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The Rector's Sermon on the Primates' Statement

Sermon Preached by The Reverend Jonathon W. Jensen, Rector, on the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C, January 17, 2016

Ninety-five years ago, a significant event happened at Calvary Church. The very first religious service ever broadcast over wireless radio, on KDKA, came from Calvary on January 2, 1921. A church service was broadcast even before the first baseball game or boxing match. There is a brass plaque on the front of the building commemorating the event.

The rector at the time, Mr. Van Etten, thought the new medium was just a passing fad. He said, "I thought there would be some sort of fluke in the connection and that the whole thing would be a fizzle." So, he did what any sensible and wise rector would do and had his assistant priest preach. He also had concerns about the wireless radio distracting parishioners from worship. He made the two sound technicians, one Jewish and the other Roman Catholic, dress in choir vestments so they would be less intrusive. The red velvet valance above the pulpit is also a vestige from that time. It was to help with the static from early, poor microphones.

Soon enough, people from hundreds of miles away began writing Mr. Van Etten complimenting his preaching and saying how they felt connected to God and the church because of the new technology. Apparently, the rector's mother also heard him from afar and approved. Needless to say, he became a regular preacher after that and, more or less, embraced the passing fad as the new reality.

That event helped Calvary, in a new way, continue to bring hope to the world. We have long been leaders in the community and the Church deepening our welcome to include all of God's children. We have done this in our role supporting the disenfranchised, women, and those suffering from addiction, to welcoming people who are gay, to the first ministry in western Pennsylvania with people facing AIDS. Each was a sign of hope and love casting out fear.

One more example... In 1906, one of our vestry was elected mayor of Pittsburgh. He was one of many at Calvary who sought and fought to make the city better for all. Over one hundred years ago, the rector and

people of our congregation gained a reputation and nickname for our leadership role advocating for those with no voice. We were called, "That Damned Calvary Crowd." "That Damned Calvary Crowd" is going to be on our next t-shirt. It became a badge of honor and pride for our leadership role making our church and city welcoming to all.

George Guthrie was the warden who was elected mayor. He is known for two accomplishments. First, under his leadership, Allegheny City (what we know as the North Side) was annexed by Pittsburgh making us the sixth largest city in America. Second, at the time, Pittsburgh had one of the highest typhoid rates in the country. Politicians had argued about a water filtration plant for years. Mayor Guthrie, a son of Calvary, got it done and saved lives in addition to improving the quality of life for those less well off.

There were many, in each case of our leadership, that opposed and fought against it. It was an assault on the powerful who feared loss of power to those who did not have it. Another son of Calvary, Henry Clay Frick, opposed Guthrie as mayor and gave money to support his opponent. I can just imagine what those vestry meetings were like. Calvary has always been a diverse congregation in many ways but we have always, as whole, worked together to proclaim the Kingdom of God and welcome all people. That's who we have been, who we are, and who Calvary, God and the people willing, always will be.

And that brings us to the subject at hand. If you have read reports from various media you will hear something like, "The Episcopal Church is Suspended from the Anglican Communion" from one end of the spectrum. Or the other might read, "The Episcopal Church is Now a Second Class Citizen." Well, not really. The Episcopal Church does more fully welcome all people now but the news reports about suspensions have, shockingly, exaggerated the situation.

What happened? A meeting of all the Primates of the 38 autonomous churches of the Anglican Communion met in England at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. A Primate is the leader of a "national"

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church, usually called an Archbishop or, in the case of America, a Presiding Bishop. That is, there were no priests or laity present. Each Archbishop spoke for his church with no other voice. There have been concerns from many that the Primates had no authority to do so. In America, the Presiding Bishop decidedly does not speak for all unless we, meeting as a General Convention of representatives, give him or her that responsibility.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is not like the Pope in that he cannot dictate doctrine or simply decide things for everyone else. He is considered the first among equals because all the churches in the Anglican Communion share a common faith, heritage, and tradition that sprung from the Church of England and spread throughout the world. We have always believed each of the “national” churches (England, America, or Uganda for example) is autonomous in their own administration but held together by relationships and common heritage. We call this collection of churches with a shared heritage, trying to be Church together, the Anglican Communion. More than rules or common tradition or anything else, what binds us together is a desire to continue to be in relationship. That is what the Anglican Communion is, at its best, a collection of bilateral and multilateral relationships to live out our mission more fully.

We, as this collection of 38 churches, have created various mechanisms to shape how we relate to one another but have no juridical or court-based organization. We call these the Instruments of Unity or Communion. The four Instruments have no legal authority but do carry moral authority because they try to help us live in relationship together. If we say we are all part of one Church serving and following Christ our Lord, it is helpful to pay attention to one another even if we disagree.

One Instrument of Communion is the Archbishop of Canterbury. A second is the Lambeth Conference, a meeting of all Episcopal bishops in the world every ten years in England. A third is the most representative called the Anglican Consultative Council with laity, bishops, priests, and deacons. The fourth is called the Primates’ Meeting, a gathering of the senior bishops of each of the 38 member churches. The Primates’ Meeting is the group that met recently and produced a statement that you may have heard about. No one else. Just the archbishops. I suspect many people in the pews or clergy may not agree with what their archbishop decided.

The Primates gathered to pray and share experience about climate change, war, and other topics. They also discussed how to “...preserve unity in Christ given the ongoing deep differences that exist among us concerning our understanding of marriage.” In particular they discussed the Episcopal Church’s decision to embrace formally gay and lesbian people to receive all the sacraments. They gathered to discern how best to live together in community when

some members disagree or differ in how they live out the faith in their own cultural context.

The Primates’ statement asks, for a period of three years, that the Episcopal Church no longer represent the Anglican Communion on ecumenical or interfaith bodies or various Anglican committees. We are also asked not to take part in decision-making bodies pertaining to doctrine or polity, meaning church structure. The Episcopal Church will have, in effect, voice but no vote. The period of three years is because that will give time for the next General Convention, the highest legislative body in the Episcopal Church, to meet again and decide a response. The Primates also said, “It is our unanimous desire to walk together.” While we disagree, everyone is unanimously committed to staying together even though trust is strained.

How is this any different from the current state of things? Not much. As one scholar points out, “... the distinction is not so different from present practice; in a number of ecumenical conversations TEC is already not taking part, because of sensitivities ranging from same-sex marriage, to ordination of persons in same-sex relationships, to women’s ordination.”*

How will all this affect us in the Diocese of Pittsburgh and at Calvary? Not much. We will still pray for the Anglican Communion and our bishop. Calvary will still be Calvary.

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is, surprisingly, a model for how the Anglican Communion might learn to live together in mission. That’s really what a Communion or diocese is for at their best, a community of relationships mutually supporting one another in mission. The Anglican Communion exists to help all of us live into the Kingdom of God, to serve the world in the name of Christ, and to help restore all people to God and one another.

In Pittsburgh, across the theological spectrum, we share a common heritage and faith even though we might live it out differently. We share a love for the city and its people; Go Stillers! We share the same love of Jesus Christ and desire to serve our neighbors making the city better for all. We share a passion for common mission, one people gathered around the Altar to share one sacrament. Trust *was* broken several years ago but it is being rebuilt. Most importantly, we share a common *future* to live out the Kingdom of God together in southwest Pennsylvania.

Where do we go from here? In all Christian charity and humility we must recognize we, the part of the Church who welcomes all, may not have gotten it all right. But I do believe we are right about this. I am willing to stand humbly before God and err on the side of welcoming all people. We should listen and learn from our brothers and sisters around the world with whom we disagree to learn how our actions affect them in their context. For example, how living alongside Islam shapes their own faith. One would hope they would practice charity and humility and know they might have something to learn from us.

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As our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, of the Episcopal Church, said after the Primates' meeting, "And the truth is, it may be part of our vocation to help the Communion and to help many others to grow in a direction where we can realize and live the love that God has for all of us, and we can one day be a Church and a Communion where all of God's children are fully welcomed, where this is truly a house of prayer for all people."

In all of this, the Kingdom of God is paramount. The Kingdom is the message Jesus came to teach, share, and embody. It is faith, hope, and love breaking into a fearful world. We are baptized into Christ, not into any church. The institutional church is simply a vehicle to live out that mission in the Kingdom together. The Church is not perfect and should never claim to be but it keeps us connected. We are better together than apart.

Will we, as a Church and Communion and nation, look back in twenty or fifty or one hundred years' time and wonder how this was ever a discussion that caused so much pain?

Will we wonder how was it ever acceptable for a Church to exclude women from leadership or equal status?

How was it ever acceptable to exclude people of color or condone slavery for one moment?

Why, in the name of Christ, did we exclude people for simply being gay who wanted to be included like everyone else?

How, for people of faith, was it ever imagined to turn away refugees fleeing from war, to let people go without adequate medical care, or to live on the street, to be burdened with debt simply for getting an education, or to live in fear in the richest country in the history of the world that claims to be a majority Christian nation?

Our call is to give voice to the good news that Jesus proclaims and embodies... God's Kingdom is coming and we live like it is already here. Calvary learned over one hundred years ago, when we were given our moniker, there is a cost to discipleship and speaking up for those with no voice to welcome all to God's Table. Some people may not like us. That's okay. Always respond in love and faith, never hate or fear. Love... at the beginning and middle and end.

If this incident is causing you to be afraid or to doubt, I say to you, Fear not. Be not afraid. Doubt is not the opposite of faith. Having doubt can be natural; it is healthy to question so we can grow more deeply into Christ. No, doubt is not the opposite of faith. Fear- is the opposite of faith. We do not know exactly what the future will bring but it is filled with hope and we will face it together. God is still God. Jesus is still Lord. God's love breaking into the world will overcome all fear. Keep the faith. And share it, too. ■

* McGowan, Andrew. "No, the Episcopal Church has not been suspended from the Anglican Communion." January 16, 2016 • <http://abmcg.blogspot.com>

Theology Matters

Special Edition

Dear Friends in Christ,

After much prayer and soul searching I have decided to discontinue my column on "Theology Matters" in *Agape*. The process has become for me exceptionally demanding and emotionally depleting. I ask for your understanding as I step aside from this ministry which I have so treasured.

My plans, such as they are, are to read a lot of biographical material and fiction to discover as much as I can about the relationship between God and God's people. I think this clearly keeps me in the context of "Theology Matters." It's a context I have found exceedingly nourishing.

With great affection, -John J. Fetterman+

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On behalf of all of Calvary Church, thank you John for serving as our Theologian-in-Residence for these past several years and God bless you in your next phase of retirement after this ministry. -Jonathon ■

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016

at 7 p.m.

A Screening of the film

LOVE FREE[†] or DIE

LOVE FREE or DIE is about the Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson, a man whose two defining passions the world cannot reconcile: his love for God and for his partner Mark.



For more information about the film please visit www.lovefreeordiemovie.com

5 p.m. — **The evening begins with a service of**

CANDLEMASS

6 p.m. — **There will be a reception after CandleMass and before the film**

The film is presented jointly by

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MUSICAL NOTES

by Alan Lewis



Here we are again, in Lent...our annual journey toward Easter. Like the other seasons of our liturgical year, this one is marked by some musical distinctions on Sunday mornings, drawn particularly from the plainsong heritage of the Church. As we move into these weeks of solemnity, and a certain degree of musical unfamiliarity, I thought some words in another voice might be helpful. These come from Dr. Dale Adelman, Canon for Music

at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, and are used with his kind permission.

Why do Christians sing in worship?

There are many reasons, some of which may seem more compelling than others, but here are just a few:

- Singing helps us internalize our faith. When was the last time you left church, or a lecture, or a meeting at work, humming the sermon, or lecture topic, or business plan? By contrast, if someone were to play just the first five beats of Amazing Grace in any random context, I bet most of us could recall one or more stanzas of that hymn. Melody helps us remember the texts we sing, planting them deep within our hearts and minds and souls.

- After the Bible itself, the hymnal is the richest collection of Christian texts we have at our disposal. Spanning nearly two millennia of spiritual devotion and theological insight by some of the greatest minds and models of our faith, the hymnal helps connect us to the whole communion of saints, across time and around the world. For more on this thought, see the August 3, 2014 Cathedral Times online.

- Singing stirs devotion. Listening can do the same thing, but there is something different, something mysterious and profound that happens when an assembly joins its voices together in one united song of prayer or praise.

- Good congregational singing is a means of evangelism. People still like to be part of a worshipping community where they feel swept up in the sound of fervent, glorious music. If you are one of those people who worries about the future of the Church, one practical thing you can do about it is to sing, as heartily as you are comfortable doing. You don't have to sing full tilt. God isn't deaf. But if you try, even just quietly, it will not only expand your experience of the text, but make your neighbor feel less like an unwilling soloist, encouraging them to join in, as well. God will still love you if you don't sing all the correct notes right away.

(Reprinted from *Cathedral Times*, July 19, 2015) ■



LENT and EASTER at CALVARY 2016

SUNDAYS IN LENT:

February 14, 21, 28; March 6, 13

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, will be celebrated at
8 A.M., 9 A.M., 11 A.M. and 5 P.M.

The Great Litany in Procession on Lent I,
February 14, at 11 A.M.



EAST END PARISHES

TUESDAY LENTEN PREACHING SERIES

Lenten reflections inspired by the book
Crazy Christians, A Call to Follow Jesus,

by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Lenten supper 6 p.m., Holy Eucharist 7 p.m.:

February 16, 23, March 1, 8, and 15

People are invited to read the book,
which is available at the Calvary Church bookstore.
See the Calvary website for locations and preaching schedule.



WEEKDAYS IN LENT

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated
on Mondays at 6 P.M. and

Wednesdays at 7 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. (HEALING SERVICE)



Easter Day, March 27 at 10:15 A.M.

Children of all ages are invited to find eggs hidden in the Swan Garden and adjoining courtyard. Please come and bring friends.

E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, April 9, 2016 | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

in Calvary's parking lot

Visit the Calvary website for details
on recycling computers and other electronic items ■

Our 2016 Annual Parish Budget

Calvary Church is flourishing. We are reaching out more into our diocese and city to serve God and our neighbors. Our commitment to outreach, pastoral care, education, worship, and music are all very good. We consistently welcome new people to worship with us and share in our mission. We have also received quite a bit of good press recently in the newspaper and several magazines. One area that is not as strong as we would like it to be is our finances but we are taking deliberate steps to bring that into line with everything else that is doing very well.

The vestry unanimously approved our parish's annual budget for 2016 at their meeting in January. The whole congregation will have an opportunity to learn more about the budget at our annual parish meeting on Sunday, April 17. In our style of church governance or polity, the vestry serves as the legal representatives of the parish with three main responsibilities:

1. The vestry calls a new rector when there is a vacancy. (Jonathon celebrated two years as rector on February 1 and is here for the long haul).
2. The vestry cares for the building and grounds.
3. The vestry establishes a budget, makes sure financial obligations are met, and raises funds.

While we are doing very well as a parish in most ways, we have faced a twenty-year systemic issue of budget deficits. A budget is simply a plan to be good stewards of anticipated revenues and expenses to fulfill the mission of the organization.

In 2014, 2015, and 2016, our annual budget has been about \$1.5 million. For the last two years, the vestry has made a concerted effort to reduce expenses and raise funds so we can continue to flourish for the future. In 2014, our approved budget had a deficit of \$175,000. In 2015, our deficit was reduced to \$135,000. However, due to the leadership of the vestry, the hard work of the staff, and the generosity of parishioners, we outperformed our budgeted figures by about \$50,000 each year meaning our real deficit, at the end of the year, was \$125,000 in 2014 and \$85,000 in 2015.

Our approved budget for 2016 has a projected deficit of \$99,500. We are not where we would like to be, with surpluses, but are headed in the right direction by reducing the deficit by \$75,000 in two years. We will remain consistently mindful of the sacred trust we have to use our resources wisely for the good of the community and our mission as a congregation.

Another area the vestry has exercised leadership for the future is by reducing the draw on our endowment to a sustainable level. The annual draw is now at 5%. For the last twenty years or so, the draw has been higher than we would like for long-term strength. For the last few years, it has been

brought down .25% annually to our current level of 5%. In the future, we hope to reduce this even further for our sustained vitality.

The parish has no long-term debt but in September, 2015 we borrowed \$75,000 from a line of credit to pay bills after the summer, often a time of reduced income. Generally speaking, our expenses are roughly the same each month. Our income is "average" in January through May, drops over the summer, goes back to "average" from September through November, and then spikes up at the end of the year in December.

At the meeting in January, the vestry voted to pay \$40,000 towards the line of credit and pay off the remaining \$35,000 in February. We have ample cash on hand to meet our regular obligations and pay off the entire line of credit thanks to the generosity of our parishioners.

In addition to reducing expenses and increasing income, the vestry has worked to make sure the worship, outreach, and programs remain strong while caring for the building. The staff has been frugal which resulted in outperforming the projected budget by \$50,000 each of the last two years. We now have one fewer sexton and the rector has no secretary as cost savings measures. We have increased our engagement with the community and have a strong lay and clergy led process to follow up with newcomers to help integrate them into the life of the community. Our planned giving ministry, called the St. Michael's Society, consistently prepares for our long-term future. We now have about fifty families who have promised to remember Calvary in their estate planning. We have 36 new pledges so far in 2016.

There are many signs of hope. We are not where we would like to be financially but the vestry is exercising strong leadership by taking consistent action in the right direction to steward our finances for the present and future. Thanks to all of you for helping to make these positive steps possible for Calvary to be who our city and diocese needs. ■

Sheldon Calvary Camp Worship in Pittsburgh



The Camp service at Calvary Church is held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Refectory. We will be singing songs from the camp songbook. All are welcome – campers, families, staff, alumni, and friends. Please join us and spread the good news. Plan ahead for these dates in 2016

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

We hope to see you at Calvary Church! ■

The Calvary Calendar: February 14 – March 13, 2016

Sunday February 14, 2016

The First Sunday in Lent

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. A Study of Luke's Gospel
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
12:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour
5:00 P.M. CandleMass
6:00 P.M. Supper

Monday February 15, 2016

Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730

5:30 P.M. Bookstore Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer

Tuesday February 16, 2016

Charles Todd Quintard, Bishop of Tennessee, 1898

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
5:30 P.M. Calvary's Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network Team
6:00 P.M. Lenten Preaching Series Supper
7:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday February 17, 2016

Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, and Martyr, 1977

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. ESL
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
3:00 P.M. CLASP
4:00 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. EfM
7:00 P.M. Lenten Reading Group

Thursday February 18, 2016

Martin Luther, Theologian, 1546

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. EfM
9:45 A.M. ESL
6:00 P.M. Calvary Young Adult Ministry Lenten Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Diocesan Committee on Social Justice and Outreach
7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday February 20, 2016

Frederick Douglass, Prophetic Witness, 1895

10:00 A.M. Centering Prayer for Peace

Sunday February 21, 2016

The Second Sunday in Lent

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. Christian Formation
10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
10:00 A.M. Study on Luke's Gospel
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour
12:45 P.M. Calvary Young Adult Ministry Brunch (at Hough's)

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3:00 P.M. A Calvary Camp Eucharist
4:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour
5:00 P.M. CandleMass
6:00 P.M. Supper
7:00 P.M. Screening of *Love Free or Die*

Monday February 22, 2016

Eric Liddell, Missionary to China, 1945

6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
6:30 P.M. Vestry Dinner and Meeting*
6:30 P.M. Adult Inquirers' Class
7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship

Tuesday February 23, 2016

Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr of Smyrna, 156

8:30 A.M. Beginnings
11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
6:00 P.M. Calvary Young Adult Ministry Lenten Bible Study
6:00 P.M. Lenten Preaching Series (at St. Thomas, Oakmont)
7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday February 24, 2016

Saint Matthias the Apostle

7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
8:30 A.M. Beginnings
9:30 A.M. Beginnings Parent Coffee
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
3:00 P.M. CLASP (off site)
4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. EfM
7:00 P.M. Lenten Reading Group

Thursday February 25, 2016

John Roberts, Priest, 1949

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

Friday February 26, 2016

Emily Malbone Morgan, Prophetic Witness, 1937

6:00 P.M. Neighborhood Youth Outreach Program Fundraiser

Saturday February 27, 2016

George Herbert, priest, 1633

10:00 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert
11:30 A.M. Peanut Butter & Jam Concert

Sunday February 28, 2016

The Third Sunday in Lent

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. Christian Formation Classes
10:00 A.M. Study on Luke's Gospel
10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
12:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour
3:00 P.M. A Calvary Camp Eucharist
4:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour
5:00 P.M. CandleMass
6:00 P.M. Supper

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Monday February 29, 2016*John Cassian, Abbot at Marséilles, 433*

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

Tuesday March 1, 2016*David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 6:00 P.M. Lenten Preaching Series (at St. Andrew's)
- 7:00 P.M. AA

Wednesday March 2, 2016*Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672*

- 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)
- 4:30 P.M. Choristers' Rehearsal
- 5:30 P.M. CLASP Planning Committee Meeting
- 6:00 P.M. EfM
- 7:00 P.M. Lenten Reading Group
- 7:00 P.M. Shadyside Dems

Thursday March 3, 2016*John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 9:45 A.M. ESL
- 6:00 P.M. Calvary Young Adult Ministry Lenten Bible Study
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday March 4, 2016*Paul Cuffee, Witness to the Faith among the Shinnecock, 1812*

- 9:00 A.M. Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute Seminar

Saturday March 5, 2016

- 10:00 A.M. Centering Prayer

Sunday March 6, 2016*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

- 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. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Study of Luke's Gospel
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 12:45 P.M. Calvary Young Adult Ministry (at Mad Mex)
- 5:00 P.M. CandleMass
- 6:00 P.M. Supper

Monday March 7, 2016*Perpetua and her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203*

- 4:30 P.M. Diocesan Standing Committee
- 6:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 P.M. Centering Prayer
- 7:00 P.M. St. Augustine's Fellowship

Tuesday March 8, 2016*Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy, Priest, 1929*

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 11:00 A.M. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Beginnings Extended Day Program
- 6:00 P.M. Calvary Young Adult Ministry Lenten Bible Study
- 6:00 P.M. Lenten Preaching Series (at St. James)
- 7:00 P.M. Coventry Circle

Wednesday March 9, 2016*Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 394*

- 7:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
- 3:00 P.M. CLASP
- 6:00 P.M. EfM
- 7:00 P.M. Lenten Reading Group

Thursday March 10, 2016

- 8:30 A.M. Beginnings
- 9:30 A.M. ESL
- 9:30 A.M. EfM
- 6:00 P.M. Supper
- 7:00 P.M. Screening of *Cool Hand Luke*
- 7:00 P.M. Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network Meeting
- 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday March 11, 2016

- 10:00 A.M. Soup Group Cooking

Saturday March 12, 2016*Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604*

- 9:00 A.M. Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti
- 5:30 P.M. Shelter Dinner Preparation (at Community House)

Sunday March 13, 2016*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

- 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
- 9:00 A.M. Meeting of the Nominating Committee
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Forum
- 10:00 A.M. Study on Luke's Gospel
- 10:00 A.M. Christian Formation Classes
- 10:00 A.M. The Gospel of Luke
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Choir Warm-Up
- 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 P.M. Hospitality Hour
- 5:00 P.M. CandleMass
- 6:00 P.M. Supper

To check for late breaking changes or additions to the calendar, visit our website at www.calvarypgh.org.

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous
 CLASP: Calvary-Lincoln After School Program
 EfM: Education for Ministry
 ESL: English as a Second Language



Kneelers at the High Altar

The kneeling cushions at the high altar are currently being restored, in loving memory of Betty Gentilcore. They will be remade so the cushions actually cushion while retaining their beautiful appearance. We hope to have them back in time for Easter. ■



Lenten Food Drive for EECM Food Pantry

The Parish Council is sponsoring a Lenten Drive for East End Cooperative Ministry Community Nutrition Services. Each Sunday in Lent will be dedicated to collecting “always needed” items based on a certain “theme.” Leave your donation in the shopping cart in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, February 14 – Breakfast Week: cereal (low sugar, high fiber), juice (apple or orange, 100%, any size), canned ground coffee, tea bags, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruits

Sunday, February 21 – Pantry Comforts and Standbys: canned soups, tuna (in water), instant mashed potatoes, peanut butter, canned vegetables, canned beans (vegetarian, kidney, black, navy)

Sunday, February 28 – Cleaning Week: dish soap, hand soap, disinfectant wipes, laundry detergent, toilet tissue and paper towels (individually wrapped rolls for both) **Please no bleach.**

Sunday, March 6 – Pasta and “Friends”: boxed pastas, canned tomato sauce / tomato paste / tomatoes (no glass please), canned Italian cheese, Italian salad dressing, macaroni & cheese, rice or rice mix (Rice-a-Roni type)

Sunday, March 13 - Baking Week: flour, sugar, salt, vegetable oil, baking mixes (eg. muffin, quick bread, cookie)

Sunday, March 20 - For Our Littlest Ones: baby diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, baby lotion, baby bath, facial tissues (Please no jarred food.)

Please be generous in helping to meet the needs of our neighbors in the East End. ■

On our Website

Photos from the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper have been posted to the Calvary website at www.calvarypgh.org. Click on the sermons and multimedia link.

EASTER DAY MEMORIALS

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in the Easter Day bulletin, please fill out this form and return it, with your donation, **no later than Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016.**

Name (as you would like it to appear):

Donor's name:

Donor's telephone: (____) _____

Please circle your preference:

Flowers Music Where Needed

Please mail to: Lynda Kennedy,
Calvary Episcopal Church,
315 Shady Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206-4388



Soup Group Update

Thanks to all that made our Souper Bowl Soup Sale successful! The cooks, both in Calvary's kitchen and those that cooked at home, did an outstanding job. Thanks to those that helped with the sales on Sunday morning, and thanks to all that purchased soup, too. The final tallies have not been completed, but approximately \$550 in proceeds from our sale will go toward purchasing some new robes for our acolytes.

Please join us on March 11, at 10 a.m. in Calvary's kitchen, when we will cook once again. This time in smaller quantities! Recipes and volunteers are always welcome. Please consider taking soup to a friend, neighbor or fellow parishioner. If you have any questions, please contact me.

–Adele Eley at adele.eley@gmail.com or 412.371.6921. ■



We will return to
Daylight Saving Time
at 2 a.m. on
Sunday, March 13, 2016



The groundhog says, an early spring! Hooray! Here's hoping he is correct!

We want to thank our friends who have responded to our Annual Letter and remind everyone that we are still accepting donations. Please "Have a Heart" and contribute. Your generosity helps families meet the cost of tuition by funding our scholarship program. We truly appreciate your support!

Registration for the 2016-17 school year is now open for new students. *Beginnings* offers 3 days per week classes for children who will be 18 months through 4 years by September 1st. We also have extended day programs before and after school. Information can be obtained on the Calvary website or by calling *Beginnings*.

We are pleased to announce that we will be sponsoring a sale of t-shirts with the *Beginnings* logo as another way to support our school. Shirts will be available in light blue or bright pink for \$15 in toddler, youth and adult sizes. Order forms are available on the Calvary website, and in the tract racks. Show your school spirit!



Please save the date of May 5, 2016 for our annual Spring Fling. This year's event will be "A★Star★Spangled★Spring★Fling" and will highlight the USA! We will be collecting prizes for our silent auction and would appreciate donations of items/services/tickets to sporting or cultural events, etc. from individuals or businesses. Please call *Beginnings* at 412.661.3025 if you can help.

—Peggy Morycz, Director ■

Good Friday, March 25, 2016 – 8 p.m.

Choral Concert

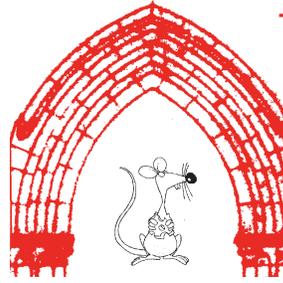
*Chatham
Baroque*

and other guest instrumentalists,
with the Calvary Choir and soloists,
presenting a

Bach Triptych

three cantatas on Passion themes

Thank You!



Through the generosity of the members of Calvary, with your donations of items, tickets, vacation homes, special talents, etc., and through your willingness to purchase the

interesting items that show up at the Silent Auction, you have made this the most successful Silent Auction in the history of the bazaar!

Another contributing factor to our success was the excellent "advertising" of these items in the *Agape* and the Calvary website.

The generosity of the business community that serves Calvary donated many fine items as well. I hope you will visit these businesses – D.K. Salon, Alexander's Pasta Express, Schiller's Pharmacy, Mark Evers Gallery, Marriott Hotels, The Pittsburgh Wine Festival, Littsburgh: Literary Pittsburgh.

We cannot forget Marianne Dougherty and her beauty items that she brings in from the west coast that have made Calvaryites the best coiffed in the city.

A heartfelt thank you to all the members of Calvary from the Silent Auction workers and The Women of Calvary who bring you this bazaar!

—Sandy Ekstrom ■

Adult Inquirer's Class

Confirmation for youth and adults will be offered May 8, 2016, when our Bishop Dorsey McConnell visits Calvary Church. Confirmation is a sacramental rite for affirming Christian faith. Preparation for adults interested in confirmation have begun, and will meet on February 22, March 14, March 28, April 11, and April 25. The series of classes is designed for those who would like to explore what it means to be a Christian in the Episcopal Church and in the Anglican tradition. We particularly welcome people who are new to Calvary and to the Episcopal Church. We will gather in the chapel for Eucharist at 6pm before moving upstairs for our discussions and some refreshments. The clergy of Calvary will be leading this journey of formation and discovery. If you have questions concerning the rite of confirmation, reception, or about the classes in general please contact The Rev. T.J. Freeman (tjfreeman@calvarypgh.org). ■

**Please remember to include
Calvary Church in your will.**

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 17, 206 at 10 a.m. We will have a chance to review the annual budget, approved by the Vestry, and vote for new Vestry and Parish Council members.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will convene on Sunday, March 13 to receive nomination for four vacancies for Vestry and three for Parish Council. They will receive nominations after each of the three Sunday morning services at 8, 9, and 11 a.m.

Nomination procedure from the parish bylaws...

“Voting members of the Parish may nominate candidates for election to the Vestry or the Parish Council either (i) in person at the meeting of the Nominating Committee or (ii) in writing or electronic communication addressed to and received by the Chair of the Committee prior to said meeting. In order to be valid, each such nomination must be seconded in writing or by electronic communication by at least two voting members of the Parish. No voting member of the Parish, apart from members of the Nominating Committee, may nominate or second more than one candidate. The Nominating Committee may itself nominate one or more candidates. Only person nominated in accordance with this paragraph by members of the Parish or Nominating Committee shall be eligible to be elected to the Vestry or Parish Council at the ensuing election. (Note: Voting members of the Parish who wish to recommend prospective candidates to the Nominating Committee for its consideration, but who do not wish to make their recommendations in the form of formal nominations, are encouraged to do so.)”

Qualifications of voters from the parish bylaws...

“At the Annual Meeting or at any Special Meeting of the Parish, all baptized persons of eighteen years of age or over who are present at such meeting and who have been attendants upon the services of, and have been regular subscribers to the revenues of this Parish for six months immediately preceding said meeting shall be entitled to vote for the election of members of the Vestry and the Parish Council and with respect to such other matters as may from time to time be presented for the approval of the Parish.”

The Vestry is the governing board of the congregation, chaired by the Rector, with authority over the secular affairs of the Parish.

The Parish Council, a rare organization in Episcopal churches, is to “assist and advise the Rector and Vestry in the implementation of programs and policies of this Parish within the scope of the Rector’s canonical authority for the furtherance of the Christian religion and the benefit of the Parish.” ■

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Lent Madness

During Lent at Calvary this year, we will be participating in one of the newer traditions to grace the Episcopal Church in recent years: *Lent Madness*. What is this, you ask? As excerpted from the *Lent Madness* website, this tradition began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church’s Calendar of Saints, Tim came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, *Lent Madness* was born.

The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints.

In 2012 Tim partnered with Forward Movement and Executive Director Scott Gunn to create a website and broaden the number of people involved in the writing process, with Tim and Scott serving as the self-appointed Supreme Executive Committee.

Over the last several years they have inspired thousands of people by forming an online community whose members are passionate about taking their faith but not themselves too seriously. Articles and spots about Lent Madness have appeared in the *Washington Post*, NPR, Huffington Post, FOXNews, NBC, USA Today, and even *Sports Illustrated*.

Feel free to follow along and vote at lentmadness.org. ■

Coffee Hours

Hosts are needed for the coffee hour and social gathering after the 11 o’clock service. Consider hosting a Sunday to mark a special occasion, honoring a particular event or person or asking your group or organization. The coffee hour is enjoyed but its success depends on volunteers. Please contact Judy Wootten at 724.733.1660 (*note her new phone number*) or at wootten@windstream.net to schedule a Sunday. ■

Deadlines for Publications

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue of *Agape* is **Friday, March 4, 2016**. Please e-mail your text to 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 each week. ■



Sundays at 10 a.m.

The Rector's Forum – The Gospel of Luke
The class, a combination of lecture and discussion, is led by the Rev. Jonathon Jensen and Mr. Chuck Esposito. We will use Luke for Everyone by N.T. Wright, available in the Calvary bookstore, as a resource. This class will continue every Sunday through April 24 (with breaks for Palm Sunday and Easter) in McClintic Hall.

Sunday, February 14 – Being Mortal

In his book Being Mortal, surgeon and writer Atul Gawande, writes about the modern experience of mortality. He is concerned with how medicine impacts that experience, how we deal with our finitude, and how we live a good life all the way to the very end. Leslie Reimer will share stories and insights from this book, and discuss the intriguing and challenging questions raised by Dr. Gawande.

Sunday, February 21 – Sing a Song of Choir Stalls: The Meaning and Artistry of their Finials

If you have observed the finials on each end of our choir stalls and wondered whom they represent and why they are there, this is the time to explore them in detail with the Architectural History Committee. Starting with Phil Maye's photography, we will explore whom each finial represents (or is thought to represent), a short biographical sketch of these historical figures, their relationship to our music and who carved them.

Additional forum descriptions will be announced in the service bulletins and on the Calvary website at www.calvarypgh.org. ■

Movie Night



Another night of film will be offered at Calvary on Thursday, March 10: 6-7 p.m. salad supper (Bring one), 7-9 p.m. showing of the film, 9-9:30 p.m. discussion led by Clint Van Dusen. Exploring issues including Jesus' love for His people and His resurrection, we will discuss Paul Newman's role of Luke in the film "Cool Hand Luke" (1967), Directed by Stuart Rosenburg.

Deadline to commit is Friday, March 4. Please call Clint Van Dusen at 412.427.8933 or email apax4cmvd@msn.com. ■

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL EAST END PARISHES



LENTEN PREACHING SERIES

Lenten reflections inspired by the book Crazy Christians, A Call to Follow Jesus, by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

People are invited to read the book, which is available at the Calvary Church Bookstore.

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

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Preacher: The Rev. Nancy Threadgill, Priest-in-Charge, St. Mark's, Johnstown at Calvary – 315 Shady Ave. at Walnut St., East Liberty

Tuesday, February 23

Preacher: The Rev. Bert Daly, Priest-in-Charge, St. Paul's, Kittanning at St. Thomas – 378 Delaware Ave., Oakmont

Tuesday, March 1

Preacher: The Rev. Garrett Yates, Curate, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon at St. Andrew's – 5801 Hampton St., Highland Park

Tuesday, March 8

Preacher: The Rev. Frank Yesko, Priest-in-Charge, St. Barnabas, Brackenridge at St. James – 11524 Frankstown Rd., Penn Hills

Tuesday, March 15

Preacher: The Rev. Dan Isadore, Assistant, St. Andrew's and St. Thomas at Church of the Redeemer – 5700 Forbes Ave., Sq. Hill

Check for cancellation of a service due to inclement weather by calling Calvary Church at 412.661.0120 by 5 p.m. or by looking at the website – www.calvarypgh.org

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Thursday, Feb. 18, 6 p.m. – Luke Bible Study (in the Evans Room at Calvary)

Sunday, Feb. 21, 12:45 p.m. – Brunch (Hough's, 563 Greenfield Ave., 15207)

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m. – Luke Bible Study (in the Evans Room at Calvary)

Thursday, March 3, 6 p.m. – Luke Bible Study (in the Evans Room at Calvary)

Sunday, March 6, 12:45 p.m. – Brunch (Mad Mex, 220 S. Highland Ave., 15206)

The full schedule is posted on the Calvary website. Questions? Please contact The Rev. T.J. Freeman, Curate, at 412.661.0120 ext. 112, or tjfreeman@calvarypgh.org

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

About the House

Being a presentation for your perusal of those seemingly mundane housekeeping chores, repairs, modifications, and improvements which affect our worship and parish life experiences at Calvary.

- As many of you have no doubt noticed, the Altar Rail cushions have been replaced by old choir stall seat cushions. It's only temporary, people. The refurbished and comfortably puffy kneelers are expected back by Easter.
- The ♿ restroom was inadvertently overlooked when light switch motion sensors were installed last year. Electricians will soon correct that error.
- The electricians are also to quote a price to install new LED lighting in the coves above the Parish House entry hall and main stair. The original lamps have long since burned out and the difficulty in physically getting to them has meant a long term outage. Hopefully, lamp longevity and savings on electricity will partially offset the cost of installation.
- On the wall at the foot of the stairs in that same entry hall is foreseen a framed presentation about the work of Ralph Adams Cram, architect of Calvary Church. The Architectural History Committee has been working diligently to complete this work before Saturday, April 16, when they, in conjunction with the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation, will host a portion of a surprisingly named "Cram Jam" here at Calvary.
- The flags at the West Entrance will soon fly again, once the rigging has been replaced. High winds and heavy weather had taken a toll on those ropes.
- The Sunday morning simultaneous presentations of: an adult forum; the 1st in a series of discussions on the Gospel of Luke; Church School (which is everywhere); and choir rehearsal went well. This kind of time/space use will be the norm for the near term. A Saturday day-long Heinz Chapel Choir rehearsal in the Refectory, Parish Hall, McClintic Hall, and the Church at the same time as a Peanut Butter and Jam concert – followed by the Chili Fest – also went well. A week-evening Lenten book study concurrent with an EfM class looms. There are other seasonal special events coming, in addition to regularly scheduled services and continuing weekly meetings. Routine use of space is definitely not routine. In spite of that, Weezie and the Sexton staff are still going strong, thank you. But please see the article in the next column. ■

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Sexton Schedules Surgery – Temporary Fill-In Needed

Many will remember that Calvary lost the services of James Knight for several months last year as he underwent knee-replacement surgery. Now it's time for knee number two.

Shortly after Easter, and for the following three months, we will be in need of occasional help in the Sexton department: Sunday Garden Service set-up; church clean-up; event set-up/clean-up; minor maintenance; lawn mowing; etc.

We hope to look outside the parish for these skills, realizing that it can sometimes be awkward working too close to home.

There will be hourly monetary compensation, though no benefits. There is also the possibility that, owing to the ever growing schedule of events at Calvary, additional help will be needed in the months after James' return.

The job will soon be offered publicly, but at this point, if there is someone capable and trustworthy that you think could use the job, we'd like to hear from you first.

Please contact Jeff Rutkowski, Head Sexton, at jrutkowski@calvarypgh.org or leave him a message at 412.661.0120 extension 119 to make your suggestion.

Think about it, if you will, and thanks for considering a recommendation. ■



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The Reverend Ruth Bosch Becker, *Assisting Pastor*
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