vestry Epiphany Dinner at the Heinickas
Wednesday, January 7 th	6-6:45pm 6:45-7:15 7:15-8:15	Holy Eucharist Dinner Christian Ed.: Creation, Confirmation & Bible
Sunday, January 11 th	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Tuesday, January 13 th	6:00pm 6:30pm	Executive Committee meeting Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, January 14 th	6-6:45pm 6:45-7:15 7:15-8:15	Holy Eucharist Dinner Christian Ed.: Creation, Confirmation & Bible
Sunday, January 18 th	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Wednesday, January 21 st	6-6:45pm 6:45-7:15 7:15-8:15	Holy Eucharist Dinner Christian Ed.: Creation, Confirmation & Bible
Sunday, January 25 th	9am 10:30am 11am 12pm	Combined Holy Eucharist services "Brunch" in the Parish Hall Annual Parish Meeting Vestry briefly meets with newly elected members

Wednesday, January 28th

6-6:45pm

Holy Eucharist

6:45-7:15

Dinner

7:15-8:15

Christian Ed.: Creation, Confirmation & Bible



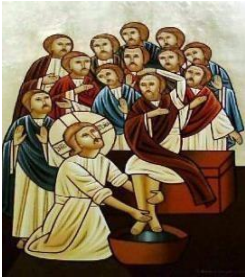
SAVE THE DATE

Calvary Episcopal Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 25th, 2015

One combined service at 9am

Brunch to follow in the Parish Hall



Leadership

Vestry Ballot

At this year's Annual Parish Meeting on January 25th, there will be five names on a ballot requiring an election of four. All members of Calvary should attend this important meeting in order to place their vote. The five names of Calvary members who are in good standing and givers of record seeking election for a three year term beginning 2015 are:

1. Derek Good
2. Betsey McKenna
3. Chuck Pond
4. Jo Simpson
5. Jim Yanicheck

Volunteers

To all who volunteer their time serving at Calvary we would like to thank you for all that you do. Without volunteers Calvary could not exist. Please share with others the joy of serving.

Staff

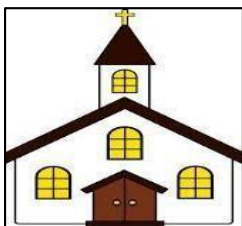
We are most grateful for our Staff members, here at Calvary.



Matthew Burke continues to provide us with wonderful music as our Music Director at Calvary. He has learned much of our Episcopal traditions in the six months he has been with us and brings his own unique style of musical leadership. Matthew would very much enjoy talking with anyone interested in becoming a choir member for the adult or children's choirs or handbell choirs. Matthew also provides musical instruction as a service to those wishing to cultivate their talent in voice or instrument.



Laurie Lawther has become a wonderful and recent addition to our Calvary Staff, who is learning the names and faces at a good pace since she started the first of December. She brings a level of organization and communication to our Church which is vital for our future growth. Laurie works very closely with volunteers at the Front Desk and will be in charge of helping us all stay connected with our several activities. Please make note, she is not the Bookkeeper but can assist you in routing your financial requests along to those in charge of such financial matters. Please welcome Laurie.



Property

Jr. Warden's Report

We ended Christmas 2014 with a little excitement at the 9:00 pm Christmas Eve service. The incense for this service was lit directly under a smoke detector. Needless to say all the bells and whistles went off and the Fire Department arrived right on time. This job never fails to be exciting.

The less exciting aspects of this job are routine maintenance and small day to day jobs that need be taken on. I have a list of small jobs and I would like to be able to enlist the help of our parishioners and I would encourage each one of you to see me and help to get these small jobs accomplished. There is something for all skill sets and all physical abilities. It will be personally satisfying, and will in turn help to make Calvary an even more perfect place to worship.

Plans are being made for the Marjee Hunt Memorial Garden, and will commence after the last chance of frost or freeze. Marjee left some funds for this project, but if any of you would like to contribute to this worthwhile project we would gratefully accept your donations. We want this to be a true tribute to a very great lady and a true Christian.

Jerry L. Brewer
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Stewardship

Leave a Legacy

As we begin the New Year, our legacy continues. 2015 will bring new opportunities and changes to Calvary. Change is not easy for some, but

necessary to continue the growth of our parish. When we asked Father Jon to become our Rector, it was with the understanding Calvary needed new energy and new ideas to grow. He accepted the challenge, but he cannot do it alone. Needless to say, we have some obstacles to overcome not only internally but externally. It is not easy being a Christian in this progressive, secular world. But, as the song says, we shall overcome. It is our faith that gives us strength to persevere.

So where do we begin?

First and foremost is our income. This is never an easy subject to discuss in a church but our parish depends on the giving of members. For many, stewardship is a private, personal decision between us and God. I believe it is important everyone to know we are not meeting the financial needs of the church. To put it in perspective, we have been operating on a bare bones budget for the past five plus years. In fact, we have been running negative numbers. We were able to meet budget only through the blessings of bequests. Had we not received those bequests, we would have been short. So, how do we take the next step to keep our parish vibrant and growing? It will take all of us. We have already begun cutting expenses and saving money in many areas. Being lean and mean is important but is not a path for sustainable grow. This is our challenge for 2015. Under the leadership of Father Jon, I know we will pull together to take steps forward. Can you help?

As we continue our journey, it is very important we do not lose our identity. What is it that makes Calvary a wonderful Christian community? It is, of course, the people and the people serving God. Let's all remember whom we serve. Losing sight of this simple point can be destructive.

I remember when I was younger I was never involved in the church beyond one hour each Sunday. I ask each of you to consider stepping beyond just attending Sunday service. Volunteer for hour each week, join the Altar Guild, Celebration of Life, be a greeter or an usher or one of many extra ministries in our parish. Do you have ideas for fundraising? How about ideas to help us grow? There is much talent in our pews, and it will take all of us to keep Calvary the most wonderful place we all love. It is our responsibility to those who came before us and to those who will come after us. We are but the caretakers of Gods house. It is our time. Together let's continue the legacy.

Glenn Bradley, Senior Warden

Who will be the 75th?

We have received 58 pledge cards over the season of Advent when we raised awareness for the importance of making a financial pledge to Calvary. 2015 presents itself with many financial challenges, to say the least and we need your help. We believe there are about 20 more individuals or families at Calvary who have yet to pledge. If you have not historically done so, now is a good time. For those who have pledged last year but have not presented their pledge this year, please do so as soon as possible. All of these pledges are so necessary in preparing our 2015 Budget. Help us grow Calvary and grow with us at Calvary. Make your pledge today. We are so close. Who will be number 75?

Automated Donations

We are seeing an increase in automated checks coming directly from member's banking institution. This is a convenient way to make your donations to the Church. Please consider making this a practice.

January 2015 Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

1 – Andrew Guarino
2 – Jim English
4 - Hugh Grady, Gabriella Toman
5 - Daniel Widell
6 - Stephen Zahn
7 - Helen Dunbar, Deborah Thayer, Randy Eldridge
9 - Kacey Call
10 - Sally Hunt, Lisa Willets
12 – Manuel Sosa
14 – Lorena Grizzle, Matt Facarazzo, Brooke Estavil, Jared Jewell
15 – Christopher Tompkins
16 – Megan McKenna, Matthew McManis
17 – Megan Oeste
18 – Marilyn Clark
19 – Jerald Call III
20 – Anna Byrd
22 – Matthew Williams
24 – Susan Brillat, Richard Deary, Gwyn Crump, Sayge Norton
25 – Lucas Zahn
27 – Olive Larson
29 – Eby Okonkwo, Charlie Woznick

Wedding Anniversaries

1 – James & Jacquelyn Emaus
4 – Robert & Suzen Cornell
13 – Steve & Jane Small
26 – John & Joanne Mortellite

Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue

1 – Michael Granger
13 – Robert Polk
? – Stephen Sera



CALVARY CHRISTMAS SERVICES



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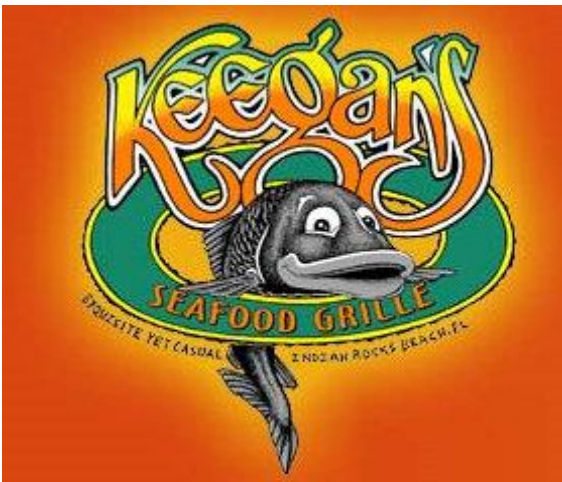
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