

Lent 50 Years Ago at Calvary

One of my favorite activities is to read the history of Calvary Church. Recently, I have been studying the *Agape* newsletter from fifty years ago. It was a two-page pamphlet in tiny print but a weekly publication then. There were the expected announcements, calendars, and brief reflections. These were sometimes from the Rector, John Baiz, or other clergy but just as often were like Reader's Digest in that it sampled articles from various sources and subjects. On occasion, I will dip into the *Agape* from fifty years ago and share what our members thought and read back then. My reading has revealed some remarkable continuity.

Services on Sundays were at 8 a.m. with Holy Communion, 9:15 a.m. with Holy Communion, and 11 a.m. with Morning Prayer and sermon. Morning Prayer as the "main" service was fairly standard at the time. Worship, of course, was from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer (our current version is from 1979) with the 1940 Hymnal.

We had a Lenten service of Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. with a parish dinner and lecture somewhat reminiscent of the current Lenten preaching series. Adult Inquirers' classes also started in Lent with the Bishop's visit for confirmation in May, similar to now.

Fifty years ago, parishioners read a provocative reflection in the *Agape*, from the Rector of Christ Church in Nashville, The Rev. John Lane Denson. It is printed in full and still speaks today (looking beyond the pronoun usage).
—Jonathon

Give Up Worship for Lent?

Suppose the church should give up worship services for Lent.

Ideally, and biblically, a Christian community gathers once each week to thank God. Christ conquered death and opened the possibility for new life to all men on the day after the Sabbath. So we are asked to thank Him for this each Sunday. The calendar is so built, and the church's canon law requires it.

But a gospel of grace can neither depend upon a canon nor enforce it very well. Love wins by example, not coercion. But love must sometimes withhold. So suppose the Ship of Love just pulls into the dry dock for Lent?

One possibility is that a lot of us would find out how very much we take for granted. Among the lesser things, are the hours of choir rehearsal, altar preparation, sermon writing, cleaning, lesson planning, and plain, hard hoping many of our devoted members and staff put in every week that goes by.

Among the greater is the accessibility of God. Only the devout who have come up against the wretchedness of despair really know something about God's presence and how it had better never be taken for granted. Such sainthood knows that God is as free to withhold Himself as He is to give Himself.

But just because so many of us have committed the subtle sin of presuming that God's only place in life is in the church and – what is worse – in the building and at the altar, to close the doors for a time might well teach us something about His presence.

It might teach us that the church exists because of God and not the other way around. The church is a pointer, an instrument, a reminder that God is. The building is a convenient place to rehearse these realities, and it is designed symbolically to remind us of them by its presence. But the building is not the church.

So what if we closed it for Lent? What if, somehow, we could remove it altogether from the streets of life for the next six weeks? Might it not teach us one of the greatest lessons we could learn – that we are God's church? Then what would we do and who would we be?

On Ash Wednesday – and the rest of the time, by God's grace – the services will be planned as conveniently as possible. And the building will be open, as usual. But will we? ■



New Needlepoint Chair

Several months ago, Alan Lewis and the Rector asked me to consider creating and needlepointing a cushion for the old altar chair which was rescued from under the nave of our church and carefully re-built by Jim Gubash, our Head Sexton. Needlepointed cushions, kneelers and banners seem to be a particular part of churches in the Anglican tradition, and needlepointing has been an enjoyable part of my leisure time for many years. I accepted the challenge.



Needlepoint is a craft involving the use of a mesh canvas comprised of stiffened and woven twine (usually called 'threads'), looking somewhat like a tennis racket. Yarns are woven through these threads in a number of different ways, creating pictures, often over a pre-painted canvas, or patterns using directions or even the imagination of the needlepointer.

For years I have had in mind an idea waiting for a reason to needlepoint it into reality, and this request was the welcome reason to do so. My favorite anthem over all of the years that I was a choir member at Calvary was Maurice Duruflé's *Ubi Caritas*. Duruflé, the French organist and composer, took the words and melody line from an ancient antiphon used for the washing of feet at the Maundy Thursday service. In Latin, the phrase '*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est,*' translates as 'Where charity and love are found, God is there.' This message is never far from my mind and heart, and I wanted to bring it to life in needlepoint. Since Duruflé was Don Wilkin's teacher and mentor in his time in Paris, I also hoped that this cushion would honor Don Wilkins in some way. Don was organist and choir director at Calvary for many years, as many of you know, and his time at Calvary goes back to the first services held at its current site.

I worked with the staff at Needle Point Breeze to create the pieces which would comprise the cushion, with the Latin phrase on top, and the English words spread along the four sides of the cushion, bringing my crude drawings and getting in the end the canvas pieces beautifully drawn and painted when necessary, done by Jackie Colhouer. Lorraine Kambic superintended the yarn colors and quantities, and helped every step of the way.

With five canvases to needlepoint, I asked four friends at Calvary to help with this project – Lyn Orr, Alden Read, Brooks Robinson, and Sarah Wilson. And each person graciously accepted, and came through with work well done. At the 11 o'clock service on April 7, the cushion will be dedicated "To the Greater Glory of God, and in Loving Memory of Donald Wilkins," and the choir will sing Duruflé's '*Ubi Caritas*.'
—Doug Chaffey ■

Photos of the chair as it stood in the old Calvary church may be found in the on-line extended version of this issue of Agape at www.calvarypgh.org/

Open Class

Are you looking for ways to integrate scripture and tradition with your daily life? Want to connect in a small group setting with others while reading the Bible, church history, and contemporary theology?

Do you like to laugh and have dinner with good folks once a week?

If so, the Education for Ministry (EfM) group at Calvary may be for you. Our cohort of 12 meets Wednesdays from September through June to connect, worship, discuss, and pray together. While the full EfM course is four years, each participant only commits to a year at a time.

Curious? Please come to our open meeting on Wednesday, May 1 from 6-9 p.m. in the Refectory to see how the meetings work. In the meantime, for more information, please contact Vanessa Sterling at 412.551.2042 or vmsteling@gmail.com or Anne Kamstra Keeler at 412.687.1429. ■



Prayer List Update

An important part of our worship at Calvary is the opportunity to pray by name for people in need. We pray for members of our congregation and for many others for whom our prayers are requested. **On the First Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2019**, we will make a fresh start with the Prayer List included in the Sunday bulletin. In order to keep our prayers current and focused, we are asking for your help. If there is someone whose name you would like to have on the list, please give that information to Kim Pieratt at kpieratt@calvarypgh.org – or to Leslie Reimer at ltreimer@calvarypgh.org, or by phone at the church office. The renewed list will include only the names which have been sent to us. We are glad to keep people on the prayer list for as long as necessary, because we know and understand that many needs are on-going. Whenever someone is ready to be removed from the list, we ask that you let us know. Thank you for your help. ■

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY for the First Sunday in Lent: March 10, 2019

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



Greetings from Beginnings! Our teams have so much to accomplish and less than three months remaining of the school year - exciting times ahead!

Our current unit is Machines and Transportation. Our Yellow Team (young 2-year-olds) has been looking at how machines work and experimenting with building. They collected recycled cardboard boxes and tubes, rubber, and plastic caps and used these items to make wheels, dashboards, and paddles. They enjoyed sitting in the boats they made while singing "Row, Row, Row your Boat."

We strive to help our students make connections with the real world, so what could be a better time to learn about oceans and water than right before Spring Break? Our Blue Team will learn about respecting the earth's water by simulating oil spills and by filling our water table with plastic bottles, straws, and trash bags. They will also use different art media to create a classroom of ocean creatures.

Our Orange Team celebrated St. David's Day (March 1) by handing out yellow daffodils (the national symbol for Wales) and hanging a flag with an image of a dragon in their classroom. The Orange Team is also organizing an event for March 21, World Down Syndrome Day (because Down syndrome is caused by the triplication of the 21st chromosome.) We encourage all of you to wear crazy mismatched socks that day to honor those with Down syndrome.

Our Valentine's Day Dance-a-thon fundraiser was very successful. Those who danced during the event seemed to enjoy themselves. We raised \$3,800 of our \$5,000 goal. We are still accepting donations. Thank you to those listed below who graciously donated:

Gary & Grace Abbs
Ben & Kate Anglin
Josh Antinopoulos &
Patricia Graham
Jonathan Arnold &
Hadassah Max
Jason & Danielle Bezeredi
Sonja Braun
Nancy Carpenter
Karen Chambers
Susan Clancy
Dan & Kathy Deis
Evan & Nicole DeVallance
Bob & Janet Dilts
Adam & Nina Dore
Robert & Adele Eley

Matt Enright
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Shogo & Azuha Sato
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Kathleen Short
Dennis Simon & Catalina Hoyos
Kenneth Smith
Peter Snook & Sarah Kelly
Mary Lou Southwood
Satoshi & Manami Takeuchi
Judith Wootten
Patrick Yost & Daphne Retter

Beginnings will have two upcoming fundraising events, so please save these dates: Palm Sunday Bake Sale on **Sunday, April 14** and our Spring Fling on **Friday, May 3**.

Beginnings is now accepting applications for the 2019-20 school year. If you know of families with young children between the ages of 18 months and 5 years who would be interested in our preschool, please have them call 412.661.3025 or email Beginnings@calvaryph.org.

We will be closed for Spring Break the last week in March.

-Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■

April's Soup Group

The Soup Group will meet on **Friday, April 5 in Calvary's kitchen at 10 a.m.** We will make everyone's favorite, chicken noodle soup, and a few others. Join us if you can. Recipes and cooks are always welcome. Others can be involved by taking soup to a friend, relative or family member. Our soup is made to be shared and not restricted to members of Calvary. If you have any questions, please contact me.

-Adele Eley, adele.eley@gmail.com, 412.371.6921 ■

Lenten Meditations Booklet



To help you prepare for Lent, free copies of the 2019 *Lenten Meditations* booklet are available on the table in the Parish Hall, and on the tract racks. Written by faith leaders throughout the Church and published by Forward Movement for Episcopal Relief & Development, the meditations feature reflections from writers about their own spiritual growth and Lenten disciplines. ■

Parish Register

Baptisms

Matias Carl Vega, June 17, 2018
Adrienne Cora Helm, July 29, 2018
Natalie Camille Ellerhorst, November 4, 2018
Hazel Virginia Ewing, November 4, 2018
Henry Robert Ewing, November 4, 2018
Ayla Delancey Kennedy, November 4, 2018
William Scott Brinkley Mandarino, November 4, 2018
Lorelai Marie Russo, November 4, 2018
Nelson Birch Heffner, January 13, 2019

Marriages

Kam Murrin and Geoffrey Royce, June 9, 2018
Cathryn Elizabeth Burgess and Donald Joseph Polito,
June 9, 2018
Alyssa Katherine Landen and William Neil Johnston,
October 6, 2018
Caitlyn Ann Kumar and Nina Marie Turcic,
October 20, 2018
Thomas John Hutchinson and Daniel Richard Molcsan, Jr.,
November 23, 2018
Nicholas Anthony Manning and James Allen Washington,
December 1, 2018

Burials

Charles Morrow Grimstad, June 23, 2018
Harriette Carlisle, July 5, 2018
Keen Compher, August 4, 2018
Mary Ellen Leigh, August 13, 2018
Ann (Lorrie) Curtis, August 15, 2018
Mihai (Mike) Marcu, September 15, 2018
Fitzhugh Lee Brown, November 8, 2018
Elizabeth Anne Brown, December 28, 2018
Nancy Walton Follansbee, January 5, 2019
Palmer Posvar, January 5, 2019
William (Bill) Umstot, January 28, 2019
The Rev. Thomas A. Smith, February 6, 2019

Transferred In

Elizabeth Gassler, August 28, 2018
from Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal, Memphis, TN
Sheila Russell, February 15, 2019
from Church of the Holy Comforter, Charlotte, NC
Mary Ann Reynolds, February 18, 2019
from Sacred heart Catholic Church, Pittsburgh, PA
Paula King-Smith, February 19, 2019
from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Maple Glen, PA

Transferred Out

Emily Archambeault and Brady Wahlberg, June 25, 2018
to St. Stephen's, Harrisburg, PA
Amy Farkas, August 13, 2018
to Christ Church Episcopal, Whitefish, WI
Joe and Carmen Bongiovi, August 16, 2018
to St. Francis in the Field, Harrods Creek, KY
Deborah Moncrieff, February 12, 2019
to Calvary Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN
Michael and Anne Semmler, February 12, 2019
to St. Brendan's, Sewickley, PA ■

PIIN 2019 Annual Banquet

Sunday, May 19 from 5 – 7 p.m.

Westin Convention Center,
1000 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh 15222

Individual Tickets \$75 | Tables \$750

The 2019 Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN) banquet is coming, and the Calvary PIIN Team wants to invite you to support PIIN by joining us at the banquet. Attending the banquet is a great way to learn about PIIN. Anticipate an evening that inspires and energizes – and is fun.

PIIN is unique in bringing together people of different faiths to act powerfully on essential local and regional issues, including living wages, affordable housing, sustainable environmental solutions, public transit, equity in public education, and reducing gun violence. Support for PIIN is an investment in the community. Reserve your dinner by May 14. You can also support PIIN's work by becoming a patron by May 3 or purchasing an ad in the banquet book by April 30.

Please contact Bob King (rking52717@aol.com) or Steve Shandor (steve.shandor@gmail.com) for more information. Visit piin.org for more information about PIIN. ■



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

in Calvary's parking lot

Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Computer hard-drive destruction and shredding on site

The following computer components will be accepted for **FREE** at this event: Desktop, laptops, hard drives, flat screen monitors, cell phones, keyboards, mice, printers, cables and wiring, modems; also phone systems and alkaline batteries. Household appliances, VCR/DVDplayers, stereos and speakers will be accepted for a service charge.

Televisions may be recycled for \$35, but you must register in advance: follow the link on the Calvary website at www.calvarypg.org.

A portion of any fees collected at the event benefits Calvary. ■

Please remember Calvary Church
in your will.

LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER AT CALVARY 2019

SUNDAYS IN LENT

March 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II,
will be celebrated at 8 A.M., 9 A.M., 11 A.M.
The Great Litany in Procession
on March 10 at 11 A.M.



WEEKDAYS IN LENT

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated
in the Lady Chapel on Mondays at 6 P.M.;
and Wednesdays at 7 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
(HEALING SERVICE)



CALVARY CAMP SERVICE

Sunday, March 24, 3 P.M., in the Refectory



LENTEN THEOLOGICAL READING GROUP
The group will read *Revelations of Divine Love*
by Julian of Norwich, in the Evans Room
from 7–9 P.M. on Wednesday nights in Lent:
March 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10



CALVARY MOVIE NIGHT

“A Man For All Seasons” – Thursday, April 4

Splendid film about Sir Thomas More
(Paul Scofield) and his conflict with Henry VIII who
systematically wants to behead or divorce
his 6 wives in a futile search for a male child.
Salad Supper at 6 P.M., Film at 7 P.M.



CANDLEMASS —

Sunday, March 10 and Sunday, April 14, at 5 P.M.



EVENSONG —

Sunday, April 7, at 5 P.M.

April 14, Palm Sunday

8 A.M. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
9 & 11 A.M. Liturgy of the Palms,
Holy Eucharist and Sermon

April 15, Monday in Holy Week

The Holy Eucharist, in the Chapel, 6 P.M.

April 16, Tuesday in Holy Week

The Holy Eucharist, in the Chapel, 6 P.M.

April 17, Wednesday in Holy Week

The Holy Eucharist, in the Chapel,
at 7 A.M., 10:30 A.M., and 6 P.M.

April 18, Maundy Thursday

The Holy Eucharist and Footwashing,
in the Chapel, at 12 NOON;
The Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar,
7:30 P.M.

April 19, Good Friday

Good Friday Liturgy, 12 NOON;
*Following the service, the Church will remain open
for meditation from 1:30 until 3 P.M.*

Good Friday Concert, 8 P.M.

Chatham Baroque and
other period-instrumentalists
join the Calvary Choir and soloists
in a program of sacred music
reflecting on the Passion

April 20, The Great Vigil of Easter, 8 P.M.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle, Scriptural Prophecies,
Baptisms, and the First Eucharist of Easter

April 21, Easter Day

8 A.M. Holy Eucharist and Homily
9 & 11 A.M. Festal Holy Eucharist and Sermon
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 A.M.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL
EAST END PARISHES

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES



FORGIVENESS IN A TIME OF ALIENATION

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Preacher: The Rev. Neil Raman

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

Tuesday, March 26

Preacher: The Rev. Leslie Reimer

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

Tuesday, April 2

Preacher: The Rev. Eric McIntosh

at St. Thomas – 378 Delaware Ave., Oakmont

Tuesday, April 9

Preacher: The Rev. Jeff Murph

at St. James – 11524 Frankstown Rd, Penn Hills

What to Expect when joining the Episcopal Church from a Roman Catholic background

Over the last several years, Calvary has grown and welcomed many new people into our midst. Some come from other Episcopal churches, some from a variety of Protestant denominations, and increasingly we are welcoming those from the Roman Catholic Church or with no faith background.

A number of former Catholics, in particular, have asked about the differences between the Catholic Church and our own. This article is written as an introduction rather than an exhaustive analysis for those with a Roman Catholic background now exploring the Episcopal Church and for those within the Episcopal Church to help address some common questions friends or family may have. Please know we are not encouraging anyone to leave their tradition but do welcome all who wish to be a part of our community.

If you have any questions, please ask any of our priests; Jonathon, Leslie, or Neil.

Where do we come from?

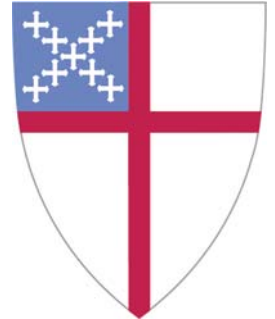
We trace our common roots from the early Church of the first apostles of Jesus and share the same Scriptures, Creeds, and liturgical seasons. In the 16th century Reformation in Europe, reformers “protested” some practices of the Church. These “Protestants” formed various churches emphasizing one aspect or another and became, eventually, the numerous denominations we now know as Lutheran, Baptist, Presbyterian, and so on.

The Church in England shifted between extreme Catholic and extreme Protestant quite quickly but then settled on a type of compromise, sometimes called the Via Media or middle way, blending much from both traditions.

We rely on Scripture, Tradition, and Reason (science and experience) to help guide us.

The Church structure remained largely the same with bishops, priests, and dioceses but welcomed many

insights of the Protestant Reformation including an emphasis on the Bible, the role of laity, and salvation by faith. One of its great achievements was the creation of the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549 that sought to put the prayers and worship in the language of the people, English in that case, rather than in Latin. The creation of the Authorized Version of the Bible (King James) in 1611 achieved a similar result. The Book of Common Prayer contained all the main services (including the sacraments) used regularly by the Church.



The Church in England became the Church of England and spread all over the world creating interrelated but independent “national” churches. The Episcopal Church is the American expression of this ancient faith that is both reformed and catholic.

Sacraments

The Episcopal Church has the same seven sacraments as the Roman Catholic Church; Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick or Unction, Marriage, and Holy Orders. While they are the same sacraments, there are some notable differences.

Baptism

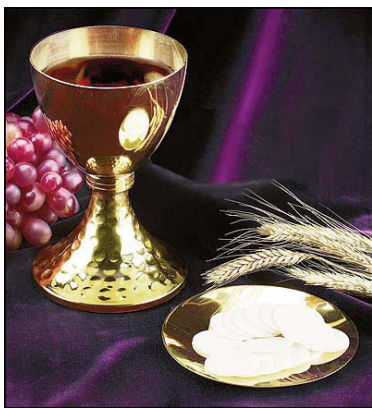
Baptism is the sacrament by which we are adopted as children of God, a promise of forgiveness of sins, and entrance into membership in Christ’s Body, the Church. One does not have to be rebaptized.

The sacrament of baptism is offered at Calvary multiple times per year. We baptize people of any age, children or adults. At Calvary, most baptisms are offered in the context of a Eucharist on Sundays as the parish gathers for worship.

See page 299 of the *Book of Common Prayer* for the service for Holy Baptism.

Eucharist (The Mass)

The main service on Sundays is a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This service is also known as the Mass, Holy Communion, the Divine Liturgy, or the Lord's Supper. The worship is modeled on ancient, common traditions and is quite similar in structure to that of the Roman Catholic Church with small differences in wording (e.g. "And also with you" instead of "And with your spirit"). The music is likely also different.



Generally speaking, the Episcopal Church believes in the "Real Presence" of Christ in the sacrament. That is, we believe that Christ is really present to us in the sacrament of bread and wine but do not define that precisely like the doctrine of Transubstantiation.

There are many aspects of worship that will be familiar to you including kneeling, bowing, making the sign of the Cross, the use of holy water, and processions. Feel free to participate as fully as you wish. You are encouraged to go at your own pace. When it comes to the ceremonial aspects of worship, "All may, some should, none must."

Children are welcome at all of our services. There is also a nursery provided for infants.

The services on Sunday morning are about an hour in duration.

Receiving Communion

Any baptized person, of any age, is invited to receive Communion. One does not have to be confirmed or be a member to receive Communion.

There is generally no "first Communion" class. Any of the clergy would be glad to meet with you or your family if you would like instruction.

See page 355 of the *Book of Common Prayer* for the service for Holy Eucharist.

Confirmation

If you would like to become confirmed as an Episcopalian, meaning to live our your faith within the Episcopal tradition, we offer the sacrament of Confirmation at the Bishop's annual visit. This year it is on Sunday, May 5 at 5 p.m. Note: This is the day of the Pittsburgh Marathon.

Each spring, we offer classes for those new to the Episcopal Church or to Calvary. All are welcome. One does not have to be confirmed or an Episcopalian to participate fully in the life of the Church and at Calvary.

See page 413 of the *Book of Common Prayer* for the service of Confirmation.

Confession (Reconciliation)

Private confession to a priest is not mandated but is an option. Please see one of the clergy if you would like to make a confession. We offer a "general confession and absolution" at every service that is a communal act before receiving the sacrament.

The service of Confession, also called Reconciliation, is on page 447 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.



Marriage

The Episcopal Church welcomes the LGBT community to all the sacraments, including marriage and ordination. At Calvary, we have weddings for both straight and gay couples with the same liturgy (service), counseling, fees, and requirements.

Divorce

The Episcopal Church recognizes that while marriage is intended to be a life-long commitment, it does not always work out that way. A second marriage in the Church is possible. Divorce has no impact on one's ability to receive Communion or participate fully in the life of the Church.

See page 423 of the *Book of Common Prayer* for the Blessing of a Marriage service.

Holy Orders

The Episcopal Church has three orders of ordained ministers; bishops, priests, and deacons. Both women and men may be ordained to any of the three orders. Episcopal clergy may also be married. Jonathon, Leslie, and Neil are full-time clergy. Ruth Becker, Carol Henley, and Moni McIntyre (a former Roman Catholic nun) are retired priests resident at Calvary.

Structure

Parish – The basic organizational structure will be familiar with a parish (local congregation) and diocese (a geographical grouping of congregations led by a bishop.) Calvary Episcopal Church is a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh.

In the Episcopal Church, a parish is more affinity based than geography based. That is, some members choose to travel long distances, past other parishes, because they connect with the music, worship, people, or focus of one congregation more than another.

Most congregations are led by a priest and Vestry. The Vestry is a type of board of lay leaders, elected from the congregation at the annual parish meeting (May at Calvary), responsible for calling a rector (head priest of the parish), raising and oversight of parish finances, and care of the buildings. The chair of the Vestry is the Rector. Vestry members at Calvary serve a four-year term with four new members, of the sixteen member group, elected each year.

One difference to note is the Rector is (usually) chosen and called by the Vestry of the congregation, rather than appointed by the Bishop. Assisting clergy are called by the Rector.

Diocese – The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh has 36 congregations in southwest Pennsylvania and is part of the Episcopal Church.

Episcopal Church – The Episcopal Church, with about 100 dioceses in the United States and several other countries, is part of the Anglican Communion, an interdependent community of worldwide churches tracing their lineage to the Church of England. There are close to 80 million Anglicans in the world with the largest number in Africa.

Authority

There is no central authority figure, like the Pope, in the Anglican Communion. The Archbishop of Canterbury (Head Bishop of the Church of England), is the “first among equals” of all the bishops throughout the Anglican Communion.

The highest form of authority in the Episcopal Church is called the General Convention, a meeting of every bishop and 4 elected clergy and 4 elected laity from every diocese, that convenes every three years. The laity have a strong voice in the governance of the Church. Within certain parameters, individual dioceses and parishes are free to set their own priorities, budgets, and style of worship.

Bishops

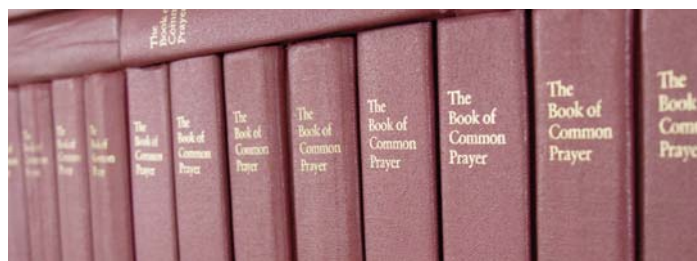
In the Episcopal Church, bishops are elected at a diocesan convention by lay and clergy members. The word “episcopal” means led by “bishops.” A bishop has a mandatory retirement age of 72.

The Eighth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, Dorsey McConnell, was ordained bishop at Calvary Church on October 20, 2012 by the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, twenty-sixth Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

What are priests called?

The lead priest of a congregation has the title, Rector. The word “rector,” like “director,” comes from the Latin root meaning “guide.” The Rev. Jonathon Jensen has been the Rector of Calvary since 2014. The Rev. Leslie Reimer is Senior Associate Rector (full-time assistant priest). The Rev. Neil Raman is the Associate Rector (full-time assistant priest).

The custom at Calvary has been to call priests by first name. Some people choose to say Father Jensen (Jonathon) or Father Raman (Neil). Leslie Reimer prefers to be called Leslie.



Prayer Book

The Book of Common Prayer contains the regularly used services, including all the sacraments, of the Church. Like a Roman missal, the Prayer Book is an aid to participate in worship. Prayer Books and hymnals are in every pew. A printed bulletin will have the order of service with page numbers from the Prayer Book (sometimes abbreviated as BCP), readings, music, and parish announcements.

Role of Mary and Saints

Most Episcopalians honor the role of Mary and the saints as lives worthy to be emulated but pray only to God. Mary, in particular, had a singular role in God's plan for salvation in Jesus. There are ten images of Mary at Calvary in windows, statues, carvings and the Lady Chapel, also known as the Morning Chapel, dedicated to her. Some Episcopalians find praying the Rosary helpful. Most would be unfamiliar with it.

Many of the saints on the calendar from the time of the Reformation in the 16th century are the same as the Roman Catholic Church. We have added and removed numerous saints since then. We do not pray *to* the dead but do pray to God *for* those who have died.

Most Episcopal Churches are named after saints. The patron saint of Calvary Church is St. Michael the Archangel with the feast day on September 29.

Finances

The Vestry is the elected lay leadership of the congregation responsible for finances. Approximately 3/4 of parish income is from pledging, an annual giving commitment from members. The remaining 1/4 comes from offerings in the plate, some from special giving like at Christmas and Easter, and from an endowment. Each parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh gives 11% of their annual income to the Diocese to support common ministry. Calvary receives no income from the Diocese.

Birth Control

We honor a couple's choice to use or not use birth control at their own discretion.

Outreach and Fellowship

Episcopalians tend to stay together after church for a coffee hour which has been called by some as the "eighth sacrament." You are welcome to join in when you are ready.



The average-sized Episcopal Church is much smaller than the average-sized Roman Catholic Church. Calvary has 1,500 members. 2/3 of the 36 congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh have 30 or fewer people on Sunday. We know one another, serve together, and care for one another.

We also tend to look outwardly to serve our neighbors. There are many ways you can help. Please speak with one of the priests if you would like to learn more.

What Next?

In addition to speaking with any of our priests, there is a newcomers library in the parish hall with all sorts of introductory materials about the Episcopal Church. Feel free to borrow any of them.

Many Episcopalians are converts to the faith from another tradition (Roman Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian) or nothing at all (Jonathon) while many grew up in the Episcopal Church (Leslie and Neil).

I (Jonathon) fumbled through my first services and was helped by a kind lady who sat next to me and showed me the Prayer Book and introduced me to people and the life of the parish. Please know you are always welcome to ask a priest or member if you have any questions.

—Jonathon W. Jensen, *Rector*

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The Book of Common Prayer may be found online at
[www.episcopalchurch.org/files/
book_of_common_prayer.pdf](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/book_of_common_prayer.pdf)

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Easter Monday Flower Delivery

One of the many traditions at Calvary Episcopal Church is the delivery the Easter flowers to those for whom prayers were offered during the past year. On Easter Monday last year, 20 Calvary parishioners and one staff member delivered Easter flowers to 55 recipients.

This is a very easy, one-day volunteer job, and only requires that you have time on **Monday morning, April 22, 2019** to deliver 3-4 Easter flowers to the recipients. Louise Wells prepares the maps to the recipient's home and a card containing a message from the Rector, which is attached to the flowers you are delivering.

Volunteers are asked to arrive at the Parish Hall between 8:30 and 10 a.m. to choose your flowers for delivery. William Stevens and Barbara Hicks will be at the parish hall for assistance to the volunteers, if needed. Coffee, tea and some delicious snacks will be available in the Parish Hall for the volunteers before they start their deliveries.

Please call Barbara Hicks at 412.242.1469 or e-mail her at barbleeh@verizon.net to sign up for Easter Monday Flower Delivery. Thank you! ■



SHELDON CALVARY CAMP HOLY EUCHARIST at CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sheldon Calvary Camp service, an informal celebration of the Holy Eucharist, will be held on these Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m., in the Refectory: **March 24, April 28, and May 26**. The Rev. Leslie Reimer is the celebrant, and we use music from the Camp songbook. Mark your calendars and join us when you can! ■

CANDLEMASS

Word and sacrament
in the intimacy of the parclose,
with music sung by the CandleMass Schola
on the second Sunday of the month at 5 P.M.

March 10, April 14, & May 12



2019 Allies Ball: The Royal Revel

Saturday, March 30, 2019

The University Club, 123 University Place, 15213

Honorary Co-Chairs, John Lovelace, President, UPMC for You and Billy Porter, Tony-winning and Golden-Globe nominated actor invite you to the 2019 Allies Ball: The Royal Revel

Featuring a performance by NYC cabaret queen Marti G. Cummings, fine dining, drinks, dessert and dancing.

5:30 p.m. VIP Reception & Presentation of the Kerry Stoner Award Winner to Scott Noxon

7 p.m. VIP Dinner

8:30 – 10:30 p.m. Royal Revel Party
(for VIP and General Admission guests)

Make reservations at alliespgh.org/events/863/

Allies for Health + Wellbeing envisions a healthier community whereby all individuals access integrated medical care and supportive human services in a respectful setting, free of stigma and discrimination. ■



Easter Day

Sunday, April 21, 2019 @ 10:15 a.m.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Meet inside in the Hallway to the Garden

All are Welcome!

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



We will return to Daylight Saving Time at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. When setting your clocks ahead, it is a good time to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at home. ■

Weekly Offering Cards

Cards that say “My gift comes electronically or by mail” can serve as a visible sign of your gift. Look for the purple cards in a basket in the Narthex or by the North Transept door each week, take one, and place it in the offering plate. ■

Please recycle this newsletter
when you have finished reading it.



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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, April 14, 2019.

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



Shared Thoughts of Life and Legacy.

Of all of life's necessary activities, perhaps the most sobering is putting together a last will and testament. This involves looking at your life from a business point-of-view, including choosing an executor, assigning a power of attorney, and creating a healthcare proxy. Part of the process is also to look at your assets to decide to whom they will be parceled out and in what amounts. This part of the process is more emotional, in a sense working out what will be the legacy you leave behind.

I am often asked why I support Calvary in the ways that I do. My answer to this question is always that I support our church not because of the magnificent structure we inhabit, or because it has one of the finest choirs in the city, but because of how it makes me feel when I walk through its portals, a feeling of centeredness, of balance, and of deep spirituality. Our church allows me to worship in the way I wish, among people whom I care about, and with a clergy that significantly adds to my understanding of how faith works in our daily lives.

For these reasons, I decided that part of my legacy was to name Calvary Episcopal Church as a beneficiary of my estate in my last will and testament. As I contemplate my passing into that everlasting light, I am comforted to know that my support will help and assist others who will come after me to experience Calvary in all its glory and in all that it offers. It is an honor to be part of the St. Michael's Society at Calvary, and I encourage all who wish to see Calvary prosper in the future to join me. ■

—Jim Cassaro ■

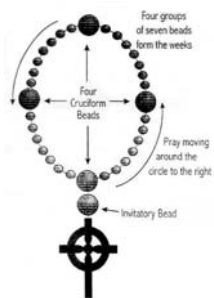
If you are interested in exploring a possible estate gift to Calvary Church, please contact Deborah Kelly at dc1kelly@gmail.com or 412.688.9299. Our goal is simply to educate you about the process because we understand these gifts come from your heart.”

About Lent

Lent is the season of forty days plus Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday, preparing for the resurrection of Christ celebrated at Easter. In Lent, the readings and music take on a more solemn tone, alleluias are omitted, and the beautiful crosses are veiled drawing our attention to “last things” and introspection. The color of the season is purple. The beginning of Lent is determined by the start of Easter. ■

The Bookstore at Calvary

The Bookstore now has a variety Anglican prayer beads from the company Full Circle Beads. Anglican prayer beads, or the Anglican Rosary, created in the 1980s by an Episcopal priest, Father Lynn Bauman, consist of 33 beads divided into four groups of seven, called weeks, an invitational bead and four cruciform beads. In the Judeo-Christian tradition, the number seven represent spiritual perfection and completion. Between each week, the single cruciform beads form a cross. The invitational bead



brings the total number of beads to 33, the number of years in Jesus' earthly life. The symbolism in the Anglican Rosary is unique to the Anglican tradition, as are the prayers.

Prayer beads or rosaries can be traced as far back as the 8th century BCE and can be found in every major religion. All prayer beads have a common

purpose as an aid to meditation or contemplation. Fingering the beads helps one stay focused on the prayers. To this end, most prayer beads are made of similar beads of stone or wood or other natural materials. The Bookstore has a wide selection to choose from and can provide written guidelines for using the prayer beads.

The Bookstore is open Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the week, the Bookstore is open Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® are accepted. ■

greet & gather at **Hospitality Hour** *after the 11 o'clock service*

There are open dates in March and April that need hosts! Consider hosting a Sunday to mark a special occasion, honoring a particular event or person or asking your group or organization. Please sign up on the display in the Parish Hall or contact Judy Wootten at 724.733.1660 or by email – jcwootten@comcast.net – to schedule a Sunday. Thank you! ■

Please contact Calvary's Parish Administrator Kim Pieratt at the Church office if you have any questions about flower memorials, prayer list additions, or scheduling of events. Kim can be contacted at 412.661.0120, ext. 111 or send an email to kpieratt@calvaryphg.org. We ask that you keep us informed if you have a home address, phone or email change. ■

Spiritual Reflection

Adult spiritual formation may be described as the step-by-step discovery of God's presence in our lives and our personal transformation along the way. Calvary's Spiritual Reflection meetings continue to be a regular and familiar forum for small group peer ministry. We share, reflect upon and discuss inspirational ideas that develop and deepen our personal relationships with God and with one another. Meetings are group-led, and no preparation is required. Our interactions follow the Principals for Contemplative Dialogue of the Merton Institute for Contemplative Living.



A short reading will serve each meeting as a catalyst for reflection upon, and discussion of, God in our daily lives. For the Spring Quarter, we will continue to use Henri Nouwen as our guide. Father Nouwen (1924-1996) was a Dutch-born Roman Catholic priest who studied religious spirituality and modern psychology, serving on the faculty of Yale University, the University of Notre Dame, and Harvard Divinity School. A teacher, counselor and author, Nouwen wrote more than 40 books, several translated into 22 languages. He lived the last 10 years of his life at L'Arche community in Ontario for adults with developmental disabilities. At each meeting, we will use for reflection and discussion a short excerpt from "A Spirituality for Living" or "The Return of the Prodigal Son."

Meetings are held 7-8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month. **The meetings this quarter are scheduled for March 19, April 2 and 16, May 7 and 21, and June 4.**

Email Matt Muldoon (mattmuldoon@msn.com) or Sondra Krimmel (sskrimmel@gmail.com) for information or to be added to the email list. Please feel welcome to join at any time. ■

Part-Time Position Posting

Calvary Church is looking for a responsible part-time custodian to maintain a clean and safe facility. Responsibilities include general housekeeping, room set-ups and breakdowns, assist in general maintenance of grounds, building security, plus other duties as needed.

Applicant must be available flexible hours, possess good communication and organizational skills, work independently and/or as a team member. Attention to detail and conscientiousness a must. Act 33/34 clearances and federal background check required. Able to lift 50 lbs., and have reliable transportation. Compensation based on experience. Please, no phone calls – email resume to: jgubash@calvaryphg.org. ■

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Easter Egg Candy Donations

Please consider donating small, individually wrapped candy that can be used to fill the eggs for our Easter egg hunt. We are especially in need of nut-free options! There is a basket in the Parish Hall where you can leave donations.

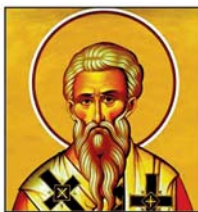
If you would prefer to donate monetarily, checks made out to Calvary with "Egg Hunt" on the memo line can be placed in the collection plates, and we'll take care of the shopping.

Easter Egg Hunt – April 21

On Easter morning, children of all ages are invited to find eggs hidden in the Swan Garden. Please come and bring friends! Follow the bunny prints from the main lobby entrance to our meeting place in the hallway, and we will begin the hunt at 10:15. (In case of rain, we will relocate to the classrooms on Level A.)

There will be no Christian Formation classes on Easter Sunday. The Nursery will be open.

–Susan Roth, Coordinator for Christian Formation
sroth@calvarypgh.org, 412.661.0120 ext. 116 ■



A CLASS ON THE BOOK OF JAMES

All are welcome to join us in McClintic Hall on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for this class, led by the Rector. ■

Calvary Lenten Theological Reading Group

During Lent this year the group will read *Revelations of Divine Love* by Julian of Norwich. Julian was a late 14th century Englishwoman and mystic whose text is the earliest surviving book in English to have been written by a woman. She was an anchoress and was well known and highly regarded as a spiritual teacher and mentor by many during her lifetime. The text is both theologically deep and very approachable. We will be meeting in the Evans Room from 7–9 p.m. on Wednesday nights in Lent for five weeks, beginning March 13, 2019. The text will be available in the Calvary bookstore by late February. Please contact Jamie McMahon if you have any questions or to sign up for the email list at jamie.mcmahon@gmail.com. ■



A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

ROBERT SHAW
ORSON WELLES
JOHN HURT
NIGEL DAVENPORT
VANESSA REDGRAVE

(1966, British, 120 minutes)

Directed by Fred Zinnemann.

Splendid film based on Robert Bolt's play about Sir Thomas More's personal conflict when King Henry VIII asks for his support in break with the Pope and formation of the Church of England. Scofield's rich characterization matched by a superb cast, vivid atmosphere. Winner of 6 Academy Awards: Best Actor (Paul Scofield), Director, Picture, Screenplay (Robert Bolt), Cinematography (Ted Moore), Costumes.

In 1995, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of cinema, the Vatican listed *A Man for All Seasons* among the greatest movies (religious) of all time. In 1999, British Film Institute named *A Man for All Seasons* the 43rd greatest British film of all time.

Please call Clint Van Dusen at 412.660.2297 or email apax4cmvd@msn.com to RSVP.

Bring a salad supper for two and a friend 6-6:50 p.m. in the Refectory; the film starts at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. ■

The 164th Annual Parish Meeting of Calvary Church will be held Sunday, May 12, 2019 at 10 A.M., in the Parish Hall.

Election of members of the Vestry and Parish Council
will take place and reports from the
Wardens, Treasurer and others will be given.
Please make every effort to attend. ■

MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



As I write this, Lent is just around the corner, with its rich array of devotional and spiritual opportunities. During this season, we shift into a more contemplative musical mode, particularly with our congregational service music, which takes up the language of Gregorian Chant. These chants may seem a little hard to sing, at first, since they are unaccompanied. But time has shown that they *are* do-able, and the austerity of unaccompanied singing deepens the plain-ness that prevails in other aspects of our Lenten worship. Please, give yourself a chance to sing them, to let them inhabit your mind and heart, and to open new doors of contemplation.

On March 23, Chatham Baroque/Renaissance & Baroque present ACRONYM, an instrumental ensemble of

eleven
players
who will
perform a
program
entitled



“From Venice to Vienna,” tracing the migration of new instrumental styles from Italy northward in the seventeenth century. The concert is in Calvary’s nave at 8 p.m.; tickets are available at the door, or through www.chathambaroque.org. (And that morning, at 10 and 11:30, the musicians of Chatham Baroque present another of their long-running series of concerts for preschoolers, a Peanut Butter & Jam Session, in Calvary’s McClintic Hall. Tickets, again, are available at the door or online.)

Evensong on April 7 will include music by Tallis, Weelkes, and Gibbons, composers active in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. I’ll follow the service with a recital of Lenten organ-music, chiefly by Bach. (Speaking of the organ, you will read elsewhere in this issue about the recent challenges to our great instrument; we seem at this writing to be very close to a full recovery after something of a perfect storm of difficulties – all without a single hint of lightning!)

Finally, please plan to join us on Good Friday, April 19, for an evening concert of seasonal music by Bach and his musical forebears, Schütz, Scheidt, and Buxtehude. Chatham Baroque will be on hand, along with other period-instrumentalists and the Calvary Choir. The seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were a time when the full horror of the Passion and Crucifixion captivated the faithful, and musicians reflected that attention with music that plumbed the emotional depths of Holy Week – as well as rising to heights of exaltation atop the Hill of the Cross.

Wishing us all a meaning-filled Lenten journey to the foot of the Cross, and beyond, ■

Alan

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

If you are in your 20s or 30s and new to Pittsburgh, Calvary, or CYAM, welcome! For more information or to be added to our email list, please contact The Rev. Neil Raman (nraman@calvarypgh.org / 412.661.0120 ext. 112).

Thursday, March 14, 7 p.m.

Thursday Theology in the Evans Room at Calvary

Saturday, March 16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lenten Quiet Day at Calvary

Thursday, March 21, 7 p.m.

Thursday Theology in the Evans Room at Calvary Church

Wednesday, March 20, 5:45 p.m.

Holy Happy Hour at Arsenal Cider House
(300 39th. St., Pittsburgh, 15201)

Thursday, March 28

Thursday Theology will not meet this evening.

Sunday, March 31, 12 p.m.

CYAM Hosts Coffee Hour following the 11 o'clock service

Thursday, April 4, 7 p.m.

Thursday Theology in the Evans Room at Calvary

Sunday, April 7, 12:45 p.m.

Brunch at Industry Public House (4305 Butler St, 15201)

Wednesday, April 10, 5:30 p.m.

Holy Happy Hour at Church Brew Works
(3525 Liberty Ave., 15201) ■

Adult Inquirers' Class



Confirmation for adults will be offered on Sunday, May 5 at 5 p.m. during Bishop Dorsey McConnell’s annual visitation.

Confirmation is the sacramental affirmation of one’s Christian faith in the presence of a bishop. Preparation for adults interested in confirmation consists of a class that will continue to meet at 6:30 p.m. on **March 11, March 18, March 25, April 1, and April 8**. The class will explore what it means to be a Christian in the Episcopal Church and in the Anglican tradition.

If you are new to Calvary or the Episcopal Church you are particularly welcome to attend these classes. If you’re not particularly new to Calvary or the Episcopal Church but are interested in deepening your understanding you are welcome as well. We’ll begin with the celebration of the Eucharist at 6 p.m. in the Lady Chapel. After the Eucharist, we’ll gather for a soup supper and fellowship followed by a talk by a member of the clergy and small group discussion.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions about the class or about Confirmation, Reception, or the Reaffirmation of Baptismal vows contact the Rev. Neil Raman at nraman@calvarypgh.org. ■

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Agape Deadline

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Holy Baptism



The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 8 p.m., the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, June 9 at the 9 a.m. Garden Service, and on the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 18 at the 9 a.m.

Garden Service.

If you or someone you know desires to partake in this sacrament please contact the Reverend Neil Raman (nraman@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120, ext. 112) as soon as possible, so that the appropriate preparation and arrangements can be made. ■

What's In the Wind

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The Wind in the Bellows: Low pressure in blower system causes wheezing and erratic tuning in main organ. 200-pound fan drive motor removed, rebuilt, reinstalled. Pressure maintenance bellows re-sprung, and instrument retuned. All accomplished in time for Organ Artists Series concert. Whew!

Worrisome, Mysterious, Months-ago "Whoosh" from Gallery Organ Remembered: Cause now understood to be due to partial failure of smaller dedicated blower. Discovery due to overall inspection related to the above. Repair effected in concert with those previously mentioned.

Gusts Buffet Church: Powerful atmospheric anomaly causes significant local damage. Local power outages not experienced here, and trees stay vertical around the church as crowd enjoys above mentioned performance, ... however...

'Tis an Yl Wynde That Blows....: Forty feet of flashing fly free from front of parish hall roof during weather event. Discovered next day, dangling down to Beginnings yellow team room windows. Punishing puffs presumed to have benefited someone... somewhere... or maybe not.

Vent, View, Voice: Myriad socially conscious moviegoers venture to Calvary to see "Bag It", 2010 environmentalist documentary. Share concerns about and ponder solutions to perils of plastics pollution.

Wind-less Paper Towel Dispensers Debut: New sensor driven automatic delivery devices being incrementally installed to replace cranky, manual units.

Neighbors Foreseen Wending Way down Side Alley to Marchand Mews: Pedestrian safety continues to be major concern. Return of gate restricting traffic flow through back of parking lot contemplated.

To Wind Up: Whispers of changing seasons as Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday usher in Lent and clocks spring forward. Fast approaching Spring promises zephyrs, not blasts. Trust the Groundhog. Breathe easy.



News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Anglican/Episcopal Studies Introduced at PTS

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh have entered into a new partnership intended to change the way clergy and lay leaders are prepared for ministry in the Episcopal Church.

The two organizations are introducing the Anglican/Episcopal Studies Track, a concentration that breaks down the traditional segregating of future priests, deacons, and lay ministers in favor of training them within the same context and course of studies.

The design allows for all those engaged in ministry to enjoy the same substantive academic and spiritual preparation, fully aware of and appreciating each other's respective role and contribution to mission of the Church.

This training will be enhanced by the ecumenical setting offered at Pittsburgh Seminary. The program will begin with the Fall 2019 semester.

"The partnership that generated the new Anglican/Episcopal track displays the seminary's commitment to engage meaningfully with denominational partners," said the Rev. Dr. David Esterline, seminary president. "The presence of Anglican/Episcopal students has always enriched the learning environment at PTS. By pairing focused attention to Anglican/Episcopal worship, spiritual formation, and tradition with the seminary's professional degree programs, this new track formalizes a course of study for those seeking to serve within the Anglican/Episcopal tradition."

The program is open to students pursuing a Master of Divinity or Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies, who desire a deeper knowledge in specific fields such as church history, doctrine, liturgy, and practical theology. Students seeking ordination will be trained in anti-racism and church discipline procedures, take part in spiritual formation, and be placed in a year-long field study program, typically with an Episcopal church. Episcopal students will participate in the diocese's Love+Teach+Heal Leadership Academy, which brings clergy and lay leaders together for deeper theological conversations.

"The Anglican/Episcopal Track offers a unique program of the highest quality," said the Rt. Rev. Dorsey W. M.

McConnell, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and PTS Board member. "The seminary is known internationally for academic excellence. In this setting, ministers can be shaped in the ethos of Anglican tradition and practice while enjoying all the advantages of a rich ecumenical environment. This is holy work, and I am very excited for the Diocese of Pittsburgh to be at the forefront of an initiative that, I hope, will grow to benefit many parts of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion."

Even prior to its formal unveiling, the new track has gained the approval of the Episcopal Dioceses of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) and Central Pennsylvania (Harrisburg) as a course of study for their members. Participation by other dioceses is anticipated. ■

Spring Anti-Racism Workshop

Our next anti-racism training, *Seeing the Face of God in Each Other*, will be held at St. St. Thomas Memorial Church in Oakmont on Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6, 2019. This training is required of all elected leadership, lay and ordained, in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, including all candidates for Holy Orders. There is no fee for the training but a free-will offering will help offset the cost of the food and refreshments.

In a time when the current climate of our political and social life is marked by polarity and fear, our society has great need for the alternative offered by our faith. St. Paul boldly announces that, "in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19). The work of the Church, therefore, is the ministry of reconciliation, and nowhere is this more urgent than in the call to heal the wounds of racial injustice that have so marked our history. This workshop gives us some critical tools to begin the work. Visit the diocesan website for registration information. ■

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info@episcopalpgh.org.

Please be sure to include your complete contact information with any submission. ■

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Episcopal bishops bring church's calls for gun reform to congressional visits on Capitol Hill

[By David Paulsen. Episcopal News Service – Washington, D.C.] It was the best of days and the worst of days for eight Episcopal bishops to be on Capitol Hill pressing lawmakers to pass new gun safety measures.

Much of the oxygen in the nation's capital on Feb. 27 was being sucked up by the daylong testimony of President Donald Trump's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, his face on TVs all over Capitol Hill as he called his old boss a racist, a conman and a cheat. But beyond the day's top political story, an unrelated House vote provided a timely backdrop for the bishops' advocacy.

The bill, known as H.R. 8, would expand background checks for gun purchases, one of the reforms that Bishops United Against Gun Violence points to as a common-sense measure with widespread support, despite the well-funded opposition of gun rights groups like the National Rifle Association.

"Silence on this is complicity," Connecticut Bishop Ian Douglas told Episcopal News Service during a break in the day's schedule of meetings with lawmakers and their staffs. "If we're silent, other people can frame the discourse."

Bishops United is a network of about 80 Episcopal bishops that formed in the wake of the 2012 massacre of 26 children and educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. Douglas, one of the conveners, still carries with him the memory of that horrific day and its grim aftermath – part of the personal narrative he shares on Capitol Hill to help frame the discourse – though the tragically long list of mass shootings since Sandy Hook supplies the bishops with ample additional examples when calling for legislative action.

The bishops' day kicked off at 9 a.m. with a closed-door presentation on the pending legislation by Rep. Bobby Scott, a Virginia Democrat, in a conference room at the United Methodist Building across the street from the Capitol.

After Scott left, The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations, which has offices in the building, provided the bishops' with detailed guidance for an effective day on Capitol Hill. "We want to be here for you, and we want to support the tremendous work that you're already doing," said Office of Government Relations Director Rebecca Blachly, whose staff coordinated the congressional meetings and, in most cases, accompanied the bishops from office to office.

Washington Bishop Mariann Budde sat in on the introductory sessions, though she would not be participating in the day's rounds. She and Douglas were joined by six other bishops. Vermont Bishop Tom Ely had not yet arrived, having scheduled his own Capitol Hill visits with Vermont's congressional delegation.

Jack Cobb, who tracks domestic policy issues for the Office of Government Relations, highlighted H.R. 8 but also drew the bishops' attention to H.R. 1112, which seeks to extend the background check waiting period and close what has been called the "Charleston loophole," exploited by Dylann Roof to purchase the guns used in the killing of seven people in 2015 at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Cobb noted that legislation is particularly important to Rep. Jim Clyburn, whom the bishops were scheduled to meet with in the afternoon. Clyburn is the House majority whip and a Democrat from South Carolina whose father was a preacher. ■

Read more of this story at: www.episcopalnewsservice.org

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

March 10 Leadership of the diocese, including the Standing Committee, the Board of Trustees, and Diocesan Council; and Episcopal Relief & Development

March 17 St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Canonsburg, and the Rev. Dr. Catherine Brall

March 24 St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Northern Cambria, and the Rev. Annis Rogers

March 31 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkinsburg; and Neighborhood Youth Outreach Program

April 7 St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Blairsville, and the Rev. Joseph Baird

April 14 All Saints Episcopal Church, Brighton Heights, and the Rev. Aidan Smith ■

Bishop's Visitation Schedule

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New Needlepoint Chair

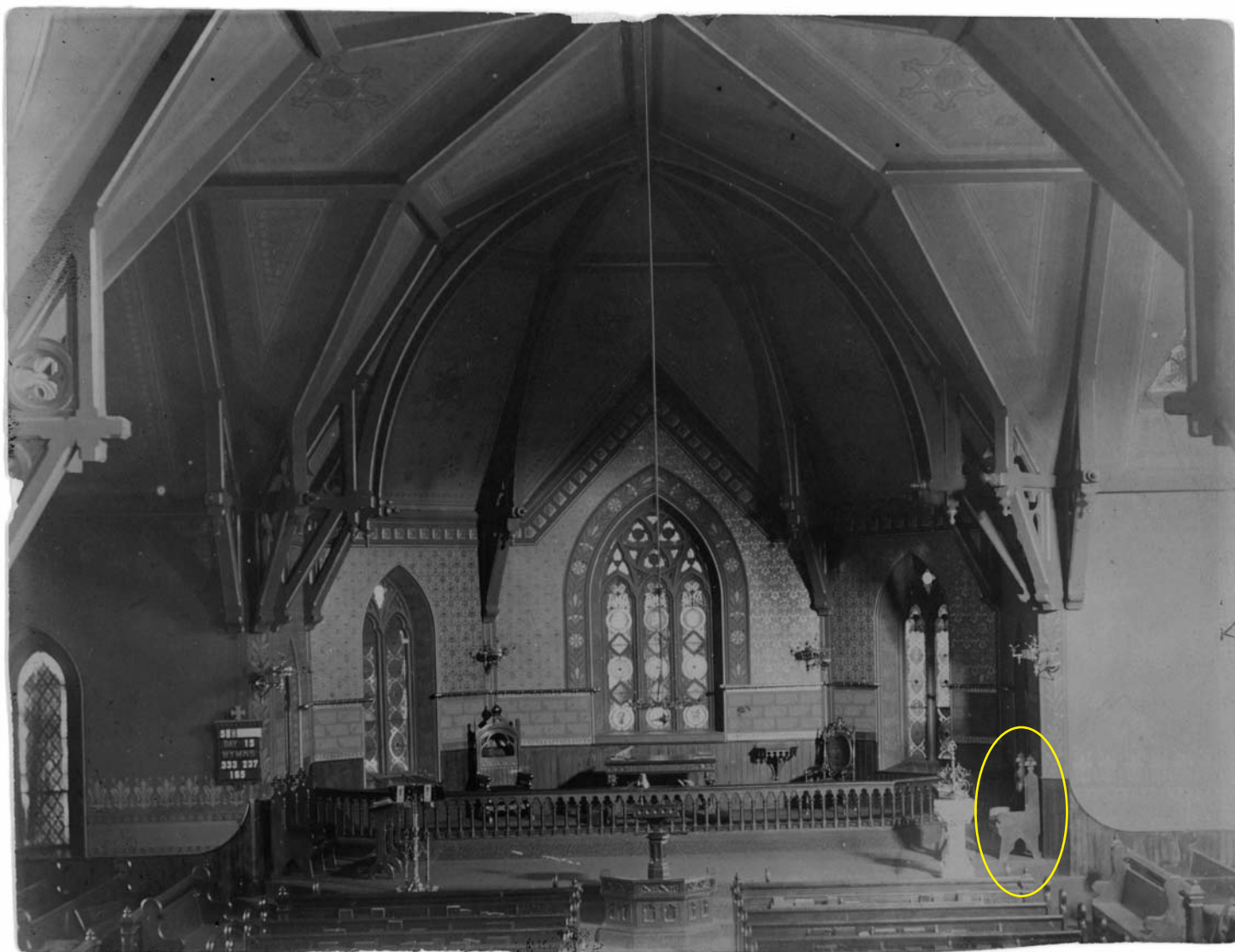
The new needlepoint cushion will complement a handsome wooden chair lovingly and skillfully restored by our Head Sexton, Jim Gubash. The chair was in pieces in the basement under the church. It had previously resided in the old Calvary Church on Penn Avenue and, most likely, was used for clergy seating to the right of the Altar.

The wood on the back of the chair was split down the middle. Jim took everything apart repairing all the broken parts before putting it back together. All the wood was stripped, sanded, and stained so it looks like new.

The new/old chair will be restored to its former use and reside as the middle of the three chairs for clergy seating in front of the lectern to the right side of the Altar and platform. Thank you and well done Jim.

Thank you to one our parish archivists, Bob Dilts, for providing the photo.

—Jonathon ■





Allies comes from the Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force, originally formed in 1985. Current services now include a medical clinic, behavioral health services, medical case management, HIV, hepatitis and STI testing and counseling, a food pantry, transportation, and emergency financial assistance, housing, and prevention and educational outreach. Services are open to all members of the community, regardless of HIV status.

The Allies Ball is a major fundraiser for the organization takes place on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the University Club.

Honorary Co-Chairs of the ball are John Lovelace (Calvary parishioner) and Billy Porter, a Tony-winning and Golden Globe nominated actor. The Rector is a supporter of this program and will be in attendance at the ball.

For more information or tickets, please visit the website at alliespgh.org/events/863/

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Thursday, March 21st: 10:30am-noon

Thursday, March 28th: 10:30am-noon

Thursday, April 4th: 10:30am-noon

Thursday, April 11th: 10:30am-noon

Thursday, April 18th: 10:30 am - noon



If you have any accommodation needs, please let us know as soon as possible.

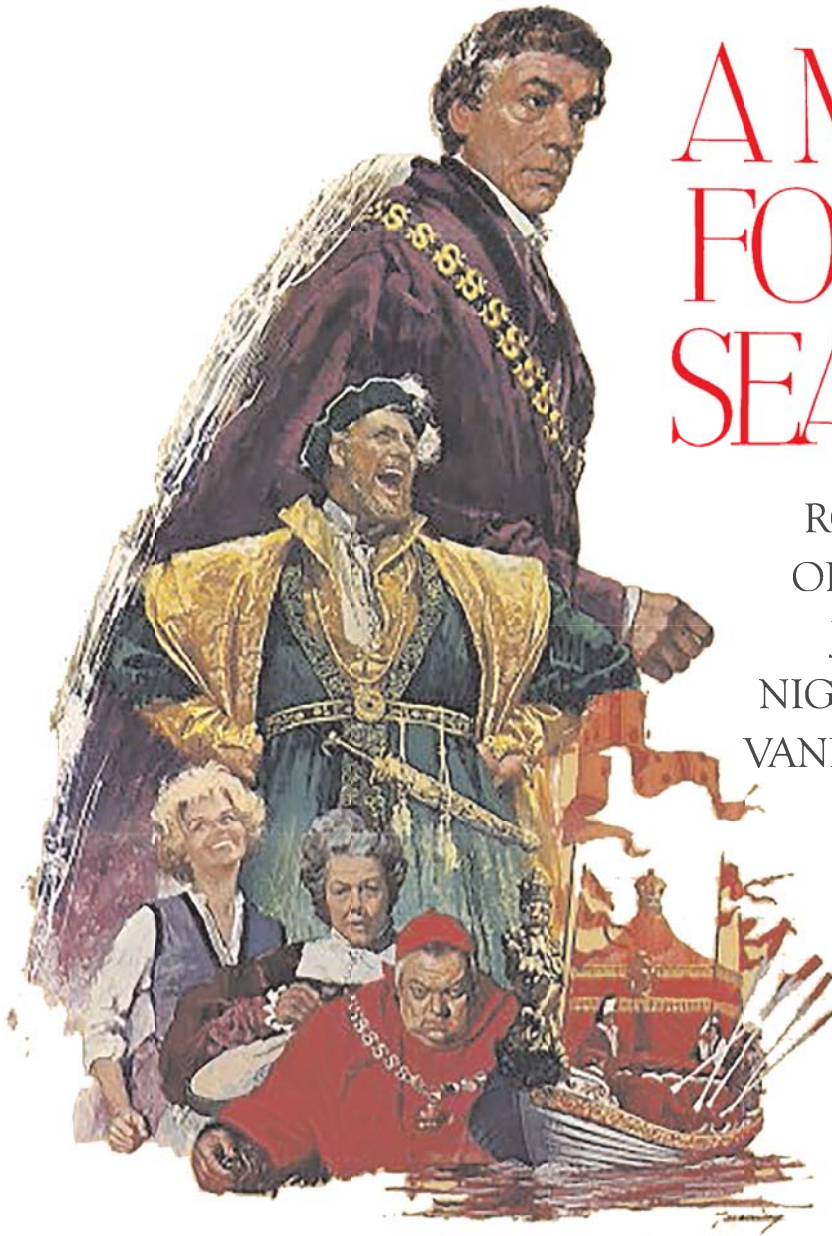
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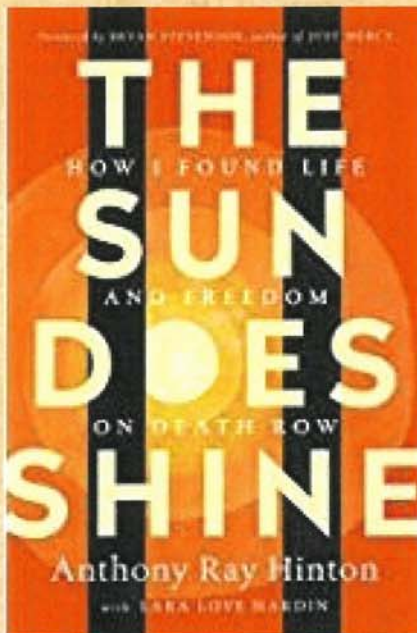
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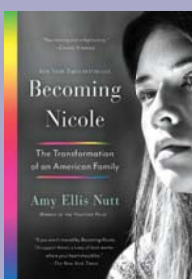
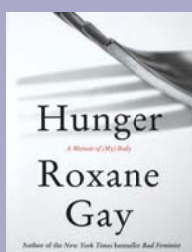


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Lavender Book Club:

An LGBTQ Book Discussion Group



Fourth Thursday of the month | 6:30 pm

CLP – Main, Director's Conference Room, First Floor

Discuss contemporary and classic LGBTQ fiction and nonfiction

January 24, 2019

First Person Plural by Andrew W. M. Beierle

Conjoined twins Owen and Porter Jamison, inhabiting one body with two heads, one torso, and two very different hearts, find their tentative bond threatened when Owen discovers that he is gay, which nearly destroys Porter's marriage as a complicated romantic rectangle develops.

The author, Andrew Beierle, will be joining our discussion via Skype to share his inspiration and insight into this fascinating novel.

February 28, 2019

Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body by Roxane Gay

The best-selling author of *Bad Feminist* presents a searingly frank memoir of food, weight, self-image and learning how to feed one's hunger in healthy ways, drawing on the popular essays of her long-running Tumblr blog to illuminate the challenges of navigating the boundaries between self-comfort and self-care.

March 28, 2019

Disobedience by Naomi Alderman

Learning that her Orthodox Jewish rabbi father has passed away, Manhattan single woman Ronit Krushka returns to the home she fled years earlier and reconnects with a beloved cousin and a forbidden childhood sweetheart, only to become a threat to her former community.

Please join us for a showing of the movie, *Disobedience*, on Saturday, March 30 at 2 pm in Classroom A!

April 25, 2019

All Out: The No-Longer-Secret Stories of Queer Teens throughout the Ages
Saundra Mitchell, editor

A collection of historical fiction featuring a transgender soldier, two girls falling in love while mourning Kurt Cobain, and forbidden love in a sixteenth-century Spanish convent.

May 23, 2019

Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family

by Amy Ellis Nutt

The inspiring true story of a transgender girl, her identical twin brother, and an ordinary American family's extraordinary journey to understand, nurture, and celebrate the right to be different—from the Pulitzer Prize-winning science reporter for *The Washington Post*.

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