

# Sheldon Calvary Camp in Pittsburgh



Beginning on January 25, Calvary Episcopal Church will host a monthly Sheldon Calvary Camp service on Sunday afternoons. We will gather for an informal celebration of the Holy Eucharist with music from the camp songbook.

The Rev. Leslie Reimer, Calvary Camp's Director of Spiritual Life, will be the primary celebrant and preacher with assistance from the other Calvary Church clergy (watch for Calvary Church's rector among the guitar players).

Campers and their families, staff, alumni, and friends of Calvary Camp are welcome. Children are invited to participate fully. Light refreshments and time to visit with each other will follow each service.

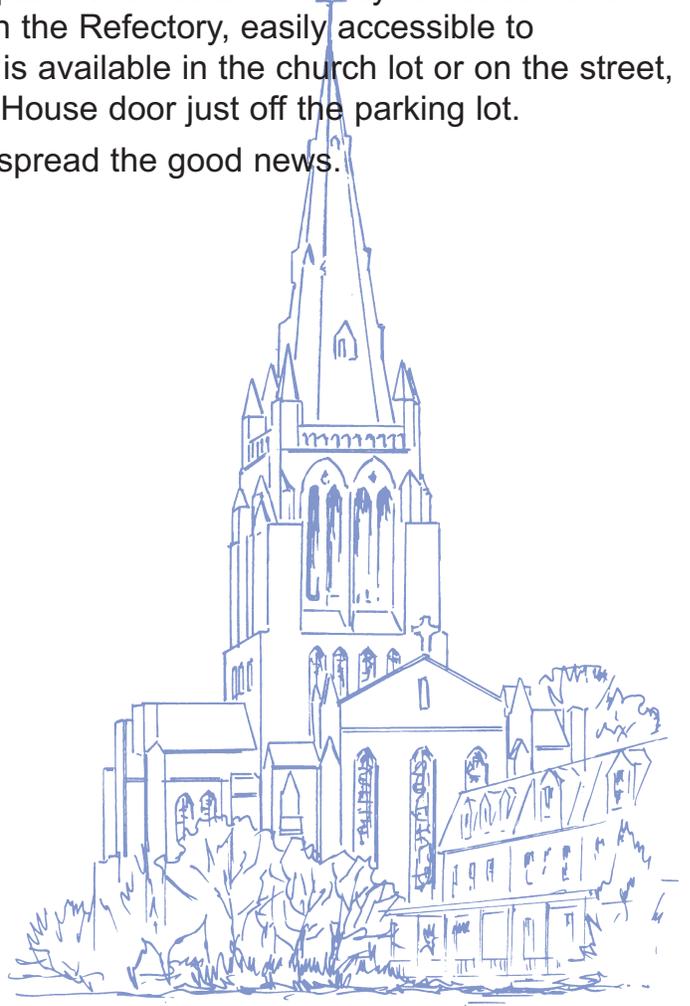
The Calvary Camp service will be at 3 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month here at Calvary Church. We will meet in the Refectory, easily accessible to everyone by elevator or stairs. Parking is available in the church lot or on the street, and the entrance is through the Parish House door just off the parking lot.

Please join us, invite your friends, and spread the good news.

Jonathon, Leslie, and T.J.

## Plan ahead for these dates in 2015

January 25  
February 22  
March 22  
April 26  
May 24  
June 28  
July 26  
August 23  
September 27  
October 25  
November 22  
December 27



# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

During these cold winter months our classes will be staying warm by taking turns working in Calvary's kitchen on certain Sundays. The tentative schedule for this is:

**January 18** – The PreK – K class will make “Angel Frost.”

**January 25** – The 7th and 8th grade students will make dry soup mixes. These will be sold at coffee hour with the proceeds going to Calvary Camp.

**February 1** – Grades 1–3 will make “Hidden Sin” brownies

**February 8** – Grades 4–6 will make “Life Changing Caramel Corn.”

On those Sundays all students should report to their regular classrooms. They will be escorted to the kitchen by their teachers.

Check the children's table at coffee hour to see and taste the finished products – if there are any leftovers!

## Mark your calendars for:

### Sunday, February 15, Youth Sunday –

Our children and youth will be active participants in both the 9 and 11 o'clock services.

### Shrove Tuesday, February 17 –

After eating at the Pancake supper the children will have the opportunity to make a “Signs of Lent” craft in the Parish Hall. Palms from Palm Sunday will be burned in the courtyard at 6:15 that evening.

–Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation,  
aeley@calvarypgh.org, 412.661.0120 ext. 116



These informal concerts, presented by Chatham Baroque, are specifically designed for pre-schoolers and their adults and are fun, interactive, and educational ways to experience Baroque music. Next on the schedule is ***The Long and the Short of it*** on **Saturday, January 24, 2015**. Two shows: 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. \$5 for children, \$8 for adults; in McClintic Hall here at Calvary. For more information: 412.687.1788 or [www.chathambaroque.org](http://www.chathambaroque.org).

Visit the Calvary website at

[www.calvarypgh.org](http://www.calvarypgh.org)



## About the House

*Being an occasional presentation for your perusal of those seemingly mundane house keeping chores, repairs, modifications, and improvements which affect our worship and parish life experiences in Calvary Episcopal Church.*

We all know that much work goes into decorating for the Christmas season. Here are a few of the efforts in that direction that have occurred over the last month or so at Calvary.

1. Outside Crèche and hay bale erected on Shady Avenue.
  2. Exterior wreaths hung by Jeff Rutkowski before 1st Advent – ribbons later changed from Advent purple to Christmas red.
  3. Inside crèche brought from basement storage and erected for pageant by sextons.
  4. The pageant happened – animals and all. Always a miracle in itself.
  5. Immediately following pageant, crèche removed and candle holders (120 +/-) for the pews brought from basement, fitted, and filled with candles (150 +/-, because spares might be needed) made at Calvary by James Knight during previous months.
  6. Poinsettias (150 +/-), greens, and trees installed by Jean Robinson, William Stevens, Roger Westman, Barbara and Lee Hicks, and Doug Chaffey.
  7. Weeks long care and watering ensued.
  8. Wreaths hung and ribboned in the church and parish house (22 +/-) by Bob Dilts
  9. All miraculously restored to normal by 1st Epiphany.
- All this while the roofs held, the heating system functioned properly, and the plumbing worked as expected.  
Happy New Year.

–Respectfully submitted by G. F. Roth, *Junior Warden*

## Weekly Email “Blast”

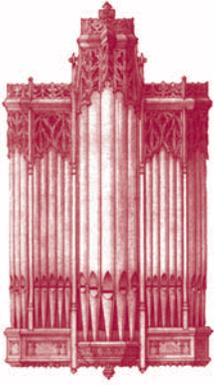
If you wish to sign-up to receive our weekly e-mail blast, please visit the Calvary website at [www.calvarypgh.org](http://www.calvarypgh.org) and click on “Sign up.”

For more news, go to the Diocese of Pittsburgh website at [www.episcopalpgh.org](http://www.episcopalpgh.org) to sign up for their email notices.



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On Sunday afternoon, February 15, the Friends of Music will present the Calvary Choir, joined by Chatham Baroque and a number of other period-instruments specialists, in a liturgical performance of one of the most glorious monuments of Western music, the *Vespers* by Claudio Monteverdi.

Monteverdi was born in Italy in 1567. His long lifetime saw one of the most profound shifts in musical style before

the twentieth century. In the years around 1600, musical textures, largely homogeneous for the previous several centuries, quite suddenly began to stratify, with treble and bass coming to dominate the landscape in a new way. Vocal and instrumental solo-with-accompaniment writing sprang into being. And composers seem to have begun to think increasingly in terms of simultaneous sounds, or chords, rather than through the interaction of linear melodies, expressing this most clearly by the invention of *basso continuo*, the accompanimental bedrock of the Baroque era.

If the new style came to be called “Baroque” by historians, its practitioners described it simply as “*The New Music*,” or “*The Second Practice*.” Monteverdi was no passive victim of this stylistic transformation, but was one of its most prolific and articulate representatives. His works chart the change from the old style to the new, and his words about music helped to define the shift even as it was taking place.

The *Vespers*, published in the year 1610, is one of the early high-water-marks of the new style (in the same way, perhaps, that Bach’s *B minor Mass* marks an approximate final climax to the period). *Vespers* is a liturgical service – the daily office offered at dusk in monastic institutions, and sometimes in secular churches. (In England, *Vespers* had helped furnish the raw materials for Evensong when Cranmer drafted the *Book of Common Prayer*.) It consists largely of Psalms, together with a brief reading, prayers, a hymn, and the *Magnificat*, or Song of Mary. Far more than the other seven daily liturgies of the monastic office, *Vespers* became a public service, which laity could attend (and seemingly did!). Part of the attraction, surely, was the musical settings offered at some times, in some places – and none, in his day, had ever approached the dazzling display of Monteverdi’s.

Monteverdi provides settings for the five Psalms and *Magnificat* appointed for festal *Vespers* services, together with an unforgettable setting of the usually-simple opening versicle and response, and a number of ancillary movements, for solo voice or small ensemble, which help

orient the liturgy toward a celebration of the Virgin Mary. Centuries-old plainsong lies at the root of the psalm- and canticle-settings, but Monteverdi treats it so artfully that a listener might be pardoned for not realizing that. The role of instruments in these pieces is variable, ranging from *continuo* alone to very colorful ensembles. The band includes strings, high and low wind-instruments (*cornetti*, a kind of hybrid between a recorder and a natural trumpet, and trombones), and a variable range of continuo instruments (we’ll be hearing organ and two theorbos, along with *viola da gamba*).

This is music that I nearly always find both spine-tingling and ravishingly beautiful. We last presented it in 2010, the four-hundredth anniversary-year of its publication. I hope that you’ll come experience it again, or perhaps for the first time, and bring your friends along.

(P.S. The Adult Forum on Sunday, February 8, will explore some of the music and context of the *Vespers*, and there will also be an explanatory talk by Professor Steven Plank, of Oberlin Conservatory, on Monteverdi and his *vespers*-music, at 2:30 on February 15, prior to the service.)

Alan

## 2014 EECM Holiday “Berry” Program Follow-Up



This Christmas, Calvary parishioners provided gifts to 75 participants of East End Cooperative Ministry programs, including Faith Housing, Penn Free Housing, Bridge Housing, and Children and Youth programs, by donating three requested items per person: something wanted, something needed, and a book or calendar. These gifts relieve the financial burden on many East End families at Christmas, provide essential household goods and clothing, and brighten the holidays.

In addition, Calvary parishioners contributed 69 \$25 Giant Eagle gift cards for distribution to EECM food pantry participants. These gift certificates are particularly appreciated this time of year as children are off from school for two weeks and parents can use the gift cards to stretch their December food supplies.

Thanks to all of you who chose berries and brought in your wrapped gifts on time for Christmas delivery to the recipients! This program went remarkably well this year, given the tight timeline. Thanks also to the volunteers who helped to sort and bag the gifts, and deliver the car loads of gifts to the EECM Community Center for distribution to the participating families.

## The Next Step Group

In honor of the Feast of Dr. Sam Shoemaker – Calvary’s 12th rector which we celebrate on January 31– the following is an excerpt from one of his sermons on *The Wonder of Forgiveness: ‘Good News’ for Everyone* from the book *Sam Shoemaker at His Best: Extraordinary Living For the Ordinary Man.*”

“*Forgiveness* is, I am sure, a by-product of the unfathomable love of god. He forgives, because He wants to have His children restored to fellowship with Himself. One cannot believe in the kind of God Jesus revealed without believing that God has within Him a hunger for the love of people, of which our own hunger for it is but a dim reflection. God does not need us as we need one another, for He is not finite; but it is implicit in His love that He wants us. There is law in God, and therefore judgment; but we feel this is secondary, compared with his love.



The condition of forgiveness is repentance. We cannot expect nor find God’s forgiveness towards what we regard lightly; we must call sin sin, if we want to be forgiven for it. We must accept our full responsibility for it, and we must try to see it as He sees it, not as our contemporary world sees it. I believe God does not want long brooding over our sins; but a swift, honest confession of them, to be followed by the sense of His unmerited and gracious forgiveness, and this to be followed by a **new start in the new life.**”

Join us for spiritual conversation in the Conference Room, second floor, Calvary Church.

**Tuesdays: January 20, February 3 and 17, 7:30-8:30 p.m.:**  
One of Richard Rohr’s Daily Meditations, ALSO

**Saturdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m.:** Discussion of a spiritual topic with a group member as the leader:

**January 24:** Margaret Baker, “The Gift of Self-Worth;”

**February 14:** Calvary’s seminarian, Shane Siciliano, “Kairos-God’s Time.”

For more information, please contact co-founders, John Horchner, johnhorchner@gmail.com or Sondra Krimmel, sskrimmel@gmail.com.

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## The Envelope Please...

Offering envelopes for those who have requested them are available in the Parish Hall. Please pick them up to help defray the unnecessary costs of mailing.

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The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh presents  
A closer look at Race to Reconciliation

## Absalom Jones Day Celebration

Saturday, February 7, 2015

Trinity Cathedral, 328 Sixth Ave., Pgh, 15222  
10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Guest Preacher:  
The Rev. Kim Latice Coleman  
Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church, Arlington, VA

### Celebration Day Events:

- Holy Eucharist - Bishop McConnell, Celebrant
- Frank E. Bolden Literary Contest Award
- Musical Performance by youth of the Neighborhood Youth Outreach Program
- Luncheon - \$8 per person or \$15 per family
- Focus Groups, appropriate for all ages, will address current race issues
- Story time and activities for preschoolers and young children available throughout the day

### Registration Deadline is January 31, 2015

Please register on line: [www.episcopalpgh.org/ajd](http://www.episcopalpgh.org/ajd), then pay at the door. Questions? Or to register by phone:  
Nancy Travis Bolden 412.683.8888;  
Rev. Nancy Chalfant-Walker 412.243.6100

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## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Please join us on **Tuesday, February 17** in the refectory at Calvary from 6–7:30 p.m. for a pancake supper at the conclusion of the Epiphany season as we prepare for Lent. The clergy of Calvary will cook. All are welcome.



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## Ash Wednesday – February 18

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at  
7 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 7:30 P.M.  
*Imposition of Ashes at all services.*

The Reverend Leslie Reimer  
will be the preacher at all services.

## Electronics Recycling Event

Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

### Recycling Electronic Waste Responsibly: Excuses Dwindle.

That was the title of an article by Molly Wood in *The New York Times* on December 31, 2014. “Maybe you replaced old electronics over the holidays or you’re just sweeping out the old and ushering in the New Year. Either way, you’ll need to do something with your old devices. For everyone’s sake, including Mother Nature’s, try to get rid of your old technology the right way. Recycling electronics is becoming easier by the day. Stores like *Best Buy* and *Staples* now offer programs to take back old gadgets and recycle them. There are e-waste collection drives, and you can even occasionally find bins for dropping off old tech on the street. Still, most old gadgets end up in the trash. Americans alone throw away two million to three million tons of electronics yearly, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. With the life span of devices shrinking – the average phone is replaced every 18 months – the problem keeps growing worse. The toxic waste from all those tossed gadgets causes terrible damage to soil, water and people. The Blacksmith Institute, a nonprofit organization that focuses on solving global pollution problems, estimates that so-called toxic e-waste threatens the health of 100 million people worldwide. And the United Nations Environment Program calls electronic waste the ‘fastest growing waste stream in the world.’ The solution is not just recycling. It’s to be sure that you’re recycling with a responsible processor. Some programs do little more than pass the load to unverified operators that then toss loads of e-waste into increasingly toxic dumps around the world.”

Calvary partners with **Commonwealth Computer Recycling (CCR)** which is DEP permitted under the authority and supervision of the PA Department of Environmental

Protection (PA DEP). The company has been issued a Beneficial Use Permit which allows it to legally accept and demanufacture e-waste.

Also, CCR has been awarded the prestigious R2:2013 certification. This means that the company has met very specific and strict standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to safely recycle and manage electronics. CCR passed months of rigorous testing to be named the first certified electronics recycling facility in South Western Pennsylvania with the R2 approval, and one of only 400 companies worldwide to receive the award.

Calvary will be offering you an easy way to recycle your e-waste on **Saturday, March 14, 2015**. You can drive-thru the church parking lot and your obsolete, broken, and unwanted electronics will be unloaded for you. Secure hard drive destruction will be offered on-site for only \$10.

Accepted items include computer equipment, LED and LCD flat screen televisions and monitors, cell phones, small appliances, cameras, typewriters, telephones, fax machines, keyboards, computer mice, and microwaves. We don’t accept large appliances, or car batteries. We will accept small consumer batteries. Older televisions and computer monitors containing glass picture tubes require a per item recycle fee, currently \$20 for monitors and normal size televisions and \$50 for console televisions.

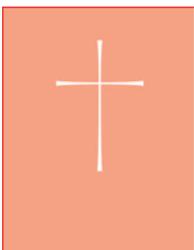
More information can be found at [www.ccr cyber.com/services/computer-recycling/](http://www.ccr cyber.com/services/computer-recycling/)

- Don’t forget that Calvary has paper waste dumpsters in the parking lot. Drop all of your waste paper there (no cardboard, please!)
- And, we have placed a clothes basket in the Parish Hall for donating your unwanted clothing, kitchen gadgets and working small appliances. These are all donated to the Thomas Merton Center’s Thrifty Store in Garfield.

## Book of Common Prayer in Pew Racks

Over the last year we have replaced many copies of *The Book of Common Prayer* in the pews here at Calvary. Consider donating a new BCP to the church as a memorial or a thanksgiving.

The Bookstore at Calvary has copies available at the discounted price of \$20, tax included. We will be happy to include a book plate inside the front cover noting your donation or honoring or memorializing a loved one. The prayer book will then be placed in the pews. Every purchase helps.



## The Bookstore at Calvary

### After-Inventory Sale!

2015 Calendars and Christmas Books – **50% off**

Select Books – **40% off**

Candy – **30% off**

**Visit the Bookstore Soon!**

**Congratulations to the Bookstore at Calvary.** This vital ministry will celebrate its tenth anniversary in February, 2015. Thank you especially to Sherry Bloom and the many volunteers who serve the parish and the community through the wonderful resource of the bookstore.

# The Calvary Calendar: January 18 – February 15, 2015

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## Sunday January 18, 2015

*The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 9:00 A.M. Bible Study
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour

## Monday January 19, 2015

*The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle (tr. from 1/18); Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

**The church and offices will be closed this day.**

## Tuesday January 20, 2015

*Fabian, Bishop and Martyr of Rome, 250*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. Calvary's PIIN Team Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. Calvary Young Adult Ministry (at Patron Mexican Grill)
- 7:00 P.M. Diocesan Committee on Constitution and Canons
- 7:00 P.M. AA
- 7:30 P.M. The Next Step

## Wednesday January 21, 2015

*Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304*

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 10:00 A.M. Fresh Start
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 11:30 P.M. Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science Graduation Rehearsal
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP off site
- 3:30 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:30 P.M. EfM
- 7:00 P.M. Shadyside Dems

## Thursday January 22, 2015

*Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa, and Martyr, 304*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 6:00 P.M. Diocesan Youth Initiative
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday January 23, 2015

*Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893*

- 10:00 A.M. Composers' Guild
- 12:00 P.M. Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science Graduation

## Saturday January 24, 2015

*Ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi, First Woman Priest in the Anglican Communion, 1944*

- 10:00 A.M. Peanut Butter and Jam Concert
- 10:30 A.M. The Next Step
- 11:30 A.M. Peanut Butter and Jam Concert

## Sunday January 25, 2015

*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 9:00 A.M. Bible Study
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 3:00 P.M. Calvary Camp Holy Eucharist
- 4:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour

## Monday January 26, 2015

*The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle (tr. from 1/25)*

- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 6:45 P.M. Vestry Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship

## Tuesday January 27, 2015

*Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, Witnesses to the Faith*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 7:00 P.M. AA

## Wednesday January 28, 2015

*Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Theologian, 1274*

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP (off site)
- 3:30 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 5:30 P.M. CLASP Planning Committee
- 6:30 P.M. EfM

## Thursday January 29, 2015

*Andrei Rublev, Monk and Iconographer, 1430*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 6:00 P.M. PIIN Board Dinner and Meeting
- 7:00 P.M. Responsible Gun Ownership Write-a-thon
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

## Friday January 30, 2015

## Saturday January 31, 2015

*Juan Bosco, Priest, 1888; Samuel Shoemaker, Priest and Evangelist, 1963*

- 10:00 A.M. Inquirers' Class
- 5:30 P.M. Chili Fest\*

*The calendar continues on the back*

**Sunday** February 1, 2015*The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Bible Study
- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Sisterhood
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 12:30 P.M. Calvary Young Adult Ministry (at The Yard)

**Monday** February 2, 2015*The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple*

- 5:30 P.M. Diocesan Committee on Budget and Assessment
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. Circle of Faith
- 7:00 P.M. Diocesan Council

**Tuesday** February 3, 2015*The Dorchester Chaplains: Lieutenant George Fox, Lieutenant Alexander D. Goode, Lieutenant Clark V. Poling and Lieutenant John P. Washington, 1943*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 7:00 P.M. AHC
- 7:00 P.M. AA
- 7:30 P.M. The Next Step

**Wednesday** February 4, 2015*Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark and Sweden, 865*

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP (off-site)
- 3:30 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:30 P.M. EfM
- 6:30 P.M. Beginnings Board Meeting

**Thursday** February 5, 2015*Roger Williams, 1683, and Anne Hutchinson, 1643, Prophetic Witnesses*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday** February 6, 2015*The Martyrs of Japan, 1597*

- 10:00 A.M. Soup Group

**Saturday** February 7, 2015*Cornelius the Centurion*

- 9:00 A.M. Centering Prayer

**Sunday** February 8, 2015*The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Bible Study
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist and Confirmation
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour

**Monday** February 9, 2015

- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:30 P.M. Friends of Music Committee Meeting

**Tuesday** February 10, 2015

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 7:00 P.M. AA
- 7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle

**Wednesday** February 11, 2015*Frances Jane (Fanny) Van Alstyne Crosby, Hymnwriter, 1915*

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:00 A.M. CLEAR
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP (off-site)
- 3:30 P.M. Choristers' Study Hall
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 6:00 P.M. EfM

**Thursday** February 12, 2015*Charles Freer Andrews, Priest and "Friend of the Poor" in India, 1940*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 7:00 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Friday** February 13, 2015*Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818***Saturday** February 14, 2015*Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869, 885*

- 9:00 A.M. Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti
- 10:30 A.M. The Next Step
- 5:30 P.M. Men's Shelter Dinner Preparation (off-site)

**Sunday** February 15, 2015*The Last Sunday after the Epiphany*

- 7:30 A.M. Coffee
- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 A.M. Bible Study
- 9:00 A.M. Choristers' Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Education Classes
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 4:00 P.M. Monteverde Vespers of 1610
- 5:00 P.M. Reception

\*To make reservations for starred events, for which a meal is being prepared, please telephone the church office, 412.661.0120, extension 140.

**AA:** Alcoholics Anonymous  
**CLASP:** Calvary-Lincoln After School Program  
**CLEAR:** Coalition for Leadership, Education and Advocacy for Recovery  
**CYG:** Calvary Youth Group  
**EfM:** Education for Ministry  
**ESL:** English as a Second Language  
**PIIN:** Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network  
**WoC:** Women of Calvary

To check for late breaking changes or additions to the calendar, visit our website at [www.calvarypg.org](http://www.calvarypg.org).

# 2015 Annual Appeal Results

As of January 7, 2015

We have received 334 pledges for a total pledge balance of \$972,094. Below is a comparison to the 2014 Annual Appeal showing that we are just two pledges below the prior year, but \$3,000 higher in total balance. The totals are not exactly comparable as the 2014 figures are ‘final’ and the 2015 figures hopefully may still change if we receive remaining prior year pledges which are not yet committed.

	2014		2015	
	Number	2014	Number	2015
New Pledges	40	\$90,560	39	\$44,890
Increases	107	\$439,716	120	\$366,322
Decreases	41	\$70,105	31	\$98,083
Same	148	\$368,669	144	\$462,799
Total	336	\$969,050	334	\$972,094

There are 25 pledges outstanding from parishioners who pledged last year, but have not yet made a commitment for 2015. If these pledges are received, bringing our number to 359 pledges, the pledge balance will increase by \$37,000, helping us to break through the \$1 million mark – the first time since 2010, which was also the only year pledges were \$1 million. It is significant to note that in 2010, we received 396 pledges to reach this \$1 million total, which would be 37 more pledges than 2015 if we receive the outstanding pledges.

As with last year, the trend in the numbers is encouraging. While the number of new pledges is lower than prior year, 2014 totals include a large number of parishioners who ‘missed’ a pledge in 2013, but still contributed. These would have been included in the ‘Same’ category in 2014 had a pledge been made. In 2015, pledges of this type, which I classify as ‘conversions’ from ‘contribution’ to ‘pledge commitments’, were 16 pledges of the 39 New pledges. The remaining 23 pledges in this category are actually **new pledges** from **new members**, a trend we have not seen at this level in recent years.

As shown above, more parishioners were able to increase their pledge commitments in 2015 – from 32% of the total number in 2014 to 36% of the total number in 2015, although the amount of the increases declined slightly.

The number of parishioners who had to decrease pledge commitments also fell in 2015. The impact of the new / converted pledges and increase/decrease amounts on the total pledge balance is shown below.

	2014		Amount of Incr/(Decr)**	2015		Amount of Incr/(Decr)**
	Number	2014		Number	2015	
New Pledges	40	\$90,560	\$90,560	39	\$44,890	\$44,890
Increases	107	\$439,716	\$55,241	120	\$366,322	\$49,600
Decreases	41	\$70,105	(\$33,851)	31	\$98,083	(\$27,883)
Same	148	\$368,669	\$0	144	\$462,799	\$0
Total	336	\$969,050	\$111,950	334	\$972,094	\$66,607

\*\*Amount of increase (decrease) is NOT a comparison against prior year. It is the total amount of the increase (decrease) pledge of parishioners in this category. They may not be the same people in this category in both years.

Since so many of the ‘new’ pledges in 2014 were ‘conversions’, the comparison may not be completely valid. However, it is important to note that increases, less decreases, again results in a positive impact on pledge balances in each year – approximately \$21,000 for both years. Add in the ‘new’ pledges and our total pledge balance shows continued growth again in 2015.

As a parish, we must rejoice in the response to this annual call to financially support our parish community, the community around us and our many ministries. It is truly a testament to living our faith in the world around us. Many, many thanks!

If you haven’t yet pledged, please join your fellow members! If you need a form, have a question, need some help to complete your pledge, please contact me at 412.901.6669.

If you would like to increase your pledge to help us reach the \$1 million mark, it’s easy – just fill out a new pledge card or call / email me at [stewardship@calvaryppgh.org](mailto:stewardship@calvaryppgh.org) or Lynda Kennedy at [lkennedy@calvaryppgh.org](mailto:lkennedy@calvaryppgh.org).

I would like to thank the members of the Stewardship Committee who worked very hard for many months and for their dedicated service throughout the year which made this year’s Annual Appeal a great success. We will build on the positive trends and continue with process improvements for the 2016 campaign.

–Mary Lou Southwood, *Chair, Stewardship*

## Interested in Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity?

Habitat for Humanity provides deserving people with decent, affordable housing. It accomplishes this through the construction of new homes or through the renovation of existing homes. Homeowners are selected based upon (i) need, (ii) willingness to partner with Habitat and contribute the necessary “sweat equity” hours, and (iii) ability to repay an interest free mortgage.

Volunteers – with or without construction experience – are

needed to assist with the construction or renovation of homes and have the opportunity to work alongside homeowners to help make their dream of homeownership a reality. The work day typically runs from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., although if you would like to participate in a portion of the day, that is fine as well. The dates for Calvary volunteers are January 31, March 14 and April 25.

Please contact Mark Rust ([mrust@aol.com](mailto:mrust@aol.com) or 412.224.2352) if you are available and are interested in volunteering for Habitat. To learn more about Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh, please visit [www.pittsburghhabitat.org](http://www.pittsburghhabitat.org).

The spring schedule for the Calvary Young Adult Ministry has been posted on the Calvary website (calvarypg.org). You will notice a little change from our fall schedule.

During Lent, I will host a weekly study on the Gospel of Mark. The set up will be such, and my hope is, that people will be able to attend all five weeks or only one and still be able to participate fully. It will alternate between Tuesdays and Wednesdays with a location(s) to be announced later. I have listed the dates for **Off the Floor** that many of us participated in this fall. Matt Muldoon would love to have help from us on a more consistent basis as we are able.

You will also notice that the parish Chili Fest is listed on the calendar, there will be lots of food and fellowship. The Welcome! Committee is looking for volunteers to bartend, I hear this is a great time and will be bartending myself. Lastly I am trying to find a Sunday that we, CYAM, can host hospitality hour after the 11 o'clock service, I will keep you posted as I hear more.

Every Blessing... T.J.



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Sundays at 10 a.m., in the Refectory.

**Sunday, January 18 – Many, Many Manifestations.**

The celebration of the Epiphany is but one of the many manifestations of God to the creation. The story of the Magi presenting gifts hold in it much tenderness and sweetness, but the real significance is much greater than this story. Since the very beginning, in the creation, God has wanted to be known by the people he has called into existence. Our theologian in residence, John Fetterman, will be the presenter.

**Sunday, January 25 – St. Michael’s Society: “The Heart of Calvary’s Future.”**

Please join our Rector, Jonathon Jensen, Hilary Brown, from the Pittsburgh Foundation, and Deborah Kelly, Head of Calvary’s Planned Giving Program, to learn about the exciting progress we’ve made and opportunities for your legacy and Calvary’s future.

**Sunday, February 1, 2015 – The True Use of the Symbol: The Carved Symbols on Shields of Calvary Church.**

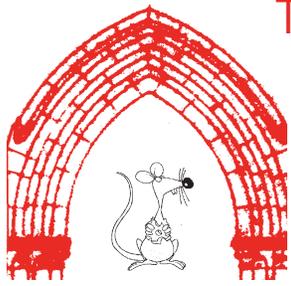
Architect Ralph Adams Cram adorned Calvary with over 50 shields with delicately carved symbols in his rich decorative scheme. From saint’s attributes to church history, they educate parishioners while combining artistic expression with religious truth. By popular request, join Architectural History Committee chair Philip Maye for an illustrated tour of these symbols, to be split into two Adult Forums due to their large number. Part 2 is scheduled for Sunday, March 15.

**Sunday, February 8, 2015 – An Introduction to the Monteverdi Vespers.** Alan Lewis gives an overview of some of the special music to be presented by the Choir on February 15, describing its historical and artistic significance as an early monument of classical sacred music.

**Sunday, February 15 – Youth Sunday.** Using ideas from *Living the Good News!*, the curriculum used in our Sunday School classes, our high school class and their teachers will lead a Bible Study. The focus of today’s lesson will be Changed by God’s Power, Mark 9:2-9.

**The “Thrifty” Community Store on Penn Avenue Needs Donations**

The “Thrifty” Store has a list of items that are in great demand: kitchen utensils (large spoons, spatulas, ladles, and pots, pans, and skillets), towels and bed linens. Calvary has been involved with donating clothes to Thrifty on a weekly basis for more than two years now. You may place any small household items that didn’t make it to the bazaar in the clothes basket in the Parish Hall.



## The Church Mouse

Congratulations to **Alan Lewis**, Calvary's Director of Music, who has had an original piece of music, *Arise, Shine*, published by St. James Music Press. An audio version is available online at

[www.sjmp.com/files/audio/arise-shine-lewis.mp3](http://www.sjmp.com/files/audio/arise-shine-lewis.mp3). The review stated: *Arise, Shine* is not for every choir, certainly, but if your choir has the moxie, what a great introit (or short anthem) for the season of Epiphany!

**Sondra Krimmel** is a happy Great Aunt for the first time as London Elizabeth Krimmel was born to her nephew Frank Krimmel III and his wife, Laura, on December 30, 2014 at Greenville Memorial Hospital in Greenville, S.C. A very Happy New Year indeed!

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## Thanks to the Soup Group!



I am grateful to the following chefs: Lucy Douglas, Kathy Farrington, Kathy Hendrickson, Anna Kamstra Keeler, Tracy Morris, Sue Neff, SungWha Oh,

Susie Prentiss, Jean Robinson, and Diane Styles. This wonderful group made 120 servings of soup for the Jeremiah's Place Shower on January 10.

**The Soup Group meet again on February 6 at 10 a.m.** in Calvary's kitchen. This session will be less ambitious than our January cooking! We are always happy to have cooks and recipe suggestions.

If cooking is not your thing, please consider being a soup deliverer. Soup is in the freezer in Calvary's pantry. Take some to friend, neighbor, or co-worker. This ministry is not just for members of Calvary. Contact me with any questions. —Adele Eley, 412.371.6921, [adele.eley@gmail.com](mailto:adele.eley@gmail.com)

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## Gun Control

Disturbed by the holiday shootings from Maryland to New York, from Montgomery County to Allegheny County? Thanks to the support of Senior Warden Catherine Davidson, the Parish Council and CeaseFire attorney Rob Conroy, Clint Van Dusen will convene a **one-half hour meeting** January 29, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There he will hand out prepared letters to mail to our legislators from Mayor Peduto up to President Obama. To register please contact Weezie Wells no later than January 23 at 421.661.0120 ext. 110 or email her at [lwells@calvarypgh.org](mailto:lwells@calvarypgh.org).



Thank you to the families and teachers who made our Christmas service projects a success. We gathered 20 gifts for the Little People Day Care Center in Clairton and sent a box full of warm hats and mittens to the children at Jeremiah's Place. Classes are back in session and students are busy learning and playing. Naturalist Verna McGinley will join us on January 20 to teach us about hibernation. The University of Pittsburgh Department of Communication Science and Disorders will conduct hearing, speech and language screenings for our older students on January 21. English as a Second Language (ESL) classes resume this month on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:45 a.m. in the Evans Room (Level F). We always welcome new students.

Registration for the 2015–16 school year begins this month for our current students and will open on February 1 for new students. *Beginnings* offers classes for children who will be 18 months through 4 years of age by September 1. Information can be obtained on the Calvary website or by calling *Beginnings* at 412.661.3025.

The *Beginnings* Annual Appeal letter will be mailed at the end of January. We know that there are many requests for you to share your resources, but we hope you will “Have a Heart” and be as generous as you can and send in your donations by Valentine's Day ♥ February 14. The funds raised through this appeal will again be used exclusively for scholarships. About 35% of our families receive some financial aid and we are hoping to be able to continue offering this help with tuition. No amount is too small. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Happy New Year from the students and staff of *Beginnings*!

—Peggy Morycz

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## Deadlines for Publications

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, February 6, 2015**.

Please e-mail your text to [calvary@calvarypgh.org](mailto:calvary@calvarypgh.org) or deliver it to directly to the church office.

Notices for the Sunday service bulletin must be received by the end of the day on Wednesday.



## Children's Corner Book Reviews

by Adele Eley, Coordinator for Christian Formation

Here are a few interesting and new items that can be found in The Bookstore at Calvary.



*The People Could Fly* by Virginia Hamilton; illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon; \$17.99. This book is the breathtaking fantasy tale of slaves who possessed ancient magic that enabled them to fly away to freedom. Those who did not have the opportunity to “fly” away, remained slaves with only their imaginations to set them free as they told and retold this tale. The illustrations are powerful and imaginative. This book comes with a CD narrated by the author and James Earl Jones.

*Adventures in Assisi* by Amy wellborn and Ann Kissane Engelhart; \$15.99. Two children are given a tour of Assisi by their great uncle. In this beautifully illustrated Italian town, they learn about the life of St. Francis. This book blends history and geography as the children learn about one of the most beloved saints.

*The Kids Hymnal*, created by Stephen Elkins with arrangements by John DeVries; \$14.95. This sing-along DVD includes 80 hymns. Everyone can participate as the music and lyrics appear on the screen with coordinating backgrounds.

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## EECM Food Pantry

East End Cooperative Ministry operates the second largest food pantry in Pittsburgh. On their “Wish List” is

**Rice-a-Roni, Dry Cereal, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Peanut Butter and Tuna.** Other essential items they can always use include **Reusable Grocery/Tote Bags, Disposable Grocery Bags, Individually Wrapped Rolls of Toilet Paper, and Diapers and Baby Wipes** (many of the over 500 families we provide groceries for each month have infants).

Of course, you can bring in whatever you wish to donate. Please leave your items in the shopping cart in the Parish Hall. Thank You! Visit EECM’s website for more information on ways you can help: [www.eecm.org](http://www.eecm.org).



### Save the Date:

All women of Calvary are invited to a Lenten retreat set for **Saturday, March 21, 2015** at Kearns Spirituality Center in Allison Park. The theme of the retreat is “The Practice of the Prayer of Presence.” Lori McMahan will facilitate the retreat, which will include prayer, reflection and dialogue as we access the writings of Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection to break open the themes of prayerful presence, attentiveness, and distraction. She is a pastoral associate at the Roman Catholic parish of St. Ann in the South Hills and a faculty member of the Epiphany Academy of Spirituality. The Rev. Leslie Reimer, Calvary’s Associate Rector, will conduct a Eucharist to conclude the day. More information about cost and registration will follow in the coming weeks.

### Women of Calvary Needs You!!

The Steering Committee of Women of Calvary is looking for volunteers for two jobs:

**Hospitality Chair:** This position, (lovingly performed by Margie Muldoon who wishes to retire after several years of exemplary performance) entails arranging Women of Calvary events – Women’s Home Eucharists held quarterly; the Spring cocktail party or other event; field trips and any other social or educational activities. We need an energetic, friendly person. Margie will help you get started and will lend assistance for the first few events. You will have at your disposal many volunteers to help you plan and execute.

**Secretary:** This position only requires that you attend quarterly meetings of the WOC Steering Committee, take notes and issue minutes for the record. A laptop or MAC would be a helpful asset but is not required.

If you are interested in one of these jobs or in just becoming more active in Women of Calvary, an organization that has all women in our church as members, please contact Kathy Farrington at [farringtonk@me.com](mailto:farringtonk@me.com) or 412.606.3983.

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## National Holiday Days

Most everyone knows that **February 2** is **Groundhog Day**. Do you know about these other “National Days”?

**February 7** is **National Send a Card to a Friend Day**.

**February 11** is **National White Shirt Day**.

**February 13** is **National Blame Someone Else Day**  
(it’s always the first Friday the 13th of the year.)

**February 14** is not only **Valentine’s Day**, but also  
**National Ferris Wheel Day**.

**February 16** is **National Do a Grouch a Favor Day**.

# LENTEN PREACHING SERIES



6 P.M. Dinner • 7 P.M. Holy Eucharist and sermon

## Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre,  
Rector, The Church of the Holy Cross

at **Calvary** – 315 Shady Ave. at Walnut St., East Liberty

## Tuesday, March 3

Preacher: The Rev. T.J. Freeman,  
Curate, Calvary Church

at **St. Thomas** – 378 Delaware Ave., Oakmont

## Tuesday, March 10

Preacher: The Rev. Eric McIntosh,  
Rector, St. James

at **Church of the Redeemer** – 5700 Forbes Ave., Squirrel Hill

## Tuesday, March 17

Preacher: The Rev. Jeff Murph,  
Rector, St. Thomas

at **St. James** – 11524 Frankstown Road, Penn Hills

## Tuesday, March 24

Preacher: The Rev. Nano Chalfant-Walker,  
Rector, St. Stephen's

at **St. Andrew's** – 5801 Hampton Street, Highland Park

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

*Psalm 103:12*

## The Chili Fest is Coming!

Chili Fest is a warm event on a cold night to celebrate our life at Calvary together and an excellent opportunity to welcome newcomers to our community. We hope you have your chili recipe ready to go. Now it's time to make your reservations for the evening of Saturday, January 31. Plan to arrive around 5:30 p.m., we begin serving at 6. The sign up sheet will be on the Kiosk in the Parish Hall on Sundays and displayed on the window of the mail room near the reception desk during the week. Please sign up to bring chili, salad or bread and do bring enough to feed 8 people. You will be asked to name your chili! You may also bring beverages, soft drinks, wine or beer. Hope to see you there!



## Off-The-Floor Pittsburgh – Volunteers Need.

Off-the-Floor Pittsburgh is a local Christian volunteer ministry which, since 2004, has provided basic used furniture to disadvantaged families who lack these items. A team of 4-5 men or young adults are needed on a Saturday morning to load furniture and make deliveries to 3-4 needy Pittsburgh area families. In 2014 over 300 local families were helped by Off-The-Floor.

The next date for the Calvary team is Saturday, January 24. Calvary is also scheduled to deliver furniture on **March 7, May 2 and June 13**. Volunteers are needed. If you want to add your name to the list of available volunteers please contact either Matt Muldoon at 412-362-1780 or mattmuldoon@msn.com. or Gary Abbs at 412.963.8124 or gary\_abbs@comcast.net. If you are a regular volunteer already, please let Matt or Gary know of your availability for any of the dates listed above.

You can learn more about Off-the-Floor Pittsburgh by visiting their website at [www.offthefloorpgh.org](http://www.offthefloorpgh.org). Remember that Off-the-Floor Pittsburgh accepts donations of used furniture.

You can arrange pick-up by calling 412.926.5053.

Thank you for your consideration of this very worthwhile ministry.



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'It's about time we joined the 21st century'

–from The Best of Banx 2014, *The Financial Times*