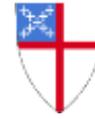


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"TO KNOW CHRIST...  
AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN."

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### Collect for Easter Vigil

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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### Stirred Up

Long ago, when the sun went down over Jerusalem and cast its shadow across the wall of a sealed tomb in which our Lord was interred, something was stirred up. In the course of human history and the course of all time and creation, God did something like never before; He stirred our souls to an awareness of our adoption through Jesus, His Son.

Recently, I had the good pleasure of reading over my son's presentation he wrote for the book, "Crispin: The Cross of Lead." The story is about a boy who eventually becomes an important ruler. It is worthy for all to read as it relates to one who aspired to greatness once he knew who he was and where he belonged.

Crispin was raised a peasant in Stromford, England in the year 1377 and underwent several challenges starting with the death of his mother and the murder of a dear priest who helped him escape the plot for his own certain doom. Throughout the book, in order for Crispin to survive, he must faithfully submit to a tough disciplinarian known as "Bear." Bear expected Crispin to work hard and he challenged him a great deal for his own good; to make him stronger. In the end, Crispin is able to overcome the tyrant seeking to kill him. In return he saves the life of his teacher and friend.

The first book leaves you with a sense of relief that they survived but wondering what was next once Crispin learned who he was. At the end of the third book in the trilogy, Crispin takes the throne by receiving the love and respect of the people through his acts of courage and by earning the love of the people. Because he learned what it means to be an adopted servant and to be obedient, he models to the kingdom what it means to be a faithful follower of Jesus.

Many will never find their true identity, their purpose in life that God has predestined for similar reasons as the character in the story was faced. So many in our world today have been told lies, that they're worthless and are being kept under thumb by those who wish to vanquish all that is good and pure. Others, once presented the truth, deny their worthiness, and refuse a life of sacrifice, discipline and faith required for personal growth with God's help. They let their insecurities take hold and live in fear. To be an heir to the kingdom that God has in store for us is found in the story of Easter.

Based on Word and Sacrament the collect for Easter is clear to say that our identity is found through our baptism and that the belonging to the Church community is essential. We are heirs through baptism and we live into our purpose when we trust in the Lord to shape and guide us. As one who is baptized and who has disciplined their life by faith in Jesus, the cross of lead is not too heavy and we are stirred to serve. Taking the step forward as an adopted child of the living Father in heaven, through the living Son of Jesus Christ and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit there is something that is raised up in us. This Easter message of resurrection in Christ Jesus is the story of how much God loves us and calls us to be His for eternity. He loves us so much that He rose from the death of the tomb so that we would be raised in Him. No shadows will fall upon our lives when Jesus takes us up.

God has created you and He has implemented the Church as the place where He is to be revealed for the world to see. You are adopted by Christ; each and every one of you. Live into this understanding and find yourself renewed, "stirred up" both in body and mind, and worship Jesus in sincerity and truth during this season of Easter. "Alleluia. The Lord is risen (at the Saturday Vigil).

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Father Jon



**The New & Improved  
Calvary Website  
Calvaryirb.org  
Goes "Live"  
During Holy Week  
2015**



## Christian Education

### **Cursillo**

On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Calvary's Cursillo group met in the parish hall for a pot luck breakfast and to hear from our newest Cursillistas about their weekends. Dianne Oeste attended Cursillo in October, 2014. Connie Curran and Jo Simpson attended their Cursillo weekend February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 1<sup>st</sup> and Amy Fisher attended a Walk to Emmaus in Brandon a few weeks ago. Each of them shared the experiences of their weekends and they each had wonderful occasions to tell us about. Cursillo is such a wonderful opportunity to strengthen your faith. It is a short course in Christianity led by lay people. The weekends are held at DaySpring, our Diocesan conference center in Parrish, FL. The enthusiasm of our newest members sparked all of us to work a little harder to find others who might want to share this wonderful weekend. A weekend begins on Thursday evening and is over on Sunday evening. You will hear several short talks given by both lay people and clergy. There is music, laughter, good food and good fellowship. If you are interested in attending a weekend or learning more about Cursillo, please talk to Fr Jon or any of our Calvary Cursillistas. Don't hesitate to ask our newest members about their weekends. They will be most happy to tell you about their experiences. There will be a Cursillo weekend in October, 2014 and another in February 2015.

Judy Marx for Cursillo  
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### **Read the Lectionary**

Go to <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

### **Daily Devotional – “Gently Instruct”**

“Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth” – 2 Timothy 2:25

British poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge is best known for his poems “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner”, “Christabel”, and “Kubla Khan.” He also was a strong Christian and once said: “Christianity is not a theory or speculation, but a life; not a philosophy of life, but a life and a living process.” Samuel once had a discussion with a man who firmly believed that children should not be given formal religious instruction, but should be free to choose their own religious faith when they reached maturity. Coleridge did not disagree, but later invited the man into his somewhat neglected garden. “Do you call this a garden?” the visitor exclaimed. “There are nothing but weeds here!” “Well, you see,” Coleridge replied, “I did not wish to infringe upon the liberty of the garden in any way. I was just giving the garden a chance to express itself.”



Cursillistas sharing their experiences  
Top: Connie Curran; Middle: Jo Simpson;  
Bottom: Amy Fisher & Dianne Oeste

The Lord desires us to give gentle instruction to bring about desired change and glory to Jesus. Today in prayer, praise the Lord for the gentle instruction you have had in your life and seek to gently instruct others.

"The gentleness of Christ is the comeliest ornament that a Christian can wear."  
– William D. Arnot

By Peter Kennedy, Copyright 2015, Devotional E-Mail

## **Diocesan Youth Events:**

### **Acolyte Festival Overnight at DaySpring**

September 25, 2015

Participants: Elementary to Adult

ALL Adults must be certified in SGP and submit a background check.

Registration Fee: \$10 per person

### **Summer Camps - Register by March 31, 2014 and save \$20.00!**

#### **Elementary Summer Camp**

June 7-12, 2015

Rising 3rd - 5th Grade

Registration Fee: \$390.00

Session 2 - July 15 (dinner) through July 18,  
\$200.00

Rising 3rd - 5th Grade

#### **Middle School Summer Camp**

June 14-19, 2015

Rising 6th - 8th Grade

Registration Fee: \$390.00

#### **Middle School "Mission" Camp**

July 19-24, 2015

Registration Fee: \$390.00

#### **High School Summer Camp**

June 21-26, 2015

Participants: 9th -12th Grade

Registration Fee: \$390.00

#### **High School "Leadership" Camp**

July 26-31, 2015

Registration Fee: \$390.00

#### **Elementary "Mini" Camps**

Session 1 - July 12-15 (through lunch), \$200.00

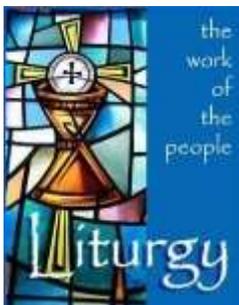
Scholarships are available for any active youth member of Calvary. Please request the required form.

#### **New Beginnings #58**

November 13-15, 2015

Team: 9th-12th Grade

Registration Fee: \$100.00



## Worship

### **Palm Sunday**

The two services that commemorated the final entry of our Savior into Jerusalem was well attended with over 220 people who waved their branches singing, "Hosanna. Blessed is He who comes in the way of the Lord. It also marks the transition into the Passion of Christ whereas

he is judged unfairly, humiliated shamefully and tortured cruelly.

Palm crosses were made by several volunteers the day before and handed out to willing recipients. They were encouraged to keep the crosses nearby at all time until the following year where they are burned and their ash used for Ash Wednesday. Fr. Jon, relating to the reading from the Liturgy of the Palms in Mark 11:1-11 illustrated that the moment of his triumphant entry was like the "Perfect Storm" when all was calm before certain doom. "Calm Sunday" is how he told it in his sermon. The color red emphasizes the sacrifice of Christ's blood revealed in the Passover and eventually the Cross.



## **Easter**

The Easter season begins on Easter Sunday and continues for fifty days until Pentecost and includes the Feast of the Ascension. Easter Sunday is the most joyful day of the Christian year. Though every Sunday is considered to be a "little Easter," Easter Sunday its self is the day of days on which Christ's Resurrection is celebrated. It is the oldest of Christian festival days. In some churches, Easter is celebrated with baptism or renewal of baptismal vows. In liturgical worship, the joyful "Alleluia" returns to the service order after having been omitted for the duration of Lent. Father Jon led us through a ceremony at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper where we buried the "Alleluias." These were the things we determined that we celebrate. They currently are stored in the Aumbry which is located in the Chapel of Repose. During Easter services they will be brought out and scattered across the Altar

Easter was originally called "Pascha" after the Hebrew word ("Pesach") meaning "Passover," and much of Christendom still uses this term. The word "Easter," on the other hand, is derived from ancient names for the month of April in which Easter often falls. The Easter season, sometimes called the "Great 50 Days," begins at the Easter Vigil and continues until Pentecost. Easter was originally celebrated as one continuous festival, but in the fourth century it was divided into separate observances of the Resurrection and the Ascension. Because of Easter's relation to the lunar calendar, many popular seasonal traditions, such as Easter eggs and the Easter bunny, are more closely associated with pagan rites of fertility and spring than with Easter.

Ascension Day falls on a Thursday, 40 days after Easter, but it is usually celebrated in worship on the following Sunday. Ascension Day commemorates the bodily return of Jesus to heaven (recorded in Mark, Luke and Acts) where he now reigns at the right hand of the Father. Although there is no record of its observance before the fifth century, St. Augustine assigned it apostolic origin and wrote of it as though it had been celebrated long before his time. Although the feast often passes with little fanfare, Jesus' ascension is associated with several important events. It was likely at or near the time of his ascension that Jesus gave the "Great Commission" to his disciples. It is also associated with his promise to empower them and to be eternally present with them. Properly observed, the Feast of the Ascension sets up a keen sense of anticipation for the next great event in the Christian calendar — Pentecost. The liturgical color for the Easter season is white.

Respectfully submitted for the Altar Guild, Cathy Athanson weacpa@tampabay.rr.com

## **Easter Symbols**

What do the symbols of Easter mean? What do they have to do with the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Below is a brief description of some familiar (and not so familiar) Easter symbols and their meanings:

Easter Lilies - They bloom in the spring close to Easter time. Because they are shaped like trumpets, lilies are symbols of immortality (1 Corinthians 15:52).

Butterflies - The life cycle of a butterfly is a symbol of eternal life. While in its cocoon, it undergoes a metamorphosis and emerges in a new and beautiful form (1 Cor. 15:53,54).

Eggs - When some people think of Easter, they immediately think of eggs. Eggs symbolize the new life that returns to nature during the spring. The egg is a symbol of fertility and immortality. Thus, Christians also view it as a reminder of the tomb from which Jesus Christ arose (Luke 24:1-4). Early Christians used red colored eggs to symbolize the Resurrection.

Lights and Candles - ... and bonfires are used as a way to celebrate Easter in some countries. Many Christians often light seven candles in the church on Good Friday and then extinguish them one by one as Jesus' seven last words are read. At the end of the service, worshipers leave the church in darkness and silence. Candles are lit again with the Pascal Candle, or Easter Candle, on Easter Day.

The Cross - The symbol of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Crucifixion was a common way to punish criminals and to publicly humiliate them in the ancient world. In Jesus' day, the Romans used crucifixion to put criminals to death. A person was tied with cords and nailed to a wooden cross that was shaped like a T or like a plus sign (+). Jesus was accused of starting a revolt against the Roman government by allowing himself to be called "King of the Jews" (Mark 15:6-15). Jesus' resurrection is his victory over the power of sin and death (Romans 3:25,26). That is why the cross has become the major symbol for God's power to forgive sins and give new life to people (1 Cor. 1:18). People often bake hot cross buns to symbolize this event.

The Lamb – This is another symbol associated with Jesus. He is often referred to in the Bible as the "Lamb of God" (Revelation 5:6-14). John the Baptist described Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). The Passover lamb (Exodus 12:1-11) has been interpreted by Christians as foreshadowing Jesus' sacrificial death (1 Cor. 5:7).

Some of the less familiar symbols associated with the Easter season:

Lion - Jesus is described as the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5).

Whale - Sometimes the story of Jonah and his encounter with a large fish is compared to the story of Christ's death and resurrection. Jonah spent three days in the belly of a fish, before being spit up on a beach (Jonah 1:17; 2:10). Christ spent three days in the grave and rose on the third day.

Sand Dollar - The markings on this shell symbolize components of Christ's birth and death. The five-point outline on the front of the sand dollar represents the star of Bethlehem (Matthew 2:1,2). The five holes in the sand dollar represent the pierced hands, feet, and side of Christ (Psalm 22:16; John 20:26,27). When the sand dollar is opened, it reveals five tiny objects that look similar to flying doves. Doves symbolize the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:21,22).

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## EASTER

By George Herbert

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen.  
Sing his praise without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand,  
that thou likewise with him mayst rise:

That, as his death calcined thee to dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.  
Awake, my lute, and struggle  
for thy part with all thy art.  
The cross taught all wood to resound his  
name, who bore the same.

His stretched sinews taught all strings,  
what key is best to celebrate this most high day.  
Consort both heart and lute,  
and twist a song pleasant and long:  
Or since all music is but three parts vied and multiplied;

O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,  
And make up our defects with his sweet art.  
I got me flowers to straw thy way:  
I got me boughs off many a tree:  
But thou wast up by break of day,  
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the East,  
Tough he give light,  
and th' East perfume;  
If they should offer to contest  
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,  
Tough many suns to shine endeavour?  
We count three hundred, but we miss:  
There is but one, and that one ever.

## Easter Flower Memorials 2015

Bill & Cathy Athanson

~In thanksgiving for their parents, children and grandchildren.

Jim & Jackie Emaus

~In loving memory of Edward A. Chandler & Irene O. Emaus.

Cyndi & Derek Good

~In memory of Terry Wilson, Sue & Bob Shortridge and Shirley Remington.

Sara & Keith Goodrich

~In memory of their family members and dear friends; to honor all the blessings in their lives.

David & Karen Hillegas

~In celebration of family and friends.

Larry & Robin Hite

~In memory of loved ones.

Ralph Kiphuth

~In loving memory of Carolyn Green Kiphuth.

~In honor of his children and grandchildren.

Jann Komarnitzky

~Michelle Komarnitzky, Clifford Trethewey, Grace Trethewey and Barbara Kelley

Renie Lehman

~In loving memory of Fred.

Paul (& Susan) Martin

~In loving memory of his dear wife, Susan, who recently passed on to join our Savior in heaven.

~In loving memory of their parents Paul, Ethel, George & Meita and sister Grace.

Judy Marx

~In loving memory of Don Marx, Harris & Betty Mowry, Frank & Myrtle Marx, Jenckes Mowry, Anna Barker and Kay Puls.

Gretta Morash

~In loving memory of our Grampa Grant L. Morash.

Lt. Col Robert J. Palsha USA (Ret)

~In loving memory of my spouse Grace Martin Palsha.

Betty Pink

~In loving memory of Benjamin Pink.

Dick & Betsy Reynolds

~In loving memory of John C. & Mildred Reynolds, John C. Reynolds Jr. , J.Phelps & Frances Harding and Marie C. Harding.

Father Jon & Lynne Roberts

~In honor of, and with great Thanksgiving for their children Emma and Watson, loving parents and supportive Calvary family.

Denna Shiben

~In loving memory of her grandson Davis Ferguson, son Deke Daly and husband Dick Shiben.

Betty Sileo

~In loving memory of Raymond Sileo Sr, Raymond Sileo Jr and Raymond Sileo III.

Cherie Smith

~In memory of her loving mother Eva May Smith, grandparents Ed and Edna Koutz.

~In thanksgiving for all the Blessings of family and friends.

Floyd & Jackie Sypherd

~In loving memory of Lloyd, Junius & Edith Triche.

Peter E. Thomas

~In loving memory of Lily Irene Thomas.

Barbara Thorpe

~In loving memory of her dear mother, Florence Jeruis.



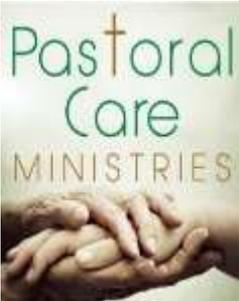
## Easter Candles

Renie Lehman

~For the healing of Charlotte Lehman

Gretta Morash

~In loving memory of her husband Grant L. Morash



## Pastoral Care

### **"Sit and Be Fit" Exercise Class**

Are you ready to have some fun getting in good physical condition? Then come and join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:15 in the Parish Hall. I know, the word "exercise" brings thoughts of sit-ups and jumping jacks and sweat. But not in our class!!! We use resistance bands to gain muscle strength and flexibility; we practice deep breathing, good posture and stretching. You might be surprised at how much fun we have and still accomplish the goal of feeling good. There is no charge for the class; only the price of a resistance band which is \$5.00. The class lasts only an hour and you're out in plenty of time for lunch. Stop in some Tuesday and visit and observe. Call Marilyn Clark at 517-4071 or email at [happyclark@aol.com](mailto:happyclark@aol.com) if you have questions

## **Measles**

First described in 9<sup>th</sup> century Persia (Iran), the USA in 1912, realizing its devastating impact, declared measles to be a nationally notifiable disease (Florida Department of Health, 2015) treatable by quarantine. In 1963 an effective vaccine was discovered to which mumps and rubella were added in 1971 making it the vaccine we now all know as the "MMR". By 2000, measles was declared to be "eliminated from the USA". Just 4 years later (2014), the Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported the highest number of cases (644) since 1996 and early 2015 trending seems to be similar (CDC, 2015). To date, there have been no Florida cases. However because reporting is still a requirement, 4 cases were reported by travelers after they returned home. Measles has a one to three week incubation period so we will have to see.

Going from an eliminated disease to a recurrence- what happened? As always, many conditions exist, but let's look at three;

1. Personal choice: Concern remains for side effects of vaccination. MMR is one of the safest vaccines we have. The questions of autism, cerebral palsy and other complications have been aggressively researched and found to be unsupported by the scientific community. As a result, parents may opt out of the childhood vaccination program. The good thing is that vaccinations can occur at any time. One dose provides 93% effectiveness and 2 doses - 97%. Because majority of people are vaccinated, a "herd protection" exists for those who are not. However, this herd protection breaks down when the other two conditions.
2. International travel by Americans. North American maintains vaccination programs that other countries do not and for various reasons (not to be explored here). So if considering foreign travel, consider your destinations health requirements. This is healthy advice whether vaccinated or not-but particularly if not vaccinated.
3. International travel by non-North Americans to USA. Since measles have different strains, the recent outbreak at the west coast theme park can be traced back to a south pacific community. The future vaccination requirement of foreign travelers to the USA will be likely be a topic of discussion by the CDC. Currently though, I do not believe one exists. Don't worry about our Canadian visitors-their vaccination requirements are pretty much identical to ours. However, if an American and not vaccinated against the measles, exposure to these travelers can result in outbreak.

Measles have signs and symptoms:

- Fever and a “Face that Runs” (drooling from a cough, teary red eyes aka conjunctivitis and runny nose)
- White spots at the back of the throat (Koplick spots are confirmatory)

When considering the vaccination program, talk with your doctor, search the CDC website, visit the Department of Health, and look at the science. Be an informed consumer. Measles is a serious life threatening disease and can be prevented!.

One last thing: if you had measles-you are considered vaccinated!

Yours in good health

Jo Simpson for the Parish Health program.



## Missions

### **United Thank Offering**

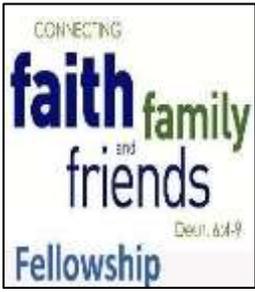
I am sure many of you have wondered, just what is United Thank Offering? Here is a short history. The first United Thank Offering was in 1889. It began as part of Missionary efforts of the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Mission authorized by the General Convention in 1871. Julia Emery, secretary to the Women's Auxiliary and Ida Soule who counted the missionary offering of the 1886 Triennial Meeting of Women inspired women to pray and give coins with the idea of building a new church in Anvik Alaska and sending a woman missionary to Japan. At the 1889 Triennial Meeting, the offering was \$2,188.64 and accomplished those purposes.

Through the decades, the United Thank Offering has expanded with changing leadership and expectations. Through prayer and thankful giving of our gifts, we reach out into the world.

United Thank Offering provides a way for men, women and children to give daily thanks in a special Blue Box. These monetary gifts are used to help others in the form of day cares, soup kitchens, and office equipment. The United Thank Offering grants are given in the United States as well as foreign countries. Every coin is used to support grants for missions and ministry. It is a way to take our Baptismal covenant seriously—to love God, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

I hope all of you have your Blue box in a convenient place and are continuing to give thanks to God for all your blessings. If you need a box, boxes and envelopes are available at either entrance of the church. Ingathering will be Sunday May 17, 2015.

Nancy Cerwin, UTO Chair



## Fellowship

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tea & Fashion Show**

Over 100 ladies came out and enjoyed tea & lunch on March 8<sup>th</sup>, provided in our parish hall while enjoying a fashion show and scarf demonstration by Patchington Boutique of Bellair Bluffs. Thanks to the days of preparation and participation of all the volunteers - a big "thank you" to you all, and the always popular Chinese Auction.

A donation of \$2500 was raised from this event and sent to the H.E.P. (Homeless Emergency Project) in Clearwater.

We would like to thank Susan and Harvey Brillat for their commitment to raise awareness and funding for this important organization that supports the homeless in our county. Enjoy these pictures from this wonderful event.











"Thank you Susan...  
For Ten Great Years of Inspiration"  
- Your Calvary Family

## Altar Guild

Would you like to experience the blessing of working among holy things? Would you like to join a dynamic, friendly, loving, nurturing team? Would you like to serve with a Calvary ministry group where your service time is limited but your personal rewards are great? If you answered yes to these questions and you would like to know the true meaning of serving God in his sanctuary then you will want to join the Altar Guild. We are praying that you will step forward and be part of our guild family. Please contact me regarding any questions you might have or if you are ready to volunteer right now. Please contact Cathy Athanson - weacpa@tampabay.rr.com

## Men's Club

The Calvary Men's Club is putting on a fantastic SPAGHETTI DINNER on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in our Parish Hall at 6:00pm. This will be a grand time for fellowship and a fund-raiser for the church. There will be great food prepared by our own accomplished chefs "men" of Calvary, along with neighborhood friends. Wonderful Italian music, and wine available on a tip basis. So invite friends and neighbors and come to this terrific Calvary springtime event. Tickets are available at the church front desk after each service and during office hours or from our Men's Club members -- \$10.00 adult, \$5.00 children 12 and under.

## "Forty Days" Fundraiser/Concert & Dinner

Matthew Burke, with the support of the Calvary Choral & Bell Choirs led a masterful first time concert presentation on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, raising \$875 towards the appreciation of our Music

Ministry at Calvary. Special thanks to all who came out to support this evening of music and BBQ. Special thanks to Cherie Smith and Julie Heinicka for providing an amazing dinner and gathering so many volunteers who brought homemade desserts and side dishes.

Fifty people attended and the consensus was we must do it again next year! "Who else does a Lenten concert?" we asked. Matthew did a wonderful job and what a blessing it was to have his mother, aunt and grandmother attend as well (see below).





Get your Game on!  
It's



**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2015

**Time:** 7:00—9:00 p.m.

**Place:** Calvary

We will have rotation of games in all different places of the church. We will travel in groups of four for the rotation. It will be loads of fun!

Some of the games: Table tennis, Baggo, Play nine, Telestations, Dixit, Pentago, Word around, Bubble talk, Dominos

**Bring a friend**





# Connections

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



## Important Dates "At-a-Glance"

Holy Week – Administrative Office is closed/Volunteer staff and Pastoral Care by Clergy only

Maundy Thursday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6 pm	Dinner
	7pm	Holy Eucharist & "Foot Washing" *
	8pm-7am	Prayer Vigil (1 hour sign up throughout the night)
Good Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8am	Stations of the Cross: Traditional
	9-11am	Personal Confessions (Chapel of the Holy Cross)
	12pm	The Solemn Liturgy & "Veneration" *
	7pm	Stations of the Cross: Contemporary
Saturday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	7-11am	Rotary Pancake Breakfast/Food Pantry benefit
	7-8:30pm	The Great Vigil (Bring your "Bells")*
Easter Sunday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	7am	Sunrise" Holy Eucharist "Waterfront"
	8am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	10am	Holy Eucharist Rite II *
	11:30am	The Great "Easter Egg Hunt"(Bring your "Baskets") <i>There will not be an Easter Lunch/Feast this year</i>
Monday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm-8pm	Prayer Team
Wednesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	<del>6 pm</del>	No Holy Eucharist Service this evening
Sunday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Monday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Funeral service for Susan Martin
Wednesday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
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Friday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	7pm-9pm	Families United Game Night
Wednesday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
Thursday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6 pm	Men's Club Spaghetti Dinner
Wednesday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm	Holy Eucharist
	6:45-7:15	Dinner
	7:15-8:15	Christian Ed.: Creation, Confirmation & Bible

\* All Confirmands required to attend specified services for Holy Week for the course  
All liturgical events and only non-liturgical monthly events will be posted. All events of Calvary are included on the Church main calendar.



## April Birthdays

- 1 – Tobey Carter
- 3 – Doug Laning, Eduardo Gonzalez
- 4 – Betsy Reynolds
- 6 – Rick Schock, Colin Carpenter
- 7 – Nancy Cerwin
- 8 – Megan Laitinen
- 9 – Nicholas De Santis, Obi Okonkwo
- 11 – Justin Williams
- 13 – Greg Donham
- 16 – Emily Stimson
- 18 – Katherine Turner, Fr. Bob Wagenseil
- 19 – Diane Lincoln, Sada Premo
- 20 – Curtis Jensen
- 22 – Betty Sileo, Tom Mevers
- 23 – Claire English
- 25 – Ella Biddle
- 26 – Kyle Tompkins
- 29 – Glenn Bradley
- 30 – Lee Hanna



## Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 – Matt and Kelli Facarazzo
- 4 – Fr Jon and Lynne Roberts
- 14 – Phil and Carol Beauchamp

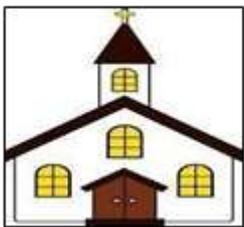


## Pinellas Suncoast F&R Birthdays

- 1 – Todd Best
- 3 – Timothy Burnham
- 12 – Brooke Waring
- 30 – David Livernois

IF we missed your date or if there is need of correction, we apologize.

Please notify the office.



## Property

### **New Air Conditioners**

Do you recall those red envelopes we collected all of last year? Inside each you gave your extra dollars that would be necessary for the anticipated replacement of our aging HVAC units, especially the ones that serve cool air to the kitchen and the Barge Hall. Well...since then we have replaced both. We are pleased to report that the new A/C unit for Barge Hall was installed recently on March 26<sup>th</sup> and is ready to help give us relief in the upcoming summer months. Together, the total amount of ~\$15,000 was spent for these necessary replacements. We collected ~\$13,000 overall in 2014. If anyone would like to contribute to the difference not met, we would be most appreciative.

### **Irrigation**

Also, the irrigation system around the Church property is being repaired and adjusted. This should help spruce up the foliage around the property. Thank you to all who contribute to making Calvary Episcopal Church a special place to worship.



## Parking Lot fundraiser

On Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> the North and West parking lots will be restricted for use. In an effort to collect additional funding for our Youth and Music ministries, there will be parking for those wishing to make a \$5 donation. Helpers with the Rotary and members of Calvary will be extended free parking as they will be working on property to raise funds for the Food Pantry during this all day event, "Beauty & the Beach."

## Helping Hands Work Day

On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, we had a great show of volunteerism from several members of Calvary to prepare the Church for Holy Week. They came to fold palm crosses, stuff Easter eggs and veil in red the sacred symbols for Palm Sunday. They came with shovels and rakes to get up pounds and pounds of leaves covering our south side. They came washing windows both inside and out. They came to replace all our lightbulbs inside and out with the newer LED bulbs. They came to plant new flowers and plants; getting down on hands and knees they straightened the landscaping curbs by our shrubs; they painted our outside cross and striped our parking lock; they made general repairs. Most importantly they did it with love and had a great time together doing it. Please enjoy all the following pictures.





The "Helping Hands" Work Crew  
*Some members absent from photo*



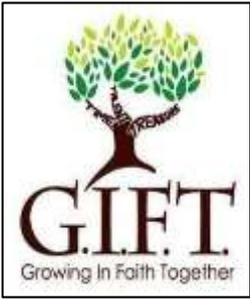
## Leadership

### **Treasurer Needed**

"What is required to be a Treasurer of a Church?" you may ask. If so, we are looking for someone who is a good communicator and able to know how to read a balance sheet, a financial statement as it relates to a budget. Working with the Rector, Wardens, Vestry, Finance Committee, and our Parish Bookkeeper, you will find a generous level of support and knowledge from those who already have a firm grasp of our operation. There are details that require someone to investigate and to communicate the financial realities of Calvary. Are you being called to be our next Treasurer? If so, please schedule a time to meet with Fr. Jon or inquire with any Vestry member.

### **Special Thanks**

We are grateful for so many volunteers who give their time to serving the Church. In the "Helping Hands" photo above, a special bit of appreciation goes out to Phil Beauchamp who organized the work crews for landscaping, cleaning and repairs; we thank Karen Hillegas, who stepped in to assist leading the Altar Guild with its Palm Sunday preparations, especially folding all those Palm crosses; we thank David Kline who will be organizing the Rotary volunteers at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast to which all the proceeds support our Beach Community Food Pantry. Great team effort all around!



# Stewardship

## Estate Planning

One of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make is by establishing an estate plan. Everyone should have an estate plan comprising of either a will or trust. A will is a legal document that allows you to control how your assets are distributed after your lifetime. Without a will, the probate court will decide who acquires your assets upon your death. Typically, the court will divide your assets between your surviving spouse and children, or your blood relatives. The court will not provide for any charitable intentions you may have.

A trust allows you to control how your assets are distributed both during and after your lifetime. Establishing a trust requires that you transfer ownership or title of your assets to the name of your trust. Since the trust owns the assets, there is nothing for the courts to control when you die. This is beneficial since, unlike a will, you avoid all the costs, delays and publicity of the probate process. Most importantly, an estate plan allows you to determine how and to whom the gifts of God has bestowed on you will be distributed when you can no longer serve as your own steward.

For detailed questions on wills or trusts and how it affects you, contact an estate planning attorney. After you have prepared for your loved ones, please consider the Calvary Endowment Fund as part of your estate plan. You may contact our church office at 727-595-2374 or Mr. Mike Alford for more information.

## Pledge results

We only need three more people to pledge to reach our goal of 75 pledges for the 2015 budget. If you have not pledged, it is not too late to do so. Please help the Church reach this goal. Fill out a pledge card today. The data below has been updated for pledged income; Visitor's open plate contributions are not shown. Here is the comparison:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Amount Pledged	\$168,339	\$165,020	\$141,501
Pledges	72	69	50
Avg.	\$2,338	\$2,392	\$2,830
Increases	23	12	
Decreases	14	21	
No Change	21	17	
New	14	19	

Lost (Death or Transfer) 9  
 Uncertain  
 (Pledged last year/not this year) 15\*  
 Potential  
 (Have never pledged, but give) 52\*

**\*48% of our members do not pledge. Estimated 22% of our member revenue for 2015.**

Making a pledge helps us budget our Operation. Please consider making a pledge today.

## Winterfest results

Perhaps the most successful Winterfest fundraiser Calvary has ever had was this past February raising over \$13,000 in much needed funds for the Church. Specific details regarding net profit and distribution are expected in the May Crier newsletter.



## Deadline for the May Crier: April 24<sup>th</sup>

Please send all pictures and articles to us by then.

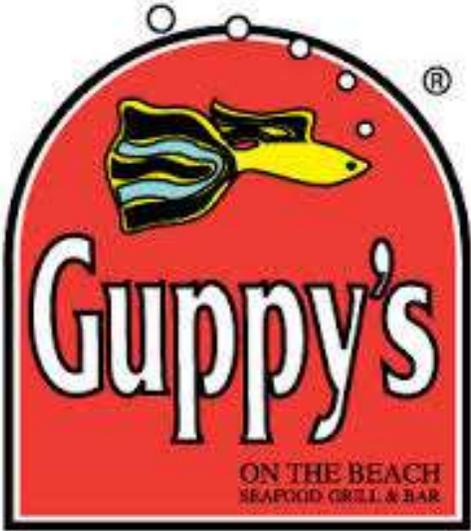
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