

The Canticle

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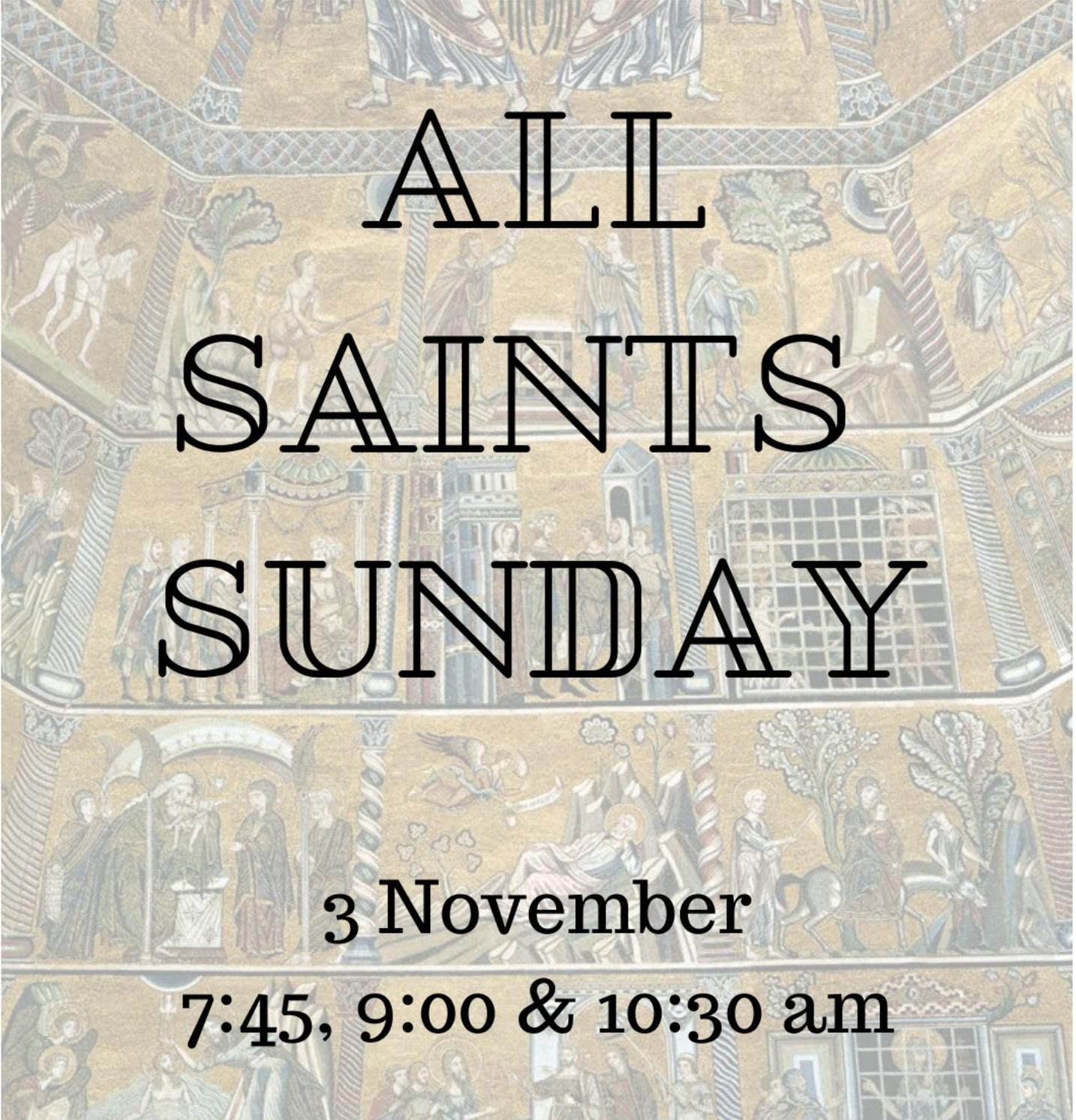
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“O send out your light and your truth that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.”



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

3 November

7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am

From Darkness to Light

By The Reverend Canon Matthew T.L. Corkern, Rector

Life is perfect on such a day! The air hung with anticipation as the geese honked themselves south and with stillness of an autumn rest before the winter descends. That afternoon, I sat looking out over the river at the canopy of trees stretching to the horizon, a veritable spectrum of rouge, orange, yellow, purple, blue...all the colors of deep passion denoting a bursting of life just before death. What an incredible palette with which the Divine One designs and colors our vistas, I thought! On what must have been a similar occasion, William Shakespeare wrote:

*Finds tongues in trees,
books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones,
and good in every thing.*

Exactly eight years ago, I came among you as the new rector at Calvary Church in Summit. It might have been a glorious fall day, but it soon turned overcast and the Great October Storm shut down the North-East. Many of you remember that week of no power, no heat and little work. And yet, how many of you fondly recall the time you spent with your family and friends reconnecting in new and different ways as the darkness came early? In those days, Calvary Church provided an example to strangers and neighbors alike with its amazing almost overarching sense of community established as people from across Summit came into these parish buildings to share space, warmth, food, fellowship and light together. Those days established a subtle new sense of what I have called our vision as **“agents for God’s ministry of hope and hospitality”**.

This month, I ask you to pause and reflect on moving from darkness to light. Where are you going in such a hurry these days? This Canticle draws around the theme “work of the saints”. From our ALL SAINTS Liturgy, which celebrates life and death, redemption and resurrection, we are all reminded of our call to be the saints of God working daily to be in community. Incorporating the Baptism Liturgy on November 3rd, we worship by honoring ‘sweet death’, recalling those among the cloud of witnesses who have gone before, baptizing and welcoming a new child into the household of God, celebrating the Holy Eucharist in this place, and affirming the Resurrection that awaits each of us. **As the month progresses, each event invites YOU to join in prayer and peace, fellowship and mission.**

Are you ready? By the end of the month, this liturgical year will end and a calendar will begin anew with Advent. Are you prepared? We often claim the following... We welcome all people no matter where they are in their spiritual and personal journeys. We provide experiences for those secure in their faith, those who doubt, and those who search to know the Christ better from differing perspectives. We commit ourselves in love and joy to the belief that at our Lord’s Table there is a place for every individual to be received and in turn to receive others.

Our parish family will be walking together in the renewal of our contemporary spirit as the Body of Christ for one another and all yet to come. **This ADVENT, there will be three Sunday Forums [Dec 1, 8 & 15] - to anticipate and participate - how we go forward together for a 5-year plan.**

CALVARY CHURCH

THANKSGIVING DAY EUCHARIST

Thursday, 28 November
at 10:30 am

[No lunch afterward]

Adult Spiritual Formation

Sundays at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall

10 November

The Rev. Canon C.K. Robertson

The Rev. Dr. Robertson is Canon for Ministry Beyond the Episcopal Church. Previously, he was Canon to the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Arizona and Honorary Canon for the Diocese of Dar Es Salaam.

Chuck is Fellow of the Episcopal Church Foundation, serves on several national boards and has published many books and articles, including Barnabas vs. Paul: To Encourage or Confront? and Jesus and Paul: Global Perspectives, as well as Conversations with Scripture: The Acts of the Apostles.



On 10 November, he will talk about the journeys of the Apostle Paul in Athens, Corinth and Ephesus, in the context of the 12-day parish pilgrimage to the Mediterranean, planned for September 2020.

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## ADVENT FOCUS GROUPS

1, 8 & 15 December

Led by the Rector and the Vestry

There will be three forums / focus groups in December led by the Rector and the Vestry to discuss and hear feedback from the overall parish. The Vestry will be holding a retreat in January 2020 around a second set of a new 5-Year Plan.

However, WE All want to hear from the parishioners of the Calvary Church around the themes of Spirituality, Hospitality and Adult Spiritual Formation. The most significant plan is to go forward with a new significance around setting aside the Capital Projects and moving in a new joy-filled experience for all ages.

## **The Holy Land Pilgrimage ~ Exploring Discipleship in the Footsteps of Christ**

**1 – 12 March 2020, price: \$4595**

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are on a lifelong pilgrimage of faith. The holy Scriptures, along with our prayer and worship, deepen our faith as we make our journey. They strengthen us to do God's will, and help bring us closer to our goal of being at one with the heart and mind of Christ. And nothing will bring them to life like pilgrims to the Holy Land.

Please join me for a 12-day journey as we explore some of the most sacred sites in Christianity. From the Sea of Galilee where Jesus taught and performed miracles, to his birthplace in Bethlehem, and the sites of his agony, death and resurrection in Jerusalem. Far from merely a study of relics, we will delve in to the deep complexities of life in that region today as we meet the people who call it HOME: Christians, Jews, and Moslems. Your perspectives on the past and present will be forever changed.

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Music, Art, Literature & Gardens on the Welsh-English Borders

10 – 21 July 2020, price: \$5300

For twelve days, you are invited to discover and embrace the concept of PILGRIMAGE through an enchanted land. Centered around a journey that builds toward a specific place, this itinerary explores a number of the places that have built the character of the Welsh people in their native Celtic land and along the Borders held by English cousins. We immerse ourselves in the legacy and reality of Christian pilgrimages through the centuries in Wales - tracing life and faith from ancient to modern times. We will stay at Ellenborough Park (5), Portmeirion Hotel (2), and The Chester Grosvenor (3).

Our adventure suggests country-homes and gardens: Buscot Park & Faringdon Collection, Madresfield Court, Althrop House, Spetchley Park, Powis Castle, Plas Glyn-y-Weddw, Attingham Park, Caernarfon Castle, and Kiftsgate Court Gardens. We will go to evensongs and Eucharists at St. Melangell's Shrine, Hereford Cathedral, Chester Cathedral, Worcester Cathedral, and Shrewsbury Abbey – as well as Rug Chapel, Montgomery Church, Shobdon Church, Eardisley Church along with the pilgrim churches of the Llyn Peninsula. We will also visit St. Deiniol's Library, Cheltenham Museum & Art Gallery, Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery, Holst Museum, Elgar Museum, and the Llanberis-Snowdon Mountain Railway.

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## **2nd & 3rd Journeys of Paul ~ Mediterranean Cruise**

**13 – 24 September 2020, price: \$3848**

*Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Chuck Robertson*

Enrich your faith and deepen your understanding of the Bible as walk in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul in Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus on this 12-day cruise. In addition to these Biblical sites, you will explore cultural, historical, and church heritage sites in other ports in Italy and Greece. Our host, Educational Opportunities Tours, includes excursions in 4 ports. These are some of the sites scheduled for your excursions: Ephesus – Library of Celsus, Temple of Hadrian, Terrace Houses; Athens & Corinth – Acropolis, Mars Hill, Bema; Chania, Crete – Arkadi Monastery, town of Rethymnon; Corfu – Achilleion Palace, Byzantine Monastery of the Virgin. You will be able to explore, Katakolon, Santorini, and Mykonos on your own. Our friend Chuck Robertson, a Pauline scholar, will enhance your time with lectures, Q&A time, and a surprise or two.

Your home for this trip will be the Celebrity Constellation. Even though you will visit 7 different ports in 3 countries, you will have the same luxury accommodations and services the entire trip on the Constellation. You will enjoy the fine dining that is included or you can choose specialty dining options for an additional cost. Great entertainment plus a variety of amenities for relaxation and recreation are also included on the ship for you to enjoy.

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Please contact the FOCCUS Chair, Matthew Corkern, to find out more: mtlc101@gmail.com or 908-277-1814.



The Music Corner: New Setting for All Saints Sunday

By Kevin Davis, Organist-Choirmaster

The Calvary Chorale joined with the Summit Chorale and the Wagner College Choir in a beautiful performance of the Mozart Requiem on October 27. The combined choirs were accompanied by an orchestra of 25 players, was directed by Thomas Juneau and truly filled our sacred space with their many voices.

All Saints Sunday (November 3) will feature Missa Dorica by Richard Webster and two anthems: “Angels” by Simon Lole and “Hail the true light” by William H. Harris. The mass setting will be used through Advent and also into next year. Please join in with the choir as you begin to feel comfortable with this new setting.

“Angels” is an exciting anthem well suited to All Saints Sunday. The anthem begins with a fanfare introduction and description of angels as “bright beings from the realm of light” that joined with Christ to win the holy fight over death. The closing section entreats the angel hosts to “transport us high to God in heaven when we die.” A short coda of five soft chords depicts our eternity in heaven.

Please prayerfully consider joining our choir! We are a close-knit group but would welcome new comers. If you would like to “try us out”, consider joining for either (or both) our Advent Lessons and Carols Service at 5:00 pm on December 8 or the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at 10:30. We will begin rehearsals for Lessons and Carols on November 6 at 8:30 – 9:00 pm. If you would like addition information, please call Kevin at (908)277-1814 ext. 6.

Coat and Blanket Drive



The Youth of Calvary Church Summit are collecting coats and blankets for the homeless and near homeless in our area.

Please bring new or lightly used coats and blankets to Calvary Church

on Sunday, 17 November
between 3:00 and 5:00 pm
at 31 Woodland Avenue



Thank you!



Calvary Fall Youth Ministry Dates

Weekly Gatherings

Mondays: Middle-School Breakfast Club at 7:15 a.m.,
Sundays: Middle-School Study at 9:30 a.m. & Confirmation at 11:35 a.m.

November

Sunday 3rd - NO Table Service
Sunday 10th - Family Promise (break down) 11:45 a.m.
Monday 11th - Calvary Leadership Council 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 17th - Table Service

December

Sunday 1st - Lessons and Carols 5:00 p.m.
Monday 9th - Calvary Leadership Council
Sunday 15th - Table Service

CONFIRMATION CLASS

All Ninth-Graders

Sundays at 11:35 am

The Undercroft

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14



Help me to grow closer to God on my own.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd was developed over 50 years of trial and error and careful observation by Hebrew scholar, Sophia Cavalletti and her Montessori collaborator, Gianna Gobbi in Rome.

This formation program for children is unique because it follows a Montessori-style of teaching, which means that the child leads the way. The work of the catechist is to prepare the environment, which we call the atrium, and to listen and wonder alongside the children. The program is also heavily influenced by



Level I

The 3-6 year-old child is perfectly poised to fall in love with Good Shepherd. They discover his love for us. They are also introduced to the altar materials, liturgical calendar, geography of Israel, Kingdom of God parables and infancy and paschal narratives.

Level II

The 6-9 year-old child is exploring morality and becoming aware of time. They contemplate creation, redemption and parousia. They explore the moral parables and the maxims. They begin to synthesize all they have learned.

Level III

The 9-12 year-old child is looking for their place in God's plan and how they collaborate with God to create parousia. They explore the Jewish origins of our faith and delve into the Old Testament - creation, the fall, the flood, Abraham and Exodus.



Hopes for the future:

- Training! Training! Training!

At Calvary we currently have 5 Level I catechists. And 1 catechist trained in Level II and Level III. We have 3 catechists that are committed to completing Level II training, but we have to ensure that they have this opportunity. I would also like to be trained in Toddler CGS and work towards becoming a formation leader myself. Continued recruitment and training of catechists is essential to the health of the program. Calvary is perfectly positioned to become the premier training center for CGS in the northeast.

- Grown Ups

Children have enormous religious potential. Continuing to promote their importance and autonomy as members of our faith community is key. Additionally, many adults were not lucky enough to experience religious formation as a child and I want to invite them to experience it now through CGS - parents and non-parents alike.

Maria Montessori's planes of development, ensuring that the material offered at each level is appropriate to the child's spiritual, social, and intellectual development.

Another unique aspect of CGS is the dual focus on scripture and liturgy. The children develop the tools to interpret scripture for themselves as well as a full understanding - down to every last proper - of the liturgy and how the two are interconnected in our faith.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is passed down by oral tradition. A catechist must attend trainings in person. There is no curriculum to purchase, although there are many beautiful writings of Sophia Cavalletti that the catechist uses as references. Level I training is at least 90 hours; Level II is at least 96; Level III is 110-120 hours.

While certain unfinished woodworks and materials are purchased for the atrium, most are made or finished by hand. Materials preparation is a meditative experience for the catechist and the time and care that goes into these materials is perceived and appreciated by the child.



ADVENT



EVENT

Prepare for Advent
by making your own
Advent Wreath

Sunday, 24 November

9:30 ~ Parish Hall

\$15 per wreath

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Attendees Mark World Food Day

By The Reverend Dr. Jane Tomaine, Associate Rector

World Food Day is a day of action when people from around the world come together to declare their commitment to eradicate worldwide hunger in our lifetime. Celebrated in more than 150 countries, the day commemorates the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Quebec City, Canada in 1945.

To mark World Food Day 2019 held on October 16, attendees of the Wednesday 7 AM Holy Eucharist collected non-perishable food for the student food pantry at Union County College, one of the more than 640 colleges and universities that now have food pantries to help their students overcome food insecurity.

Many are surprised to learn that having limited or uncertain access to food is endemic in higher education. A survey by Temple University's Hope Center for College, Community and Justice indicated that 45 percent of student respondents from over 100 institutions said they had been food insecure in the past 30 days. Among New York CUNY students those with food insecurity is 48 percent. One recent study of more than 30,000 college students revealed that approximately half of two-year and four-year students are food insecure.

Kassandra Montes, a senior at Lehman College, is one of them. She unexpectedly had to take out a \$5,000 loan this year in order to graduate, she said. Living in a Harlem homeless shelter as she attends classes, Ms. Montes also works two part-time jobs and budgets only \$15 per week for food. She uses the campus food pantry to get most of her groceries and usually skips breakfast in order to make sure that her 4-year-old son is eating regularly. "I feel like I'm slowly sinking as I'm trying to grow," she said.

Another senior at the same school dreams of starting her day with breakfast. A New York University undergraduate said he has been so delirious from hunger, he's caught himself walking down the street not realizing where he's going. A health sciences student at Stony Brook University on Long Island describes "poverty naps," where she decides to go to sleep rather than deal with her hunger pangs. Food insecurity impacts a student's ability to study and to gain the most from the learning experience, and heightens stress and anxiety.

Many colleges, like UCC, are taking their own steps to address hunger on campus by organizing food pantries and coordinating among staff to identify and work with students who need assistance. Students themselves have organized pantries on some campuses, offering to help their student friends who struggle with food insecurity.

** Thanks go to grocery shoppers Kevin Blair, Ann Mell, Bob Meyer, Sharon Snapp, Jane Tomaine, and Joan White, who are helping the hungry students of Union County College. **

In the picture, Heather and Robert, UCC staff.





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On Sunday, 3 November at 4:00 pm, the Rector will preach at the All Saints Solemn Evensong at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in New York City. All are welcome to join!

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