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

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Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Collect for the First Sunday in Lent)

Lay Low

It is awfully tempting to "lay low" for Lent with the winter upon us. Spiritually, we are invited and encouraged to lay low. This is not to mean depressed. It does not mean sad nor defeated. It means we are to kneel before the Lord our maker who knows each of our weaknesses. Yes, those faults of ours which we unknowingly do or stubbornly ignore in public places and in private, God is fully aware of your condition. Our father, who art in heaven, desires spending time with us to review and renew our lives. So let's make Lent the time to lay low by making an appointment with God.

About twenty years ago, I was surprised to read that the occupation with the highest rate of suicides was being a Dentist. People dreaded going to them and they knew it. Pain and anxiety would build when your dentist appointment came. As a result, these professionals harbored the fears that were heaped upon them in their work and in the places outside of their work. Many of them laid low out of the feeling of an inner guilt. In their subconscious they felt terrible for all the root canals and pulled teeth. Since then, the profession has evolved to something with a greater reception using tools and treatments that do not inflict the level of pain and despair once felt.

God says we are to make an appointment with him to remove pain and fear. In 1 Peter 5:7 it reads, "Cast all your cares upon [Jesus] for he cares for you." Lent is about going to Jesus and asking for all your worries, all your secret faults to be removed. For all the sinful cavities to be repaired. This is a season in which we lay low and allow him to look inside us. You will need to be completely trusting. It will not hurt. Those who turn away the scheduled appointment could have direct consequences as we read in Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

If you are going to fall to temptation, fall upon God's mercies which are everlasting. See Lent as an important check-up. Here are the available dates for your next appointment. You choose. Come as often for cleaning as you need. The opportunities in February with their applications are:

Feb. 10th 8am/12/6pm "Ash Wednesday"

Imposition of Ashes &

Holy Eucharist Confessions

Feb. 14th, 21st, 28th 8/10am Holy Eucharist

Feb. 17th, 24th 6pm Holy Eucharist & Holy Unction

To make your "appointment" in Lent call 727/595-2374 for more information, or simply drop in, and be tempted to "lay low."

Yours, faithfully in Christ Jesus our Lord, Father Jon





New Vestry Members

We are pleased to announce four new members were elected to the 2016 Vestry. They are Mike Alford, David Kline, Kim Heinicka and Rick Schock.

We are most grateful for the outstanding leadership of retiring Vestry members, Julie Heinicka, Cynthia Laitinen and Judy Marx. Each served an additional term giving them six years of total service each. They deserve our gratitude and we are very fortunate to have those who love the Church as they do. Their successors will

be able to build upon what they started.

Following the Annual Parish Meeting on January 31st, the Vestry met in the West Classroom to Introduce the newly elected leaders and to appoint/elect the officers as such to the Executive Committee:

Mike Alford – Sr. Warden Kim Heinicka – Jr. Warden Phil Beauchamp – Treasurer Judy Marx – Clerk of the Vestry

Delegates to the 2016 Convention: Derek Good, Jo Simpson Cherie Smith, Gordon Burton



The Annual Parish Meeting

Last week, on Sunday, January 31st, Calvary held its Annual Parish Meeting as is required by the bylaws of the Diocese of Southwest Florida and the bylaws of Calvary Episcopal Church. A quorum was met with 80 active members voting.

The business of this meeting was engaging and productive, reflected in the minutes here below:

Calvary Episcopal Church Annual Parish Meeting Minutes January 31, 2016

Opening Prayer: Fr. Jon Roberts called the 2016 Annual meeting to order at 10:32 AM. The meeting began with the Calvary parish prayer. A copy of the Annual Report was at each place in the room.

Declaration of a Quorum: Judy Marx, Clerk of the Vestry reported that there was a quorum present.

Welcome by the Senior Warden: Mike Alford, Senior Warden Pro-Tem welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting.

Approval of the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting were in the Annual Report. Ralph Kiphuth moved that the 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes be accepted as presented. Betsy Reynolds seconded and the motion passed.

Election of Members to the Vestry: Fr. Roberts announced that there are five parishioners running for four seats. They are: Mike Alford, Gordon Burton, Kim Heinicka, David Klein and Rick Schock. Those eligible to vote must be 1) a member in good standing; 2) a financial giver of record; and 3) over 16 years of age. Fr. Roberts appointed Ralph Kiphuth, Pat Tarrant and Bob Lima as tellers for the balloting. Mike Alford, Kim Heinicka, David Klein and Rick Schock were elected to the Vestry and Gordon Burton will be a delegate to the diocesan convention in October.

The Rector's Report: Fr. Roberts stated that the climate of Calvary is a loving spirit. Many things have been accomplished this year. Fr. Roberts has instituted the Ten Great Commissions and each Vestry member has a commission. This has helped us to meet our goals. We have spent a lot of time together as a parish family and many new ministries have started – summer mission trips for our youth; Wednesday night dinners, theme night dinners; a large confirmation class and the "Christmas Mission Across America" musical which our youth performed at Christmas time.

Presentation of the 2016 Budget: Maria Gonzalez presented the 2016 budget. She said that no monies were transferred from our investment account this year. One of our largest areas of savings this year was from Property category. Maria stated that our expenses still exceed our income. She said the majority of our income still comes from pledges. Our parish giving is increasing and our deficit is decreasing. **Bill Athanson made a motion to accept the 2016 Budget as presented. Eric Nelson seconded and the motion carried.**

Amendments to the Church By-Laws: Jo Simpson, Chair of the By-Law revision stated that working on the By-Laws was a labor of love and endurance. She said that By-Laws let us operate with decency and in order. Revisions were badly needed. They can be amended at any time. Marilyn Clark made a motion to accept the By-Laws revision as presented. David Hillegas seconded and the motion carried.

Honorable Mentions and New Recipients of the Parochial Cross: Fr. Roberts stated that there were many eligible for honorable mention. These include the Altar Guild, the Adult Choir, the Bell Choir, the Youth Ensemble, the Acolytes, the Readers, the LEM's, the LEV's, the Prayer Team, the Celebration of Life, the

Hospitality Teams, the Families United, the Winterfest Committee, the Front Desk staff, St. Raphael's Guild, the Crier Newsletter, the Calvary Website, the Food Pantry, the Holiday Meals, UTO/ERD/SAMS Missions, the Christmas Shoebox Ministry, the Children's Chapel, the Confirmation Class, the Wednesday Night Dinners, the Clean-up Day, The Finance Committee, and the Legacy Society. Fr. Roberts also recognized the staff – Laurie Lawther and Matthew Burke. He thanked the Vestry – the Executive Committee, Mike Alford, Cherie Smith, Judy Marx and Julie Heinicka. He thanked the 2015 Vestry Retirees – Julie Heinicka, Judy Marx, Cynthia Laitinen and Mike Alford (filling an unexpired term). He thanked the Vestry Class of 2016 – Cherie Smith, Cathy Athanson, Dianne Oeste and Marilyn Clark and the Vestry Class of 2017 – Jim Yanacheck, Chuck Pond, Derek Good and Jo Simpson. He gave special thanks to Deacon Melissa and Lynne Roberts.

The following are the New recipients of the Parochial Cross:

Theo Komarnitzky, Susan Koester, Ralph Kiphuth, Maria Gonzalez-McDaniel, Mike Alford, Dianne Oeste, and Deacon Melissa Sands

The Necrology: Fr. Roberts offered a prayer for the souls of all the faithfully departed in 2015: Susan Martin, John Mortellite, Claire Yates, Gordon Sullivan and William Britt

The Doxology and Benediction: Fr. Roberts led us in the Doxology followed by the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Judith M. Marx Clerk of the Vestry

The Annual Parish Meeting Report

Were you unable to attend the Annual Meeting? Do not feel left out. Along with the minutes of the meeting you can get the full report for 2015 on our website at www.calvaryirb.org or you can get a printed copy in Church by the "Front Desk." An informed congregation is an active congregation. If you did not get the report sent to you via email then this means one of two things. We either do not have your email address or you have it set on your computer to put our mailings in your "spam" box.

4 Questions Every Team Leader Needs to Ask

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

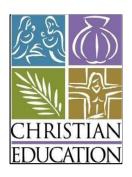


Here are four questions to ask in order to evaluate your effectiveness in building a successful team:

 Does everyone's opinion matter? A team isn't a group of people who just agree with the leader. You need people who will challenge your ideas, thought processes, and ways of doing things. Understand the non-negotiables, but leave everything else open for discussion. Hopefully, you've surrounded yourself with people who understand the vision and mission of your church. Value their opinion. If you spend most of your time convincing them to agree with you—either by force or lack of acknowledgement—you'll find yourself void of creative team members.

- 2. **Do you openly value your team?** One of the most common complaints of team members is that they're not appreciated by the leader. Celebrate input and creativity. Create a culture where cross-pollination occurs through team interaction. Identify strengths and listen to each person. Provide an atmosphere of authenticity and openness. Teams flourish when celebration, praise, and truthful evaluations are done on a regular basis.
- 3. **Does everyone know what's expected of them?** When a leader changes direction, philosophy, or mode of operation too often, team members lose sight of their goals—both individually and corporately. Change is necessary, but make sure there's a valid reason for it. Review job descriptions, goals, and team member responsibilities regularly.
- 4. **Are you willing to let go?** Helicopter-leaders create team member dependency. Instead, release team members to do what they've been asked to do. This helps them develop their unique gifting and equips them for future leadership roles. Releasing is not abandonment. Provide support and encouragement as team members take ownership for their ministry.

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Christian Education

The Last Supper

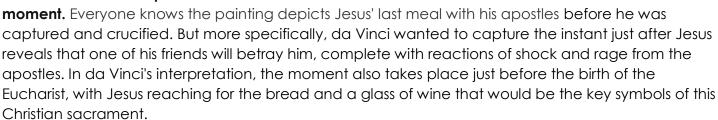
Leonardo da

Vinci's masterpiece is one of the most admired, most studied, and most reproduced paintings the world has ever known.

But no matter how many times you've seen it, we'll bet you don't know these details.

1. It is Bigger than you think. Countless reproductions have been made in all sizes, but the original is about 15 feet by 29 feet.

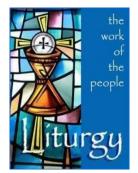
2. THE LAST SUPPER captures a climatic



- **3. You will not find it in a museum.** Although *The Last Supper* is easily one of the world's most iconic paintings, its permanent home is a convent in Milan, Italy. And moving it would be tricky, to say the least. Da Vinci painted the religious work directly (and fittingly) on the dining hall wall of the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie back in 1495.
- **4. Although it is painted on a wall, it is not a fresco.** Frescos were painted on wet plaster. But da Vinci rejected this traditional technique for several reasons. First off, he wanted to achieve a grander luminosity than the fresco method allowed for. But the bigger problem with frescos—as da Vinci saw it—was that they demanded the painter rush to finish his work before the plaster dried.



- **5. Da Vinci used a brand new technique on his masterpiece.** In order to spend all the time he needed to perfect every detail, da Vinci invented his own technique, using tempera paints on stone. He primed the wall with a material that he hoped would accept the tempera and protect the paint against moisture.
- **6. Very few of Da Vinci's original brushstrokes remain.** Although the painting itself was beloved, da Vinci's tempera-on-stone experiment was a failure. By the early 16th century, the paint had started to flake and decay, and within 50 years, *The Last Supper* was a ruin of its former glory. Early restoration attempts only made it worse. Vibrations from Allied bombings during World War II further contributed to the painting's destruction. Finally, in 1980, a 19-year restoration effort began. *The Last Supper* was ultimately restored, but it lost much of its original paint along the way.
- **7. A hammer and nail helped Da Vinci achieve the one-point perspective.** Part of what makes *The Last Supper* so striking is the perspective from which it's painted, which seems to invite the viewer to step right into the dramatic scene. To achieve this illusion, da Vinci hammered a nail into the wall, then tied string to it to make marks that helped guide his hand in creating the painting's angles.
- **8. Renovations eliminated a portion of** *The LAST SUPPER*. In 1652, a doorway was added to the wall that holds the painting. Its construction meant that a lower central chunk of the piece—which included Jesus' feet—was lost.
- **9. The Last Supper's Judas may have been modeled after a real criminal.** It is said that the look of every apostle was based on a real-life model. When it came time to pick the face for the traitorous Judas (fifth from the left, holding a bag of telltale silver), da Vinci searched the jails of Milan for the perfect looking scoundrel.
- **10. There may be a biblical Easter egg here.** To the right of Jesus, Thomas stands in profile, his finger pointing up in the air. Some speculate that this gesture is meant to isolate Thomas's finger, which becomes key in a later Bible story when Jesus rises from the dead. Thomas doubts his eyes, and so is entreated to probe Jesus' wounds with his finger to help him believe.
- 11. The meaning of its food is up for debate. The spilled salt before Judas has been said to represent his betrayal, or alternately, is seen as a sign of his bad luck in being the one chosen to betray. The fish served has similarly conflicted readings. If it is meant to be eel, it might represent indoctrination and thereby faith in Jesus. However, if it's herring, then it could symbolize a nonbeliever who denies religion.



Worship

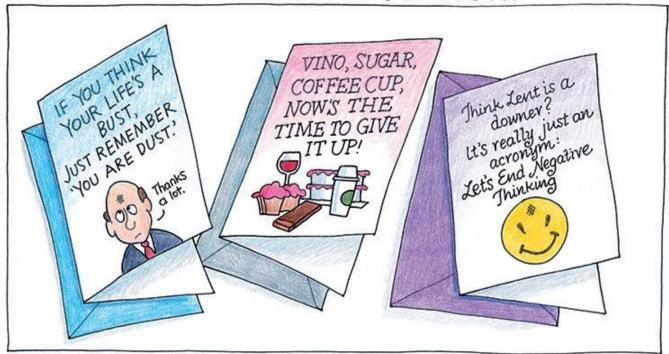
Ash Wednesday Confessions

Every Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. This year we continue the tradition of imposing ash upon the foreheads of the faithful, reminding them that, "Remember that thou are dust, and to dust thou shall return." It is also a good time to benefit from making your annual confession to a priest. Sign-ups are done personally by sending an email to Fr. Jon. The appointments can be made for Wednesday, February 9th and are typically forty-five minute time periods for the following times:

9:00am, 10:00, 11:00 in the morning; 1:00pm, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 for the afternoon. If making your first confession, you may read more about the liturgy by going to this website: http://www.bcponline.org/ then go to "Pastoral Offices", then "Reconciliation of the Penitent."

All appointments are confidential and requested by email to Fr. Jon at iroberts@calvaryirb.org

AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS NOT YET COME: LENTEN GREETING CARDS



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Lent

Lent is the span of time in the church calendar that starts with Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday commemorates the beginning of Jesus' 40-day fasting and temptation in the desert, and Easter Sunday commemorates Jesus' resurrection from the grave after his crucifixion.

Lent, then, is generally observed as a time for Christians to reflect, repent, and pray as a way of preparing their hearts for Easter. It is commonly observed by many Christian denominations—Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and others—although not every Christian church or denomination does so. Because Lent is not officially instituted in Scripture, observing it isn't in any way a "requirement" of Christianity. However, Christians from many different theological persuasions choose to observe it as a way of focusing their thoughts on Jesus Christ during the Easter season.

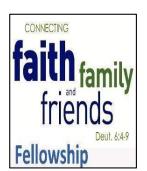
How does one observe Lent? It differs from person to person and church to church, but some of the things Christians opt to do to observe Lent include:

- On the first day of Lent (Ash Wednesday), Father Jon **marks our foreheads with ash** as a symbol of sorrow and mourning over our sin. (See Job 42 for an example of ash used as a symbol of repentance.)
- **Special worship services**, or additions to regular worship services, that focus in various ways on man's need for repentance. We hold a series of Lenten programs every year.
- Some Christians choose to give up a habit or behavior during Lent as an exercise in prayerful self-denial. This might range from something as simple as not drinking soda during Lent to a full-blown program of fasting.
- Some Christians commit to a special devotional activity during Lent—for example, daily Scripture reading, regular prayer for a specific person or topic throughout Lent, or volunteer work in their community.

Diocesan Annual Altar Guild meeting

Saturday, March 5, 2016 DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center New Pavilion 8411 – 25th Street East Parrish, Florida 34219 The theme this year is Needlepoint Around the Diocese. We are asking YOU to share your beautiful original needlepoint with others! The annual meeting is on a Saturday, so you should be able to bring a few pieces and get them back to your church for Sunday services with no problem. Tables will be set up around the room and everyone will have ample time to admire everything. Each Altar Guild bringing items will be responsible for their own

display – provide a sign with your church name and location, pictures of items you can't bring, information on how the needlepoint was created – how the theme was selected, who designed it, was it a one-time project or do you have an ongoing needlepoint guild, etc. If you plan to bring a needlepoint example from your church, please contact Sarah Hill [email to sarahhill.fl@gmail.com or call 727-525-9340].



Fellowship

contribute to one of our climbers (preferably me!)

IRB Rotary News

It is the start of a new year and IRB Rotary is hard at work on a number of projects that will take place in the coming months:

reprint the 'Beer Wagon Team' of IRB Rotarians will once again take care of the beer portion of Winterfest, as we have done for many years past. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service in the community.

March 19th: Team IRB Rotary will be participating in the annual American Lung Association 'Fight for Air' fundraising climb to be held on March 19th at the Bank of America building in downtown Tampa. Log onto Fight for Air Climb—American Lung Assoc. to join our team or to

<u>April 2nd</u>: Pancake Breakfast. All gross proceeds are donated to Calvary's Beach Community Food Pantry. Breakfast of pancakes, sausage orange juice and coffee will be served from 7 – 11 am. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$6.00 at the door and can be purchased from Claire English or David Kline. Come have a filling and tasty breakfast and support Calvary's largest mission. See David or Claire if you would like to volunteer.

May 21st: Art & Ale IRB Rotary will sponsor its 4th annual Art & Ale event at the Duncan McLellan Glass Studio in the Warehouse Art District of St Petersburg. More details will be coming in the March issue of the Crier If you would like to become a sponsor or donate a silent auction item, please contact David Kline (727-418-1673)

Shrove

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If you would like to know more about the fellowship of Rotary, the world's oldest and largest service organization, please contacting club president Claire English or David Kline or consider attending one of our meetings, which are held each Wednesday at the Jimmy Guana's Restaurant, from 7:15 to 8:15 am.

Shrove Tuesday

Is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday which is the first day of Lent. It's a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. But there's more to Shrove Tuesday than eating pancakes. The pancakes themselves are part of an ancient custom with deeply religious roots.

Penitence: Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shriving that Christians used to undergo in the past. In shriving, a person confesses their sins and receives absolution for

them. When a person receives absolution for their sins, they are forgiven for them and released from the guilt and pain that they have caused them. In the Catholic or Orthodox context, the absolution is pronounced by a priest. This tradition is very old. Over 1000 years ago a monk wrote in the Anglo-Saxon Ecclesiastical Institutes: In the week immediately before Lent everyone shall go to his confessor and confess his deeds and the confessor shall so shrive him. Shrove Tuesday celebrations

Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Giving up foods: but not wasting them. In the old days there were many foods that observant Christians would not eat during Lent: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shriving Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent without going off.

The need to eat up the fats gave rise to the French name Mardi Gras; meaning fat Tuesday. Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour. The Altar Guild serves a Pancake Supper each year.

The 1st Annual Lavabo Bowl

On Superbowl Sunday, February 7th there is a game in the evening between the Carolina Panthers and the Denver Broncos in San Francisco,... however, the biggest game of all starts at 1pm in Largo at Bonner Park between...



The Protestants vs. The Catholics

A new tradition at Calvary where the Catholics will either "Excommunicate" the Protestants, or the Protestants will "Reform" the Catholics. Led by captains Fr. Jon Roberts of the Catholic Cougars and Dr. Paul Fisher of the Protestant Panthers, these two teams go head to head for a classic game of "Flag-Football." Bring your chairs, your lunch, your cameras to see the game of all games. Draft Sunday is on the same day after Church.

Bring a white shirt and a black (dark) shirt if you have them. Prepare to get dirty and have the most fun ever for this fun competition.

Bonner Park is located at the end of 143rd St. in Largo. Coming from the Church, cross the Walsingham Bridge, turn left (north) just beyond the Citgo and Orange Shop. Game starts at 1pm. Get there by 12:30 for warm up and team assignments.

Did Noah fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark ?" "No," replied Johnny.

"How could he, with just two worms."

Coffee Hour

It's not too late to make another New Year's Resolution - to help with the Sunday Coffee Hour set up/clean up. The coffee and sweets that are enjoyed by many a re prepared by few. We Need Help!!!! We have the reputation for serving "the best coffee on Indian Rocks Beach" - you too can be part of this! Call either Cynthia Laitinen or myself Susan Brillat or visit us - in the kitchen of course.



"Choirfest"

Friday, February 5th various choirs from our local area will gather at St. Jeromes Catholic Church on Oakurst St. to lift up their voices and sing. All are welcome to attend. The event begins at 6pm.

The Calvary Picture Directory

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

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

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

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

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

All photos will be taken in Barge Hall at Calvary.

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



Thursdays to Consider for your Photo appointment:

March 17th March 31st April 7th

Lenten Soup & Devotion

Come out on the Wednesdays of Lent for a time of fellowship over soup and a salad, followed by a devotion. Fr. Jon will set us through our Lenten meditations. Anyone who wishes to volunteer by providing a soup one night or other nourishment should contact Cherie Smith or Carol Beauchamp. The dinner begins promptly at 7pm starting February 17th and ending March 16th.



"Concert For A Cause" INDIAN ROCKS BEACH





Local Musicians Join Together to support The Beach Community Food Pantry & Calvary's Music Ministries

Sunday, February 14th, 2016 3 PM

"Valentine's Day"

Celebrate with a Collection of Love Songs, Art Songs, Arias and Original Music by Local Composers

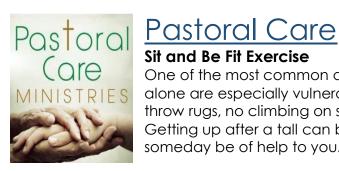
Professional Organist & Conductor, Arthur Goetze Soprano, Lee H. Tong Guest Performers Dr. Wilhelm Goetze & Dr. Lori Kleinman

Reception to Follow

Suggested Donation \$10:00



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Sit and Be Fit Exercise

One of the most common accidents that occur is falling. And those who live alone are especially vulnerable. There are suggested ways to avoid a fall - no throw rugs, no climbing on stepladders, grab bars in bathtubs and showers, etc. Getting up after a tall can be challenging. The following is an illustration that may someday be of help to you.

Getting Up After a Fall

If you are hurt or can't get up after you have fallen. 1) Try to reach a phone to call 911. Find a comfortable position on the floor to wait in until help arrives. If you are not seriously hurt, roll over onto your side; rest there for a few minutes, and then crawl to a sturdy chair. 2) Put your hands on the seat and slide one foot forward until it's flat on the floor. 3) Slowly rise and turn to sit in the chair. Marilyn Clark

"Safeguarding All of God's Children" Update

The Diocese of SW Florida, and Calvary Episcopal Church have been presenting the "Safeguarding" All of God's Children" program for twelve years. Statistics show that the program works. Incidents of abuse have significantly decreased nationally since the program was started. Our Church is a safer, healthier place for our precious children and youth, because many of our parishioners cared enough to spend four hours to learn about this issue. Deacon Melissa is presenting the "Safeguarding All of God's Children" program on Sunday afternoon March 13 from noon to 4:30 p.m. A light lunch will be served, and to provide an accurate count of attendees, please RSVP via email to msands@calvaryirb.ora.

The National Church developed this program, and the Diocese of Southwest Florida requires that everyone in a leadership or direct ministry role in the church take part in this training. Those who are required to complete the workshop include the vestry, all who participate in youth ministries, lay Eucharistic visitors, clergy, and staff. Everyone, whether or not you are in a required ministry group, is invited to take the class. Deacon Melissa encourages all parents and grandparents to take the class because you will learn new ways to help protect the children you love.

Each person who has taken the class is required to be re-certified after five years. You may do this by attending an in person class again, or by completing the program on line. Re-certification on line is easy and convenient to your schedule. If you would prefer to re-certify on line, Deacon Melissa is a diocesan administrator who can guide you in how to do this.

In our baptismal covenant, we promise to respect the dignity of all people. One of the ways we do this is by making certain that our church is a place where people are loved, nurtured, and never hurt. When someone becomes the victim of sexual abuse or harassment in a church, the injury is very damaging. Christians, in their lives and ministries, represent Christ in the world. When a child of God becomes a victim in the church, that child may grow up to feel that God has left them. Their sense of trust and their innocence is taken away from them.

As you read this, you are probably thinking to yourself that you would never hurt a child. Yes, this is true, but would you recognize the signs that a child was being hurt? What can we, as a community, do to prevent one of these terrible events from occurring in our church? The "Safeguarding" program will help you to become more aware of signs of abuse, and teach you to be a member of a ministry team that works together to make our church the safe, secure, loving and happy place we want it to be. Most participants, even those who have had similar training in other settings, remark that they are amazed at what they learned by taking the class. - Deacon Melissa



Missions

Missionary News

The Revd. Dr. Patricia McGregor was our special guest of honor when she visited Calvary on January 24th. She presented an

Adult Forum after the 10am service. "Patsy" is a Missionary Priest in the Diocese of Toliara Madagascar and invited friend of our members, Ed and Joyce McNamara. Rev. Patsy presented the



work she has been doing on this island off the east coast of Africa and the challenges she and her husband have faced as missionaries in the part of the world.

In case you missed the forum here's a summary of her mission. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Todd McGregor and the Rev. Dr. Patsy McGregor have been in the mission field since 1991 and they and their family have served in both Kenya and Madagascar. Currently, Todd and Patsy live in the coastal city of Toliara in southwestern Madagascar where Todd serves as the Anglican Bishop of the recently formed Diocese of Toliara. Patsy plays many roles, including serving as a Diocesan priest, hosting missionary teams, leading local ministries focusing on women's advancement, Bishop's wife, author and she has recently co-written a Christian musical play, Miaraka - A Time to Dance.

In conjunction with *People Reaching People* (PRP) an organization formed by the McGregors and several of their supporters, Patsy and Todd serve the people of the Diocese of Toliara through primary evangelism, opportunities for education, and development of economic activities. Madagascar is among the poorest countries in the world and the areas comprising the Diocese of Toliara are the poorest within Madagascar. Even though the population faces chronic poverty, malnutrition, limited economic opportunity and little in the way of basic human services, the Diocese of Toliara has experienced steady growth since its formation. Today, there are between 6,000 and 7,000 parishioners



in the Diocese. The work of the McGregor's and PRP in the name of Christ provides hope to the people of this remote area of the world.

To learn more or to provide support for this work, please visit: http://www.peoplereaching.org/

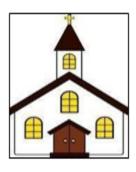
Food Pantry

In the pantry, David Kline is working with Connie to streamline the structure to make best use of time and talent of all our volunteers. We are also in the process of stowing the mountain of food Publix donated at Christmas time.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Christmas Past is gone, now we need to look for Christmas Future. And in order to be ready we need empty shoe boxes. So, go shopping, clean your closets, ask your neighbors - whatever - and bring them in- You may leave them at the reception desk. Thank you again for your wonderful generosity in wrapping and filling 140 shoe boxes this Christmas Past. You made a Merry Christmas for many children.

Marilyn Clark



<u>Property</u>

Thanks to recommendation by parishioner Terry England, we have Price Constriction finishing outside repair on termite damage. Also new panes of glass were put in to replace cracked ones. Materials chosen for inside and outside repairs are not known to be in a termite's diet. Also treatment for the pesky pests was done before the new material was applied.

Also from a property standpoint Phil Beauchamp and myself did a walk through compiling a list of things we will address on our work day to be tentatively for March 18.



Outdoor Lighting & Hot Water

Well over three years, we have not had the use of hot water from our main water heater to serve bathrooms and sinks. Now we do. For the same duration we have not had the use of our outdoor lighting going down by the west side (1st St.) of our church from the choir room to the Food Pantry. Now we do.

Julie Heinicka provided several enhancements such as these during her tenure as our Jr. Warden. Thank you Julie!!! We'll miss you, sorta...as now her husband Kim is our new Jr. Warden. That makes Julie his assistant! A true blessing to have them both so that our Church will continue to be operational and safe.





Connections

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

FL.





Important Dates "At-a-Glance"

Monday, February 1st	11:00am	Administrative Staff Meeting
Tuesday, February 2 nd	8:00am	Morning Prayer
,	10:15am	Sit and Be Fit
	11:30am	Calendar Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 3 rd	6:00pm	Holy Eucharist
,	7:00-8:15pm	Adult Christian Ed/Confirmation Class
	7:30pm	Calvary Youth Ensemble
Friday, February 5 th	6:00pm	"Choirfest" – St. Jerome Church
Saturday, February 6 th	10am-4pm	Winterfest
,	10:30am	Blood Drive
Sunday, February 7 th	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
,	1:00pm	1st Annual "Lavabo Bowl" – Bonner Park
Tuesday, February 9 th	8:00am	Morning Prayer
,	10:00am	Administrative Staff Meeting
	10:15am	Sit and Be Fit
	6:00pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wednesday, February 10 th	8:00am	Ash Wednesday: Holy Eucharist & Ashes
,	12:00pm	Ash Wednesday: Holy Eucharist & Ashes
	6:00pm	Ash Wednesday: Holy Eucharist & Ashes
		No Adult Christian Ed/Confirmation Class
Saturday, February 13 th	9:00am	Vestry Retreat
Sunday, February 14 th	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
	3:00pm	Valentine's Day Concert
Monday, February 15 th	6:30pm	Bookies of Calvary
Tuesday, February 16 th	8:00am	Morning Prayer
	10:00am	Administrative Staff Meeting
	10:15am	Sit and Be Fit
Wednesday, February 17 th	6:00pm	Holy Eucharist
	7:00pm	Lenten Soup Dinner & Devotion
	7:30pm	Calvary Youth Ensemble
Sunday, February 21st	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Tuesday, February 23 rd	8:00am	Morning Prayer
	10:00am	Administrative Staff Meeting
	10:15am	Sit and Be Fit
Wednesday, February 24 th	6:00pm	Holy Eucharist
	7:00pm	Lenten Soup Dinner & Devotion
	7:30pm	Calvary Youth Ensemble
Sunday, February 28 th	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship

All liturgical events and only non-liturgical monthly events will be posted. All events of Calvary are included on

the Church main calendar found on our website.

Not getting the Crier each month?

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

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February Birthdays

- 2 Gianna Facarazzo
- 4 Judy Marshall Anita Williams
- 5 Polly Liebe
- 6 Ann Matter, Terry England, Keith Oeste, Ed Curran
- 8 Leslie Long
- 10 Alexandra Everist
- 12 Larry Hite
- 13 Ruth Tripp, Barbara Annen
- 14 Kimberly Williams
- 16 Muriel Burton
- 18 Betsy McKenna
- 20 Billy Young III, Patricia Ann Bowlsby
- 22 Kim Heinicka
- 23 Terra Kingston, Brenda Knickerbocker
- 25 Ashlea Pichardo, Nathaniel Premo
- 27 Michael Sopher
- 28 Leighton Spicer

February Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Alan & Patricia Bowlsby
- 5 Michael & Rebecca Alford
- 7 Gene & Toni Chapman
- 11 Bob & Judy Cannistraro
- 12 Manuel Sosa & Leslie Long
- 14 Obi & Ileana Okonkwo

Pinellas Suncoast F&R Birthdays

8 – Ryan Olding



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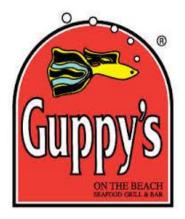
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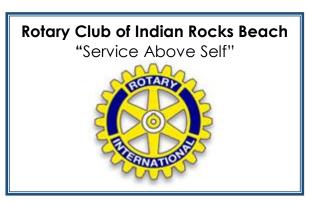
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Goods, services and tangible donations over \$1000 qualify to become a partner with Calvary.









Member Ads

Interested in promoting your business? Members can advertise for only \$5/month or may render

goods & services in lieu. Non-members for \$25/month per discretion of the Calvary administration.



