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Newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church

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Dear People of Calvary,

This month of November begins with the Feast of All Saints. On this feast we celebrate those servants of God who model life in God's love and mercy. The people who are most often referred to as saints appear to be people who live lives of heroic perfection, making dramatic self-sacrifices or being brilliant teachers and leaders. However, these people are just chosen because of their prominence and we take the opportunity to highlight unambiguously Christian actions. A closer look shows two things: these widely admired saints are real people with faults, doubts and problems like the rest of us; and real saints are the Holy People of God that we see every day. Real saints live in and celebrate God's mercy and they seek to live their lives in the compassion and generosity they experience in God's love.

It has been a privilege to live and work among God's real saints this past year at Calvary. I want to thank those whose ministry has been involved at our church—the vestry, the altar and flower guilds, the Fellowship team, the Way of St. Paul Group which worked and reflected on helping reinvigorate Calvary and encourage people to tell their stories of faith, the Tuesdays at Ten group's faithful life of study and prayer, for those who used their imagination to take initiatives like the Halloween hospitality and the Take Me to Church walking tour, all the people involved in raising funds and renovating our physical plant and to many other contributors to our work of faith together. I particularly want to thank our wardens, Jean and Karen for countless hours of very hard work and leadership.

Over the past year, the people of Calvary have taken responsibility for being the church, for seeking God's will and for sharing their stories of God's love with one another. Paula and I have enjoyed being with you all very much. Our last Sunday with you will be November 11. We will carry forward with us the blessing you have been to us. Those things that are of God, you will carry forward with you in the ministry that you share with one another and will share along with Fr. Nathan Ritter who will arrive as your new Priest-in-Charge on November 25.

May the blessings of Christ be with you all forever.

Drew+

From the Senior Warden –

The Next Transition

With many thanks to Fr. Drew for his work at Calvary, we are bidding him farewell next week. Under his guidance, Calvary has accomplished a great deal. We have had the opportunity to reflect on how we function at our best: as a welcoming Christian community. We have made significant improvements to the physical plant and indeed these are ongoing. We have come to terms with our financial situation in a way that puts our parish on much safer financial ground. The Way of St. Paul Team is looking forward to helping us grow our parish and engage us all in a deeper walk of faith. The Communications Team has updated and continues to update the website and the television monitor in the Parish Hall. We continue our fellowship and outreach ministries. We initiated a number of community outreach efforts: the Strawberry Festival; participation in Halloween Trick or Treat on Broad St.; participation in the Holiday Parade in Flemington; spearheading the Take Me to Church Walking Tour with the Hunterdon Historical Society. The Discernment Team has worked faithfully and has completed its mission to recommend a new priest-in-charge for us.

These are enormous achievements.

Now, we look forward to the arrival of Fr. Nathan Ritter on November 25th. Fr. Ritter was educated at Truman State University, Yale Divinity School and General Theological Seminary. His parish work has included pastoral work; Christian Education of both children and adults; interim work; training of service assistants; upgrading of technology systems. This list is not exhaustive since his experience is both broad and varied. Both the Discernment Team and the Vestry are excited about the gifts he brings.

Fr. Nathan is married to Jessica who is the pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jersey City. They have two children – Theo and Ester.

We will be welcoming him as the Church begins its New Year – Advent. It's a fitting time to begin the next chapter of Calvary's mission.

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Sunday Mornings: Holy Eucharist at 8:00am and 10:00am
9:00am & 11:00am Fellowship

Weekly Schedule

November 4, 2018 All Saints' Sunday

Global Goal: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

November 11, 2018 The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Farewell Brunch for Fr. Drew & Paula

Global Goal: Reduced Inequalities

November 18, 2018 The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Global Goal: Sustainable Cities and Communities

November 25, 2018 The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Fr. Nathan Ritter!

Global Goal: Responsible Consumption and Production

Saturday, Dec. 1st 9:00am - An Advent Offering: Morning with the Psalms
(Trinity Episcopal Church, Solebury, PA)

Calvary Ministries

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP for Children, Teens, and Adults

The "formation and education" of people of all ages in the faith of Jesus Christ.

Parish Forum

Thanks to Fr. Drew for his work with us and also for leading us in the September-October Parish Forum, *Being Christian in the World We're In*.

The Parish Forum will continue with *Discipleship for Episcopalians* facilitated by Calvary's Way of St. Paul Team (John Banger, Michelle Clinger, Fred Galano, Drew Kadel, Donna Reagan, Mirelle White). More details to follow.

Tuesdays at Ten

Our weekly study group is off and running, finishing up a review of the Old Testament work so far and moving into the fascinating study of the great Hebrew prophets. Happily, our friend, **Rabbi Joseph Forman**, will be returning on **November 27** to bring his wisdom to the group. Don't miss that session! We meet every Tuesday, starting with Morning Prayer and continuing with discussion until 11:30. Join us!

COMMUNICATION

Proclaiming our ministry to parish members and beyond.



Thank you Office Angels -
Alice Berry, Liza Kistler, Judy Schoenherr, and Natalie Whiting -
for your assistance each week.

WELCOME & FELLOWSHIP

*Bringing and welcoming people to the "Calvary branch" of the Church.
Gatherings of adults, youth, and children to enjoy God's creation of each other.
Assisting people in need within the parish, including pastoral care by clergy.*

Fellowship Events November



Sunday 11/11 - Rev. Drew & Paula Kadel Farewell Brunch

December



Sunday 12/2 - Stewardship Brunch

Sunday 12/9 - Annual Cookie Sale

Sunday 12/9 - Flemington Holiday Parade

Friday 12/14 - Christmas Carol Sing-a-long & Potluck Dinner

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Managing the money given for the ministry of the parish.

Shop Rite Gift Cards for \$50 or \$100 are available for purchase on Sundays after the 8:00am service. Contact Dan or Denise Holzli (908) 782-1304 for details. Shop Rite donates 5% of card value to Calvary.

OUTREACH

*Assisting people in need beyond our parish, serving Christ in others,
including pastoral care by clergy.*

This year we had 9 walkers from Calvary at the Annual CROP Walk and raised \$800 for world hunger. Everyone had a great time, and the sun stayed out for us to enjoy the day!

PROPERTY

Using, maintaining, and creating physical space as God intends.

Our collection of scrap metal (copper, brass, aluminum) has been put on hold until further notice.

WORSHIP

Giving sacramental expression to our spiritual lives.

Thank you Service Assistants – new and continuing!

We are looking for new acolytes – young and old!

If you are interested, please contact Trey Martin. Training is available. Adults are always needed – this is a great opportunity for a parent that has a child who is or was an acolyte. Teenagers needed too!

If you are already a service assistant, it is important to sign up on the clipboard for the weeks you can serve. If you have to change your assignment, please try to find your replacement and then notify the Parish Office.

Interested in joining the Altar Guild? Please see Joanne Martin. New members are needed and always welcome.

- **Preparing for Baptism?** Please call the Parish Office to enroll.
- **Prayers for the Countries of the World** - Since 9/11 we have been praying for the countries of the world: 11/4 – Djibouti, 11/11 – Dominica, 11/18 – Dominican Republic, 11/25 – East Timor.



What's Thanksgiving?

I overheard a couple of folks talking after church recently about the difficulty of getting nice Thanksgiving cards to send some far-away friends. "It's like Thanksgiving never existed," the lady exclaimed.

I think I agree. From my tiny view, it seems as if Thanksgiving only means fat turkeys and the day before mega shopping sales.

Thanksgiving has existed on this continent since the 1600's! It was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest, and was taken from the Native American custom of autumn harvest celebrations. It was carried on in some form through our history until Franklin Roosevelt made it officially the fourth Thursday in November every year. Many other cultures, countries, and religions celebrated similarly before the Mayflower even set sail. (Even Church Mice can use Google, too!)

Gradually, though, the religious significance—giving thanks to God for the gifts He has given us—gave way to cooking big meals, parades, shopping before the dishes are cleared away, etc.

Let's take a moment to think about those gifts—friends, families, lots of food to choose from, a country that lets us worship as we wish, etc. Give thanks again! And again. And again!!

IN THE COMMUNITY

An Advent Offering: Morning with the Psalms Saturday, December 1st, 9:00am to 12:00pm

Settle into the season of Advent by spending a morning with the Psalms, "the prayer book of the Bible," led by The Rev'ds **GINNY SHEAY and ANN HOLT** at **Trinity Episcopal Church in Solebury, PA**, just up the road from the Stockton bridge. Using music, poetry, and history, we'll explore the many moods of this rich material, discovering how they can become an important part of our spiritual lives. Carpools will leave the Calvary parking lot at **8:15am. Please sign up in the Parish Hall so we don't leave without you!**

AA Meetings at Calvary: Monday – Saturday 7:00am to 8:30am
Monday – 7:00pm to 8:00pm

AA Women's Meeting at Calvary: Thursday – 7:00pm to 8:30pm

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