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

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Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*
(Collect for 'Those who influence Public Opinion, BCP p. 827)

Truly Listening

As most of you know from hearing my sermons, I enjoy stories. Let me see how many of you were listening to one in particular that I told a year ago. It went like this...

An elderly man feared his wife was getting hard of hearing. So he called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked. The doctor said he could see her in two weeks, but meanwhile, suggested a simple, informal test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the dimensions of the

problem. "Here's what you do. Start about 40 feet away from her, and speak in a normal conversational tone and see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response."

So that evening she's in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he's in the living room, and he says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens when I talk to her." "Honey, what's for dinner?" He calls. No response. So he moves to the other end of the room, about 30 feet away. "Honey, what's for dinner?" No response. So he moves into the dining room, about 20 feet away. He starts shouting. "HONEY, what's for dinner?" No response.

On to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away. "HONEY, what's for DINNER??". No response.

So he walks right up behind her and screams: "HONEY, WHAT'S FOR DINNER??!?!?" His wife turns to him in a rage and screams. "CHICKEN, CHICKEN! For the FIFTH TIME, WE'RE HAVING CHICKEN!!!"

I love that story and by the reaction from those who were in church that day, I could tell they enjoyed it as well. It was a funny, although sobering account of failed hearing, or selective hearing; you be the judge. How frustrating it is when people don't listen, or worse yet, if they do, they don't care. That brings me to a real life story.

I was in Target the other day, as I was making my usual weekly visit, to buy some essentials. The young man at the register asked me that common question, clerks always do; "Did you find everything you were looking for?" I thought about it and said, "No. I did not". He looked startled as if no one ever said that. He then admitted, he could not remember the last time someone said that. I told him that there were two things on my list that were not to be found. I gave him the specifics and he just looked at me, nodding his head. He didn't write anything down. He didn't ask me if I wanted someone to go back and look for the items with me. Although he heard me, I wondered if he truly listened?

Stories like this do point out significant problems today, that relate to listening. Nobody listens or nobody cares to listen. Jesus taught us, "He who has ears, let him hear" (Matt. 11:5) and John the Evangelist, later, taught something similar by saying, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying" (Rev. 3:13). We should all listen to what God is saying. Is God asking you to be more engaged with the mission and operation of the Church? Is God speaking in a soft voice but we have deaf ears? Are we willing to go with Jesus where he says there are things missing or out of place?

This October, our Vestry will join me at Dayspring for our leader retreat. We socialize, we pray, we sing, we laugh, we cry and most of all, we listen! Going away with this group of twelve dedicated people in our Church family is one of my highlights. I love to listen to them. Maybe God is speaking to you and prompting you to become a member of the Vestry, or the Altar Guild, to be a teacher in Children's Chapel, work on the property & grounds, or sing in the choir. This is the season to consider the many ways to participate in the life of this church.

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are inviting you into the sacred heart of this parish; into mission, fellowship, outreach, worship, education, care, and to be good stewards of your gifts. Truly pray about and listen to what God may be saying to you.

PS: Join me for Bible Study on Wednesdays. Read more under "Christian Education."

Yours, faithfully in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Father Jon



Leadership

The Senior Warden Report

Clergy Renewal Grant

The Lilly Endowment during the past 80 years has made grants totaling nearly \$9.9 billion to 9,792 charitable organizations, much of which for Clergy Renewal programs. At the end of 2017 the Endowment's assets totaled \$11.7 billion which will be used to benefit future generations.

I regret to inform that we did not receive the grant from Lilly for 2020. There are many Churches vying for these grants but we will reassess and apply again next year for this valuable resource for the Clergy and the Church.

The Clergy Renewal Committee, who worked diligently to secure the admission of the grant application, appreciate all of your continued prayers and we ask the same as we seek 2021 eligibility.

Youth Director

I am happy to announce, Lynne Roberts has been called to serve as the Youth Director for Calvary. Lynne brings an impressive resume of education and working experience, to which I would like to share. Lynne earned her Bachelor's degree in Special Education from University of South Florida and worked towards her Masters degree in school counseling from University of Central North Carolina while teaching in the Durham County School system. She earned her Florida Educator's Certificate in Specific Learning Disability K-12. Along with being our Youth Director she is also the Director for Challenge 4 in *Classical Conversations*, St. Petersburg Community and the Support Representative for CC, Tampa Community. In previous years she was an Educational Consultant, for the Children's Coalition of Louisiana when living in Monroe, LA and the Christian Education Director at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Venice, FL.

We are truly blessed to have such an accomplished leader. Lynne is setting the foundation for the future of our Calvary youth programs, for generations to follow. Please join me in welcoming Lynne who now serves in this official capacity as our Youth Director.

Generous Donations

This is a reminder to please mark on your checks, on the memo line anything you wish to be designated. This helps by giving instruction to our Counter and Bookkeeper where it is to be recorded under your account. We do appreciate your continuing generosity.

It is my honor and pleasure to serve as the Senior Warden.

JoAnn Martindale

Sr. Warden & Vestry Chair for our Stewardship Commission, Joadale@yahoo.com



New Youth Director

I'm humbled and excited to accept the position of Youth Director. Since my arrival to Calvary nearly six years ago, I have had the privilege and blessing to teach Children's Chapel, Christian art classes, direct Children's Christmas musicals, attend mission trips and much more. The youth and families are precious and I look forward to the many exciting events planned for Calvary's youth this school year. Stay tuned!

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to disciple the future leaders of the church. I would love to hear from you.

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Leadership Thought

James 1:19-20 So Then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak. Slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Recently, in a devotional from worthydevotions.com about listening I read the following:

President Franklin D. Roosevelt got tired of smiling that big smile and saying all the usual things at those White House receptions. So, one evening he decided to find out whether anybody was paying attention to what he was saying. As each person came up to him with extended hand, he flashed his big smile and said, "I murdered my grandmother this morning." People would automatically respond with comments such as "How lovely." or "Continue on with your great work." Nobody listened to what

he was saying, except for one foreign diplomat. When the president said, "I murdered my grandmother this morning," the diplomat responded softly, "I'm sure she had it coming to her."

It's a funny story, but how often do we do the same? It seems that we have lots to say but we are not very good at listening. Think about it -- how many language, speech, and speaking courses can you find in your college course book? But can you find even one class on listening?? There is such a lack of good listening skills in this day and age that we have to pay someone a lot of money just to listen to us! More importantly, God has many things He desires to reveal to us -- but we're always talking, talking, talking!

Let's strive to do less talking and more listening today. Let's give the Lord and others a chance to be heard. Are you listening? Really listening?

How many times have we looked attentive all the while thinking out what our response would be when the speaker finished? How many times have we found ourselves asking a friend "how are you?" gotten the response fine and smiled and moved on. You know that response; the one we have been guilty of given ourselves. The fine the resonates with the clink of a spoon on a crystal glass. The answer the really only enables the listener to ignore what is real. All too often our body language and facial expression speak volumes more. We are the hand and feet of Jesus. Let's also be His ears. Let's Love enough to listen with the ears of Christ.

Submitted by Margaret Richcreek, Leadership Chair

Christian Education

"The Bible Project"

The Bible Project group resumes Wednesday, September 4th in the Barge Hall at 10am. We last left off studying the "Torah" and "Wisdom" series. Now we will turn to "The New Testament Readings" beginning with the Acts of the Apostles.



To catch up on this video-based study, it's easy. Simply go to thebibleproject.com and begin watching the "Series" related to "How to Read the Bible", "Themes in the Bible" and more. We have enjoyed the interesting and imaginative videos that paint the Bible in a dynamic manner. Good for all ages!

The Children's Chapel

Each Sunday 10AM service, we hear the Gospel being read and directly afterwards see a procession of children walk out of the church, led by the Crucifer. "Where do they go?" you may ask. They are going to the Children's Chapel. If they are somewhere around the age of 3-5, and ages all the way up to 12-13 (7th grade), they go out to enjoy a unique way of learning what they heard read from the Gospel.

They have a specific routine they follow each time. They sit quietly on the pew in the Barge Hall "Children's Chapel" as the teacher calls upon the quietest, most well-mannered and seemingly unselfish child, to "light the candles." This is a big deal as handling fire is something to take seriously. The teacher also picks the children who are responsible in handling. Once the candles are lit, the teacher asks, "So, who can tell me what the story was about today?" So many of them raise their hands, as they were truly listening to the Gospel being read. Asking more questions, the teacher uses a visual by asking a volunteer to come forward and check to see what was delivered this morning in, "The mailbox." Inside, the volunteer pulls out a clue to help them learn further.

After this time of learning, the children turn to the Apostle's Creed, on the wall, and recite. They follow this by giving the Confession...by heart! Then, after a time of prayer, they come back to us, timed at just the right moment when we announce, "The Peace of the Lord be always with you!"

A side note: We also see the older youth, who leave for Fr. Jon's office for the High School group.

If you have been a teacher in your previous area of work, or if you have good experience working with children, please see Lynne Roberts. She will train you, help you become certified in Safeguarding God's Children, and place you on the rotation once you feel comfortable. The Children's Chapel will run most Sundays, from now until Pentecost (May-June).

Safeguarding God's Children

"If every adult can protect just one child, they will forever change one life. If we can all change one life, together we will make a difference in this generation of children."

The Episcopal Church (TEC) of the USA requires sexual abuse training. All clergy whether stipendiary, non-stipendiary, or otherwise who are engaged in ministry or service to the church; all persons who teach, supervise or assist with supervising children or youth in ministries, programs or activities more often than occasionally. All paid or volunteer Church Personnel whose work regularly takes them throughout the facility or grounds; all persons who provide transportation to children or youth without other adults in the vehicle more than occasionally; all vestry members or members of similar decision making groups who have the authority to approve the creation of ministries, programs or activities for children or youth.

Training is offered at our Diocesan Convention, periodic workshops or ONLINE and your certification is good for five years. Please see Deacon Melissa Sands for more details.

The St. Michaels Conference

The St. Michaels Confirmation was attended July 27th through August 3rd by Fr. Jon, Emma & Watson Roberts, Jordan Coker, Garrett Fisher and Bella Ellic. We were also joined by D'Artagnon Wallace, a member of St. Mary's Episcopal in Bonita Springs. Fr. Jon actively engages other Rectors, encouraging them to send youth to this inspirational conference.

This year, Fr. Roberts taught two courses on "Christian Symbolism: The Art of the Passionist Retreat Center" and "The Revelation to St. John." The second course is being considered as a study for this Advent or Lent. If you go to our website, on the "Christian Education" page, you will get a glimpse of how this conference shapes and forms our younger Episcopalians. Sponsors are always encouraged to help our young people offset their expense. Please see Fr. Jon for details on how you can help in this way. Start planning now for next year's St. Michaels Conference, July 26 – August 1, 2020.

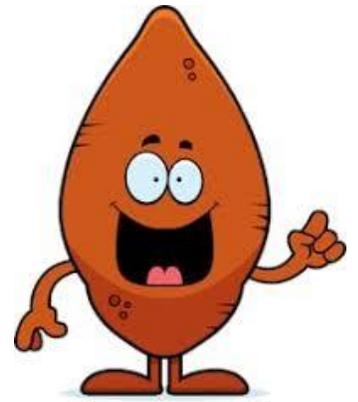




YAM: “Feed them and they will Come”

Do you love our Calvary youth? Is cooking and hospitality a gift of yours?

If so, here is your opportunity to love them with food. We are looking for a wholesome, home-cooked meal for Calvary’s YAM (Youth & Mission) group that will start meeting each month. Planning for a dozen YAMS to begin, pick one, or pick all the Sundays listed here to provide your favorite dish if you wish. They will come if we provide the basic ingredients: Fun, Food, Fellowship, Friends and the Love of Christ!!



September 8th

October 6th

November 10th

We may be small but we are mighty. The Mighty YAMS!

YAM includes entertaining games that are high-energy and strategic, prior to our meal time together. Youth from 6th grade to High School are eligible.

Those who are interested or have more questions, please contact Lynne Roberts at lwroberts@calvaryirb.org or 941/8067232.

Confirmation Class Returns

Youth who are in grades 6-8th grade are eligible to attend this year's confirmation class. The course is strenuous but Fr. Roberts has modified with a bit of a twist. We are now going to a monthly meeting, that coincides on the dates of YAM (see above) and we will hold a virtual meeting as an online course. If you want to register, please attend the first gathering on September 8th. The full syllabus will be presented to both the youth and their parents or grandparents.

The course will last twenty (20) weeks teaching on subjects about The Old & New Testament, Anglican and Episcopal Church history, the Sacraments, etc., and will also include a full immersion Holy Week experience with overnight stay at the Church on Maundy Thursday. We need at least 4-5 committed students for this course that is typically offered every other year. See Fr. Roberts for more details prior to September 8th. We meet in the north conference room, located beside Fr. Roberts' office on listed Sundays after YAM. We meet weekly using an application to be announced. The actual day of Confirmation coincides with the Bishop's visitation.

High School Group

9-12th graders are invited to join the HS Group in Fr. Jon's office right after the hearing of the Sunday Gospel. The movement occurs after they hear, “The Gospel of the Lord.” Every Sunday they engage in some pretty deep theological discussions related to what they heard Jesus say, and apply it to their current day situations. No judgement here! It is a classical way in which they understand the truth that comes through the asking of questions and seeing what is revealed together. An adult “presence” is always in the room, while giving them the space they need to have open discussions.



“Invite, Welcome, Connect” Diocesan Workshop Featuring Mary Parmer



On Wednesday, September 25th, 1-3 pm, please join congregational development consultant Mary Parmer for an afternoon of inspiration and training at DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center. The program is called, “Invite, Welcome, Connect”. It is a ministry of transformation, rooted in the Gospel, that equips and empowers individuals and congregations to cultivate intentional practices of evangelism, hospitality, and belonging.

In this three-hour workshop Mary Parmer will present the deep truths of this practical theological framework and then facilitate creative idea small group work which can be implemented in individual congregations.

The Program is Free and if you care to carpool, please contact Fr. Jon or Lia King who may have room in their cars to hop along. For more information about Mary Parmer please go to: <http://www.maryparmer.com/invitewelcomeconnect.html>

This workshop will be held in lieu of the regularly scheduled Wednesday Bible Project Study and noonday mass at Calvary.

Worship

Worship Report August 2019

The summer's one Sunday service was again very successful. Several of the congregation expressed their wish for it to continue year-round. We welcomed many visitors, all of whom expressed their pleasure at both the services and the appearance of Church, both inside and out. And, we are blessed that a number of those visitors have decided to make Calvary their church home! Attendance has remained steady to last year's figures, a positive compared to previous years.

The Altar Guild, under our Directress, Cathy Athanson, has completed its extensive program of replacing or refurbishing several items under the auspices of the Guild. The processional cross, pew torches, along with candlesticks and cross in Children's Chapel have been repaired and refinished. New candlesticks were purchased for the Chapel and several cloth items were replaced. The Guild expresses their sincere gratitude for the generosity of our congregation.

Matt Burke, Music Director, has continued to provide a musical background to summer services. He and the Calvary fine Art Events Committee (CFAE) have begun planning a winter schedule of guest performances; from the list I have seen, they have selected exceptional programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hillegas, Worship Commission Chair

Altar Guild Blessings and Gratitude

Here at Calvary, your Altar Guild has been the recipient of several donations made by caring members of our parish. They were made with the intent of enhancing the beauty of items within our Sanctuary and Chapels. The guild simply acted to partner with our clergy and others to identify the work that needed to be accomplished, develop a plan to address the scope of the work and to contact the appropriate vendors and artisans to do the work.

The brass work of many items had deteriorated due to a natural aging process. We were able through these generous gifts to refurbish the following: the processional cross, brass vases, the

sanctuary bells. the pew torches. the paschal candlestick stand and the altar candlestick stands. What an accomplishment.

Through the support of so many of you for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and the sale of baked goods at Winterfest we have also been able to purchase new candlesticks and candles for the Gene Chapman Chapel, add corporals to our linen inventory and refurbish the Children's Chapel altar cross and candlesticks.

A new lectionary book is now available for the use of our Lay Readers thanks to Deacon Melissa and Greg Donham. They have made many donations to do the work of beautifying the church. There are others who also have contributed and they were identified in previous newsletters and a Sunday customary. Some of our contributors wish to remain anonymous.

We are so blessed to have such committed parish members who have given so much individually and collectively to guild fundraisers and requests and we know that all of this work has been dedicated to the Glory of God.



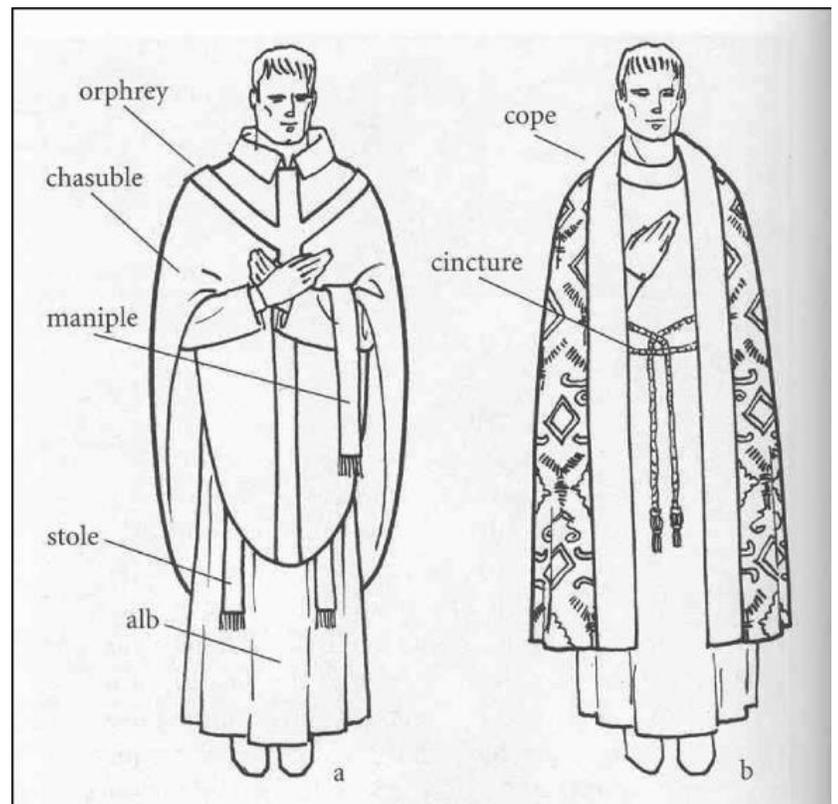
Vestments

The basic idea of Episcopal vestments is to symbolize order, office and role or function. This is true of any uniform that we use in society. They are not supposed to be used for personal expression but are supposed to be uniform within certain sacred design patterns. You will note that Fr. Jon and Deacon Melissa wear different vestments depending on the current service. Below is a description of some of these vestments they wear along with a few illustrations to provide useful information.

The principle white vestments that serve as an over-garment for the clergy is called a "Cassock-Alb" or "Surplice." White robes have long signified the righteousness of Christ, worn as a garment. Wearing a white robe means that I'm serving because Jesus loves me and you—and he covers me with *his* righteousness. The white Cassock-Alb is a single garment, easier to take on and off, while the Surplice is always worn over a cassock.

The principle black vestment worn for the morning and evening prayer "Offices" is called a Cassock. Black robes are really/technically not vestments as it was considered to be the priest's street clothes 'back in the day.' The cassock is worn under a white surplice, unless the Cassock/Alb combo is preferred. Fr. Jon and Dcn. Melissa typically strip down to the cassock on Maundy Thursday when they clear out anything white or reflective due to the arrest and torture of Christ that fateful eve.

Sometimes you'll see a purple or red cassock. These are used in the same way as the black cassock and are associated with the colors of the cathedral church or the Bishop's canons (assisting people).



The Eucharistic Vesture is called a, "Chasuble" or "Dalmatic." We see Fr. Jon put on a Chasuble after he preaches and prior to the Eucharistic service. This is a large piece of material, cut round or diamond shape, with an opening in the middle. A pattern that represents the Trinity is typically sewn in and this is called and "Orphrey." This vestment was typically used for outdoor services due to rain or cold, similar to a poncho, but evolved in churches that wanted it to bring more height, awareness and priority to the Eucharistic feast. The deacon wears a similar vestment called the "Dalmatic" over the white alb and has a different cut to it than the Chasuble.

The "Stole" is similar to a scarf, used during almost all sacramental services, and seasons that offer different colors. The "Tippet" is similar but mainly worn during the prayer offices or times when "Academic" events take place. They will have emblems of the clergy's respective seminary of training or diocesan affiliation.

Stoles are signs of order and office. The Priest's Stole hangs vertically over each shoulder. The Deacon's Stole hangs diagonally from the left shoulder and then is secured at the right side.

The colors of the stoles, as well as the Chasuble and Dalmatic, change based on the seasons of the church year. Basically like this:

- Purple or Blue – Advent
- Purple – Lent
- White – Christmas and Easter, Major Feast Days, Weddings and Funerals
- Green – the Seasons after the Epiphany and after Pentecost
- Red – the Day of Pentecost, Saints' Days, Confirmations, and Ordinations

You will also note Lay ministers, readers, or choir members wear a Cassock-Alb or Cassock and Surplice with no stole. The Organist has an interesting white vestment that is shorter and gives more room for the arms to move about. This is called a, "Cota." The belt that goes around the waste is called a "Cincture" and it goes around the waste of the Alb or a Cassock.

Join the 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 on a ministry where your service time is limited but your personal rewards are great? If you answered "yes" and would like to know more about how to serve God in this special way, then you will want to join the Altar Guild. We are praying that you will step forward and join The "AG." Please contact Cathy Athanson for any questions you might have. We are hoping that several of you will step forward and volunteer.



Altar Guild Handbag Ministry

The Michael A. Hano Family Foundation was founded in 2012 to honor the life of Michael, their son. Their goal is to assist "women in transition" who are trying to build a new life. The handbags are filled with personal items and given to women at various charities at Christmas. CASA and the St. Petersburg Women's Clinic take part in this worthwhile challenge. There were 185 handbags filled and distributed in 2018. Last year was our first year to participate in this worthwhile cause and the ladies of Calvary were generous in their contributions. We are once again supporting the Foundation and accepting handbags - it is not necessary for you to fill them - just bring them to the church and we'll take it from there. The Altar Guild is proud to support this worthwhile event and appreciate your contributions.

Need 8AM Volunteers

Deacon Melissa and Fr. Jon are asking those who come to the 8AM service to join in serving at the Altar. If you are interested, training is easy. Please see either of them.

PRAYERS DURING PRIESTLY VESTING AND THE MEANING OF VESTMENTS

As the priest prepares to dress himself in the sacred garments for Mass, it has been a long-standing tradition in the Church that he recites the following prayers:

Washing of hands

Give virtue to my hands, O Lord, that being cleansed from all stain I might serve you with purity of mind and body.

- 1 **AMICE** – a rectangular neck cloth which serves to protect the valuable chasuble and stole, but is used only if the alb does not cover the ordinary clothing at the neck.

Prayer

Place, O Lord, the helmet of salvation upon my head, to repel the assaults of the devil.

- 2 **ALB** – a long white garment worn by the priest to represent the new and immaculate vestment that has been received through baptism.

Prayer

Cleanse me, O Lord, and purify my heart, that washed in the Blood of the Lamb I may attain everlasting joy.

- 3 **CINCTURE** – a cord used as a belt to tighten the alb symbolizing the virtue of chastity and continence, and is the same color as the chasuble.

Prayer

Gird me, O Lord, with the cincture of purity and quench in me the fire of concupiscence, that the virtue of continence and chastity may remain in me.

- 4 **STOLE** – a long narrow band, several inches wide and about 80 inches long (and of the same color as the chasuble) which is worn as a sign that the priest is serving in his official liturgical role.

Prayer

Return to me, O Lord, the stole of immortality, which I have lost in the sin of my first parent; and although I, unworthy, approach Thy sacred mystery, grant to me, nevertheless, everlasting joy.

- 5 **CHASUBLE** – the final vestment of the priest that is worn over all the others and symbolizes the virtue of charity and the yoke of unselfish love.

Prayer

O Lord, who hast said, My yoke is easy and My burden light; grant that I may be able so to bear it, that I may obtain Thy grace. Amen.

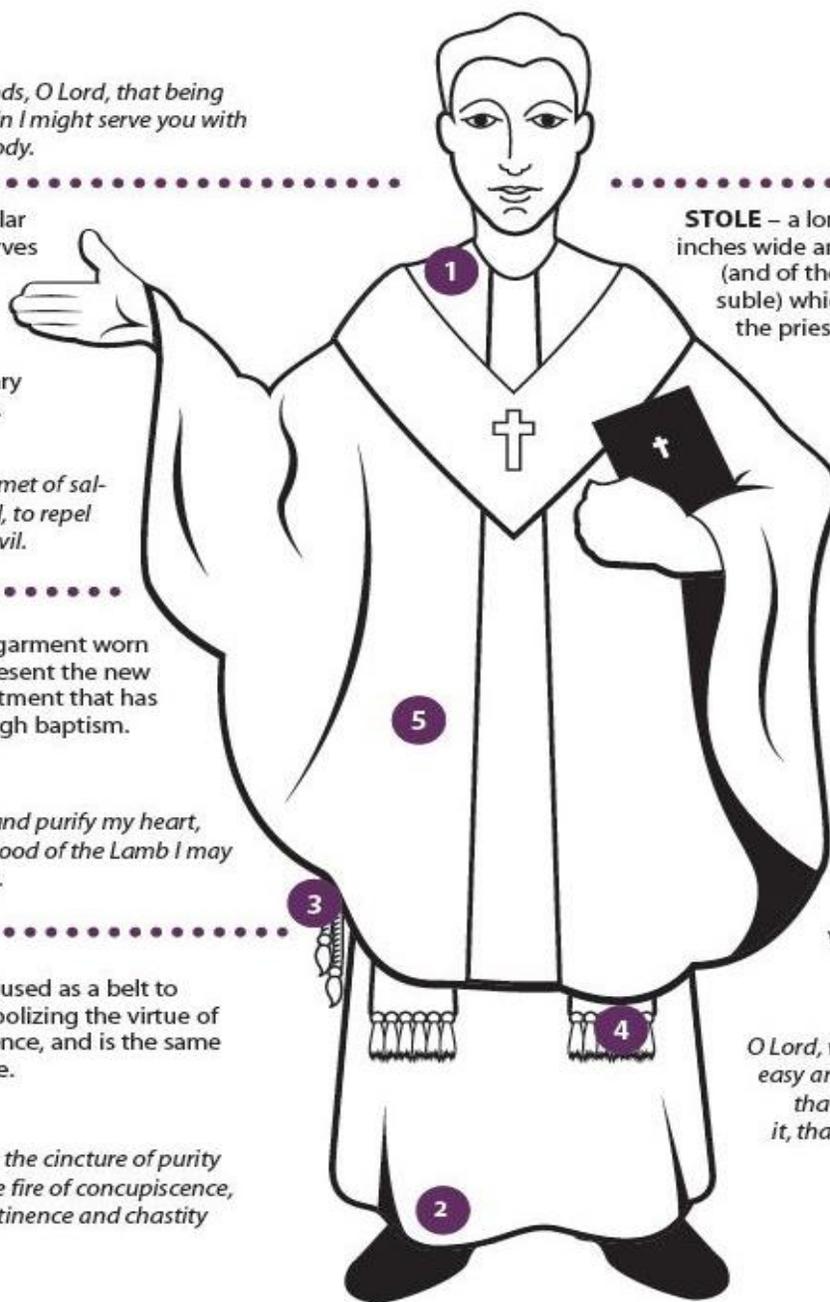


Illustration by Nathan Runda

Acolyte Festival

Please consider attending this special event in our Diocese, Saturday, Sept. 7th, morning to lunch, for all youth acolytes who want to learn more about this great way to serve and worship.

It gives our young people a deeper understanding of serving on Sundays as an Acolyte. It is an opportunity to meet other Episcopal youth around the diocese and becoming reacquainted with old friends.

Please join us for this morning to noon event. Lunch provided and registration is necessary.

See Elyssa Coker about carpooling options before the event. Weather permitting.



Acolyte Training at Calvary

We will train all youth and adults who are currently serving or wish to serve as Acolytes. This will take place Sunday, September 15th following the 10AM service and before our first "YAM" youth gathering. Please attend!

The practice will take no more than 30 minutes and for those who attend the Acolyte Festival the week before, this should reinforce your knowledge and application. Fr. Roberts will lead the course.

This is also a good time to invite and encourage your friends to attend church, especially with YAM occurring on the 8th. It will be filled with fun games, food and devotion. Let your friends see how we worship and how we fellowship. A simple invitation goes a long way and who knows how important that may become for some who do not know Jesus or God, in general? You may be the key resource, the true friend who shows compassion and hospitality to those who are searching for answers.

Bring your questions and interest to know more about what it means to be an Acolyte.

Cursillo #143

On October 24 -27th the 143rd Cursillo, will occur at the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida "Dayspring" Conference center in Ellenton. Cursillo is a program that fosters a deeper understanding to the teachings of Jesus and an opportunity for personal growth in spirituality. The program starts with the Cursillo weekend which is not a retreat, but an opportunity to experience of living and sharing with others in a loving and caring Christian community. It continues after the weekend in the community of other Cursillistas that gives support and encouragement to help Christians carry out their Baptismal Vows. For more details, please ask Jo Simpson, Judy Marx, or Marilyn Clark.



Fellowship

Fellowship Report

Let All That You Do Be Done in Love / 1 Cor. 16:14

We had a Potluck in March on the fifth Sunday that was a success. People seemed to enjoy eating and connecting over a great deal of delicious food.

Easter Sunday was also a success thanks to many hands and many cooks. Special thanks to JoAnn, Lisa and Renee and the many people who donated delicious and even nutritious food.

Some of the people who have been working coffee hour are bringing home baked goods or even nutritious goodies. Although this is not a requirement of volunteering it is certainly welcome any time.

We are working on getting more volunteers who would be willing to work coffee hour on a regular basis. One suggestion is to have the people who have been volunteering, certainly to continue, but also to ask a friend who has not volunteered yet to join them thus expanding our volunteer basis. If we can get to a point where we do have more volunteers, we would work on having teams to cover. The more volunteers we have the lighter the load is for everyone.

Submitted by Denise Hughes-Conlon

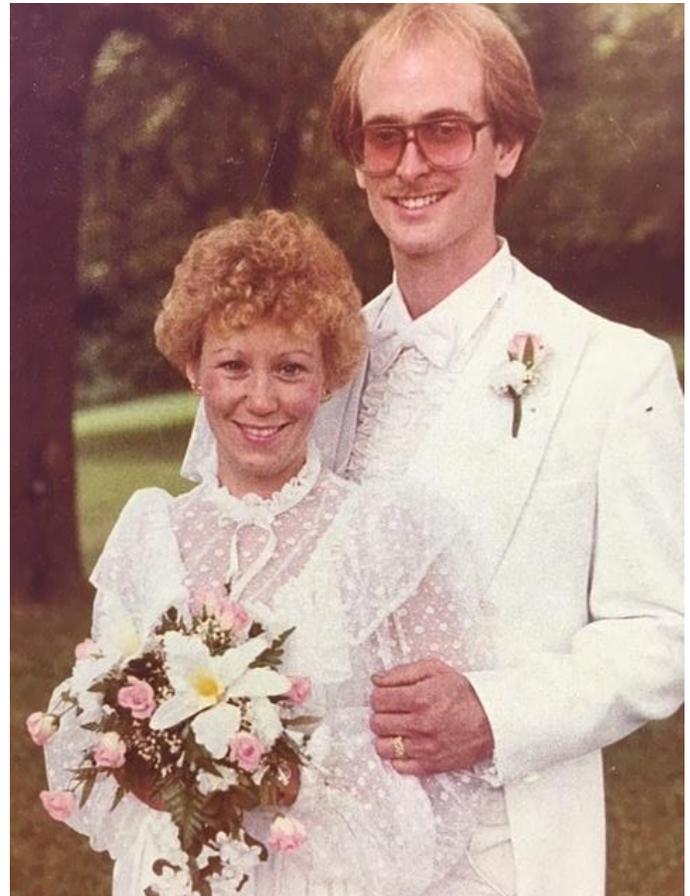
Fellowship Chair

Wedding Anniversaries celebrated

At Calvary we love to celebrate! The first Sunday of every month is referred to as, "SOMBA" which means the Sunday of Marriage & Birthday Anniversaries. A big cake is provided by Harvey and Susan Brillat, a message board of all the anniversaries for the month is displayed and it's an overall joyous occasion.

If you want to make any Sunday offering of food, etc. a little extra special for everyone's enjoyment please contact the Brillats.

By the way, who knows who these two love birds are in this picture? Clue: They were married 39 years ago and had an anniversary not very long ago. They are two of our dearest parishioners who we love very much.



Calvary Fall IRB Yard Sale

"Have you heard", the largest YARD SALE in IRB is about to happen once again, located right in front of our beautiful church. It's really big and is one of our annual fundraiser events to support the Church. It has a tradition, going back many years, and is a fun time for all.

THE DATE IS **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019**

GET READY: Beginning September 1 you can bring in your ready to give away re-saleable items or perhaps some forgotten treasures to the church for storage.

CLOTHING AND ELECTRONIC ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED

ALSO SPECIAL This year a chance for a few (no more than 6) members to have and work their own yard sale table. This should be a good deal considering our very popular location.

ALL WE ASK IS A DONATION OF \$20 PER TABLE and 10% of ALL SALES.

If bringing items during the regular weekdays, please call the church to arrange a time to bring items. We want to make sure we will accept your goods and can provide enough space for delivery.

Please see Susan & Harvey Brillat if you have questions and call the church for deliveries.

Annual Oktoberfest Parking, Youth Fundraiser

Each year the local, civic organization known as Action 2000 (A2K), hosts an Oktoberfest event at Kolb Park, just around the corner from the church. Last year they recorded over 3,000 people attended, which means lots of traffic. We are able to support that event by providing parking, but with the expectation of a \$10/car admission to our lots. Once again, we anticipate parking nearly 200 cars again on the date of the event, Saturday, October 12th, 8:30AM-6PM, weather permitting. Last year we raised about \$2,000 to assist our youth programs.



On another note, Oktoberfest will be on the same day as our Diocesan Convention in Punta Gorda so some of our key volunteers will be unable to assist. We could certainly use your help. Even if you do not have children in our program, you are encouraged to help out. See Lynne Roberts for details.



Calvary Oktoberfest Dinner

This event is being held in Barge Hall, Saturday, October 18th, starting 5pm.

Schnitzel "Wiener Art", Holsteinerschnitzel, Bratwurst, Scweinbraten and more! This is a

catered dinner, prepared by the local German Bistro 2 restaurant. Bring your favorite beer "Stein" for a pour of one of our finest German selections (purchase of course). Listen to Volksmusik and more of the Rhineland songs while enjoying a great meal with friends.



The cost is reasonable and tickets will be sold after Church services, mid-September, and any time during office hours. We will hold reservation for only 50 people for this event, so please plan to buy your tickets and for any of your friends, as soon as possible. Please see Renee Lee for tickets and Susan Koester for ways in which you may volunteer for the event.





A Young(er) Man Retires

By Rick Schock

On June 22nd I reached a milestone I have been looking forward to, or at least thinking about, for most of my adult life. Like most of us I have been working for pay since I was 14. My first jobs, outside of emptying the family garbage and keeping my room clean and my mother off my back, were clearing fairways and laying sod on new golf courses on Florida's east coast where I grew up. From the first paycheck I ever received and until I was 22 and nearly ready to graduate from college my mom and dad "took" half of what I earned to put towards the cost of my education. Clearly this was a lesson in practicality and life rather than a meaningful contribution to the cost of prep school and college. The lesson worked, but I have to say I was not a willing participant when I was making a huge hourly wage - \$2.50 per hour.

I have always said that as soon as I can afford to do so I want to retire. My goal was 55, but it took me until 62 to make the leap into this new world of "undefined time." As I got closer to the date and the reality of the future started to set in I eagerly shared my future plans with friends and family. Almost to the person there were two immediate responses. The first was almost always a question, "what are you going to do to keep busy?" I found this very interesting because if I wanted to "stay busy" I would keep working. The second response was a remark on my age, something like "you are awfully young to retire."

I understand these comments were all made with genuine concern and love for me and my loved ones. "Idle hands are the tools of the devil," or something like that. I get it, we have to keep our minds and bodies healthy. Nevertheless, I think there are a few things I have learned about this life decision that have caused me to reflect on my life and church. They have to do with faith and family, both wrapped in love and societal norms and expectations.

I have always been a simple man. I am easily entertained and have strong beliefs instilled in me by my family and largely reinforced by my life experiences. God has blessed me with a beautiful family

and with His help and that of an amazing wife we have worked hard to give ourselves opportunities that have thankfully come to fruition. All thanks to God.

Life is scary. It is easy to tell others not to worry. God has this. While true, we also know that Jesus more than warned us our lives on this earth will not be without gut wrenching pain and suffering. Clearly our older bodies can't be what He is talking about

when asked about Heaven. At least I hope not - my beer belly is too big! We have to face the fact that no matter how prepared we may be financially we must have faith God will provide. We have to put that in the forefront of our thinking.

Life is busy. People are difficult. We never have enough time to relax. Politics are nasty. I hate this or that. Will I have enough money? Will I drink too much? What will I do? Are we entering a recession? Will there be war in the middle east? Another school or workplace shooting? All valid concerns and thoughts - to a degree. As I get started down this new path I continue to be blessed by the love and genuine outpouring of love from some of our senior citizens, wonderful friends whose advice and concern I so very much cherish. David and Karen, Gene and Toni, Larry, Judy, Cynthia, Marilyn. They have come alongside and rafted up with me and Mary to not necessarily give advice, unless asked, but to love, listen and share perspective. We can't thank them enough for their love and guidance. It is so Calvary!

My point is this. Go boldly in the name of God. I think about who and what I am - who I truly am. When I go into Publix, what do people see? I use that as my yardstick because it opens my eyes to my own deficiencies, many I was too blind to see because I was too busy working and worrying. I talk to the people, old and young, gathering the carts in the parking lot. They have stories, too. Some pretty darn amazing. It helps me appreciate the wonders and the tragedies of life.

Although my retirement is just starting I am thrilled to have time to reflect, catch up and reconnect. Wonderful retirees have told me for years they don't know where their days go and they are busier now than ever before. I'm already seeing that. Sometimes I even have a third cup of coffee or binge a bit on Netflix. I make breakfast for Mary who did it for me for decades, even at 0300 in the morning when I was in flight school and she was up all night with one of our two "angels," Ricky or Suzy. I go to concerts during the week. I go out in my boat alone at times because I can. I don't rush around as much. I take time to talk to strangers. I read, although not as much as I should. I'm considering getting my Captain's License and maybe working a bit in the industry I love. I generally turn the TV off and listen to music when home doing things. My yard is in good shape, too. Still working on my body! We have been given an incredible opportunity in life - life itself. Only God knows how many days we have and I'm excited to slow down and enjoy the ride. Best of all, I'm working on my soul - with God's help!

So if you ask me "what I'm going to do" I will tell you it is my plan to follow my heart and "take time to take time." I am going to appreciate one of the greatest gifts we can enjoy and the challenge it brings - "undefined time." As long as God is in our hearts, how can we go wrong? Thanks be to God!

The Bookies of Calvary

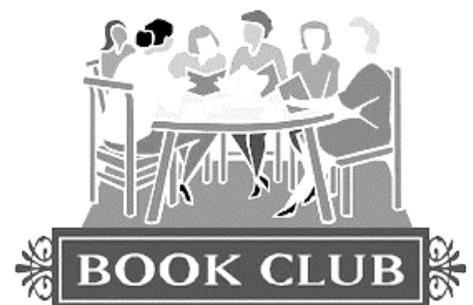
We are hoping you will join them at 6:00 PM in the conference room on the following date(s) for discussion, reflection, and great fellowship.

September 16 - *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

October 21 - *The Romanov Empress* by C. W. Gortner

November 18 - *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

If you have questions, please contact Cathy Athanson, durbinwv41@gmail.com.



Calvary Fine Arts Events (CFAE) Update

In our second attempt to provide resources to support a permanent concert series and future fine arts events at Calvary, CFAE members and many volunteers produced an afternoon of entertainment for more than 100 ladies on Saturday, August 17th. "Fine Arts and Fashion" event included artful displays from The Beach Art Center in Indian Rocks Beach and Suntan Art Center in Pass-A-A-Grille, a luncheon menu catered by Chicken Salad Chick in Seminole, a fashion show by Colette's of Madeira Beach and a "petite musicale" including our Music Director Matt Burke on organ, Victoria Garcia, harpist and soloist Leslie Long. In addition, there were many door prize drawings that tempted attendees to "take a chance". Thank you to our many neighbors who contributed certificates and products for this.

Larry Hite, long time parishioner and member of Calvary's Vestry, was the Master of Ceremonies, Liz Robb, CFAE Committee member was commentator, The Reverend Mike Day, retired assistant priest at Calvary gave the opening blessing and The Reverend Jon Roberts, Rector gave the closing remarks.

Proceeds totaling from the benefit "kick off" will support the Fall and Winter Fine Arts Series which begins Friday October 11, 2019 at 7:30pm in Calvary's Parish Hall. Featured entertainers will be "Dr Cool Band", including Matt Burke, our Music Director and an evening of smooth jazz sounds. Admission is free with "Free Will Offerings" available.

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers who helped make this benefit a success so that we may continue to fulfill our principal focus to target Indian Rocks Beach and the other beach municipalities, including professionals, retired persons, families and youth as we strive to bring the Fine Arts to them via Calvary Episcopal Church.

Liz Robb for The Calvary Fine Arts Events Committee

The Dr. Otto Jazz Band will play at Calvary

"Let's get down with some great jazz!"

On Friday, October 11th, starting at 7:30PM, we will host live entertainment from the local "Dr. Otto Band", a great concert held in the Parish Hall. Matthew Burke will accompany the band on this evening on keyboards and has played with them on several occasions.

So, if you like live jazz, please come out and enjoy. Ticket information and further details will be provided soon. Please see Matthew Burke if you have any questions or would like to assist in volunteering. We hope to attract locals into this venue as it continues the theme of enjoying the gift of music, that to which God has given us.

Slyce Supports BCFP

Did you know that our friends and partners at Slyce Pizza Bar, actively support BCFP? On the first Monday of each month, Slyce contributes 10% of their sales to BCFP, which last year resulted in a sizeable donation to us. You can help increase their contribution to us by making it a point to dine at Slyce sometime during the first Monday of each month. The next scheduled First Monday will be March 5th. Please put that date on your calendar and join us in supporting Slyce and our food pantry. See you next time on September 2nd and October 7th between 6-8pm.



The Tea & Fashion Show

We had a wonderful time at this event, held on Saturday, August 17th. The Parish Hall was filled with joy as the ladies who attended listened to wonderful music, enjoyed delicious food and a great fashion show, modeled by our very own parishioners. We continue to wait for a report on funds raised to help our music program and will announce once we have that result. Enjoy these pictures.



The Blessing of the Animals

We are pleased to announce that a banner, seen here, will be displayed at the entrance to IRB, the week before October 6th. Partnering with Church of the Isles, Plumlee Realty, and local animal related agencies in Pinellas, we expect more pet owners and their lovely animals to participate. Chris & Mary Frances Gorman are the Calvary members who are the contacts for the event. Please ask them if they need volunteers.

Food Bring Your Pet(s) Wildlife Presentations  **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS & WILDLIFE AWARENESS**  **Sunday October 6 th 3 P.M.**

  **Calvary Episcopal Church & Church of the Isles**  **1615 1 st Street, Indian Rocks Beach** 

Missions

Food Pantry Director's Report

This summer the Beach Community Food Pantry (BCFP) had a bounty of blessings, which came from our young students in the community. They came back to volunteer for community service work for the, Bright Future Scholarship, and also other scholarship programs. Many of them are on the Dean's List. These students helped out in all of our daily needs whatever was most needed. These young students are bright and shining volunteers for our BCFP and I would like to thank a few in this report.

This year we had the opportunity to welcome Condon, & Charlie Sutherland, who are the grandsons of Chuck and Peggy Pond. They came twice a week riding their bicycles even on Thursday evenings. They were so polite and would do anything anyone would ask of them. I was so proud to work with them. We had the honor of working with Zac Alford who has to be one of the most dedicated, hardworking young men I have ever worked with. Zac worked every day the BCFP was open, and stayed late to help with deliveries especially the days of the USDA "drop". He would turn around and come back to work that Thursday evening; what terrific dedication. Zac was so polite to our patrons and each and every volunteer. He is now back in college again and I will miss his bright smile and wonderful personality. Most of all I will miss his hard work that made the BCFP a special place.

We are always in need of volunteers since our wonderful students have returned to school. If you are interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact me at 727-482-6167 or come visit me in the Food Pantry.

Many blessings to all,
Connie Curran, Director of The Beach Community Food Pantry
727-482-6167, ctc416@gmail.com

Food Pantry Volunteer Jobs

Calling all parishioners...

- Help serve our clients during open hours;
- maintain our flow of incoming inventory;
- make the trip each week to our retail and wholesale food suppliers;
- receive, sort and package our monthly USDA inventory;
- receive and sort the various organizational and private food donations as they arrive;
- helping with various fundraisers.

"I can 1 can" food program

These are the items we need over the summer. When you go to the store, pick up an extra box or can, especially the "BOGOS" and drop it off at the Church in one of our collection baskets.



We Need: **Cereal & Canned Fruit**

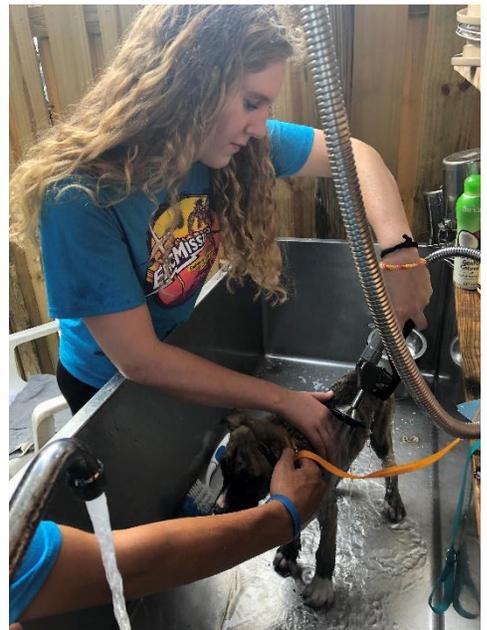




The Summer Youth Mission Trip

On July 7th we sent our "missionaries" to Vero Beach, FL and they returned on July 12th, safe, sound and stronger than before in their faith! Those attending are Mike and Grace Alford, Elyssa, Jordan and Dylan Coker, Watson Roberts, Carmen McDaniel, Kevin Oeste, Penny and David Yanacheck, Kenneth and Garrett Fisher, Bob Lima, Terra and Samantha Kingston and Clay & Ty Graham.

They enjoyed working in the inner-city communities of Vero Beach, Indian River, etc. through the mission organization, "Epic Missions." Their purpose is to help care for seniors and less privileged children through various planned projects. Here are a few pictures from their projects:





Outreach

Love those Nametags

We continue to enjoy welcoming our Sunday visitors at the time of the "Peace" during the service. In July we enjoyed many visitors who decided to become members. We "Tagged" them, in the most wonderful way, offering newly printed name tags to help everyone identify. Keep wearing your tags!



Some of our newest members, above (left to right): Kathy, Will & Rich Gathro, Bella Ellic, George Robbins, Linda Cahill, (Fr. Jon), Gary Spyvack & Juliette Clark.

Newest Member

We are pleased to announce the newest member to be "born" into our Church family. Please welcome Cooper Dennis Laun, born on Friday, August 23, 4:30AM, and weighing 8 ½ lbs. Please join us in congratulating the family. Anyone who wishes to volunteer in meal provision, see Lynne Roberts.



Pastoral Care

Necrology

Bob Yates a beloved "Shut-in" and Seasonal parishioner from Ohio, died on August 19th at his residence in an assisted living home. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy who is grateful for our prayers and love we have shared recently when hearing of her loss. If you would like to send her a card, you are encouraged to do so.

Property

Property Report

Jr. Warden Property Report
August 7, 2019

The three new Calvary signs have been installed in the entrance to the parking lots. Also one new sign has been installed on Gulf Blvd. Solar lights have been installed on two of the signs. After driving by at night, I noticed that the solar lights didn't seem to be bright enough. Later I learned this was due to the device being motion only. I will look into a replacement. The picture included here shows how it is supposed to be illuminated when on.

The three "blue" solid steel donation boxes are in place and donations keep coming in by beachgoers and restaurant patrons, who park in our lots on many occasion.

A new mail box was purchased and installed a few months ago and this has given us added security since it is a locked mailbox.

PVC picket fences have been installed on the north and south parking lots, giving us a sense of overall perimeter to the church. Many people have complimented the new look.

Front marquee sign was renovated and new lighting improved.

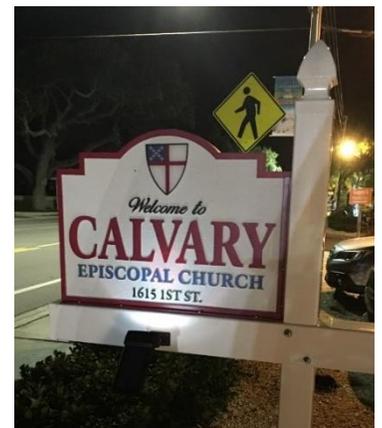
A great deal of thanks goes to John Paul Malicinski for all his work on the above work. Mr. Joe Hatin was hired as our new Sexton and doing a great job (see his report to follow).

New A/C's were installed for the chapel and the north sanctuary. A/C ductwork was added to the sacristy from the sanctuary A/C unit. This was done in an attempt to cool down that room, since the temperature in there is usually hotter than the sanctuary. This is mainly due to the heat exchange from the Carillon Audio system located inside.

The nursery room glass sliding doors were removed and a new pony wall was constructed by Craig Price. New windows have been installed, helping to sound proof the room.

Note: The church electric bill is coming in at \$1970.00 under budget through July 2019. We have paid \$9696 for seven months (Jan. - July) vs. budgeted \$11,666. One factor is the conversion to LED lights. A great deal of gratitude goes to Kim Heinicka, Mark Roth and Ralph Kiphuth. The cost for the material was less than \$1000, by our best estimate. We hope to realize additional savings by virtue of the summer replacements of older A/C units, specifically for the chapel, north sanctuary/choir area and balcony loft, with higher energy efficiency units. The total costs in A/Cs this year, for those three units alone, was a cost of about \$15,000. As a reminder, if you leave a room unattended please adjust the thermostat and turn off the lights.

Submitted by Bob Lima, Jr. Warden



The Sexton's Report

August 15, 2019

I would like to thank the Vestry and Father Jon for my employment and the unfathomable experiences of working within the atmosphere of Calvary Episcopal Church. Initially, I created several formats for a Sextons' report and once I started listing my observations pertaining to ways that might build upon and improve current management practices and facilities use guidelines, I was slightly overwhelmed. Calvary is a large campus with many systems and thankfully committed Vestry members have assisted me in acclimating to my tasks. Our Senior and Junior wardens have been most helpful and encouraging and various Vestry members have mentioned they have especially appreciated the results of my custodial efforts. Many parishioners have introduced themselves and have been supportive and encouraged me during my early weeks. Calvary truly is a community and I am happy to be part of this community.



My schedule is very flexible however, I usually work Monday through Thursday and Saturdays, usually when there is less traffic. With this schedule I can hear the plant operations and observe potential glitches in operating systems hopefully before they escalate toward higher end costs. As many of you are aware, Calvary provides meeting rooms to various clubs and associations on a regular basis and security has been an issue at times; doors have not been properly secured or left partially opened, lights have been left on and air-conditioning units have not been reset to their nightly temperature, which is 80 degrees. Both West classroom and the South conference meeting room, adjacent to Barge hall are utilized for rental meetings. These facilities have been misused at times, resulting in extra cleaning services or repairs, but equally important are the additional operating and supply costs. Fortunately, and as a result of my unannounced arrival times, these occurrences have dramatically dropped.

Calvary church is a highly utilized and functioning facility. Activities involving community meetings, regular church hours involving the administration and worship services, hospitality and youth activities, including the Food Pantry operations, receiving and re-distributing food and goods, organized gatherings and regular community services and functions, all expose the facility to exceptionally high use. It is understandable that occasionally, doors may be left open or unlocked, thermostats are not adjusted to their nightly settings, and bathroom lights are frequently left on. All bathrooms are equipped with exhaust fans which remain running as long as the lights are on; this results in a dramatic decrease in air-conditioning capacity, and according to an efficiency matrix by Duke Energy and Tampa Electric, this can result in a 40 % loss of cooled air directly into the exterior zones. Calvary's bill last month was \$2,267; It is critical that all lights and air units be turned off and adjusted for nightly settings, especially bathroom lights, when departing the facilities. We're hoping to reduce the monthly operating costs by the end of this year as these saved funds could support Calvary's many programs.

Finally, Calvary is in the early stages of "going green" and we need everyone's cooperation. New blue recycling containers are appearing throughout the campus and some results are slowly appearing. It is important to empty the contents of all containers, aluminum, plastic, or glass prior to disposal. These units are then emptied directly into the large recycling bins in our refuse area and picked up for further recycling. Several small grants are available should Calvary achieve the "green recycling certificate" prior to the year end. These funds could be utilized to increase sustainability in existing programs, foster new educational programs relating to youth projects, and foster ideas from Calvary's family which would enhance and add to our ever engaging communities.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve as your Sexton. If anyone has any questions or suggestions, kindly do not hesitate to contact me at jhatin@calvaryirb.org.

Sincerely, Joseph Hatin, Sexton

Stewardship

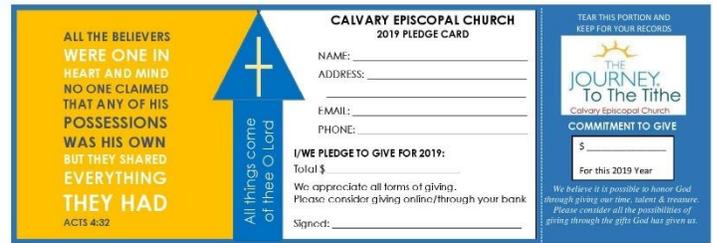
The Pledge Update

Although we are blessed to be in the “black” by \$5,000 on our budget by the end of July, our 2019 Pledges are behind \$8,500. We will be sending out the third quarter reports in October, along with the 2020 Pledge cards.

Please fulfill your pledge by the end of the year. Our budget reflects your commitment you made to our Lord Jesus, and to His well-beloved Church, when you made your pledge last Advent. Please pray about it fulfilling that promise. Shortfalls reflect future budget preparations and nobody enjoys the thought of adjusting by decreasing support to vital ministries.

2020 Pledge cards will also be sent out in that October mailing and we recommend that you place it somewhere prominently in your home. Do not throw them away. Meditate on the scriptural reference, in prayer, allowing for the Holy Spirit to guide you in your pledge to Jesus' church next year. He is counting on you to build your shared relationship by your commitment and obedience!

This level of financial support provides consistency in our operation and helps us to reach our goals.



The image shows a 2019 Pledge Card from Calvary Episcopal Church. It is divided into three main sections. The left section is yellow and contains the text: "ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE ONE IN HEART AND MIND NO ONE CLAIMED THAT ANY OF HIS POSSESSIONS WAS HIS OWN BUT THEY SHARED EVERYTHING THEY HAD ACTS 4:32". A blue arrow points upwards from the text "All things come of thee O Lord" to a white cross. The middle section is white and contains the church name "CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2019 PLEDGE CARD", fields for NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL, and PHONE, and a section for "I/WE PLEDGE TO GIVE FOR 2019:" with a "Total \$" field. It also includes a note: "We appreciate all forms of giving. Please consider giving online/through your bank." and a "Signed:" field. The right section is blue and contains the text: "TEAR THIS PORTION AND KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS", "THE JOURNEY To The Tithe Calvary Episcopal Church COMMITMENT TO GIVE", a box for "\$" and "For this 2019 Year", and a small note at the bottom: "We believe it is possible to honor God through giving our time, talent & treasure. Please consider all the possibilities of giving through the gifts God has given us."

2020 Pledge Goal: \$200,000

Speaking of goals, we have never passed a significant benchmark goal of \$200,000 for any of our stewardship campaigns in past years. This would be a tremendous accomplishment. For new members, please know how important you are and consider your first pledge as a holy act, one that truly makes us one “body.” If you have any questions, please ask JoAnn Martindale, our Sr. Warden, Jane Small, our Finance Committee Chairperson, jdsml@tampabay.rr.com, or Lia King, our Church Administrative Assistant. Help us next year, reach our goal.

The Calvary Endowment Fund

The Endowment Chair, Jo Simpson, presented a renewed and revised Endowment Fund policy to the Finance Committee in May. This was approved and in turn recommended to the Vestry. In August, the Vestry held discussion and via an approved method of email proxy vote, approved it. This policy will become public once we make final adjustments to the format and will be presented to the Diocese in this year's Parochial Report. All changes to Endowment policies are required to go through each of these approval check points.

The stock market has yielded generous growth to the Calvary's Endowment Fund this year. As an indication, in December 2018 the Fund's balance was reported as \$660,021 with no major contribution to principal. As of July 31, our balance is \$756,028. Thank you God!

We would like to see our Fund principal grow. To this end, the Endowment Fund Committee would like to invite everyone of all ages, to participate in a simple, brief fundraiser entitled "Pennies for Prosperity". Beginning mid-September 2019 bring in all those pesky pennies (and any other change you are inclined to have lying around), put them in the offering plate or the “Stewardship” chest at the reception desk and then watch our Fund balance grow. Tax receipts will be issued for wrapped coins. The best part is that everyone can participate!!

In addition, did you know that all coin donations collected in our outside, blue, parking lot “drop boxes” from people who enjoy parking in our lots, are going directly to the Endowment? This was Fr. Jon's idea and another example of raising the principal contributions for the purpose of ongoing support of our Church mission and purpose.

The Endowment Fund “interest earned” is, and will continue to be, a significant contributing fund for the legacy of Calvary's future. Thank you for your support.

3.4%

The decline in individual charitable-giving in the United States last year despite rising income, according to a report by Giving USA. Experts blame the 2017 tax reform law that raised the standard deduction, removing the tax benefit of giving for many taxpayers. (*World Magazine*, July 20, 2019)

The Legacy Society

When you walk down our hallway from the church to the Parish Hall, you will see mounted on a wall a large display for The Legacy Society. That board, with the names present may generate your interest and motivate you to include Calvary in your long term estate planning. Names that are listed are



The Legacy Society

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those who have included Calvary in their Will, or who may have endowed the church in a very special way that instills a life-long desire to see us grow and flourish. If you would like to become part of that expression of becoming a recognized Legacy member, please see Fr. Jon, JoAnn Martindale or Jo Simpson for a more in-depth conversation. Please plan your Living Will or Advanced Directives accordingly by including Calvary as a beneficiary and convey to your family members.

Easy Online Member Giving with Realm

We now have and eight (8) parishioners who are using the new Realm ACS product. This gives online account access, 24/7 for all parishioners who set up an account. Never wait to see your balances or recorded contributions.

If you would like to be able to login to your individual account on Realm, all you need to do is visit our website and find this button for "Easy Online Member Giving." You can set your own user ID and Password to have access to Realm, this online and secure database. In this program you can make direct payments from your checking account or credit/debit card, set or change your profile picture, and most importantly, check your current giving record and pledge balance. What's more is the function of grouping, where all ministries will be able to "one day" communicate within this product for all programs and activities. We are currently working on that product's use from things like Acolyte scheduling, Vestry meetings and fellowship events.



Easy Bank Giving with online ACH

We now have five (5) parishioners who are using online banking using the Automated Clearing House (ACH) method. They are enjoying the convenience when it comes to their tithes & offering, the security of setting it up from their home or directly with their bank officer. Whether you give weekly, monthly or annually, did you know that you can set up easy and dependable schedules of giving to the church right from your bank account online? It is in the "Pay Bills" feature where you can set up a recurring donation to Calvary. Automated Clearing House "ACH" is the method that some of our parishioners use as the bank sends a paper check to the Church upon your approval.

Thank you for giving and helping to the Church and taking advantage of the convenient technologies now available.

When writing a physical check to Calvary, if this donation is "Designated" for anything, you should write down a brief word or two on the memo line so we know how to direct it towards your account and the overall ledger. **Thank you.**

Stewardship Thought

Stewardship is about being grateful, responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from God. The tradition of giving back to God and to the church comes from the Biblical practice of "tithing," which means to give back a tenth of our earnings to God (Numbers 18:26).

The Episcopal Church sees stewardship as more than simply contributing money to the church; it's also about contributing time and talents, and volunteering for ministry and mission. It's about reaching out to build relationships from a perspective of abundance instead of scarcity. ("What we Do"

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/stewardship>)



The Budget Process

Stewardship is year-round, but certainly has a pinnacle around the production of a Church budget. To become familiar with how it is done, here is the general procedure of events and people involved. The Rector and Sr. Warden meet first to discuss the Stewardship Campaign in September. The conversation then goes to the Finance Committee, the same month. Everyone reviews the process and makes any necessary adjustments. The FC evaluates the process and communicates to the Vestry, the same month of September. The Vestry members communicate to their individual ministry leaders/committees, to get them to assist by their own assessments. This takes place in October. By November, their information comes back to the Vestry and the FC, who finalize by December. In January, at the Annual Parish Meeting, the congregation will have received the budget by the week prior, and will vote on its approval. This is per the Canons of the Church.



Last month we received the following automated email from the largest retailer in the world. We would like to share it with you in hopes that it inspires you to modify how you use Amazon. Calvary would be a most excellent recipient of these donations you make involuntarily every time you shop for your own personal or business orders.

"Dear Charity Administrator,

This email is to notify you that Calvary Episcopal Church (EIN: 59-1003101) has been issued a **\$20.61** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between April 1 and June 30, 2019. The donation was deposited to your organization's bank account on or before August 14, 2019. It may take several days for the donation to appear in the account.

Drive more donations to your organization with these two tips:

1. Make AmazonSmile Charity Lists to share with your supporters

Your supporters can donate items directly to Calvary Episcopal Church by purchasing from your Charity Lists. To make a Charity List, sign in to <http://org.amazon.com> and click "Get Started" in the "Create your first Charity List" section.

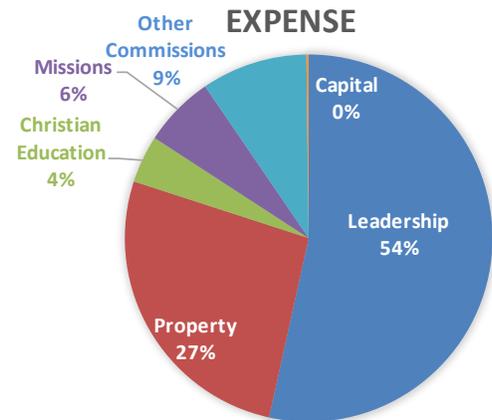
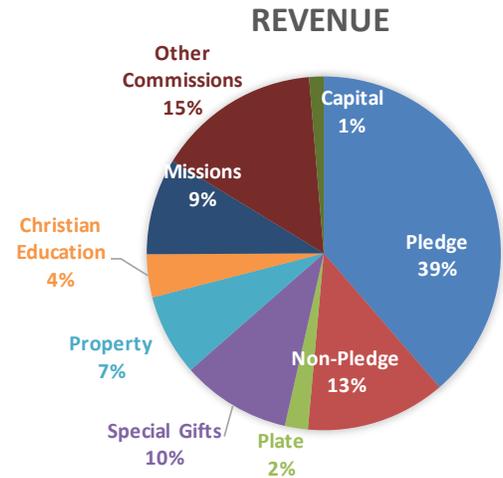
2. Engage your supporters during major shopping holidays

Many of your supporters do their holiday shopping at Amazon, so it's a great time to remind them to go to smile.amazon.com to generate donations for Calvary Episcopal Church. Take advantage of the current and next shopping holidays: back to school season and Halloween. You can use the message and back to school banners linked below to spread the word."

On the bottom of our Calvary home page (calvaryirb.org) you will see the Amazon link. Use it, save it, and pass along the charity for our cause.

Summary of Financial Activity
(YTD Jan-July 2019)

	Actual	Budget	Difference (+/-)
Revenue			
Pledge	\$100,610	\$109,375	(\$8,765)
Non-Pledge	\$33,248	\$28,000	\$5,248
Plate	\$5,485	\$6,708	(\$1,223)
Special Gifts	\$26,020	\$14,583	\$11,437
Property	\$19,366	\$26,541	(\$7,175)
Christian Education	\$10,252	\$5,688	\$4,564
Missions	\$22,948	\$20,475	\$2,473
Other Commissions	\$38,850	\$24,649	\$14,201
Capital	\$3,470	\$3,500	(\$30)
Investments (Interest only)	\$11,086	\$11,667	(\$581)
Total Revenue	\$271,335	\$251,186	\$20,730
Expenses			
Leadership	\$140,464	\$149,676	(\$9,212)
Property	\$69,713	\$54,338	\$15,375
Christian Education	\$10,998	\$4,900	\$6,098
Missions	\$16,533	\$19,658	(\$3,125)
Other Commissions	\$24,512	\$20,859	\$3,653
Capital	\$516	\$11,667	(\$11,151)
Investments (Fees)*	\$3,502	\$3,675	(\$173)
Total Expenses	\$266,238	\$264,773	\$12,789
Difference	\$5,097	(\$13,587)	\$7,941



*The 2019 Budget allotted \$20,000 of Revenue to be withdrawn from a Church unrestricted investment fund to stabilize expenses for the year, if needed. Thanks to the Special Gifts category that withdrawal has not been necessary for the year. Year-to-date, we have underpaid the Leadership category due to the Youth Director position filled the first of July. Please note that we are in a deficit of pledged giving. Pledged income remains most helpful to create a budget and sustain our Church operation. Another note: "Other Commissions" includes Winterfest fundraising and the Youth Director was classified under Leadership (Staff).

Please fulfill your 2019 pledge and prayerfully consider your commitment to help Calvary fulfill its mission.

Revenue is designated and non-designated for operation of the Church. Expenses listed are primary categories of spending. Missions is primarily the Food Pantry and Christian Education is primarily our Youth programs. * Investment Revenue & Expense vary on the Market with realized gains/losses and are currently managed by Merrill Lynch. Interest, not directed for operational use, has been occasionally reinvested in the Church Unrestricted and/or Endowment Fund.

The 2018 Calvary Audit

We would like to thank our Audit Committee, Janie Small, JoAnn Martindale, Jo Simpson, Julie Day, Lia King and Nancy Titus, who recently completed the annual diocesan requirement. This is now a part of our parish record and met all the criteria given by the Diocese.

Connections

The Church "By the Numbers"

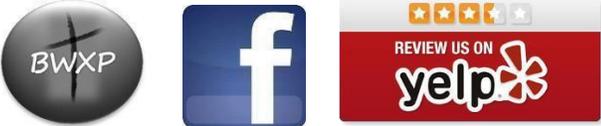
Supplied by Steve Hein (Data as of August 11th)

This information may not include some new members received recently but will be in the next edition of The Crier.

Our Church "Vitals"			8/11/2019		
175	55 %	Active Resident	23	7 %	Inactive
48	15 %	Active Seasonal	43	14 %	Related / Family
6	2 %	Elderly / Shut-in	0	0 %	Transferred out
19	6 %	New Members	3	1 %	Deceased
0			0	0 %	Moved away
248 Total Active Members			69 Total Inactive Members		
Total Active and Inactive Members			317		
141	44 %	Seniors / 65+	137	43 %	Single
132	42 %	Midlife / 20 - 65	180	57 %	Married
44	14 %	Youth			
317 Total Age Demographic			317 Total Married / Single		

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

"Like Us" on your social feeds in order to help us connect to more people and share the great things that are going on at Calvary.



Our Choice of Social Media

NEW NAMETAGS are Here. Submit a request to get yours today.
Please encourage Visitors wear on Sundays.
Good for Year-round residents and Seasonal residents at no charge!



Software Improvements

Did you know that technology can be a part of our spiritual discipline and walk? There are websites, software programs, and cellphone applications that can be downloaded to help guide our prayer life, or provide a devotional practice, and help keep us accountable to building and sustaining our relationship with the Lord.

As Fr. Jon has mentioned previously, Calvary has also jumped into cyberspace by launching a new software called Realm (ACS), used by our Diocese and several churches within. It incorporates a third-party software system called "Vanco" that now allows us to submit donations online to Realm. As members of Calvary, once you have an account with Realm, you can set consistent, monthly tithes, make one-time offerings, or even track your giving, 24/7 from your preferred device in the safety of your home or on the road.

In addition, we are looking to add to our social media presence and "connect" with others in the cyber world in the hopes of inviting them to our Church family. Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages and if you are interested in adding content to the church Facebook page and/or Instagram page or have another idea of how to connect with others, please let me know! We are always wanting pictures of our community in action and new ways of meeting and connecting with others!

Let's stay connected.

Submitted by Sandy Rogers, Connections Chair



September Birthdays

1 Jo Simpson
 3 James Doyle
 5 Joyce Croce
 6 Gary Kingston
 11 Bill Smith
 12 Charlie Sutherland
 12 Jordan Doyle
 15 Gordon Ross
 15 Pat Parker
 16 Casey Carpenter
 16 Denna Shiben
 16 Pat Whalen
 20 Dcn. Melissa Sands
 21 Emma Roberts
 21 James Cox
 21 Suzie Snyder
 22 Richard Gathro
 23 Beth Widell
 24 Matthew Burke
 25 Gordon Stevenson
 25 Jordan Coker
 26 Pat Chorny
 27 Joshua Sutherland
 29 Kathy Gathro
 30 Rick Alvarez

October Birthdays

1 Noreen Spicer
 1 Sandy Rogers
 1 Shirley McAllister
 1 Susan Lewis
 3 Suzanne Daviault
 4 Maria McDaniel
 7 Jeanette Stewart
 7 Fr. Jon Roberts
 8 David Richcreek
 10 Penny Yanacheck
 11 Rebecca Alford
 12 Roger Knickerbocker
 13 Brenda McCoy
 19 Bunny Stevenson
 19 Dot Romanowski
 20 Christine Kline
 22 Jodie Heinicka
 23 Zachary Alford
 28 Dick Reynolds
 29 Claudette Gibson
 30 Bruce Westall
 31 Jackie Emaus

Wedding Anniversaries

September

4 Pat and Ed Parker
 12 Mary Lou Ambrose & Joseph Barkley

October

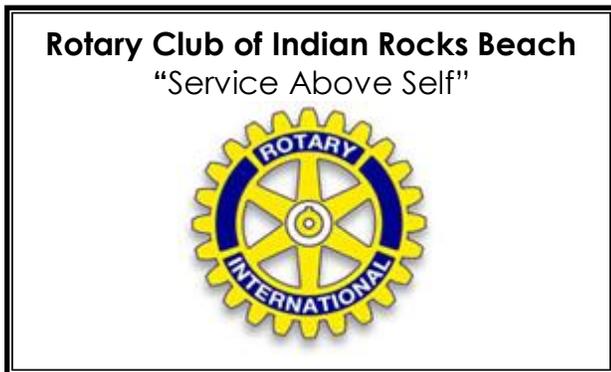
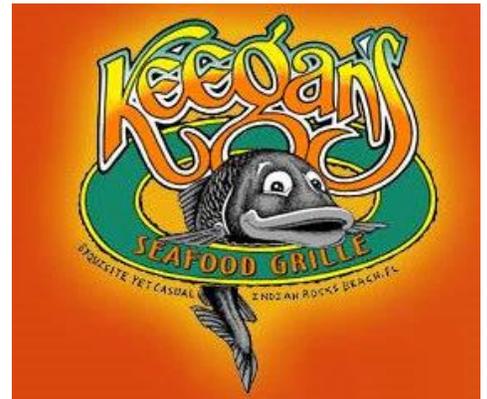
30 Claire & Jim English

If we missed your date or if there is need of correction, we apologize. Please notify the office. admin@calvaryirb.org



Fr. Jon is now sending out American Greetings eCards to your email address with a special prayer on your special day. If you did not receive one, please let him know.

Community Partners



**Deadline for the November-January Crier:
October 15, 2019**

Please send all pictures and articles to us by then.

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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 Lia King be aware, admin@calvaryirb.org

Meeting with the Rector

When making an appointment to see Father Jon, please do so in advance by either calling him (941/806-7232) or emailing him (jroberts@calvaryirb.org) making request for that meeting and including the purpose. He is available at almost all church events in the evenings and weekends and is usually on the Church campus during Office hours during the days/times listed here below.

Sundays

8am & 10am (Holy Eucharist)
10am-Afternoon (Church activities)

Monday – Thursday
9am – 2pm (Office hours)