



The April 2019 Newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church

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Change is happening. New life is right around the corner.

Many of you have already noticed the changes in the Parish Hall. After looking at our set up and the utilities we pay for the Annex, the administrator and I are in the process of moving out of the Annex and into the first two offices on your left as you enter the Parish Hall from the parking lot. This will allow us to continue our conversation about how we can faithful stewards of what God has given us. I am myself excited to be closer to the action and I hope, more accessible should you want to stop by. Many have noticed the new beautiful wooden hutch and the bulletin boards will be receiving a makeover. These offices are being painted and the windows and the carpet have been cleaned. Based on our current needs, we have ended our lease on the copier and rethought our internet and phone provider. The best part of these changes is that we now have internet access throughout the Parish Hall. You may see some new desks and curtains; these have been graciously donated and are being set up in the new offices. The nursery has returned to the ground level of the Parish Hall with a larger room and a new carpet. In the future, we look forward and hope to paint the Parish Hall and renovate the bathroom and kitchen. Bob, our musical director has graciously moved back into the old nursery on the far right of the Parish Hall. Looking ahead our plan is to finish moving the storage out of the ground level of the Parish Hall and into the Annex. For the time being we will use the Annex for

storage. Once we do this there will be two additional classrooms for the Youth Group and Confirmation Classes. We hope in the future to add some couches to the ground level meeting room. All of this hard work has been done by our faithful parishioners who have spent evenings and days working to make this happen. I have been impressed and encouraged by the level of parish involvement. A very big Thank You to everyone involved! We can already see the results of your hard work.

We also have a new administrator, Jennifer Vazquez who has brought new energy and a desire for organizing that is most welcomed (esp. by me). I hope to introduce her to you soon. I am also looking forward to the arrival of our new pew cushions, which should (I hope) arrive at the end of May or the beginning of June. Recently, we have started back up the Adult Forum on Sunday mornings at 9am. We are beginning with the Bible, working our way through different parts of the Old Testament and talking about how we read and interpret them. On Wednesday evenings in Lent we have started up a Healing Service, which is the laying on of hands and anointing with oil within the context of the Eucharist. After a simple soup dinner, we have been exploring the ways we talk about God, using Robert Jenson's little book, *A Theology in Outline: Can These Bones Live* as a guide for our discussions. Looking ahead, I am excited for our parish work day on April 13th at 11am as well as the celebration of Holy Week. This begins with The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and concludes with The Great Vigil of Easter. These services form the center of all that we say and do. This year the theme will be: Resident Aliens, Citizens of Heaven. We will explore what it means to say that Jesus is Lord and how the proclamation of the Gospel is always a political act.

May you have a blessed Holy Week and glorious Easter, Nathan



Message from the Wardens:

It has been an eventful few months and as a result, we have not had a regular Parish newsletter. Given the fact that we had to say good-bye to Jennifer Poruczynski in December leaving Fr. Nathan to run a one man operation, learn about his new parish and oh, by the way...Christmas!

We are sad to see Jennifer P. leave us but her shoes are now being filled by Jennifer Vazquez, who started with us in February, and we have no doubt she is up to the challenge.

As you have probably seen, the parish hall is receiving some much needed TLC. We are in the process of moving the offices from the annex to the first and second rooms in the parish hall. The annex will be used for storage in the near term.

You may also know that our youth group ran a very successful rummage sale that drew people from not only our parish but the neighborhood as well. The youth group has decided to donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale to the refurbishment of the main floor restroom in the parish hall.

Our fellowship events continue with the most recent being the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It had the biggest turnout that we have seen in recent years. If you attended, you got to meet Fr. Nathan's wife Jess and their children Esther and Theo.

We have been coming together in so many ways and the presence of the Holy Spirit is evident in everything we have been doing. Let's keep the momentum going.

Your wardens,

Karen Sammer and Fred Galano

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

Lent

Weekly Schedule

April 7, 2019 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00am and 11:00am: Assemble Easter Baskets
11:30am: Deliver to Flemington Food Pantry

April 10th, 2019

6:00pm: Our last Healing Service, Soup Supper, and Theology Class

April 13th, 2019

9:30am: Assemble Palm crosses in the Parish Hall
11:00am: Church Grounds Annual Spring Cleanup

Holy Week

April 14, 2019 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

The Passion According to Luke read at both services

April 18, 2019 Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Service followed by the Watch

April 19, 2019 Good Friday

7:00pm Service: The Passion according to John

April 20, 2019 The Great Vigil of Easter

7:00pm The First Eucharist of Easter

April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday

8:00am and 10:00am: Holy Eucharist
11:00am Easter Egg Hunt

April Birthdays

Nicole Conover	4/1
Mary Porzio	4/1
John Banger	4/2
Lisa Delin	4/2
Ray Malley	4/3
Lucy Hilke	4/3
Carolyn O'Neal	4/3
Ron Mahoney	4/4
Anjola Olawoye	4/4
Taylor Bruzzio	4/6
Bob Boggiano	4/7
Emilie Nawrock	4/7
Brandon Webb	4/7
Karen DeFrancesco	4/8
John Reger	4/9
Rebecca Jacque	4/13
Michael Bogart	4/15
Cavan Loeffler	4/15
Glynn Gillette	4/18
Trey Compoli	4/21
Catherine Gibson	4/22
Olumide Olawoye	4/23
Jim Czapla	4/24
Dick Jefferson	4/24
Nicky Bogart	4/25
Bonnie Grant	4/25
Andrea Lynott	4/26
Rich Kaeser	4/28



Calvary Ministries

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP for Children, Teens, and Adults

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

Tuesdays at Ten

You’re invited to be a part of the weekly study group, affectionately called TAT, which meets weekly in the All Saints’ room. In April, we’ll be finishing up with the great Hebrew prophets, moving the Old Testament saga along. Our sessions start with Morning Prayer at 10 and adjourns promptly at 11:30. No meeting on April 23—Easter “vacation!”

Youth Group News

The Youth Group has seen much activity over the last couple of months. In February, the CYG (Calvary Youth Group) organized and held a one-day Rummage Sale in the Parish Hall. Every member of the Youth Group supported the event with set-up, selling and breakdown of the “stuff” donated to sell. The rummage sale made \$1300 in sales. From this revenue, the CYG giving back to Fr Nathan and the Vestry \$1000 to support the purchase of couch seating in the basement and the upstairs bathroom renovations. Through the end of June, the CYG will be participating in the Holy Week services and Maundy Thursday Night Watch activities, supporting the annual “Box City” event in May at Hunterdon Central through Hunterdon Family Promise and looking to set up a joint movie event with fellow youth groups from local Flemington Church’s. More information to come on the movie event.

Calvary’s Youth Group has 14 members from grades 6 – 11. These bright young Christians are a shining star in Calvary’s community. If you have any questions about the CYG activities or wish to assist in supporting the Youth Group events, please don’t hesitate to reach out to Mirelle White or Emma Hahn.

COMMUNICATION

Proclaiming our ministry to parish members and beyond.

The Communications Team is here to assist the Ministry teams with promoting events. If you have an event you want advertised to a wide audience, please speak to the Communications Team for assistance.

SEEKING Writers, Tech Support and Creative Parishioners for a variety of projects in 2019. If you are interested in writing articles for the local newspapers, have software skills in PhotoShop, Microsoft Publisher and the rest of the Microsoft suite, please speak to Mirelle White.

Next Newsletter Deadline: *April 26, 2019*

Bookmark the Church URL: <http://www.calvary-episcopal.net>.

SEEKING 250 FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS BY April 30th!

Calvary's **Facebook** page has 237 followers with over 50+ views in the last week! Join this vibrant social media community - We can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/calvary.episcopal.flemington.nj>

Or if you prefer, follow us on **Twitter** at <http://twitter.com/calvaryflemnj>
Calvary presently has 375+ followers on **Instagram**. Join the **Instagram** following at <https://www.instagram.com/calvaryepiscopal/flemington/>

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Thank you to the Office Angels:

Alice Berry, Liza Kistler, Judy Schoenherr, and Natalie Whiting.

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.*

The Men's Group and the Fellowship Team, with help from the Youth Group, hosted the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We feasted on pancakes, sausages and salads all prepared by the Men's Group, led by Keith Conover, Kevin Bruzzio and Mike Cote. The Youth Group coordinated the

set up and clean up for the event. The evening was a success and many parishioners and friends attended, including Fr. Ritter's family.

Our next event will be the Annual Trivia Night, taking place on Saturday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. This is a fundraiser to benefit the Fellowship Activities. More information will be posted on the church doors and on fliers posted at the church!

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.

Easter Basket Collection for The Food Pantry Assembling & Delivering April 7th

Once again, we will be delivering Easter Baskets for the clients at the Food Pantry. Everyone is invited to assemble at 9am and 11am on April 7th. We will be delivering them at 11:30am.

Prayer Shawl Blessing

Remember that we have prayer shawls available. Let Father Nathan know if you know someone who would benefit from this support.

PROPERTY

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

Calling all parishioners!!

Volunteers are needed to help with the annual Spring Cleanup of the parish grounds Saturday, April 13th beginning at 11am. Lunch will be provided.

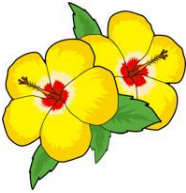
Parish Hall Improvements:

The Vestry has formed a committee to work on making aesthetic improvements to the Parish Hall. The committee consists of Christine Little,

Beth Mahoney, Donna Reagan, Lisa Bruzio and Denis Hozli. We will be working with the Property committee to make decisions and to procure the materials and volunteers needed to complete the work. The committee will be seeking to change the paint color, window treatments, trim paint and reorganize the way in which we post announcements. There is also work being done on the upstairs bathroom to improve the look and functionality. The committee is being mindful of the need to improve the handicap accessibility of our church and the parish hall. If you would like to be part of the process call Christine Little at 908-642-6096 or reach out to Fr. Nathan.

WORSHIP

Giving sacramental expression to our spiritual lives.



Easter Flower Remembrance Special Offering

There is a purple form to submit your names or intentions for Easter memorials and thanksgivings. Please enclose a check made out to “Calvary Episcopal Church” marked “Easter Decorations” and place in the offering plate.

Volunteers are needed April 13th at 9:30am in the Parish Hall to fold palms into crosses for Palm Sunday.

Flower Guild volunteers should plan on an hour or so on Saturday, April 20th to set up for Easter Sunday. Lilies and tulips will arrive in the morning (time not determined yet).

Thank you Service Assistants – new and continuing!

We are training for new acolytes – see Father Nathan if you are interested.

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 (782-7227).

IN THE COMMUNITY

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

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

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