

The Canticle

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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.”

Ash Wednesday

Holy Eucharist and
Imposition of Ashes

March 2

7:00 am

12 Noon

7:00 pm

Evening service also will be
livestreamed to YouTube



Noonday Prayer During Lent

Monday-Saturday, 12:00 pm, on Zoom

Join neighbors from our Regional Ministry Network as we mark each of the weekdays in Lent with a time of communal prayer. This brief service will be led by clergy and laity from across the region. Check your Weekly Happenings email or the front page of the website for both the Zoom link and a PDF order of service. You can also follow along in your Book of Common Prayer, starting on page 103.

Books for Children's Library

Gently used children's books with Bible stories or religious themes are needed for a Children's Library. They can be dropped off at the reception desk in the Parish Office or left on one of the tables in the back of the church. A "wish list" of books that can be purchased from Amazon will be sent in the Thursday email announcements.

IN THE INTERIM ~ EMBRACE THE MOMENT

by Mother Melanie Barbarito, Interim Rector

The verb "march" and the name of the third month of the year don't have much in common except that they are spelled and sound exactly the same. The verb is derived from Old French; the month is named after the Roman god Mars. But it's still fun to play around with them together. In March we are marching toward spring; we are marching through Lent, and we are marching toward Easter. That forward movement can be a hopeful thing when cold weather continues, and the threat of snow still hangs over our heads. All of this reminded me of an African song, *Siyahamba*, "we are marching in the light of God." It is joyful, and it makes me want to dance whenever I hear it. And isn't it a hopeful thought for Calvary Episcopal Church as we are marching through Lent toward spring and Easter? With all the difficulties that we have faced over the past two years, individually, as a society, and as a parish, we are marching in the light of God.



We are living in the love of God, is the second verse of *Siyahamba*. As we've been saying for months, the church is the only organization that exists because of and for love. To embrace love and to embrace Calvary is to participate in the healing and reconciling ministry of Jesus Christ. When you participate in the drama of the liturgies of Ash Wednesday and Lent, you are reminded of that healing love, you live into that love of God. You are strengthened to share that love with others.

We are moving in the power of God, so the hymn continues. Calvary Church is moving ahead with new ministries such as the Children's Choir and Newcomer Ministry; revitalized ministries such as Outreach and Youth Groups; and the newly formed Lead Discernment Team for the calling of Calvary's next rector. I am excited about marching ahead with you in the light, love, and power of God as we look ahead toward spring, Easter, and whatever else God has in store for his church.

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Book Group

Tuesdays at 12 Noon

In the Guild Room and on Zoom (link will be included in e-blasts)

Beginning March 8, the Tuesday book group will begin talking about *Lent in Plain Sight*. All are welcome.

In this devotion for the season of Lent, Jill J. Duffield draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' final days. Each week, readers encounter a new object to consider through Scripture, prayer, and reflection. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, *Lent in Plain Sight* reminds Christians to open ourselves to the kingdom of God.





JOURNEY INTO ANTI-RACISM WITH CALVARY FAMILIES THIS LENT

Tuesdays in Lent (March 8-April 12) at 6:00 pm

In the Episcopal Church, Lent is a season where we examine how we have strayed from God's love and prayerfully reorient ourselves to God's plan for us. This Lent we invite Calvarians of all ages to engage in the work of antiracism through faith and a childlike state of wonder.

Once a week we will gather over a simple meal and listen to a series of stories from the new Beloved Community Grant recipient, *Tell Me the Truth About Racism*. This curriculum uses Montessori-inspired storytelling to contrast the fallacy that some people are better than others based on the color of their skin with the truth we know from God, that all people are created in God's image. These stories journey from creation to present day, inviting us to see systemic racism throughout history with new eyes.

While this curriculum was originally crafted with children ages 5-12 in mind, the stories are a gift for people of all ages seeking to recognize the racism around them and interrupt it.

After the story each week we will split into age-based groups to engage the story through age-appropriate discussions and activities.

If you prefer not to eat in a group setting, you can join us at 6:30 pm when the story will begin. You can also bring a reusable container to take home leftovers.

Contact Rev. Carrie if you would like to learn more.

OUTREACH UPDATE

by the Outreach Committee

This month we met as an Outreach Committee to dream and plan for 2022. In order to do that, we spent some time identifying the principles that guide us on this journey. Take a look!

We, at Calvary, believe in the utmost importance of nourishment of the body and soul. We extend our hospitality, committing to helping others through the giving of our time, abilities, and resources to serve Christ in all people, loving our neighbors as ourselves. We support and join with others who provide nutrition and shelter, practicing faithful stewardship, regardless of one's faith community. Our mission is to help others find empowerment that comes from lifting each other up and drawing new life from the living Christ.



SOWING SEEDS WITH YOUTH MINISTRY

by the Rev. Carrie Cabush

Marching in the light of God has led our youth toward their neighbors throughout the month of February. They have been practicing putting their faith into action by learning about black history and engaging in ministries of their own choosing.

The middle school youth group assembled and sold pancake mix in honor of Shrove Tuesday. They are excited to use those funds to fill welcome baskets with spices and teas to welcome refugees to New Jersey with familiar tastes and smells.

And the high school youth group packed and distributed lunches to the homeless in Newark with Bridges Outreach.

As we journey into Lent, I will be inviting our youth to turn inward and explore their prayer life. Each week the youth groups will be trying a different form of prayer, such as making our own rosaries, praying by coloring, and getting a personalized tour of the Calvary windows! We hope to see you there!

Rev. Carrie can be reached at (908) 277-1814 ext. 3 or ccabush@calvarysummit.org.



Join the Youth Presence at General Convention

July 6-10 in Baltimore, MD

Have you ever wondered how decisions get made in the Episcopal Church? Do you want to see how other Episcopalians live out their faith? Don't miss out on this opportunity to be in the convention center where it all happens! Youth from across the diocese (grades 9-12) are invited to travel to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Baltimore, MD, from Wednesday, July 6 to Sunday, July 10. As a group we will meet with deputies from our diocese, attend legislative hearings and worship, explore Baltimore, and engage with a local outreach ministry. Costs are still being determined, but scholarships will be available.

Interested? Contact Rev. Carrie, who will be one of the chaperones on the trip.

Help Us Adopt a Room at Apostles' House!

Do you have an eye for interior design? Do you like to create warm and welcoming spaces? Is painting walls one of your hidden talents? We are adopting a bedroom in one of the Apostles' House emergency shelters in Newark. Join us as we tour the space, create a wish list, and decorate the room so that we can bless and nurture the families who stay there.

Contact Rev. Carrie if you'd like to take part in this ministry.

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THE CROSS

Josef Rheinberger
Stabat Mater

FEATURING

Calvary Episcopal Church Choir
The Calvary Chorale
St. George's Episcopal Church Choir

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Summit, NJ
Sunday, March 27, 2021 • 5:00 p.m.



A WORD FROM THE VESTRY

by Laura Dudebout on behalf of the Vestry

Growing up I hated Lent. My parents always decided that our family should give up dessert. Dessert was not a daily indulgence in my house, yet giving it up entirely felt cruel. Therefore, I spent the entire Lenten season trying to make trades at the lunch table to get my sugar hit. My best friend's mom even took pity on me and would slip me a treat bag at playdates.

I'm not saying that what my parents did was wrong. If you are planning to give up desserts for Lent, I will be envious of your waistline on Easter Sunday and your incredible self control. However, I want my family to see that Lent is not just a time of penance. It is also a time of preparation - to grow our relationship with God and renew our Christian faith. In addition to thinking about something that you might want to "give up," I encourage you to think about something you could "take on."



Calvary is offering a new program that is helping our family "take on" a deeper understanding of how our faith can dispute the fallacies that create racial tension. *Tell Me the Truth about Racism* is a new Lenten program led by the Rev. Carrie Cabush on Tuesday evenings. The curriculum is designed for children ages 5-12 and parents are encouraged to join in the journey of racial reconciliation alongside our children. Participants will share a meal before the program begins; I hope there will be dessert! See page 3 for more information on the program.

Another group ready to "take on" something this Lenten season is the Calvary vestry. We hit the ground running in 2022 with the rector search process. We held our Annual Parish Meeting on January 16, the monthly vestry meeting on January 18, an all-day Vestry retreat on February 12 and a meeting for the Lead Discernment Team (the vestry members leading the Rector Search) on February 15.

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During our time together, the vestry reviewed data collected from the parish survey and Advent Focus groups in December 2019. We recognize that a lot has changed in the past two years, but the majority of the information is still pertinent. We also began planning several opportunities to get input from the entire parish in the coming months. This was followed by working together on some visioning activities. These are already proving to be instrumental in identifying Calvary's priorities, evaluating what is currently working and seeking to understand how Calvary can best meet the spiritual needs of our parishioners and God's community at large. I think this quote by Toni Collette is very relevant to Calvary's search process. "The better you know yourself, the better your relationship with the rest of the world." If we are honest with ourselves and others as to who we are as a parish, we will be better equipped to find the right leader.

Calling a rector can be a daunting process. Fortunately, we are working closely with the Rev. Canon Margo Peckham Clark, Canon for Congregational Life for the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, who has been through this process with many churches. One of her recommendations was the formation of a Lead Discernment Team (LDT), a subset of the vestry, taking on the lion's share of the work that needs to happen in the search process. Over the next six months, this team will:

- Create materials for Canon Clark to promote Calvary's open position to candidates at the Transition Ministry Conference in March.
- Work with the congregation to create a profile of Calvary so that we can discern a rector whose values and talents are a match for Calvary's future.
- Update our website and add content related to our search process.
- Promote Calvary's call through various networks.
- Start the extensive process for evaluating and background checking candidates.

The members of this LDT who are already rolling up their sleeves are Lourdes Aboud, Julie Armour, KC Artemenko, David Brewer, Nina Deutz, David Dietze, Laura Dudebout, Nancy Imbalzano, Susan Favate and Susan Watts. On March 6th, the team will be commissioned during the service and share a high-level plan. We will also be available at coffee hour to answer questions. Stay tuned for opportunities to share your input in the coming weeks. Although it is an exciting, fulfilling process, it is time-consuming and challenging, so please be mindful of LDT's commitment to Calvary and share your thoughts and prayers as the entire vestry does their best to lead Calvary Church into God's future.

Calvary's Operating Summary
One Month Ending January 31, 2022

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Revenue:			
Pledge Income	\$87,365	\$89,319	\$450,000
Open Offering	255	833	10,000
Payment of Prior Year Pledge	250	5,000	5,000
Other Income	2,511	6,217	102,600
Total Revenue	\$90,381	\$101,369	\$567,600
Expense:			
Administrative	\$5,096	\$4,213	\$68,500
Choir & Music	\$1,684	\$3,000	\$56,600
Christian Ed/Fellowship	\$47	\$1,083	\$13,000
Insurance	\$319	\$0	\$57,000
Payroll	\$45,035	\$47,069	\$443,388
Property Maintenance/Utilities	\$10,107	\$9,542	\$130,000
Diocesan Pledge	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$30,000
Outreach	\$150	\$983	\$11,800
Total Expense	\$64,938	\$68,390	\$810,288
Net Revenue over (Expenses)	\$25,442	\$32,979	(\$242,688)

THE MUSIC NOTE

by Dr. Evan Cogswell, Organist-Music Director



It's hard to believe that Lent is around the corner! Several important musical events are happening this Lent. On Sunday, March 27, at 5:00 pm, Calvary's choir will join with the choir of St. George's in Maplewood to present a Stations of the Cross service where they will sing Josef Rheinberger's setting of the Stabat Mater, as well as anthems by John Stainer and John Tavener. We have also hired a string quintet to play this service along with the choir. Finally, this Stations of the Cross will mark the return of the Calvary Chorale, members of which will be singing along with the two choirs. It will be a beautiful and meditative evening with glorious music, so save the date.

Calvary's children's choir will sing for the first time during the Eucharist this Lent as well. They will sing on Sunday, March 13, so make sure to come and hear them and have your kids there as well. The children's choir will sing during communion, so none of the kids will have to miss Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Music continues to return to Calvary, and we will have a highly festive Eucharist for Easter with brass quintet and choir, so come to the Easter Vigil or Easter morning.

Embodied Worship

Sitting still can be difficult for God's children of all ages (yes, even for clergy!). If you notice your mind wandering during worship, we encourage you to explore some of the new grounding materials at the back of the church (look for the white bins on the tables). Engaging your senses and moving your body in small ways can increase focus and listening, enriching your worship experience.

Curious? Have a favorite fidget aid you'd like to see offered? Contact Rev. Carrie

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