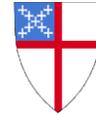


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Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Door of Humility

A phrase repeated hundreds of times at Calvary last Ash Wednesday was "Remember thou art dust, and to dust you shall return." It was a very humbling experience. Christians were invited to come forth and receive the sacred symbol of the cross on their foreheads to begin their Lenten journey. Each of the three services, were well attended, and each carried a unique homily, which ultimately pointed to the sign of the cross. It is the most profound outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ. I wonder what was heard when the noticeable mark was seen on your foreheads after you left. Whether you were at the bank, the grocery store, at school, or at the mailbox, you were most likely met by inquisitive looks. This provided an excellent teaching moment about the entrance into Lent. It is a journey about what it means to be a Christian. It illustrates how we move from the private introspection of Lent to the public, jubilant exit, forty

days later, into Easter. Hopefully you were able to seize the opportunity and articulate your journey of faith in God.

From the scripture readings on Ash Wednesday, the prophet Joel said we were to blow our trumpets as an alarm when the day of doom approaches. The priests were to go to the temple and weep, fast and mourn for the terrible time which was expected to come. Lent has the connotation of darkness getting ready to overtake us. Within Paul's letter to the Corinthians we heard him say, we are to bear the mark of endurance through our afflictions, calamities, hunger and even our beatings. Yes, Lent is a time when we remember or live out the worst. In the gospel, Matthew quotes our Lord, who says we are not to blow our horns nor show ourselves on the street corner like the hypocrites, boasting about our faith or praying out loud. We are not to look dismal or disfigure our faces. We are instead, to go to our rooms, shut the door and pray to our Lord in secret. The Old Testament declares we are to go public and blow our horns, but the New Testament declares we are to be private.

Look at Lent and Easter as two significant sides of a door. On one side you enter, the other, you exit. Lent is indeed a time of privacy, a place to do personal inventory of the soul. You must first enter through the door of humility into the room known as Lent. Through this door, you and God share an intimate, earnest time together. It is private and it is a safe place to encounter the things that separate you from Christ and for you to make things right with Him. How does one begin? You can always go the conventional route. You can practice kneeling beside your bed, clasping your hands together, and closing your eyes. Talk to God as you would normally. Share with Him your disappointments, your fears and your worries. Present to Him the challenges you face and ask for guidance on the subject. You can use the Rite I language by saying, "Lord I am not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs from under your table, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed." Our private prayers in Lent are those that admit we are only dust. We certainly would not be boastful in such a private room where confession is made to God.

We cannot stay in Lent forever, nor would we want to do so. After making confession, eventually we must pass through the door of humility and exit into the room of Easter. Something is learned through this passage. We go public into the world, where there are great temptations, but we continue to speak and listen to God, exercising humility. There is also a bit of caution. Remember, "What you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed upon the housetops" (Luke 12:3). If Lent is the movement from the private intercessions and confessions, then Easter is the passage into the public assembly of awe and reverence that lead us, and others, most certainly to heaven. Continue to seize the opportunities to be a witness for Christ. During these days of Lent, and building up to the Great Easter Vigil, may God bless you and keep you. May God help you to always take on a servant attitude by passing through the door of humility, and living for His Son, Jesus Christ.

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

As March begins we are looking forward to the Lenten Season and Easter. The Calvary Cursillistas are active members of the Calvary community and participate in many of the Season's activities. We are especially happy to welcome a new Cursillista to our group - Diane Oeste attended the October weekend and Connie Curran and Jo Simpson attended the most recent February weekend. The weekend is a life-changing and uplifting experience. If you are interested in attending the next one, it is scheduled for the month of October. Talk to Fr. Jon or any Cursillista for more details.

The Fourth Day group will be meeting on Saturday morning, March 14th, at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. We start off with a great pitch-in brunch and fellowship, which is followed by a short business report and spiritual reading with a discussion period. Anyone who is interested in the Cursillo program is encouraged to attend. For more information you may contact me at happyclark@aol.com or by telephone, 727-517-4071.

Marilyn Clark
Cursillo Liaison

Continuing Education

Continuing Education: Father Jon attended the Winter Symposium titled, "Conflict Management & Reconciliation" at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Nashotah, Wisconsin, February 27-28. This is an important topic for the Church today as we discover most of our conflicts are "often unavoidable, unintentional opportunities to grow in Christ." Two nationally recognized experts on the topic are Dr. David Lee Jones, ThD. and Dr. Peter Steinke offered several factors that lead congregations into conflict and how they can be led through them. The importance of moving through conflicts with acts of reconciliation in order for healing to take place is critical especially during transitional ministry where leaders, both clergy and lay, are always being called. Fr. Jon will share what he learned on Wednesday night following the potluck soup & salad meal. Please join him in Barge Hall.

The Lenten Series

During Lent we will follow a series of lectures offered after the Wednesday 6pm Eucharist in Barge Hall. The speakers are leaders in these areas who have personal experience that will help motivate and inspire. Selected Commissions, to which these pertain, will help each member of the Church identify with these areas, promoting awareness and volunteerism. Sign up is required and potluck soup & salad will be provided. Here below is the schedule:

March 4th Leadership: "Conflict & Reconciliation" Fr. Jon Roberts

March 11th Pastoral Care: "The Power of Prayer" Dcn. Melissa Sands

March 18th Property: "Caring for God's gift" Mrs. Jerry Brewer

March 25th Stewardship: "A Legacy to leave" Mr. Mike Alford

** From February 18th – April 8th, the Families United, Wednesday night programs will not take place due to the Lenten series and Holy Week. This program which includes the supper, followed by Christian education, youth to adult, will resume on April 15th.

Daily Devotionals – By Peter Kennedy

Being Content

“But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.” – 1 Timothy 6:8-9

Around the year 400 AD, the Egyptian Christian Arsenius was determined to live a holy life. So he abandoned the ease of Egyptian society to follow an austere lifestyle in the desert. During the fifty-five years of his solitary life he was always the most plainly clad of all. Even while engaged in manual labor he never relaxed in his application to prayer and literally he prayed without ceasing. Arsenius was a man who was very quiet and often silent. He is most famous for always saying, “Many times I spoke, and as a result felt sorry, but I never regretted my silence.”

Yet whenever he visited the great city of Alexandria, he spent time wandering through its bazaars. Asked why, he explained that his heart rejoiced at the sight of all the things he didn't need.

Contentment cannot be found in things of this world. It only can be found in knowing Jesus and loving Him. Today in prayer, praise the Lord for your life and be content in all that He has given you.

"Contentment is realizing that God has already provided everything we need for our present happiness." – Bill Gothard

God's Word: "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want." – Philippians 4:12

Youth Christian Education Report

The youth of Calvary have been a busy group. The first half of confirmation and youth Christian education classes has been completed. Classes are taking a break for Lent and will resume on April 15th. Come out and join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship.

Welcome Susan Lewis to our group of youth leaders! Susan has volunteered to begin teaching lessons for Children's Chapel. If anyone is interested in joining our group roster of youth leaders, we would love to have you. Please contact Dianne Oeste or Lynne Roberts.

Our Confirmands are preparing to attend a mission trip to Charleston, South Carolina. The kids will be working on fundraising for this trip. More information will be forthcoming.

Our high school kids (over 14 years old and completed the 8th grade) also have the opportunity to attend St. Michael's Conference in West Hartford, Connecticut. St. Michael's Conference, Inc. is a not-for-profit religious conference. Founded in 1960, it is a group of young people and leaders who come together to form a community. Through worship, discussion, recreation, and relaxation, the community seeks both a clearer vision of God in

Christ, and strength and power to fight evil and serve God. For most, it is such a joyful experience that they want it to continue, and many do continue by returning year after year. Michael is a good Patron Saint. He symbolizes a strong religion, the kind of religion where true joy is to be found. The 56th annual Saint Michael's Conference will take place from Sunday, August 2nd through Saturday, August 8th, 2015. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Jon Roberts or Dianne Oeste.

There are several events for youth through the Diocese of Southwest Florida. Listings of events are posted below. For more information, check out the Diocese website <http://www.dioswfl.org>.

There are several youth events coming up like the Families United Bowling Night on Friday, March 13th. With all these events going on, we are working on getting a bulletin board to place all information regarding events, classes, fundraising and any other pertinent information regarding our youth. We will still send group emails too. If you are not on the email list and would like to be, send an email to Dianne Oeste, AuntDisney@hotmail.com.

Dianne Oeste – Christian Education Chair/Vestry Member
Lynne Roberts
Susan Lewis

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

Middle School Summer Camp

June 14-19, 2015

Rising 6th - 8th Grade

Registration Fee: \$390.00

High School Summer Camp

June 21-26, 2015

Participants: 9th -12th Grade

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.

Session 2 - July 15 (dinner) through July 18,

\$200.00

Rising 3rd - 5th Grade

Middle School "Mission" Camp

July 19-24, 2015

Registration Fee: \$390.00

High School "Leadership" Camp

July 26-31, 2015

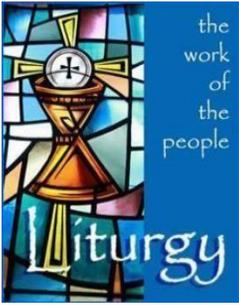
Registration Fee: \$390.00

New Beginnings #58

November 13-15, 2015

Team: 9th-12th Grade

Registration Fee: \$100.00



Worship

The Easter Lily

The Easter lily is symbolic of purity and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter lilies adorn the Altar here at Calvary on the holy day that shares its name. This flower provides a beautiful reminder of what the day means.

“The white reminds us of the purity of Christ, “and the gold color represents the kingly nature of Jesus. There is also the symbolism of the bulb emerging from the ground, just as we believe Jesus Christ was resurrected.

The Easter lily bulb grows for three years before it is shipped to greenhouses and “timed to bloom” for Easter. Each bulb is harvested, sorted, cleaned and replanted three times over the course of that three-year cycle. Not unlike the season it represents, the Easter lily is reborn to live again.

The beauty of flowers will play an important part in our Easter Worship here at Calvary. We adorn the altar with flowers as an opportunity to celebrate the beauty of God's creation. Flowers are always given to the glory of God first and foremost, and then in honor of, memory of, or thanksgiving for a person or occasion. If you would like to remember someone special please complete the form located in the Narthex. The completed forms can be placed in an alms basin during one of our services or turned into the church office.

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

Why do we use Purple for Lent?

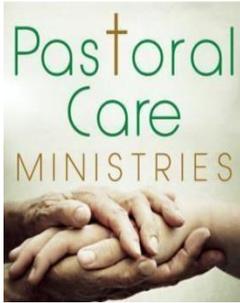
Purple is the color of humility, penance, and wisdom that comes from inward discernment. It is also the color of royalty. The extreme differences between the two (humility and royalty) express one of the great lessons of Lent: Christ as the servant-king and our endurance to be as such to the world as well. Lent is a season of preparation that readies us for Holy Week and the events of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. It is fitting in this season to reflect on Christ's sufferings and on our own sinfulness that caused Him so much pain. Lent is a time for penance, sacrifice, and prayer. So, then, purple, the color that symbolizes penance and contrition, is rightly worn by the priest during this time. The Bible tells us that Pilate and his soldiers placed a purple robe on Jesus, just before His crucifixion. (Mark 15:16-20) "...they put on Him a purple robe. Then they said, Hail, King of the Jews!" (John 19:1-5)

Keep a “Holy” Lent

Lent is not something we do to make God change. It's something we do in response to God's love, to bring about change within ourselves. Lent is a time when we try to clean out the clutter in our hearts and minds and souls, to prepare ourselves for the joyful gift of new life, freely given to us through the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. Lent is a time of waiting with quiet joy for the blessings to come at Easter. The Lenten fast and almsgiving discipline, when done correctly, instill in us a sense of longing, if not literal hunger — an emptiness that represents our soul's deep longing for God. “Be still and know that I am God,” proclaims Psalm 46. But to find that stillness within, we need to empty ourselves. The forty days of Lent symbolizes the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness after his Baptism. It was a time of cleansing and prayer for him, and it preceded the launching of his public ministry. So Jesus's “Lent” was a time of deep inner transformation, through prayer and silence and fasting.

Included in this Crier is an overview of the services we will experience during Holy Week. Please make every effort to put those dates on your calendar and attend.

Cathy Athanson, Altar Guild/Vestry Member – weacpa@tampabay.rr.com
Judy Marx, Worship Chair/Vestry Member – Jmarx9450@aol.com



Pastoral Care

“Sit and Be Fit” Exercise Class

Come one, come all - join us in fun and laughs as we strengthen our bodies without too much sweating - we don't do jumping jacks or push-ups. Our class is focused on deep breathing, good posture and using resistance bands to keep our joints lubricated and moving and building muscular strength. We meet every Tuesday morning at 10:15 in the Parish Hall - the class lasts only an hour so you are out in plenty of time for lunch or to take a walk on the beach. So put on your tennis shoes and a smile and come join us. There is no charge for the class - only a minimum price for a resistance band. If you have any questions call me a 727-517-4071 or email happyclark@aol.com. Marilyn Clark, Class Leader

Prayer Team

Those who wish to share the joy and power of prayer are invited to join the Prayer Team. They meet the first Monday of every month at 6pm.



Missions

Holiday Meals

The “Holiday Meals” program will provide meals once again for Easter. It is a ministry of Calvary that has developed support from many community sources such as the Rotary Club of IRB, the Pinellas County Sheriff's department, Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue, Publix Stores (Indian Rocks Road) and others alike. If you would like to help take part of this event it takes place on Tuesday, March 31st at 3pm behind the Publix on Indian Rocks Rd. With that please note we appreciate all financial contributions and you may indicate this on the memo portion of your check with "Holiday Meals." The Holiday Meals is a budgeted line item for Missions at Calvary and appreciates all levels of support.

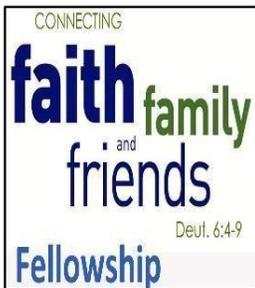
Pancake Fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach will present its annual Pancake Breakfast as the kickoff event to the Beauty and the Beach festivities that will take place on April 4th. The delicious breakfast includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage, coffee and orange juice and will be served from 7-11 am in the Parish Hall of Calvary. Tickets can be obtained for \$5 (advance sale) and \$6 (at the door) by contacting parish members Claire English (727-560-2368) or David Kline (727-418-1673). All proceeds directly support Calvary's Beach Community Food Pantry. We would like to thank Connie Curran and her staff who do a great job, putting much time and effort into the support of those less fortunate in our nearby community. In support of BCFP, we ask that everyone who attends our breakfast, please bring one (or more) non-perishable food item which will be donated to BCFP.

“Art & Ale” Fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Indian Rocks Beach is proud to present the third annual ‘Art and Ale’ fundraiser that will take place on May 16th from 6-9 pm. The event will take place at the Duncan McClellan Glass Studios, 550 24th Street South, in the heart of St. Petersburg’s Warehouse Art District and will feature the sale of over 150 small (5” x 7”) works of art, complementary food, wine and craft beer from some of St Petersburg’s finest craft beer brewers, a glass blowing exhibition from the Duncan McClellan’s glass artists and a silent auction.

Tickets for the event are \$50 and only 200 total tickets will be sold. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Rotarians Dave Kline (727-418-1673) or Claire English (727-560-2368). The proceeds of the event will benefit the John J. Todia, III Scholarship for Art and Music education. John was a past president of our Rotary club and also was Calvary parishioner. To date, 14 scholarships have been awarded to high school seniors, who have gone on to major in art or music in college. Your participation in this event will continue to further John’s passion for art and music education. We are also accepting sponsorship and silent auction items. For more information on the 2015 ‘Art and Ale’ event please visit our website at www.irbrotary.org



Fellowship

Hospitality Report

“Ladies, get out your Spring/Easter bonnets,” and wear them to the 10th Inspirational Tea & Fashion Show on Sunday March 8 at 3:00 pm. Tea & scones, sandwiches and dessert, a fashion show by Patchington, and the popular Chinese auction will be presented at this "sell-out" event. Be sure to reserve your place. This year you may purchase your tea cup and

saucer if you wish. Proceeds will go to H.E.P. (Homeless Emergency Project). Call Susan Brillat 595-4744 for reservations.

Men’s Club

All Men are invited to attend this monthly gathering where we meet and greet. It is a time of common fellowship and sharing interests. Men of all ages are invited. Beef O’ Bradys typically volunteers the food and we ask for a simple donation to go towards the expense. The following are the dates for the next Men’s Club meetings: Thursday, March 19th at 6 pm, Thursday, April 23rd (spaghetti dinner) and Thursday, May 21st.

“Forty Days” Fundraiser Concert & Dinner

When Father Jon asked me do put on a Lenten concert, I wasn't sure how to approach it. All of the "good tunes" are for Easter, right? Then, after prayerful reflection on the meaning of the season, Luke - chapter 4 became evident as the text to set to music. This is where Jesus fasts for 40 days and lights in the wilderness and is tempted by the devil.

The Hymn "Spirit of God Descend upon my Heart" begins the journey for Jesus, returning from the Jordan full of the Holy Spirit. Now the stage is set for a musical dialogue between Jesus and the devil as Jesus confronts the temptations before him. Some of our Lenten hymns will also be included in this music drama.

The Concert is a fund raiser for the Choral section leaders who will sing the lead roles in it; Daniel Lainey as Jesus, Michael Crawford as the devil, and Catherine Grimming as the narrator. Tickets will go on sale for \$15, soon to be available at Calvary.

To show our appreciation for your support of the music department, a BBQ dinner with live music will follow in the Parish Hall.

I hope to see you there, Matthew Burke, Music Director

“Winterfest on the Rocks” Report

Held at Calvary on February 14th 2015 was an amazing success! God blessed us with lots of sunshine that warmed us as the day unfolded. Smiles were seen in abundance and everyone truly had a great time. Chuck Barnhill, the MC kept things jumping while waiting for the street and parish hall entertainment. St Andrews Pipe and Drum opened our event and also entertained the crowds with their bagpipes and drums several times during the day. “Sparky the Fire Dog” arrived to help judge the Sweetheart/Patriotic Pet Parade. He was a big hit with the kids of all ages. So what did the kids do to have fun? They made valentines, paper flowers, played in the bounce house (Noah’s Ark), did chalk drawings on sidewalks and danced with the MC. The Vendors had unique and diverse items for sale. They enjoyed the day and hopefully will return next year. Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue had their old fire truck on display for everyone to enjoy. Thanks for being a friend of Calvary. The bakers of Calvary filled 4 tables with a delicious array of baked goods. Thanks to our excellent Altar Guild for organizing the sale. The Indian Rocks Rotary volunteered to man the beer truck and, as always, did a smashing job! With over a hundred generous donations from our community the Silent Auction was awesome. Lots of 50/50 tickets were sold to the tune of \$1,536.00! And the winner is (drum roll) our very own Diane Oeste! Congratulations Diane. Hungry? Not that day. Our grill masters were busy with yummy burgers and dogs plus we had pulled pork! Slyce Pizza and Kona Ice also offered tasty treats to purchase.

Thank you to our Planning committee and Team leaders. Planning Committee: Cherie Smith, Claire English, Betsey McKenna, and Bill Athanson. Team Leaders: Entertainment - Cat Sutherland; Food - Lisa Kingston; Silent Auction - Betsey McKenna; Kids Activities - Elyssa Coker & Susan Lewis; Pet Parade – Polly Leibe & Julie Heinicka; Vendors – Bill Athanson; Publicity – Harvey Brillat; Bake Sale – Cynthia Laitenen & Sue Harry; 50/50 – Chuck Pond; Financial oversight & collections – Jim English.

A Big Thank You to our wonderful volunteers that made “Winterfest on the Rocks” so successful. Without your help in all the various areas Winterfest wouldn’t have happened.

Thank you also to our generous Sponsors for their support: Guppy’s on the Beach; Slyce Pizza Bar; Beef “O” Brady’s; Plumlee Beach Realty; Canter & McDaniel, CPA; Hubbell Funeral Home; Salon West Hair Studio and Belleair Pool Services. Your support of our sponsors would be greatly appreciated too!

The success of the day was seen in the number of community organizations that came together along with all our parish volunteers. The achievements of every ones combined efforts made the day an enjoyable celebration in our city and specifically at our Church. Pictures of this joyous event can be seen beginning on page 15 of this month’s Crier. Get ready for 2016; it’s going to be bigger and better!!



Connections

Connect spiritually and socially using Black & White XP, Facebook & Yelp.
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Important Dates “At-a-Glance”

Saturday, March 7 th	9-11:30am	Diocesan Altar Guild, St. Peters Cathedral
Sunday, March 8 th	8/10am	Holy Eucharist (Fellowship in Barge Hall)
	3pm	10 th Annual Inspirational Tea & Fashion Show
Monday, March 9 th	7pm	Finance Committee meeting
Tuesday, March 10 th	6/6:30pm	Executive/Vestry meeting
Friday, March 13 th	7pm	Families United Bowling- Seminole Lanes
Saturday, March 14 th	10am	Fourth Day Gathering, Cursillo
Sunday, March 15 th	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
Thursday, March 19 th	6pm	Men’s Club
Sunday, March 22 nd	8/10am	Holy Eucharist followed by Fellowship
	4pm	“Forty Days” Concert & Dinner
Saturday, March 28 th	9am	Altar Guild, Palm crosses, Egg preparations Church-wide “Clean-up” Day
Saturday, April 4 th	7-11am	Rotary Pancake Breakfast/Food Pantry benefit

Holy Week & Easter 2015

Palm Sunday, March 29 th	8/10am	“Passion” & Holy Eucharist *
Holy Tuesday, March 31 st	8 am	Morning Prayer
Maundy Thursday, April 2 nd	6 pm	Dinner
	7pm	Holy Eucharist & “Foot Washing” *
	8pm-7am	Prayer Vigil (1 hour sign up throughout the night)
	8am	Stations of the Cross: Traditional
Good Friday, April 3 rd	12pm	The Solemn Liturgy & “Veneration” *
	7pm	Stations of the Cross: Contemporary
	7-8:30pm	The Great Vigil (Bring your “Bells”)*
Easter Sunday, April 5 th	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”)

* 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.



Leadership

Treasurer Needed

We have made the open appeal for a Treasurer since the January Crier but have not received a volunteer. Perhaps you are simply waiting to be asked in person. This role within our Church is most important and we need to fill it. The new Treasurer will find many opportunities to continue improving our financial operation. The requirements are: A member of Calvary with

knowledge of business and accounting and experience demonstrated working well with others. A college degree in accounting is not a requirement. Having patience, willing to spend time with people and being a problem-solver is required. Retired members do make good treasurers but so do working members. Time commitments required are monthly Vestry presentations and Finance Committee meetings. Working with Rector, Staff and lay volunteers (ie. Counters) included. This is non-stipend volunteer work with "eternal" benefits. 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.

Vestry Retreat

The Vestry met Saturday, February 7th from 9am to lunch in the front classroom/meeting room at Calvary to create the vision of the parish and learn what it means to be effective leaders in the Church. Special thanks to Cathy Athanson and Glenn Bradley who worked with Fr. Jon in planning an excellent day of learning and sharing, creating vision for our Calvary family. Out of this meeting came several wonderful observations and ideas. Pray for your Vestry as they represent our future course. Vestry meetings are held routinely on the second Tuesday of every month (excluding the summer) and all members of the parish are invited to attend to listen or present items on the agenda.

Birthdays

- 1 – Valerie Lima
- 2 – Nancy Hanna
- 3 – Paul Jewell
- 5 – Jesse Thompson
- 6 – Judy Clemens, Watson Roberts,
Mary Schock
- 9 – Theodore Smida, Kirby Nowlan
- 12 – B.D. Turner
- 14 – Karen Hillegas, Elizabeth Krupitza
- 17 – Mary Morris
- 19 – Gabrielle Mevers, Kathleen Sullivan-
Brown, Sandra Bhagwandin,
- 20 – Kathleen DeSantis
- 21 – Melissa Willbee
- 24 – Catherine Sutherland, Meredith
McKenna
- 25 – Dorothy Yates, Kris Heinicka
- 28 – Shannon Nelson, Derek Good
- 31 – Michael Porter



Wedding Anniversaries

- 10 – Josh and Catherine Sutherland
- 15 – Ed and Joyce McNamara
- 24 – Ray and Janel Norton

Pinellas Suncoast F&R Birthdays

- 1 – Dennis Furnell
- 3 – David McConnell
- 10 – David Karpinecz



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

Please notify the office.



Stewardship

Pledge Results

You may recall that in December the parish was challenged to reach 75 pledges for the 2015 budget. We only need three (3) more pledges to reach our goal. 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 details only pledged income; not open plate nor donations that were not pledged. It also includes the distribution breakdown. Here are the comparisons:

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

Breakdown (Annual Pledge):

> \$10,000	2
> \$ 7,500	0
> \$ 5,000	4
> \$ 2,500	18
> \$ 1,500	14
> \$ 500	22
< \$ 500	12
Potential	42*

*Members who gave last year but did not pledge this year

37% of our members do not pledge. Making a pledge helps us budget our Operation. It's never too late to pledge

End-of-year Reports

Every member of Calvary who gave financially to our operating budget should have received an end-of-year report in the month of January. This report is important for many who submit this to the IRS as a charitable contribution. If you did not receive your report or if it needs correction, please contact the Church office. We want to make sure every giving member receives the biannual reports that come out in July and in January.

Pledge Envelopes

You can pick up your pledge envelopes at the front desk. Setting up automatic payments through your bank is encouraged as it provides a consistent revenue for our operation and convenient way of making donations.

2015 Budget

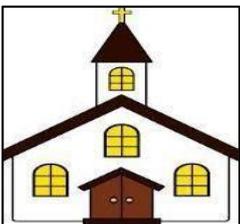
If anyone would like a copy of the 2015 budget, it can be found within the annual parish report at the front desk. Our budgeted revenue and expenses for 2015 is \$320,000. Join us to make our goal and give generously to the Operation and Missions of Calvary.



Deacon Melissa at the
Cologne Cathedral in
Germany on Ash Wednesday



Ed McNamara speaking
during the Lenten Forum about
SAMS in Madagascar



Property

Clean up day

Volunteers are needed to help spruce up the church grounds on Saturday, March 28th from 9am-noon. Please contact our Jr. Warden, Jerry Brewer, to volunteer and see the list at the Front Desk on what jobs are needing volunteers. Can you stay with us for just one hour?

Deadline for the April Crier: March 26th
Please send all pictures and articles to us by then.

Winterfest 2015 in Pictures









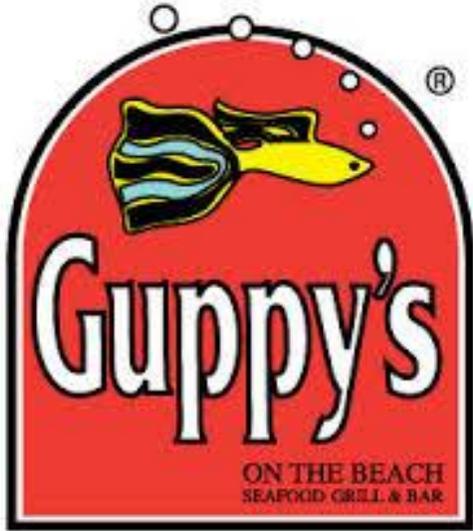
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