

# Calvary Chronicles



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**ANYWHERE, ANYTIME  
THAT YOU CALL!**

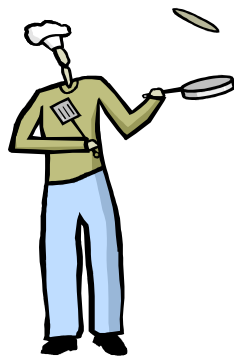
Jesus said,  
"My Father is always at His work  
to this very day,  
and I, too, am working." Jn 5:17

Jesus has promised that  
if you will call,  
He will hear,  
He will answer,  
He will guide, and  
He will protect!

Jesus stands  
at the door of your heart  
and knocks.  
Will you open?  
Will you call?

**NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME!**

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## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Tradition

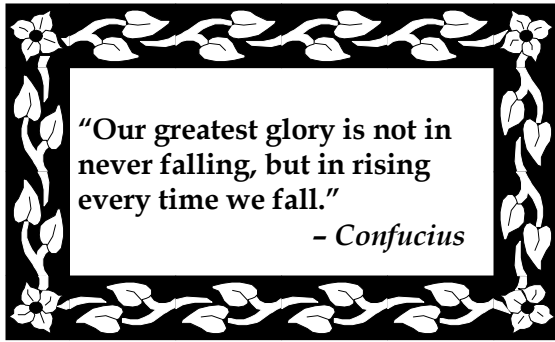
Shrove Tuesday heralds the beginning of fasting in Lent. Historians tell us that on this day there were feasts of pancakes and breads to use up the supplies of fat, butter and eggs...foods that were forbidden during austere Lent. Here at Calvary, we honor this tradition with our Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper. There will be sign up sheets after services the two Sundays prior, but for now just remember to reserve Tuesday, February 28th for some pancakes and fellowship. Also, we will be calling our usual list of suspects to round up volunteers; if you'd also like to lend a hand, please call Dave Nuzzo at 633-4330 or Sam Alessi at 633-0557 and let us know – we'd love to have you join the crew.

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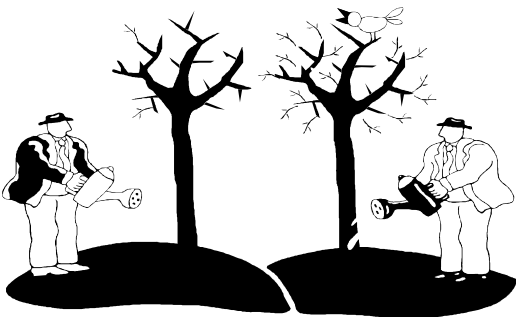
## COMMENTARY



I have never fully understood many things that we, as human beings do. For example, children who learn not to read because it garners more attention...acting out behaviors because negative attention is better than no attention...the desire to blend into the wallpaper or the reluctance to ever take a chance...no matter how unique, exciting or interesting it might be...for fear of making a mistake. The latter is the one that puzzles me most.

Last week, I was in a conference call with a couple of childhood friends. We are planning our 45th Reunion for October. Having been in Syracuse for the 40th, I was able to do all the work with the hotel, band, caterers, photographers, etc. But now, it must rest with those still in the city. Or, so one would think! They were calling to tell me that everything was set but that they could not possibly take responsibility for the decisions..."What if something failed"? Of course, I took the responsibility knowing full well they had done a fine job and nothing would fail, knowing also that should something bizarre happen that it would fall to me to take responsibility. So what!

Don't we fail almost every day at some things? I surely do. And, the next day, I get a little closer to getting it right. It is not magic. It is life. We need to be more trusting of ourselves and each other. We need to tell ourselves that the only failure that is bad is when we fail to try. In trying, we stretch...we strive...and, ultimately, we succeed.



This little trip around Robin Hood's barn leads to this: Why are we having to beg parishioners to run for offices, join committees, take leadership, take a chance on success???? For heaven's sake, we are a church, and one that doesn't take excommunication lightly. We should have people lined up to lead, to follow, to help make our church better and better.

Don't think for one minute that any of the old guard. Those of us who have been serving on Parish Life will be leaving you in the proverbial lurch. All we are asking is for a little relief so that we may continue to assist rather than constantly lead...and by lead, we mean work....and by work, we mean the entire load. Our activities have burgeoned in the past few years. We cannot continue to do what we do with a coterie of seven or eight who shoulder all the weight and responsibilities. We need you and you and you to step off the wallpaper and give us your time, your expertise and your willingness to take a chance. How about it? Give me a call. KBN

### **Deliver de Letter...But Sooner is better!!**

You may have received your Chronicles at little, er, later than usual this month. I received my copy on the 16th, while my mother got hers on the 12th. By the way (Pat), I did get my envelopes on about the 13th.

What happens is what happens to third class mail. Certain mail pieces, like Chronicles, can be mailed at minimal cost but it comes at minimal service. Third class mail offers no guarantee of delivery except that it will get there, sooner or (in this case) later. Size (in this case) doesn't matter, but what does matter is the mood of your letter carrier, and perhaps the deluge of other third class mail the holidays generates.

So, that's what happened!

*Some people try to  
turn back their odometers.  
Not me, I want people to know  
"why" I look this way.  
I've traveled a long way and  
some of the  
roads weren't paved.  
Ah, being young is beautiful...  
but being old is comfortable.*

—Unknown

## WHY PEOPLE GIVE TO CHARITY

Why should you support a charity like the Calvary Endowment Fund, as many of our parishioners do? Some people think it's because of the tax deduction the federal and state governments allow. But the tax deduction doesn't eliminate the cost of charitable giving. It just reduces it.



There is something more important than tax savings –that something is commitment to the mission and specific programs of an organization. Studies of philanthropic behavior show that the feeling of personal satisfaction that comes from supporting worthwhile causes is what drives charitable giving. Every other reason, including tax incentives, is dwarfed by the importance of philanthropic motives.

Are Calvary's mission and programs important to you? Do you derive a sense of satisfaction from supporting Calvary with financial gifts? Then you should be a member of the Calvary Legacy Society. Make your commitment now to include the Calvary Endowment Fund in your long-range financial plan and become a charter member of the Legacy Society.

Planned Giving Committee  
Frank & Wilma Cipolla, co-chairs



## ...from the Choir Room

Just out of curiosity, I decided to look up the "definition" of **Evensong**. Here's what I found:

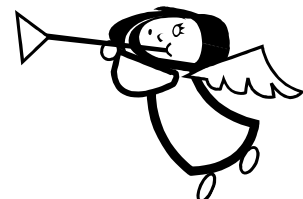
1. A daily evening service in the Anglican Church; Also called *Evening Prayer*.
2. *Roman Catholic Church* A service that includes the office of Vespers. (No longer in ecclesiastical use.)
3. A song sung in the evening.
4. *Archaic* - Evening.

No big surprises here – it's just that I was hoping for something that would help me provide for you a vehicle to get you out of your seats on a given Sunday afternoon, and into the warmth of God's hands yet again. You know – something like promising a service of humble reflection; one that allows us to leave ourselves open to letting God speak through the psalms and readings – all characterized by beautiful music. You don't really need to know that this is a service of tradition in the Anglican church that is about a thousand years old, or that in this service words and music come together, each enriching the other, in order that our senses and our intellects, our hearts and our minds, may help us to draw closer to God who is above all, and through all and in all.

**On February 5 at 5:00 PM** (which, by the by, is the sixth of the seven canonical hours of the divine office – "early evening," by definition), **the Parish Choir of Calvary will offer one of these century-old services. The texts of the psalms and readings will be presented in anthems and canticles of John Rutter, Edward Bairstow and Moses Hogan.**

I probably don't really need to tell you that here beauty in language and music can speak to us of God in a rich and diverse way, and that within this hallowed space you may forget the ceaseless activity of daily life – and just be still.. I just can't seem to help myself.

Peace.  
...debi



## MISSION NEWS

On behalf of School #77, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in taking mittens from the tree and purchasing gifts. The children were absolutely delighted. To watch them open the gifts is an amazing sight. There are always a few anxious moments when you hope you haven't missed anybody, but in the end it all seems to work out. The children from the school have written letters, so please take a few minutes to read them.

A special thank you to Santa's helpers (Pat Aikens, Nina Birdsall, Lucy Butterbaugh, Joan Quigley, Karen Vogt, and Hazel Whalen), who helped distribute the gifts to the children. Thanks to all the people who donated monies to purchase the missing gifts.

### Meals on Wheels:

Each Friday at the Amherst Senior Center (Audubon Pkwy.)-10:30 a.m. The contact person is Jeanne Eaton (626-5066).

### Hearts for the Homeless Mobile Soup Kitchen:

February 12th,  
March 12th,  
April 9th,  
May 14th, and  
June 11th.

Food items and monies are greatly appreciated. The contact person is Sharon Jackson (877-4866).

### Friends of the Night People:

February 19th,  
April 16th,  
June 18th.

Volunteers are greatly appreciated. The contact person is Joan Fischer (678-7647).

**Episcopal Community Services Drive during Lent.** If you haven't fulfilled your 2005 pledge, the monies would be greatly appreciated. Please forward them to the church office.

**United Thank Offering -**  
Sunday, May 14th - Mother's Day.



### School #77 Themes:

February: 2 pocket folders-no prongs in the middle (can be inexpensive ones) and colored pencils

March: scissors (round or pointed tips) and glue sticks

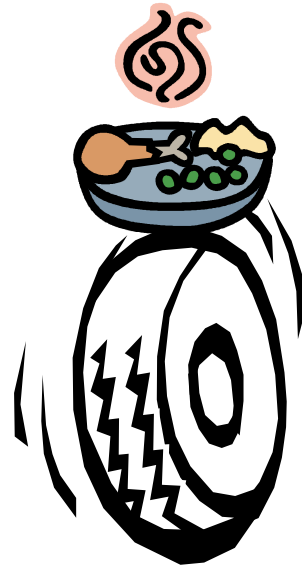
April: colored pencils and gallon size baggies (sturdy)

May: composition notebooks

The theme basket is on the bench in the foyer.

We are still looking for some new faces on the Mission Committee. Our next meeting will be **SUNDAY, MARCH 19th** in the Conference Room at 8:45AM. New ideas are always welcome. If you can only help out with mission functions, please let me know. Your help is always appreciated.

Sharon Jackson - 877-4866



Obrigado ... Dank...Grazie ...  
Bedankt ... Merci. ...  
Tessekkurlar...in any language—

**Thanks**

To **Sam Alessi**, Warden and outgoing Vestry **Bernie Ruof**, **Bill Holt** and **Cindy Munschauer** for their service to Calvary.

Good work!

SENIOR CLASS MARCH & APRIL EVENTS  
A block of 30 tickets has been arranged for .....

**THE AMHERST MALE GLEE CLUB PRESENTS....  
THE RED BLAZER VARIETIES**  
(NOW *THAT'S* ENTERTAINMENT)

Join other Seniors for a  
fun-filled evening of laughter and song

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2006 - 7:30 p.m.**

AMHERST HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE AUDITORIUM  
4301 Main St, Snyder, NY

Tickets: \$13 Each (group rate for 15 people or more)

If anyone needs a ride or to be dropped off  
at the school door, please contact  
Preston's: 632-5862 or Crowther's: 634-2279

**Sign-up** will be near the Reception Desk  
beginning February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Deadline:** Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**APRIL**

A local theater event is in the works for latter April.  
Watch for an announcement in the MARCH CHRONICLES.

# Watch this Space

For a May event  
from the Parish Life Committee  
It's coming. It's new. It's different.  
Be Ready.

# “A NIGHT IN VENICE”

## ***ITALIAN DINNER & AUCTION***

**Saturday, February 18, 2006**

6:00 PM in the Scaife

\$10 adults--\$5 children to age 10

**LASAGNA--(MEAT OR VEGGIE)  
HOT LADLES OF SPAGHETTI SAUCE  
TOSSED SALAD  
ITALIAN BREAD  
RED WINE  
WHITE WINE  
GRATED CHEESE  
COFFEE--HIGH TEST & DECAF  
ITALIAN CANNOLI**

Last year, 200 parishioners and friends enjoyed an incredible homemade dinner at our *Night in Tuscany*. It was a huge success in fellowship and dining. This year, we will travel to Venice and delight in our good fortune. We plan to engage an exciting duo who will play violin and accordion. They will stroll among the tables taking requests and playing music from Italy.

Parish Life has been able to invest in a number of kitchen items designed to make service fast and efficient. Diners will make their choice of meat or veggie lasagna when signing up. This will expedite service. Again, we are imploring our great cooks to donate lasagnas and our not so great cooks to provide salads. You will have an opportunity to sign up for those gifts after the holidays. We will offer spaghetti for the children, and childcare from 7-9 pm.

LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL MAKE LASAGNAS OR SALADS...

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## Talent Show, Let your

I've made a certain peace in my life, all 50+ years of it. The struggle is never truly over until it's - well, really over (hint: the fat lady stops singing). This freedom of choice thing has hit me squarely, and (embraced) it simply means you gotta do what you gotta do. Whether we admit it to ourselves or not, though, we get to choose what we do. Take, for example, coming to church. You come for your reasons, whatever they are, because you choose to come.

I struggled with just how much to give. Not money - I mean time. And I tried lots of things, some of which just didn't fit. The not-fitting part didn't put me off, for my commitment was as much to myself as anything else. Believe me, this was a totally selfish road I was on. I didn't want to have it hurt. Armed already, then, with "what was in it for me," it was a matter of locating the right fit.

As so often (read: always) happens, I found, got nudged, or handed opportunities to try things that suited me. By "suited," I mean things I liked well enough to call fun. It included eliminating any guilt about not doing things I hated. I didn't want "duty" to enter my head when I did them. I wanted fun, and after all, this was all about me - sorta.

So, this is the thing. When they say "find" your passion, what they really mean is start by doing something - ANYTHING - and keep trying on things, even if they don't "fit." Lastly (the key), keep at it until you find the fun. You'll stop counting time, and begin enjoying it.

*My struggle as to how much to give is over. The answer was simple. Here's that "free will" thing again: the answer is "as much as I want."*

And if and when it stops being fun, I will cease to do that, and look again for something fun.

This is my way of saying that Calvary has lots of places where you can have fun. (I hesitate to use the word "need," for its inherent guilt.) I encourage you to try something on this spring, and see if it fits. Peg Brunton's flower people need help, for example, which has nothing to do with putting flowers ON the altar, but rather distributing them after services end. If you like the idea of putting things on the altar, try out the Altar Guild, a very stiff name for a very unstiff bunch of people who actually LIKE to polish silver. You get to play with the wafers and the wine, too, though samples are discouraged. Jan Beam heads this group.

There's a group of people "on call" to bake cookies for funeral receptions, and a few who will set up and clean up for receptions. This is occasional work that serves our congregational family in a time of need. It's neither hard work nor sad. Call Bernie Ruof if you want to try that one on.

There's much, much more. There is a brochure about the various things you can "try on" at Calvary. Or read about them at the (neat! new!) website [www.calvaryepiscopal.net](http://www.calvaryepiscopal.net). If you want to speak to a real-live person about what's out there - maybe you have a new idea for something - stop Steven, or a vestry member, or wardens Bruce Davidson or Dick Welte. Heck, the guy next to you in the pew may have your answer!

You've got talent. Flex your free will. Try something on. Have some fun. CHU

### January 8 Church Elections Results:

Warden:	Dick Welte
Vestry:	Michael Day
	Janet Newall
	Jim Siepierski