



***The May 2019***

***Newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church***

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Spring is here, the Church grounds are looking great and we have moved into the Parish Hall. We had a great turn out at our Spring Clean-up day on April 13<sup>th</sup>, between the cross making and the indoor and outdoor work we saw around 30 parishioners. A big Thank You to all involved. We continue to paint and renew this space. Another big Thank You to all who have spent odd days here and there working in the Parish Hall. There are now mailboxes in the All Saints room if you wish to leave something for me, Jennifer, a warden or vestry member. Now that we are settled, I can say that I love being in the Parish Hall and closer to the action. I hope that you agree: now that I'm over here the move just makes sense.

Did you know that Easter is a season, and not just a day? Easter lasts fifty days and is referred to as the Great Fifty Days. Things you may notice: the font is open and has water that has been blessed and the large Paschal Candle in front of the altar is burning throughout Eastertide until the Feast of Pentecost. There are four candles on the altar. This Eastertide we will use Prayer D. "Eucharistic Prayer D (page 372 of the 1979 Prayer Book) is adapted from the Liturgy of Saint Basil (d. 379) and is the most widely authorized Eucharistic prayer among Christians. It is included in the Coptic, Greek and Slavic Orthodox Churches, in the Roman Catholic Church, the United Methodist Church, the Lutheran Church and other parts of the Anglican Communion." In addition to writing this Eucharistic prayer, Basil the Great, (330 — 379AD), was the principal architect of monasticism in the East through his Rule of St. Basil. He was the first to write a theological treatise devoted to the Holy Spirit, titled (appropriately), *On the Holy Spirit*. An English translation of the work is available in the Popular Patristics Series from St. Vladimir's Press. He was also one of the earliest theologians to insist upon the divinity of the Holy Spirit, which is exhibited in his Alexandrian Anaphora (literally lifting up, a Greek term for Eucharistic Prayer).

## Message from the Wardens

Wow, there have been so many changes at our little but mighty parish. As you may have noticed, the office move has been completed. Fr. Nathan and Jennifer have moved from the annex into the parish hall. We acquired some great office furniture for the new offices. The parish hall is in the process of a 'facelift', including a new paint job and a beautiful wall unit. The rest of the funded projects are in various states of completion.

Jennifer V. has hit the ground running as the new parish administrator...thank you Jennifer...and just in time for Easter.

Kevin Bruzzio is in the process of transitioning out of the role of Treasurer - expense administrator and we have installed John Banger as the new Treasurer - pledge administrator. Gretchen Pozarycki has graciously agreed to assume the role vacated by Kevin until we are able to find a replacement for her. We will be developing policies that will limit the term of the treasurer roles in the future so no one who takes on those roles will consider them a life sentence.

In other news...Bob Violette has tendered his resignation, effective June 16th. Bob has been our choir and music director for seven years. He brought a breadth of liturgical knowledge to his role that enriched the experience of anyone who was in the choir or who had the pleasure of hearing him speak on the liturgy as he has done for us on several occasions. We will truly miss Bob and his beautiful voice. We wish him great health and happiness in whatever comes next for him.

There has been so much happening in our church. There is no doubt the Holy Spirit is working through our congregation.

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

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**May 5, 2019 The Third Sunday of Easter**

Adult Forum returns 9am

**May 11, 2019**

Annual Trivia Night- Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and games start at 6:30 p.m.

**May 12, 2019 The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Happy Mother's Day!*



**May 18, 2019**

Calvary Youth Group participating in Box City at Hunterdon Central High School

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***Reminder that beginning June 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be one service on Sundays at 9:30am through the summer.***

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**New summer office hours beginning in June:  
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10am-2pm**

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*Thank  
You*

Thank you to the Office Angels:  
**Alice Berry, Liza Kistler, Judy Schoenherr, and Natalie Whiting.**

## May Birthdays

*Richard Borowsky* 5/2  
*Alexandra Cummins* 5/2  
*Ben Green* 5/3  
*Judy Schoenherr* 5/6  
*Chris Kinnamon* 5/8  
*Father Nathan* 5/8  
*Liam Speck* 5/8  
*Barry Wennagel* 5/12  
*Amber White* 5/13  
*Nick Kantanas* 5/16  
*Jadesola Olawoye* 5/17

*Mackenzie Bruzzio* 5/20  
*James Townend* 5/20  
*Kyla Petropoulos* 5/21  
*Rick Mansdoerfer* 5/23  
*Tyler Pozarycki* 5/23  
*George Little* 5/24  
*Sam Galano* 5/25  
*Kathryn Schuster* 5/26  
*Marcella Marie Sellke* 5/26  
*Fred Galano* 5/29  
*Susan Kaeser* 5/30



## 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**

Our weekly study group is hard at work again after an Easter break. In May, we'll be enjoying the books of Ruth and Jonah, fitting them into the Old Testament story. Our meetings begin at 10 with Morning Prayer and adjourn at 11:30.

On Wednesday, May 29, we have a field trip to visit All Saints' chapel in Tewksbury and visit with our friend, Alix Weisz, who will welcome us with her harp and stories of her recent visit to a monastery in Bhutan. Members of the congregation are welcomed to join us. We'll carpool from Calvary at 9:15 that morning.

## Youth Group News

Exciting news, the Youth Group has a new place to meet in the common area in the basement. New couches and beanbag chairs were purchased to make it a great meeting area for the church youth. As a reminder from last month's newsletter, the CYG give to the Vestry \$1000 to support the purchase of the couches and the upstairs bathroom renovations.

Reminder, May is the annual "Box City" event through the Hunterdon County Family Promise. If you would like to donate to the Calvary Youth Group team, visit

<https://familypromise.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=5906>.

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:** May 24, 2019

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

**SEEKING 250 FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS BY Memorial Day!**

Invite you family and friends to "Like" the Calvary FB page.

Calvary's **Facebook** page has 238 followers with over 5,000+ views in the last week with the Easter posts! 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 400+ followers on Instagram.**

Join the **Instagram** following at  
<https://www.instagram.com/calvaryepiscopal Flemington/>

**Episcopal News Monthly:** [www.episcopalchurch.org/ens](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ens).

To receive a daily e-mail of the latest news, sign up at  
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ensdaily>.

### 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.*

Congratulations to Alison Claire Trelvik, granddaughter of Jean Good and John Bangor, for winning the Easter Egg Hunt and Lamb Cake on Easter Sunday!



Our Annual Trivia Night will take place on Saturday, May 12th. Friends and neighbors are invited to form teams of 6 to 8 per table. The questions are appropriate for ages 10 & over. There is a suggested donation of \$12.00/per person. This is a fundraiser to benefit the Fellowship Activities. Bring your own snacks and drinks, coffee, tea & water will be provided.

Looking ahead to the summer, we're planning an Ice cream Sunday in June and Hot Dog Sunday in July!

### 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.*

***Thank you to all who donated, packed & wrapped Easter Baskets for the Food Pantry. We were able to donate 47 baskets, 18 gift bags & plenty of extra chocolate bunnies!!***

### **Prayer Scarf Blessing & Presentation May 19**

We will be presenting prayer scarves to our 3 graduating seniors, Aiden Lynott, Henry Little & Hunter Horton.

Come wish them well on their next journey at either service.

### **Reminder!!**

If you are traveling this summer, collect those unused toiletries for the Seamen's Church-Christmas at Sea.

All shampoo, conditioner, body wash, razors are needed!!

## PROPERTY

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

**Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the Annual Spring cleanup!**

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 Bruzzio and Denis Holzli. 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.*

### **Blessings on those who helped decorate Calvary this Easter.**

Thank you to Kaye Wolfe for a beautiful job on the Tomb diorama. Thank you to Chris Kinnamon, Liza Kistler, Joanne Martin, Kaye Wolfe, and Judy Schoenherr for setting up the altar and placing lilies and tulips throughout the church.

Your patience and efforts are greatly appreciated. God bless you all.

## 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

## OUR PARISH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

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**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).