

sunday times

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 25, 2016



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Family of God, welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship on this autumn day!

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out one of the yellow "Welcome Friend" forms located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We are very glad to have you visiting with us and we hope the service is a blessing to you.



During the 10:30am worship service today, the daughter of Steven and Annie Buonaspina, **Mallory Jeannine Buonaspina**, will be received into Christ's Church by the sacrament of Baptism. Her sponsors are Janice Saraiva and Jennifer Buonaspina.

Confirmation

**CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION TODAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, at 5PM**

Our Confirmation program provides spiritual growth for young people in the 8th and 9th grades. Orientation will take place TODAY, **September 25 at 5pm in Fellowship Hall.** Pizza will be served. This is a must attend event for parents and students.

***CLASS DATES FOR 2016: October 9, October 16, November 13, December 4.**



**BEER & BIBLE AT THE
KILKENNY PUB IN
CRANFORD, OCT. 11 & 25**

With the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation around the corner and the ELCA encouraging pastors to get out of their churches and into their communities with the message of God's love - we are beginning Beer & Bible at Kilkenny's Pub in Cranford on **October 11 and 25.** This very informal group will meet on Two Tuesdays every month. We gather at 7pm (Pastor Carol will be there for supper at 6:30pm.) Our conversation about a passage around our pints (or any beverage) begins at 7:30pm and concludes by 8:30pm but you are welcome to stay as long as you'd like. We'll be meeting in the back room at the well-known Irish pub in Cranford. Please help us spread the word by inviting your neighbors and friends.

Pastoral Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- † Pastor Raymond Birkel (85) died peacefully very early Thursday morning at Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains. A Memorial Service will be held on Long Island at a later date. Please keep Tim and his family in your prayers (Bonnie, Cullen and Chelsea) as well as Tim's sister, Mary and his brother, John and all who mourn Pr. Birkel's death.
- † John Brogan (74), Jim Brogan's father, died on Sept. 16. We are praying for Jim and his family (Susan, Shannon and Hannah) and all who mourn John's death. A funeral mass was held for John last Tuesday at St. Lawrence Church in Chester.
- † Ginger Johnson, former member of Calvary, is having neurological surgery on Sept. 29 at Johns Hopkins to remove a benign brain tumor. Steve and Ginger were very active members of Calvary before moving to Delaware. This medical issue is something Ginger faced back in 2001 as well. They are very grateful for the prayers of their Calvary family.
- † Judy Gallagher, friend of Ed Leicht, needs prayers of healing for fractured vertebrae in her back.
- † Beverly Muschiatti, mother of Meg Spatz's student, is fighting bone marrow cancer. She is now in critical condition and at the end of her fight receiving comfort care. Please keep her daughter Gianna (8th grade) and son Anthony (12th grade), and all of the Muschiatti family in your prayers.



FIRST SUNDAY

"First Sunday" at 9:15am

A short, simple worship service designed for young children and their families. Beginning on October 9th, we will offer this once a month service at 9:15am on the following Sundays this year: **October 9, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, and May 7.**

Here's more info about these services:

- usually falls on the First Sunday of the month, but check the schedule
- may be the very first worship experience for our little ones
- possibly held in Fellowship Hall, possibly in the Sanctuary - we want the children to experience both.
- always includes a Bible story, something fun, simple songs and Holy Communion
- never includes an adult sermon
- absolutely welcomes people of every age

Refreshments, with coffee, will be offered after each of these services at 10am and the whole congregation is invited. Please watch the Sunday's Coming email for the location of these fellowship opportunities.



CALVARY CHOIR REHEARSALS –



OCTOBER 2 at 9:30 AM

Choir rehearsals for the Fall season will start on **Sunday, October 2 at 9:30 AM.** We welcome anyone who would like to share their musical gifts during a worship service anytime during the year. Please contact Jeanne by emailing her at jeanne@calvarycranford.com.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

	8:15am	10:30am
Asst. Min.	Anne Dawson	Chuck Sherrick
Comm. Asst.	Matt Spatz	Carla Flint
Ushers	Cliff Kaiser (C)	Frank Kylish (C)
	Brian McCarthy	Linda Huff
	TBD	TBD
	TBD	TBD
Acolyte	Lauren Gaudin	Lauren Gaudin
Altar Guild	Sue Bird	Sue Bird



UNION COUNTY DAY OF PRAYER, OCTOBER 5,

6:30PM The Union County Day of Prayer is being sponsored by the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council and will be held on **October 5 from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM** at St. Helen's Church, 160 Rahway Avenue, Westfield. This event invites individuals of all faith to collectively reflect and to speak of peace. Come join the UCICC and the Rev. Dr. Carol A. Lindsay as we join together in readings, prayers and songs of all faiths. Register at www.cauni.org and click on "Upcoming Events" or you can also register by phone by calling 908-354-3040 x4324.

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CELEBRATE THE 42ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE CRANFORD CROP WALK ON OCTOBER 23, 2016 AT 2PM

The 42nd annual Cranford CROP WALK will help support the work of Church World Service with 25 % being returned locally to alleviate hunger in the community. Cranford Family Care, and the food pantry at Osceola Presbyterian Church, Clark are the designated local recipients. Each walker is also asked to bring a \$5 food store gift card and non perisable food item. These are donated to Cranford Family Care for distribution to those in need. Sponsor envelopes will be available today after service in the narthex. The walk is 3 miles through quiet neighborhoods of Cranford and starts at 2 pm from the Cranford United Methodist Church and ends at the same location. All are welcome to join in this very worthwhile event. The walk usually takes about an hour and light refreshments are served at the end.

For those participating for the first time this is what is done. Each walker obtains a sponsor envelope and obtains donations toward their walk. There is no minimum donation or entry fee required. All funds raised are gratefully accepted and welcome. There is no age limit for walkers and we have "walkers" from 6 months to those in their 80's. Anyone wishing to help with the organizing of this event should contact Robin Marko at rdmarko@verizon.net or (908) 789-0379.



THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

Sun 09/25	<i>19th Sunday After Pentecost</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion
	Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	Sung Liturgy, traditional music
5pm	Confirmation Orientation
Thu 09/29	
1:15 pm	Midweek Worship
Sun 10/02	<i>20th Sunday After Pentecost</i>
8:15am	Worship with Holy Communion
	Spoken Liturgy, contemporary music
9:15am	Sunday School
9:30am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	Sung Liturgy, traditional music

Our office hours are:
 Mon, Wed, Fri: 9:00am – 4:00pm
 Tues and Thurs: 10:30am – 5:30pm

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Summer is over and it's time to take out your knitting and crocheting projects for the Prayer Shawl Ministry! We will start meeting again on **October 9** between services in the Betty Dahlquist Room. All are welcome to join our friendly group.