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The Newsletter of
Calvary Episcopal Church
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

MARCH 15, 2020

Two McNulty Interns for Calvary

Mr. Jonathan Rosnick and Mrs. Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan have been called as our new McNulty Interns at Calvary, beginning in March. Normally, we have one Intern. This year, we had two good candidates who will be with us to learn about being an ordained person in the Episcopal Church and offer their gifts with us.

The internship is named for the Rev. Arthur F. McNulty, Jr., fourteenth rector of Calvary Church (1985–94), who had deep and abiding commitments both to theological education and community outreach. At his death, a McNulty Memorial Outreach Fund was established, the income from which is used to fund the internship. The internship is for a postulant or candidate for holy orders in the Episcopal Church.



Jonathan Rosnick is a Pittsburgh native who, after more than a decade spent living and working in Washington, DC, is excited to be back home. A graduate of Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School and Wheeling Jesuit University, the bulk of Jonathan's professional experience has been in public sector law enforcement. He served as member of the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, DC. Through his career he was blessed to serve across several operational areas of the department ultimately attaining the rank of Detective. In that capacity, Jonathan exclusively investigated criminal cases involving the physical and sexual abuse of children. As such, he is a nationally certified, peer reviewed, child forensic interviewer. Jonathan continues to serve as an investigator with an organization that investigates allegations of sexual abuse in churches and as an executive with a large security company here in Pittsburgh.

A cradle Episcopalian, Jonathan began to sense God calling him toward the priesthood as a teenager and he has been in discernment towards that end ever since. While still in DC, Jonathan served for two years as a lay associate at All Saints Church, Chevy Chase Parish. At All Saints, Jonathan oversaw Student Ministry (5th-

12th grade), pastoral care, and healing and intercessory prayer. He also served the wider congregation through preaching, teaching, and liturgical leadership. He has pursued seminary coursework and is in the discernment process within the Diocese of Pittsburgh.



The Reverend
Arthur McNulty

In June, Jonathan was called to serve as the Lay Pastor of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Kittanning and he is thrilled to be a part of the Calvary Community as a McNulty Intern. Because of his commitments to St. Paul's in Kittanning, Jonathan will be with us on weekdays and the occasional feast day or Sunday beginning in mid-March.



Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan is from Knoxville, Tennessee. She spent time living in Slovakia and England (where she met her husband) before settling in Pittsburgh to attend seminary at Trinity School for Ministry. She graduated in 2017 with a Masters of Arts and Religion in Church History and Theology. She and her husband, Jamie, have been married for two years and enjoy exploring Pittsburgh's parks and coffee shops together with their Scottish Terrier Greyfriar.

Bonnie-Marie currently works at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral as their administrator. She is a postulant in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Bonnie-Marie is passionate about preaching, liturgy, and hospitality and their intersection with daily life. She and Jamie are looking forward to joining the Calvary Church community and serving alongside us during this internship. Bonnie-Marie will be with us on most Sundays beginning on March 22.

Please welcome Jonathan and Bonnie-Marie as our McNulty Interns.

—Jonathon ■

What is a Vestry?

The Vestry is the Board of Directors of a parish corporation and the authoritative body of the congregation subject to diocesan and national church canons (laws).



The word “vestry” originally referred to the name of the room where the priest would put on his vestments before the worship services. It was in that room the lay leaders would discuss temporal affairs of the parish with the priest. Over time, the name of the meeting place became the name of the elected group of lay leaders, hence the name “vestry.”

Vestries are responsible for at least three main areas; the care and maintenance of all church properties, for all financial matters of the church (setting budget, raising funds, audits, etc.), and to elect a rector and see that the parish is cared for when there is a vacancy. The Vestry is also traditionally responsible for setting and implementing the policies and goals of the congregation. More than just these temporal affairs, a vestry works in concert with the clergy to be spiritual leaders in the congregation. They also pray for the congregation.

In the Episcopal Church, vestries are comprised of the Rector and elected lay leaders of the congregation. The Rector is the President of the parish corporation and presides over meetings of the Vestry and Congregation. Assistant clergy have seat and voice but no vote. Meetings are open to the entire parish.

At Calvary Church, we have sixteen elected vestry members. The Senior Warden is appointed by the Rector from the sitting members. The Vestry, as a body, elects one of its own members as Junior Warden. Four members are elected each year, by the whole parish, to a four-year term. Elections take place at our annual parish meeting with nominations for candidates several weeks before. The date for nominations usually falls on or near Palm Sunday in the spring. After the Annual Meeting, the Vestry will elect a treasurer and appoint a clerk (secretary) who may or may not be vestry members. The Senior Warden is the chief elected lay leader of the congregation and is a liaison between the Rector and Vestry. At Calvary, the Senior Warden chairs the Finance Committee. The Junior Warden has primary responsibility for the buildings and grounds of the church working with our sextons and contractors. All of these lay leaders serve as volunteers.

The requirements for Vestry members are few but important. One must be a baptized member of the parish. One must be able to attend meetings which ordinarily convene on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Evans Room. One must be a “giver of record” and also be able to show leadership by their presence at events and worship in the parish. Our vestry members are also the first to make a financial pledge each year.

A list of names of all vestry members is printed in each Sunday bulletin. Please hold us all in prayer as we plan for the future and help lead and serve God and our neighbors through Calvary. —Jonathon ■

Guest Preacher at Calvary

The Reverend Canon Scott Gunn, Executive Director of Forward Movement, will be in Pittsburgh March 15 through 17 to preach and lead a number of events.



Scott is a well-known preacher and teacher with a passion for evangelism and helping others discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. He is the co-author of *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* and *Faithful Questions: Exploring the Way with Jesus*.

Founded in 1934, Forward Movement is an agency of the Episcopal Church whose mission is to inspire disciples and empower evangelists. It is best known for *Forward Day by Day* a daily devotion providing meditations on scripture readings. In addition to *Forward Day by Day* they “offer books and ebooks for small groups, individual study, and prayer, Christian formation courses, leadership events, Spanish and bilingual resources, pamphlets, downloadable resources, a daily podcast, apps for smartphones or tablets, and online engagement opportunities.”

Scott will preach at all three services on **Sunday, March 15**, lead a Young Adult event at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 16 at Urban Tap, and preach for the East End Lenten Preaching series at Calvary at 7 p.m. ■

The 165th Annual Parish Meeting of Calvary Church will be held Sunday, May 10, 2020 at 10 a.m., in the Parish Hall.

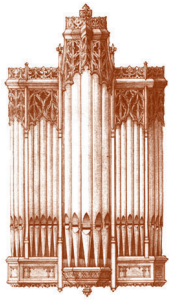
Election of members of the Vestry and Parish Council will take place and reports from the Wardens, Treasurer and others will be given. Please make every effort to attend.

Nominating Sunday

The Nominating Committee of the Vestry will receive nominations in the Parlor for Vestry and Parish Council members on Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020 after all services.

Names may be also be submitted at any time to the Rector at jjensen@calvarypgh.org. ■

MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



On Sunday morning, March 29, the Heinz Chapel Choir will return to Calvary to sing in the 11 a.m. service, under the direction of Dr. Susan Rice. (This is a happy illustration of the benefits of our “ministry of space”: the Choir visits Calvary for its January work-day retreat, and then returns the favor by singing for us – which also helps them by providing additional experience singing before living, breathing listeners.)

The music for the Good Friday evening concert this year, on April 10, is an early masterpiece of Franz Joseph Haydn’s, his *Stabat Mater*. The piece is founded on a thirteenth-century Latin hymn, which contemplates the Crucifixion through the prism of Mary, watching the horror unfold. (The opening words, which furnish the title, translate roughly as, “The grieving mother stood by.” About half of the text appears in translation in *The Hymnal 1982* as Hymn 159, “At the cross her vigil keeping.”) Haydn set the text for choir and soloists, accompanied by strings and a pair oboes; he first performed the piece in Vienna in 1768, and later recalled the success of four performances in Paris. The music is deeply evocative of the grief of the poem, but Haydn, following the text, also incorporates occasional lighter episodes, which help throw that anguish into stronger relief.

The Calvary Choir, with soloists Sarah Nadler, Susan Shafer, Guy Russo, and Brent Stater, will be joined by Chatham Baroque and friends. The concert begins at 8 p.m., and lasts about an hour, without intermission. Please join us, and bring your music-loving friends! ■

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

April 10, 2020, at 8 p.m.

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN

STABAT MATER


CALVARY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Lent and Holy Week



The season of Lent calls us to examine our lives as we prepare for the Paschal feast. Just as we make our private preparations for the celebration of Christ’s resurrection through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the Church makes public preparation through our worship. This preparation culminates in the observance of the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil liturgies. These three days present us with one liturgy in three parts. One extended three-day service that captures the pathos and despair of Jesus’ betrayal and Passion before leading us out of that darkness into the light of Easter at the Vigil.

It is incoherent to contemplate about Christ’s resurrection without also contemplating his betrayal and death, his life and his new commandment to us, that we love one another as he has loved us, his incarnation and God’s radical desire to be present with us in the mundaneness and ordinariness of our lives as human beings. Our Holy Week liturgies remind us of this fact in a visceral way. In these liturgies, we do not simply commemorate but we participate. On Maundy Thursday we strip the altar, on Good Friday we venerate and contemplate the Cross, and at the Great Vigil of Easter we move, quite literally, from darkness into light; through the waters of baptism proclaiming the mighty works that God in Jesus Christ has accomplished for the whole world.

On Ash Wednesday the Church extended an invitation to a Holy Lent. It was an invitation to preparation and repentance. I want to make another invitation to you now. As we approach the close of this Lenten season, I invite you to join in the Church’s Holy Week observances. Experience the betrayal and the anguish of the Passion turn to the utter joy of Easter. Easter will surely come for each of us regardless of whether or not we were able to attend Holy Week liturgies. But our experience of it will be all the richer because of our prayer and participation.

I look forward to seeing each of you at Calvary’s Holy Week liturgies and look forward to rejoicing with you in Jesus’ resurrection on Easter Sunday. —Neil Raman ■

Holy Baptism



The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 11, 2020, and on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020 at the 11 o’clock 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. ■



Happy March, happy spring! Our teachers, and preschoolers are looking forward to the change of season and warmer weather. We have so many fun-filled outdoor activities planned within our upcoming units.

Our Purple and Blue Teams finished their “Great Artists” unit after exploring the styles of several artists: Kandinsky’s concentric circles, Monet’s impressionism, Picasso’s cubism, Seurat’s pointillism, Warhol’s pop art, Harold’s purple crayon, and Mangano’s prints (Maria Mangano is an artist and parent on the Blue Team). Our Yellow Team took their art supplies to the Swan Garden and created their own impression of Jackson Pollock’s “dripping” abstract art. Our artwork is currently displayed in the Parish Hall. See what you think!

Our two oldest teams have begun their unit “Patterns, Patterns Everywhere.” By exploring patterns in shapes, numbers, letters, nature, and stories, our students are developing organizational, critical thinking, problem solving, and literacy skills. By recognizing and understanding patterns, we can better make sense of our daily life experiences and the world around us.

We are always excited when our parents want to share their occupations with our students. Kumar Krishnan and Priya Gopalan are mental health professionals and are planning a wellness presentation for our Blue Team, with focus on meditation, relaxation, and balance. We look forward to their visit this month.

Our second annual Valentine’s ♥ Dance-a-thon was held on Thursday, February 13. All who attended enjoyed the music, dancing, and the ice cream sundaes we served afterward. Our goal this year was to enhance security for our children by having electronic keypads installed at both entry doors to Level A as well as to install gate locks on the playground. We have currently raised \$2,600 of our \$5,000 goal. We are still accepting donations so that all three of these security measures can be put into place this school year. Thank you to those listed below who graciously donated:

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| Gary & Grace Abbs | Howard & Pam Foltz |
| Ben & Kate Anglin | Diane Grzybek |
| Emma Bedford-Jack | Sarah Hooper |
| Jason & Danielle Bezeredi | Cathy & Marcus Johnson |
| Maria Burgwin | Michael Kennedy |
| Kate Byrd | Jeremy Kimmel |
| Cadaret Family | George Knight |
| Robert & Janet Dilts | Mary Berger Knowles |
| Bob & Adele Eley | Lara Lyberg |
| Andrew & Danielle Ellerhorst | Richard & Peggy Morycz |
| Tom Faciszewski | L. O’Donoghue |

- Tomio Ohtsuki
- Janice O’Toole
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Read
- Ms. Pat Resutko
- David Riehl
- Nicholas Riehl
- Philip Roberts
- Jean Robinson
- Rolley Family
- Geoffrey Royce
- Russo Family

- Azuha Sato
- Barbara Scruggs
- Tom & Mary Ann Slater
- Ken Smith
- Satoshi Takeuchi
- Brian & Crystal Volchko
- Simona Walko
- Judith Wootten
- Patrick Yoest & Daphne Retter
- Caitlin Zeiset

Please mark your calendars for **April 5** and plan to shop at our annual **Palm Sunday Bake Sale**. With homemade breads, pies, cookies, and other baked goods, you will surely find something delicious before and after each service. If you enjoy baking and would like to volunteer your time and/or donate your specialty baked items, please contact me. Beginnings will also be hosting Coffee Hour after the 11 o’clock service. We hope to see you then!

Instead of having a Spring Fling this year, we are planning **Karaoke Night** for Beginnings families and Calvary parishioners to be held on **Friday, April 24, from 6 – 8 p.m.** The event will be held in our Parish Hall, with childcare on Level A. Drinks and snacks will be provided. This is intended to be a social event rather than a fundraiser. Please make plans to join us!

Beginnings is now accepting applications for the 2020-21 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@calvarypgh.org.

We will be closed for Spring Break April 7-9.

–Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■

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).

Monday, March 16 at 6 p.m. – An Evening with Scott Gunn at Urban Tap (216 S. Highland Ave., 15206)

Sunday, March 22 at 12:45 p.m. – Brunch at Patron Mexican Grill (135 S Highland Ave., 15206)

Sunday, March 29 – CYAM Hosts Coffee Hour following 11 o’clock service

Wednesday, April 15 at 5:45 p.m. – Holy Happy Hour at Arsenal Cider House (300 39th St., 15201)

Wednesday, April 22 at 7 p.m. – CYAM Book Group in the Evans Room at Calvary ■

Treasurer's Report

Summarized below is the Calvary Episcopal Church Operations Fund Financial Results for the twelve (12) months ending December 31, 2019, as presented by Treasurer Bob Eley and approved by the Vestry at its February 24, 2020 meeting.

Calvary Episcopal Church
Operations Fund – Consolidated
Financial Results For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

	2019	2019
<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledge Income	\$894,900	\$925,000
Non-Pledge Contributions	122,400	80,000
Gifts for Operations	197,100	190,000
Loose Plate Offerings	24,500	24,000
Special Offerings	26,900	22,000
Endowment Fund	270,000	270,100
Trust Income	22,200	22,200
Beginnings (reimbursement)	15,500	15,600
All Other	36,400	31,100
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>1,609,900</u>	<u>1,580,000</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Personnel: Salaries	629,300	638,000
Benefits	359,100	353,300
Diocesan Assessment	152,900	152,900
Christian Formation/Pastoral Support	8,100	11,300
Hospitality/Parish Life/Outreach	37,700	40,100
Music	15,800	18,000
Maintenance and Operations of Buildings:		
Utilities & Maintenance	114,000	107,500
Supplies and Repairs	22,600	40,000
Landscaping and Snow Removal	20,700	22,000
Office and Administration:		
Supplies and General Office	14,800	17,200
Equipment Rentals & Maintenance	36,800	38,000
Telephone	7,000	7,000
All Other	5,300	4,600
Finance:		
Professional Services	17,200	17,000
Various Bank and Investment Fees	10,200	10,900
All Other	10,900	12,100
Insurance and Taxes	103,900	110,000
Capital Expenses (A)	<u>33,900</u>	<u>35,400</u>
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>1,600,200</u>	<u>1,635,300</u>
<u>Net Income over Expenses</u>	<u>9,700</u>	<u>(55,300)</u>

A) 2019 Actual results include \$31,400 of qualified expenses capitalized at year-end by reclassing them to the appropriate fixed asset account on the Balance Sheet. ■

Treasurer's Report–2020 Budget

Summarized below is the Calvary Episcopal Church Operations Fund Budget for fiscal year 2020, as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Vestry on February 24, 2020.

Calvary Episcopal Church
Operations Fund – Consolidated
For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020

<u>Income</u>	<u>2020</u>
	<u>Budget</u>
Pledge Income	\$928,000
Non-Pledge Contributions	110,000
Gifts & Grants for Operations	192,000
Endowment Fund	277,700
Trust Income	22,200
Loose Plate Offerings	24,000
Special Offerings	24,000
Beginnings - reimbursement to Calvary	15,600
All Other	31,100
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>1,624,600</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Personnel:	
Salaries	631,900
Benefits	384,200
Diocesan Assessment	157,000
Christian Formation & Pastoral Support	13,900
Hospitality/Parish Life/Outreach	40,000
Music	23,000
Maintenance and Operations of Buildings:	
Utilities & Maintenance	116,000
Supplies and Repairs	32,000
Landscaping and Snow Removal	22,000
Office and Administration:	
Supplies and General Office	16,800
Equipment Rentals & Maintenance	36,000
Telephone	7,000
All Other	6,000
Finance:	
Professional Services	17,000
Various Bank and Investment Fees	10,000
All Other	12,000
Insurance and Taxes	108,000
Capital Expenses	<u>38,400</u>
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>1,671,200</u>
<u>Net (Expenses) over Income</u>	<u>(46,600)</u>

Submitted by: Robert Eley, Treasurer ■

Please remember Calvary Church
in your will.

Bishop McConnell's Annual Visitation to Calvary

Bishop McConnell will make his annual visitation to Calvary on **April 19, 2020**. He will be the celebrant and preacher at the 8, 9, and 11 o'clock services. At the 11 o'clock service he will also preside at the rites of



Confirmation, Reception, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. These three rites are deeply connected to one another and to the promises made and the new life received in baptism. For much of its history the church has made provision for those who were baptized as children to take ownership of the promises made on their behalf by making "a mature public affirmation of Christian faith" (BCP 412) and receive laying on of hands by a bishop through the sacrament of confirmation.

Confirmation is the rite by which those who were baptized as children take ownership of the promises made on their behalf. When laying hands on the confirmand's head, the bishop prays that they be sustained and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Reception is the rite by which the bishop welcomes those who have been confirmed in the Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Moravian, and some other churches into the fellowship of the Episcopal Church. In addition to confirmation and reception, the church provides an opportunity through the **Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows** for those who either want to mark their return to church or wish to renew their commitment to the Christian faith to do so publicly in the presence of both the congregation and the bishop. These rites are touchstones in a person's walk with Christ. I invite and encourage you to be with us on April 19 at 11 o'clock to support those who will be confirmed, received, or reaffirm their baptismal vows. ■

Individuals can join other Hosts for Coffee Hours

We encourage individuals who would like to contribute baked goods for the coffee hour after the 11 o'clock service to contact Judy Wootten. We will coordinate you with other individuals on a specific Sunday. Groups and organizations at Calvary could consider hosting a Sunday to mark a special occasion or honoring a particular event or person. 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 to those who have already signed up!** ■

*Friends are the flowers
in the garden of life.*

Easter Monday Flower Delivery

One of the many traditions at Calvary Episcopal Church is the delivery of the Easter flowers to those for whom prayers were offered during the past year. On Easter Monday in 2019, 22 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 13, 2020** to deliver 2 or 3 Easter flowers to the recipients. Kim Pieratt, Parish Administrator, will prepare the cards with the recipient's name and address, and on the opposite side will be a message from the Rector. This card will be attached to the flowers you are delivering. With the current technology, most people use their car GPS or maps on their cell phone to find the recipient's home. If you would like a map, a Calvary staff person will be at the church that morning to print a map to a recipient's home.

Volunteers are asked to arrive at the Parish Hall between 8:30 and 10 a.m. to choose your flowers for delivery. William Stevens 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.

To sign up for Easter Monday Flower Delivery, please call Barbara Hicks at 412.242.1469 or send an e-mail to her at barbleeh@verizon.net. ■

Nineteenth Annual East End Parishes

Lenten Preaching Series



**BEHOLD,
I AM DOING
A NEW THING**

6 p.m. Dinner • 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Tuesday, March 17

Preacher: The Rev. Scott Gunn
at Calvary – 315 Shady Ave. at Walnut St., East Liberty

Tuesday, March 24

Preacher: The Rev. Laura DiPanfilo
at St. Thomas – 378 Delaware Ave., Oakmont

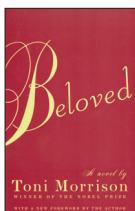
Tuesday, March 31

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell
at St. Andrew's – 5801 Hampton St., Highland Park

The Bookstore at Calvary

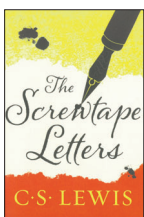
Remember a relative, honor a special friend, or mark your presence in the parish by purchasing a Hymnal or the *Book of Common Prayer*. The Bookstore is offering a way to replace those that are a bit battered by offering a special price on Hymnals (\$22 including tax) and the *Book of Common Prayer* (\$20 including tax). Your purchase also includes a book plate to honor your donation. The plates read “Presented by” or “In Honor of” or “In Memory of” so you can dedicate the book as you wish – printed in red for the *Book of Common Prayer* and blue for the Hymnal.

The Diocesan Commission on Race and Reconciliation is sponsoring a “one book, one community” event for Lent. They chose Toni Morrison’s *Beloved*. Calvary will have a discussion session on **Monday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m.** *Beloved* is available at the Bookstore at a 25% discount.



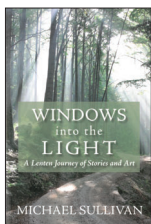
During the holy season of Lent, the Bookstore has a variety of books to read during this time and here is a sampling:

The Rector has suggested the reading of *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis particularly during Lent. The story takes the form of a series of letters from senior demon Screwtape to his nephew Wormwood, a Junior Tempter. The uncle’s mentorship pertains to the nephew’s responsibility in securing the damnation of a British man known only as “the Patient”.



Donnel O’Flynn explores the deep-rooted traditions of the Cross as Life-Giving Tree through Christian history, complete with images of the Cross from across the Christian world, inviting readers to see the Cross as healer of division and a symbol of life rather than death in *Holy Cross, Life-Giving Tree*.

Walk with author Michael Sullivan on a Lenten journey in *Windows into the Light: A Lenten Journey of Stories and Art*. Organized around holy days and Sundays in Lent, chapters begin with a prayer or poetic excerpt, followed by scripture for the day or week. A narrative then expands on the themes introduced by the prayer and scripture.



A Season for the Spirit: Readings for the Days of Lent by Martin L. Smith draws from a wide variety of sources, both scriptural and classical, each day’s Lent readings consist of a theological reflection, a prayer to the Holy Spirit to bring us deeper into prayer, and a suggestion for further mediation: a passage of scripture, a quotation from Christian literature, or a spiritual exercise. It also contains guidelines or praying with the Bible.



For centuries Lent has been a season when Christians stop and take stock of their lives. This stocktaking takes many forms. During Lent we revisit the story of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, and in reading them anew, focus on our own sinfulness and the need to repent. We set aside luxuries and make sure that others have what they need. Christopher L. Webber’s *A Time to Turn: Anglican Readings for Lent and Easter Week* provides a reading for each day of Lent, Holy Week, and the first week of Easter, and explores these themes using the best sermons, books, poems, and hymns of Anglican writers throughout the centuries.

Finally, for the younger reader, *What We Do in Lent: A Child’s Activity Book* by Anna E. Kitchen and illustrated by Dorothy Thompson Perez is filled with interactive puzzles, color-by-number pages, word finds, mazes, and more, this fun-filled activity book can help children ages 4 to 7 grow to a deeper understanding of the true meaning of the holy season of Lent. With more than forty activities, a glossary, and a guide filled with tips and suggestions, this is a great resource for parenting in the pews.

Additional titles specific to Lent are available. The Bookstore is open Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® are accepted. ■



Photo: Lucy Douglas

Pat Standingring, sausage guru extraordinaire, cooking 30 pounds of link sausage for the Pancake Supper on February 25.

Please recycle this newsletter when you have finished reading it.

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Lenten Meditations Booklet



To help you prepare for Lent, free copies of the 2020 *Lenten Meditations* booklet are now 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. ■

East Liberty Valley Historical Society Spring Lectures

First Fridays This Spring

April 3, 2020

Liberty, the Mysterious Township

Tom Powers and Jim Wudarczyk
Lawrenceville Historical Society

May 1, 2020

Pittsburgh's Gilded Age Conservatories

Sue Morris
Docent, The Frick Pittsburgh
Local History Blogger, The Historical Dilettante

June 5, 2020

**From Peabody High to the Heart of American Literature:
How Malcolm Cowley Guided the Course
of 20th Century Culture**

Bob Hoover
Retired *Post-Gazette* Book Editor

East Liberty Presbyterian Church
116 South Highland Avenue, Chapel

Each Lecture Begins At 7 p.m.
Free and Open to the Public ■

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. ■

Without wood a fire goes out;
without gossip a quarrel dies down.
—Proverbs 26:20

Email Scams

A Reminder: A number of people have contacted the church informing us they have received emails supposedly from the Rector, a staff member, the Bishop, or a Calvary parishioner asking for a favor or for gift cards. Please know that no person from Calvary or the Diocesan staff will send any such email. Your friends will call you and ask for a favor, not just send an email. Simply delete the the message.

Don't give out your personal information to an email request. Banks and utilities will never ask you for your social security number. If you get an email from your bank, contact them directly to discuss any problems. ■

CANDLEMASS

Second Sundays, at 5 p.m.

May 10, 2020 [no service on April 12]

An intimate celebration of the Holy Eucharist, within the *parclose*, the area of the church from the Rood Screen to the High Altar.

Light and shadow, Word and gesture, sound and scent combine to draw us to the threshold of the Holy.

Choral music, sung by the Calvary Schola, ranges from Gregorian Chant to the present day. ■



The Annual Pancake Supper on Shrove
Tuesday, February 25, 2020



The Times, They Are a-Changin'

Spring Springs Forward: Clocks move ahead. Seemingly, so does Season as floral snow-drops adorn the feet of St. Francis statue in the Swan Garden on March 1.

Customs Change With COVID-19 Concerns: Bishop's directory mirrors Calvary's implementation of expanded communion protections. Emphasis on sanitizer and alcohol wipes at all services for use by Priests and Chalicists renewed. Elbow bumps and "☺" signs to prevail at Passing of the Peace. Please think healthily, People!

Flying Owls vs. Super Seniors: Collaboration with Tree of Life Congregation continues as Harry Potter themed Purim Performance occupies church. Simultaneously, Seniors celebrate with sumptuous repast in Refectory. Everyone wins in friendly, seeming-competition.

Frost-Free Freezer Fully Functional: Transport induced damage to coolant line of Tree of Life gift to Calvary's Soup Group diagnosed and repaired. Consistent -10° F, in commodious side-by-side affords much needed storage space for myriad flavorful concoctions. Soup for the home-bound. Soup to save the soul.

Narthex Tract Rack Illuminated: Bright LED string finally replaces ancient corroded, welded-in light bulbs. Peruse at ease. Thank you, James.

Fourth and Final High-Top in Parish Hall: Tables suitable for cocktails of an evening or cups, saucers, snacks, and programs during Sunday coffee hours. Designed and executed by Deacon Royce. Finished by Head Sexton Gubash.

Heavenly Howelling: Choir's weekend workshop with renowned guest master, Dr. Dale Adelman, produces harmonious hymning from composer Herbert Howells and others for beautiful Lent 1 Evensong... And the seasons progress.

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Spiritual Reflection – Howard Thurman

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. Each quarter we use as a guide the writings of a different writer. At each meeting, a short reading or poem will serve as a catalyst for reflection upon, and discussion of, God in our daily lives.

For the Winter term we will use the writing of Howard Thurman. Known as one of the most influential religious leaders of the 20th century, Howard Washington Thurman (1899 – 1981) was born Florida and profoundly influenced by his maternal grandmother, Nancy Ambrose, who had been enslaved on a plantation. He graduated as valedictorian from Rochester Theological Seminary. In 1944, Thurman cofounded The Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco (<http://fellowshipsf.org/>), the first interracial pastored, intercultural church in the United States. Later he became the first black Dean of Chapel at a majority-white university or college in the United States (Boston University). Finally, Thurman was a prolific author, writing twenty books on theology, religion, and philosophy, and a spiritual advisor to Martin Luther King, Jr, and other members of the civil rights movement. We have purchased for the group two compilations of his meditations and teachings, *Meditations of the Heart* (1953) and *The Centering Moment* (1969).

Meetings are held 7–8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month. The five meetings this quarter are scheduled for March 17, April 7 and 21. 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. ■

Soup Group March Cooking - Two opportunities to help!

The Soup Group will be making soup on **Tuesday, March 17** for the Lenten Preaching Series dinner. Please meet in the kitchen at 3 p.m. that day. We will cook again on **Friday, March 27** at 9 a.m.



Frozen containers of soup are located in the new freezer in the pantry. If you don't like to cook or don't have time to cook, think about being a delivery person. Please share our soup with friends, family and anyone that might enjoy a warm bowl of soup. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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



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Children's Christian Formation

Nursery: Level A, Orange Classroom (*Juliette, Kranti, and Sophie*) – The nursery is available for children through age three during the Christian Education hour, 10–11 a.m. and through age 4 during the 9 and 11 o'clock services. Our nursery is open 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Sundays and for other events as published.



Sunday school hour begins at 10 a.m. Locations and Teachers/Care Givers are listed below. Everyone is welcome!

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Level A, Purple Classroom (*Pamela Abdalla, Katie Riordan*)

Grades 1 – 4: Level A, Blue Classroom (*Kelly Glass, Tammy Lewis*)

Grades 5 – 7: Level E, Conference Room (*Steve Kinsel*)

We continue using *Living the Good News* as our guide as we follow the liturgical calendar each Sunday morning. We have begun the Season of Lent. These are the topics we will present to our children through scripture readings, storytelling, praying, crafts, art, singing, playing games, and more.

March 15 – Third Sunday in Lent: Water of Life, Story of Samaritan Woman

March 22 – Fourth Sunday in Lent: Eyes open to Jesus: Story of Jesus healing a blind man.

March 29 – Fifth Sunday in Lent: New Life: Story of Lazarus

April 5 – Palm Sunday/Holy Week begins: Story of Jesus' Death and Resurrection

Grades 8 – 9 (Confirmation Class): Level E, Shoemaker Room (*Laura Marchl*)

Laura Marchl continues to prepare the class for confirmation scheduled for **Sunday, April 19**. The instructed Eucharist led by Leslie Reimer on February 22 was well attended. The group will volunteer at the EECM shelter dinner on March 14. If you are in 8th or 9th grade and still wish to be confirmed, it's not too late. Please join us!



Groups meeting after the 11 o'clock service:

■ **Journey Group (High School):** Evans Room, 12:20 – 1:30 p.m. (*Paul Blitz, Tammy Lewis, Katie Riordan*)

Next dates: March 15, 22, 29, and April 5.

On February 23, many of our older youth met to discuss our plan for this new Lenten Series. It was unanimous that we should meet every Sunday rather than every other Sunday, and it's exciting to have such interest! We will be exploring our faith, playing games, eating lunch, and spending time with friends. All high school students are invited. We hope to see you there!

■ **POLO Group (Parent of Little Ones):** Refectory 12:30 – 2 p.m. (*Tammy Lewis*)

Next dates: March 15, April 19, and May 17.

At this time, the main goal for the group is the social engagement for our parents while their children are being cared for in the nursery, gym, and/or playground. Our group is steadily increasing in size and we hope more parents join us in the future.



Palm Sunday Bake Sale – April 5

Please mark your calendars for the Beginnings' annual Bake Sale. We are selling something new this year: Easter Baskets with special donated items and goodies inside. We ask for your help in making this fundraising event successful by baking goods and/or by volunteering to sell items in between services. The proceeds help us make improvements to Calvary's playground and Level A where Beginnings and Children's Christian Formation classes take place. If you would like to help with the event this year, please email me.



Easter Day, April 12 at 10 a.m.

Children and youth of all ages are invited to find eggs hidden in the playground, Swan Garden, and adjoining courtyard. Please join us in the Parish Hall at 10 a.m. You will be greeted by the Rector and Easter Bunny! We will then line up in the hallway to the Refectory according to age:

Toddlers – Kindergarten: 10:10 a.m.

Middle – High School: 10:25 a.m.

Elementary: 10:40 a.m.

We are happy to say that our middle and high schoolers will be hunting eggs this year as well as helping us hide eggs for the elementary-age hunt at 10:40 a.m.

Please come and bring friends! Bags will be provided to all those without baskets. You'll have time to decorate them in the Parish Hall before the hunt.

Easter Egg Candy Donations

Please consider donating small, individually wrapped candy that can be used to fill the eggs for our annual Easter egg hunt. There is a basket in the Parish Hall where you can leave donations. If you would rather skip the shopping, checks made out to Calvary can be placed in the collection plates, marked with "Egg Hunt" on the memo line.

–*Tammy Lewis, Director of Children's Christian Formation*
tlewis@calvarypgh.org, 412.661.0120 ext. 116 ■

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Sisterhood SHABBAT

The Rev. Leslie Reimer will have the honor of speaking at the Sisterhood Shabbat of Tree of Life Congregation on **Saturday, March 21, 2020**. All Calvary members are invited and welcome to attend.

Services begin at 9:45 a.m. in Levy Hall at Rodef Shalom, 4905 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh 15213. ■

Two Calvary Members on Nominating Committee for the Next Bishop of Pittsburgh

Congratulations to Michael Braxton and Elizabeth Gassler, both members of Calvary, who were chosen to serve on the Nominating (Search) Committee for the next Bishop of Pittsburgh. Michael has been named the Chair of this important committee. Elizabeth, who also happens to be married to the Rev. Neil Raman, was formerly the Bishop's Secretary and Administrator in the Diocese of West Tennessee. See the announcement in the diocesan insert. ■



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Sunday, May 31, 2020 from 5-7 p.m.

Westin Convention Center, 1000 Penn Avenue, 15222
Individual Tickets \$75 | Tables \$750

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Together, we will celebrate 20 years fighting for social justice throughout Western Pennsylvania. The evening will feature a three course meal, a cash bar, a silent auction, and DJ entertainment and dancing.

Get your banquet tickets NOW at piin.org/tickets. Ticket prices are \$75.00 for an individual, and \$750.00 for a table of ten. For more information, please contact Bob King (rking52717@aol.com) or Steve Shandor (steve.shandor@gmail.com). Contact the PIIN Office at office@piin.org or (412) 621-9230. Purchase your tickets, advertise, sponsor PIIN or donate online at piin.org/tickets. ■



Joseph Fiennes, known for playing Shakespeare in "Shakespeare in Love," stars in **RISEN**.

This epic Biblical story of the Resurrection is told through the eyes of non-believer Clavius (Fiennes). Similar to Saul's persecution of Jews and Christians before being blinded by God's light on the road to Damascus (and becoming Paul), Clavius kills Jews and Christians who have taken up arms against the Roman occupation of Israel. Why do I say Christians? Although Jesus' 12 disciples did not take up arms, remember that one cut the ear off a Roman soldier upon the arrest of Jesus. But consider that Jews whom Jesus healed and loved might not have been so peaceful towards those who "killed" Jesus. The local Roman emperor assigned Clavius to unravel the mystery of what happened to Jesus after his crucifixion to stop the Jewish rebellion against Roman rule.

Bring a friend or spouse with a salad for 2 to eat in the Refectory (6-6:50 p.m.) and/or attend the showing from 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Hall followed by a brief discussion led by Clint.

To make your reservation, please contact Clint by email at apax4cmvd@msn.com or call him at 412.660.2297 by **Sunday, March 29, 2020**.

Coming Attraction — Thursday, May 7:

GODSPELL

See you at the movies! ■

Plastic Recycling Continues

Thank you to the many people that are recycling plastic film to the Parish Hall collection boxes. We will continue our practice of recycling here at Calvary. ■



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An expanded version of this issue of *Agape*,
 with additional content may be viewed
 on the Calvary website at
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Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, April 3, 2020**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

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SHELDON CALVARY CAMP HOLY EUCHARIST at CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

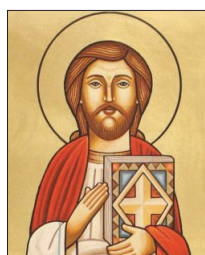
The Sheldon Calvary Camp service, an informal celebration of the Holy Eucharist, will meet in the Refectory at 3 p.m. on **Sundays, March 22, April 26, and May 24**. Then we will be at camp for the summer. The Rev. Leslie Reimer is the celebrant, and we use music from the Camp songbook. Mark your calendars and join us when you can.

Established in 1936, Harry E. Sheldon Calvary Camp is a camping ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh located on the scenic shores of Lake Erie in Conneaut, Ohio. We work passionately to offer intentionally designed programs where children, young adults, and families develop skills for meaningful peer relationships, deepen connections to the natural environment, integrate faith into their everyday lives, and become dynamic and visionary stewards for our communities.

Visit the camp's website at www.calvarycamp.org. ■



The Chapel window at Calvary Camp



Gospel of Mark Class

Sundays at 10 a.m. in McClintic Hall, the Rector leads a class on the Gospel of Mark. We will meet through April or until the class concludes. ■



Church and Community and Concerns about the Coronavirus

In this time of year and with concerns about the spread of COVID-19 coronavirus, it is important to be mindful of good practices for health and know what we have already been doing at Calvary.

Even before the arrival of the most recent virus, clergy at Calvary wash their hands before the service, cleanse their hands with sanitizing solution before the Eucharist, and then cleanse them with water just before touching the elements. It has been the practice of the Rector to clean his hands with sanitizer multiple times each Sunday, not because he is a germaphobe, but because he seeks to be a conduit of good news rather than bad germs. There are hand sanitizers positioned in multiple locations in the facilities for use by anyone. We will have several more available, as needed.

Communion



When winter sniffles and coughs emerge, the question usually arises about the practice of receiving wine from a common cup. Please know we cleanse each chalice before each service. The clergy and chalice bearers all have hand sanitizer available. The purificators (liturgical napkins) are each dipped in grain alcohol. That is used to wipe the chalice after each person receives it.

If you would prefer, particularly during this time of increased awareness of potential illness, it is perfectly acceptable to receive Communion in one kind. That is, you may take only the bread or only the wine and still receive the fullness of the Eucharist. If you receive the bread only and do not wish to receive the wine, simply cross your arms over your chest or depart from the Altar Rail or Communion Station after taking the wafer. As a reminder, gluten-free wafers are always available at the Communion station on the floor in front of the pulpit.

Peace and Coffee Hour



For the Peace and at coffee hour, please use your own discretion and common sense. If you want to shake hands and/or hug, please ask the person. If you prefer not to do so, please don't feel compelled. Please also respect the wishes of others. If in doubt, ask. Various religious leaders have suggested alternatives to a handshake at the Peace including fist-bumps, waves, elbow touches, or peace signs. You could also simply say the words to someone. God and they know what is in your heart.

Some Good Practices

Cover Your Cough or Sneeze



Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue whenever you cough or sneeze. Throw the used tissue into a trash can.



If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into the upper sleeve of your shirt – not into your hands.

And always clean your hands after coughing or sneezing



Wash your hands with soap and water.



Or, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand cleaner.

We love to worship with you but stay at home if you feel sick.

Be safe and sensible but please do not succumb to fear.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

–2 Timothy 1:7

For facts about the COVID-19 virus, visit the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov

LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER AT CALVARY 2020

SUNDAYS IN LENT

March 15, 22, 29

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II,
will be celebrated at 8 A.M., 9 A.M., 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 22, 3 P.M., *in the Refectory*



LENTEN THEOLOGICAL READING GROUP

During Lent this year the group will read several works by the 5th or 6th century theologian known as Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite, whose real identity is unknown. The influence of this shadowy figure on a broad range of mystical writers from the early middle ages into modern times is readily discernible.

The texts are at points impenetrable and yet also deeply profound and enlightening.

We will be meeting in the Evans Room
from 7–9 p.m. on Wednesday nights in Lent

March 18, 25, and April 1



CALVARY MOVIE NIGHT

“Risen” – Thursday, April 2

Joseph Fiennes, known for playing Shakespeare in “Shakespeare in Love,” stars in **RISEN**. This epic Biblical story of the Resurrection is told through the eyes of non-believer Clavius (Fiennes). Similar to Saul’s persecution of Jews and Christians before being blinded by God’s light on the road to Damascus (and becoming Paul), Clavius kills Jews and Christians who have taken up arms against the Roman occupation of Israel.

Salad Supper at 6 P.M., Film at 7 P.M.

April 5, 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 6, Monday in Holy Week

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

April 7, Tuesday in Holy Week

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

April 8, Wednesday in Holy Week

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

April 9, 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 10, 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.

Franz Joseph Haydn’s *Stabat Mater*

The Calvary Choir, with soloists Sarah Nadler,
Susan Shafer, Guy Russo, and Brent Stater,
will be joined by Chatham Baroque and friends.

April 11, The Great Vigil of Easter, 8 P.M.

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

April 12, Easter Day

8 A.M. Holy Eucharist and Homily

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



News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Members Named to Bishop Nominating Committee

February 24, 2020

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh announces the appointment of 15 individuals who will serve on the committee that will guide the search for and nomination of the next Bishop of Pittsburgh.

A 15-member Nominating Committee was chosen from a wide cross-section of the Diocese. Its charge is to develop a diocesan profile and to prepare a slate of candidates, both those it selects as well as those placed in nomination by petition. Fourteen parishes are represented on the Committee.

The Nominating Committee will be chaired by Michael Braxton, a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in East Liberty. Michael has served the Diocese as Secretary and President of the Committee on Constitution and Canons and has served Calvary as a member of vestry, parish council and the most recent rector search committee. Michael will be a deputy to the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church and has been a deputy to the 79th General Convention as well as an alternate deputy to the 78th and 77th General Conventions. He is also a trustee of the General Theological Seminary.

The Nominating Committee will begin its work with an all-day retreat on Saturday, March 14. Later in the spring, the Committee will reach out to all of the parishes of the Diocese to gather information for the diocesan profile.

The Rev. Don Youse will serve as Chaplain to the Nominating Committee, a post which he held during the last bishop search in 2011 – 12. His responsibility will be to help Committee members keep their focus on the spiritual nature of the search process during meetings, public events and in private conversations.

The Standing Committee has also named Judy Stark as the consultant to the Nominating Committee. Judy is a lay leader in the Diocese of Southwest Florida and has consulted on 19 bishop searches over the past two decades. She was recently a consultant to our Project CREED.

Later in the year, the Standing Committee will appoint a Transition Committee to handle planning, logistics and hospitality for the slate of candidates, including the “walkabouts” prior to the electing convention in January

2021, farewell gifts and celebrations for Bishop McConnell and Betsy, and the consecration of the new Bishop in June 2021, pending consent from a majority of the Bishops and Standing Committees of the Episcopal Church. The Rev. Youse will serve as Chaplain, and Judy Stark will serve as consultant, to the Transition Committee.

The Nominating Committee:

Michael Braxton, Chair, Calvary Episcopal Church, East Liberty

Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger, St. Thomas, Oakmont

The Rev. Nancy Chalfant-Walker, retired (formerly St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg)

The Rev. Laura DiPanfilo, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Elizabeth Gassler, Calvary Episcopal Church, East Liberty

The Rev. William Geiger, Christ Church, Indiana

Kevin Hipolit, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, North Side

Joseph M. Macklin II, St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

Richard Peden, St. David's, Peters Township

The Rev. Canon James Shoucair, Christ Church, North Hills

The Rev. Aidan Smith, Trinity Cathedral

Gloria Trevino-Frye, St. James, Penn Hills

Daryl Walker, All Saints, Brighton Heights

The Rev. Linda Tardy Wilson, retired (formerly All Souls, North Versailles)

Dr. George Zitnay, St. Michaels of the Valley, Ligonier

Chaplain:

The Rev. Don Youse, Jr., M.D., Emmanuel Episcopal Church, North Side

Consultant:

Judy Stark, Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Diocese of Southwest Florida

Faithfully yours in Christ,

The Standing Committee

Russell Ayres, President, **Lisa Brown**, Secretary, **The Rev. Noah Evans**, **The Rev. Jonathon Jensen**, **Robert A. Johnston**, **The Rev. Eric McIntosh**, **The Rev. Annis Rogers**, **Stephen Stagnitta**

Prayers requested

At our meetings this year, the Standing Committee has offered up the following prayer, taken from the Book of Common Prayer (p. 818, with slight modification), and we ask that all of the congregations of the Diocese incorporate this prayer into their regular worship through the period of search and discernment up to the Special Convention in January 2021:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, and those who offer themselves as candidates, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ■

Episcopal clergy cartoonist finds inspiration turning Christian messages into hand-drawn art

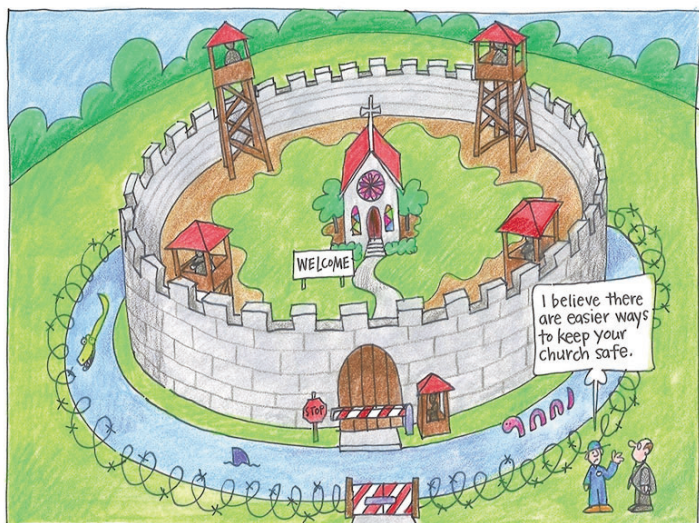
In the Rev. Jay Sidebotham’s hand-drawn world, “safe church” isn’t a training. It’s a parish encircled by a thick, crenellated concrete wall, which itself is surrounded by a moat filled with toothy beasts. The church’s “Welcome” sign isn’t visible to visitors who approach the outermost layer of defense, a ring of razor wire. “I believe there are easier ways to keep your church safe,” a man tells the rector, both dwarfed by the impenetrable fortress that is protecting the tiny church building within.

That’s just one of the hundreds of Episcopal-tinted cartoons Sidebotham has drawn, and it has a name: June 2020.

In addition to his main duties as director of RenewalWorks, Forward Movement’s church vitality and spiritual growth ministry, this is Sidebotham’s 20th year as featured cartoonist in the Church Pension Group’s annual calendar. Every year since 2001, 12 of his illustrations have provided monthly occasions for faith-based humor in each of the 10,000 calendars that are distributed, mostly by mail, to every congregation in The Episcopal Church.

For Sidebotham and other clergy members with cartooning in their professional resumes – New York Bishop Andrew Dietsche is among them – their creations are part meditation, part divine inspiration and often just a lot of fun. And while some professional cartoonists produce work worthy of museum or gallery exhibits, Sidebotham, a former “Schoolhouse Rock!” animator, said fine art isn’t his goal.

“The fewer lines I can use in a cartoon the better,” he said in an interview with Episcopal News Service. “It’s like preaching a good homily: Cut to the chase.” ■



Church Pension Group’s 2020 calendar, featuring this cartoon, is the 20th to showcase Sidebotham’s work.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

March 15: Leadership of the diocese, including the Standing Committee, the Board of Trustees, and Diocesan Council; and Episcopal Relief & Development

March 22: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Northern Cambria, and the Rev. Annis Rogers

March 29: St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Wilkinsburg and the Rev. Charles Esposito; and Neighborhood Youth Outreach Program; and St. Mary Magdalene Lutheran Episcopal Church

April 5: St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Blairsville, and the Rev. Joseph Baird

March 12: Non-parochial clergy, including the Rev. Kathryn LaLonde, the Rev. William Miller, the Rev. Richard Pollard, and the Rev. Thomas Prichard

March 19: Calvary Episcopal Church, East Liberty, the Rev. Jonathon Jensen, the Rev. Leslie Reimer, the Rev. Neil Raman, the Rev. Carol Henley, the Rev. Moni McIntyre, and the Rev. Ruth Bosch Becker (ELCA); and the Bookstore at Calvary ■

Bishop’s Visitation Schedule

March 15	<i>House of Bishops</i>
March 22	St. Thomas, Northern Cambria
March 29	St. Stephen’s, Wilkinsburg
April 5	St. Peter’s, Blairsville
April 12	Trinity Cathedral (<i>Easter</i>)
April 19	Calvary, East Liberty ■



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GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

April 10, 2020, at 8 p.m.

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN
STABAT MATER

The Calvary Choir and soloists, joined by

*Chatham
Baroque*

and friends,

present Franz Joseph Haydn's
early Passiontide masterpiece

Based on a medieval hymn meditating on the Crucifixion,
Haydn's music plumbs the emotional depths
of this ancient text

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WITNESS THE MANHUNT THAT CHANGED
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Calvary Movie Night: Thursday, April 2, 2020



JOSEPH FIENNES

RISEN

COLUMBIA PICTURES AND LD ENTERTAINMENT PRESENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH AFFIRM FILMS A LOBELL ENTERTAINMENT AND PATRICK AIELLO PRODUCTION "RISEN" JOSEPH FIENNES TOM FELTON PETER FORTH
AND OLUF CHURTS CASTING BY JOHN HUDGROVE AND WIS WOODWARD MUSIC BY ROQUE BAÑOS SPECIAL EFFECTS RITA SOLORZANO COSTUME DESIGNER MAURIZIO MILENOTTI EDITED BY STEVEN MIRKOVICH ART PRODUCTION STEFANO MARIA ORTOLANI
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY LORENZO SENATORE EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS ROBERT HUTCHMAN SCOTT BOLLOYD PRODUCED BY MARVEY LOBELL PATRICK AIELLO PETE SHILKINSON STORY BY PAUL AIELLO SCREENPLAY BY KEVIN REYNOLDS AND PAUL AIELLO
LD PG-13 PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED SOME MATERIAL MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13 RISENMOVIE.COM DIRECTED BY KEVIN REYNOLDS
SONY AFFIRM FILMS COLUMBIA PICTURES
A Sony Company

**Come for a salad supper (prepare for 2) in the Refectory (at 6 p.m.)
Film starts promptly at 7 p.m. followed by a brief discussion
led by Clint Van Dusen, in the Parish Hall**

**Please RSVP to Clint by Sunday, March 29
at apax4cmvd@msn.com or 412.660.2297**



SHELDON CALVARY CAMP **HOLY EUCHARIST** at **CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Plan ahead for this year's service dates:

March 22 • April 26 • May 24

[We will be at Camp for the summer]

September 27 • October 25

November 22 • December 27

Join us at 3 p.m. in the Refectory

All are welcome! Campers, families, staff, alumni,
and friends – **Please join us and spread the good news!**



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**EASTER
EGG**

.... *Hunt*

All are Welcome!
Come and Bring Your Friends!

Easter Day
Sunday, April 12, 2020
@ 10 a.m.

Meet in the Parish Hall

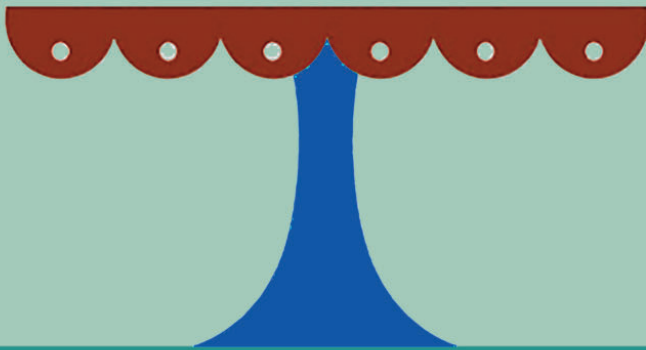
PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2020

after all services



Bake Sale



If you would like to donate baked goods to the sale, please contact Tammy Lewis in the Beginnings office at 412.661.3025 or by email at beginnings@calvarypgh.org

All proceeds will benefit playground upgrades



The East Liberty Valley Historical Society

Spring 2020 Marilyn Evert Lecture Series
First Fridays This Spring

~ *Please note that the lecture start time has changed to 7:00PM.* ~

April 3, 2020

Liberty, the Mysterious Township
Tom Powers and Jim Wudarczyk
Lawrenceville Historical Society

May 1, 2020

Pittsburgh's Gilded Age Conservatories
Sue Morris
Docent, The Frick Pittsburgh
Local History Blogger, The Historical Dilettante

June 5, 2020

From Peabody High to the Heart of American Literature:
How Malcolm Cowley Guided the Course of 20th-Century Culture

Bob Hoover

Retired Post-Gazette Book Editor

East Liberty Presbyterian Church
116 South Highland Avenue, Chapel

Each Lecture Begins At **7:00PM**

- Free and Open to the Public -

CLEAR RECOVERY COMEDY SHOW



Tim Grealish

& Other April Fools!

Wednesday

April 1, 2020 7 PM

Carnegie Library Lecture Hall
4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, PA

The Best Comedian On the planet... in space, that's Mars and Pluto too...he is "Over the Moon" with stories from his own recovery journey that will make you laugh until you cry and keep you smiling for days!

Celebrate with Tim his "33" years of Recovery on April Fool's Day and that is no JOKE!

Meet Sean McDowell
Former WDVE Radio DJ
RECOVERY COMEDY HOST
Tickets \$20



<https://www.showclix.com/event/timgcomedy>

Let's get CLEAR about addiction

Coalition for Leadership, Education and Advocacy for Recovery
