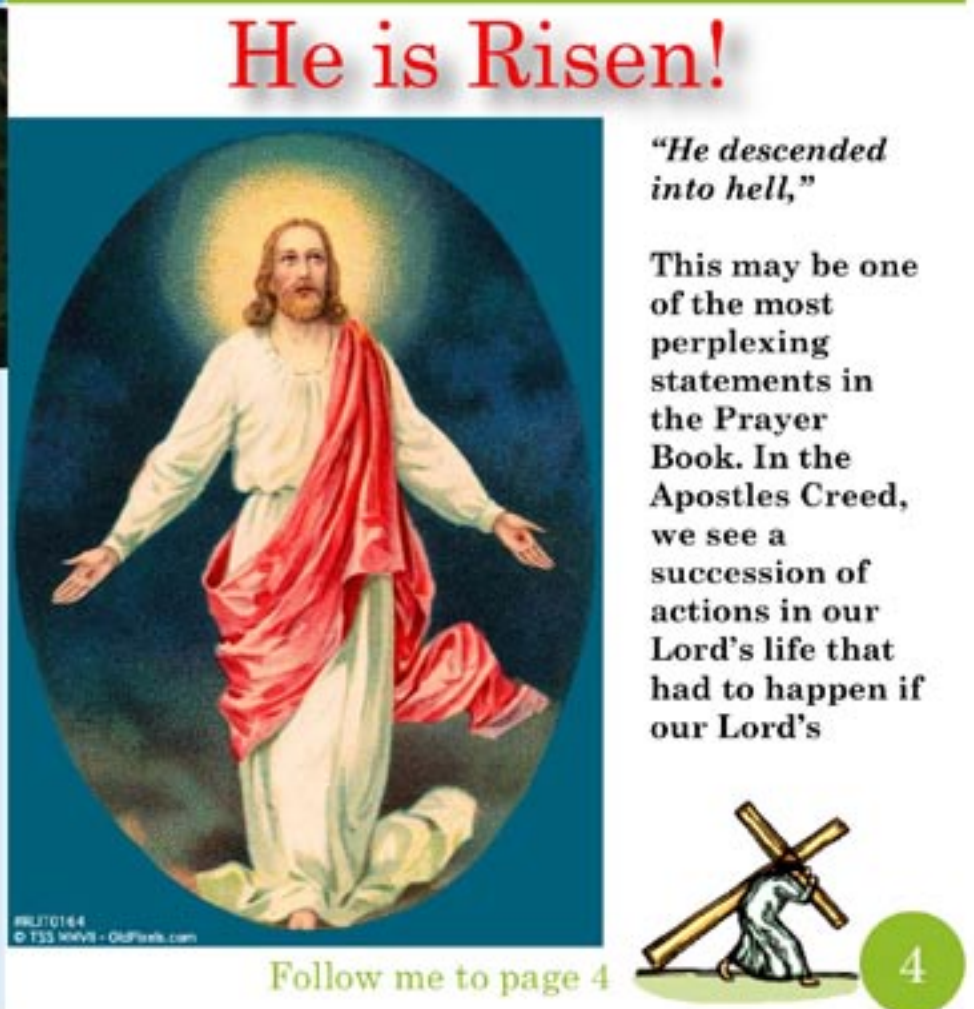




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He is Risen!

"He descended into hell,"

This may be one of the most perplexing statements in the Prayer Book. In the Apostles Creed, we see a succession of actions in our Lord's life that had to happen if our Lord's

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Palm Sunday!

Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

(Mark 11:1-11)

And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, ² And saith unto them, **Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him.** ³ And if any man say unto you, **Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither.** ⁴ And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; ⁵ and they loose him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? ⁶ And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go. ⁷

And they brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him; and he sat upon him.

⁸ And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. ⁹ And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, *Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:* ¹⁰ *Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.* ¹¹ And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

Easter tide 2009

Dear Parish family Members:

Saint George will celebrate its 25th birthday on the 24th of April. The Parish has had a continued presence here in Ocala since that time and will continue to do so for many years to come. The St. George of today is a different body than when I came 17 years ago on March 1, 1992. The church has had very good growth and today is a much different church than it was ten years ago. At this time we are going through a period of change and for some it has been very difficult and for others, not so much.

We have seen a great many of the "old timers" go, either through going home to be with the Lord and some have left out of anger. The most important note is however that we continue to serve this community and survive as an Anglican Parish in some very difficult times. The Christian Church has seen many changes of the past 50 years, which have brought us to the present time. The church went from a liturgically centered worship to participant centered worship. The focus has changed from worshipping God to making sure the participants have a good experience so they will return. The sacraments have also gone by the wayside in many of the new "Mainline Churches" and have been reduced to something that is done seldom and in some cases never.

St. George is a church that started because of some of these very changes and has continued in a long history of Sacramental and God Centered worship. I believe that this is the way our Lord intended for us to worship and assured us by his actions just prior to His death. Let us as a Parish continue in the way of the Lord and continue to build upon the importance of a Christ centered worship. I look forward to seeing you and your friends in Church during Holy Week and especially on Easter Day.

He is risen, He is risen indeed.

Father Art



Monthly letter
From Bishop
Rushlow



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mission on earth was to be complete. He was crucified, dead, and buried: *He descended into hell*; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: In some Protestant churches this act has been removed and is not mentioned as part of the Creed. However, removing the clause does not really explain the action and how important it is to our faith.

The Lord descended into hell to make his appearance before the many faithful of God who had died before his presence on earth. His appearance and their acceptance of Him as the Son of the Living God assured them of their entrance into heaven. Entrance into heaven comes from our knowledge of Christ and our Baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Our salvation was secured by His actions and is not dependent upon anything we can do as human beings. The idea that man can enter into the Kingdom of God by good works alone is an old heresy that has found new popularity. Although good works are part of the Christian experience they alone cannot gain entrance for us into the Kingdom of God.

Our work as Christians is not to condemn those who do not believe but to assist them in the knowledge



of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. We are called on by God through our Baptismal Vows to fight against all of these false beliefs and to bring the unbeliever into the knowledge of Christ. Lest us renew our Baptismal Vows during this most Holy season and help to grow the kingdom of God here in Ocala/Marion



Church History Question of the Month!

How many Black Pope's
have there been in
Catholic Church
History?

- A. - 0
- B. - 1
- C. - 3
- D. - 5

See answers on last page!

St. George's Mission Statement:

To provide to Ocala and Marion County the most complete and authentically correct Anglican expression of the Worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ within the boundaries of a loving and Supportive Catholic Community.

News from the Vestry!

Several issues were discussed at the last vestry meeting. Most notable was the report by Junior Warden, Craig Benoit, talking about the condition of the parking lot, the under skirting on the McCraney Building, and the need for a handrail that leads from the parking lot to the Church and Parish Hall. It was decided that the handrail and under skirting were the most important, critical because people could be hurt by the, and then the parking lot repair.

A rough estimate on the cost of the handrail was about \$1,625. We have a bid on the under skirting of about \$1,300, and we are still taking bids on the paving of the parking lot but our best guess was over \$2,000 (could be a little more).

The vestry also decided that the church could not afford to fund this project out of our General Funds, but instead, we would start requesting special donations from the congregation. The thermometer will show our progress towards the approximate \$5,000 needed for these projects.

St. George Maintenance Fund
PROGRESS CHART



We also have several other projects that need to be completed such as:

- Roofing nails on the Parish Hall are sticking up which will allow water to leak into the building. We need to hire someone to go up and nail them down again.
- The tape on the sheet rock on the wall at the front of the church is peeling.
- The outside of the Parish Hall will be painted in the next few months.

Other items discussed by the Vestry were:

- St. George's water is supplied by a well. We are required to perform a purity test periodically. The result of our water test was good; the water is safe and pure.
- A shingle was found on the ground that seems to have come off the roof of the church. Craig is going to have someone look and see where it came from and, if needed, do the repair.
- A committee is being formed to plan membership events and fund raising projects for the church. If you're interested in contributing ideas and exploring possibilities, we would love to have you. The specific date and time for this meeting will be announced later.

Stay tuned to this column to keep up with what is being done by your vestry at St. George. By the way, everyone is invited to attend Vestry meetings.

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Upcoming Community Events at St. George!

**Wednesday April 8th
"HOLY WEDNESDAY"
Easter Ham Dinner!**

Sign up now for a great ham dinner, with all the fixings and great desserts, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass, **SEE OUR AD ON PAGE # 9**

St. George's 1st Annual Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner a Success!

Everyone seemed to have a good time and get their fill of Corned Beef and Cabbage. Kay Voge drew on her Irish heritage and cooked up a great batch of CB&C. Brian with just a little less Irish in



him chickened out on his pledge to bake Irish Soda Bread, and instead bought the bread at Publix. It disappeared very fast none-the-less.



St. George Cathedral
ANNUAL FISH FRY



Two (2) Seating's - 3 to 5:30pm and 6 to 7:30pm

Friday April 3rd

Includes battered and fried fish, French fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, lemon slices, tartar sauce, malt vinegar and a dessert.

\$5.00

Per Person

Children under 10 eat Free

Major Events for April

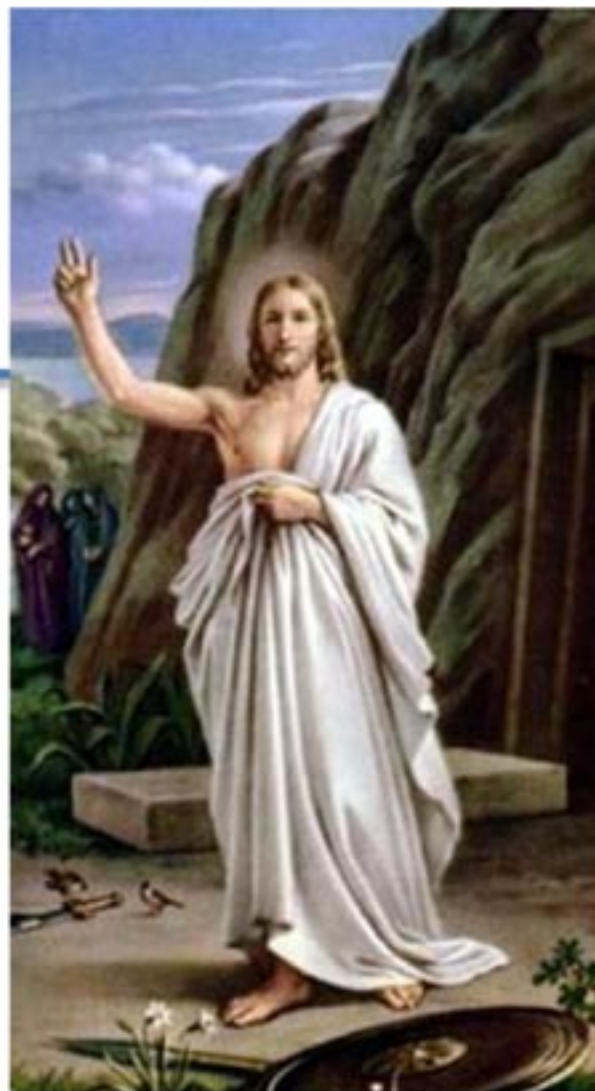
5. Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
9. Maundy Thursday
10. Good Friday
11. Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil
12. Easter Day

Maundy Thursday –

Maundy Thursday is the Christian feast or holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter that commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. It is the fifth day of Holy Week, and is preceded by Holy Wednesday and followed by Good Friday. In 2009, Maundy Thursday will occur on April 9 in most Christian traditions.

On this day four events are commemorated: the washing of the Disciples' Feet by Jesus Christ, the institution of the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the agony of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal of Christ by Judas Iscariot. The word Maundy is derived through Middle English, and Old French *mandé*, from the Latin *mandatum*, the first word of the phrase "*Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos*" ("A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you"), the statement by Jesus in the Gospel of John (13:34) by which Jesus explained to the Apostles the significance of his action of washing their feet. The phrase is used as the antiphon sung during the "*Mandatum*" ceremony of the washing of the feet, which may be held during Mass or at another time as a separate event, during which a priest or bishop (representing Christ) ceremonially washes the feet of others, typically 12 persons chosen as a cross-section of the community.

REMEMBER, we will be stripping the alter on Maundy Thursday.



– 10 Foolish Reasons to Ignore your Burial Arrangements –

1. **I have more important things to think about right now.** No one wants to think about it, but providing for your burial will be one burden taken off your survivors.
2. **Why Spend Money on Expensive Entombment?** I'd like to spend it on a trip. Well this is your lucky day, Columbarium's are very inexpensive, you could probably make your arrangements and still take that trip.
3. **I want to be cremated and have my ashes scattered.** Cremation is an excellent choice, but psychologist, clergy and families agree that most people get comfort from visiting a specific spot dedicated to a loved ones memory. A columbarium is designed to hold, your ashes.
4. **I can't afford it now.** When a death occurs, the family must pay in full before the interment. That usually makes a huge dent in the family finances at a time when they are emotionally drained. Also, with prices going up all the time, they will be paying more in the future than now.
5. **My Brother / Uncle / Daughter / Spouse or Lawyer will take care of everything.** You are fortunate to have friends and family who will take care of this. However, this is a decision that you should be making with your spouse, without the pressure of a death in the family. It is not wise to depend on other people.
6. **My Insurance will take care of everything.** No insurance policy tells your family where you want your remains. No insurance policy tells your family offers guidelines on how much your family should spend. Your family will be faced with many decisions that you should have made for them.
7. **I'm a veteran; the government will take care of that for me.** Unless you are on active duty, the government will only provide a small allowance towards the cost of your funeral. The claim process takes a long time.
8. **No one in my family has ever been entombed in a Columbarium.** The remains' of pharaohs, kings, queens, soldiers, statesmen and leaders have been entombed in either columbarium's or mausoleums practically from the dawn of time. Not until modern times has this type of entombment been available for average families.
9. **My family knows my wishes.** Do they really.

We sometimes mention this subject in passing, and may express a different opinion at various times in your life to different relatives. They will have a tough time deciding who heard what and when.

10. **I just don't want to think about things like that.** Well, unless you have a secret that the rest of us don't know about. Eventually, you will either need to think about it, or one of your family members will be burdened with this decision.

Wouldn't you rather get this out of your mind now.

Why purchase a columbarium niche at St. George?

- It is a final resting place that has meaning.
- It is a location that will comfort your loved ones.
- It's an environment that is well maintained.
- It will support a columbarium for other members of St. George.
- It is a reminder of your legacy at St. George.

Why purchase a columbarium niche now?

- It ensures that a niche is available for you.
- It ensures that your wishes can be fulfilled.
- It avoids a burden on your loved ones.
- It ensures that you rest in an environment that you would want.
- It allows you to choose your niche location.
- It allows you to purchase contiguous niches for family members.
- It establishes the price in today's dollars.



An example of a Columbarium.

Holy Wednesday

Ham & Fixings Pot-Luck Dinner



**Wednesday, April 8th after
the 5:30 Mass**

A donation is requested for the meal,
the money collected will go towards the
St. George Maintenance fund! (Children
under 10 eat free).

- * You bring the Fixings
- * We supply the Ham
- * We will all eat well indeed

Does that sound like a good deal or what!



Coming Attractions at Wednesday Evening Pot-Luck Suppers!

We are making some positive changes here at St. George. Once a month we will be showing Movies during the meal. Other ideas that we are considering are Bingo Games, Cooking Classes and inviting speakers to make presentations. A schedule will be published in this newsletter so you will be aware of what is happening. Don't miss picking up your copy each month to keep up with "What's Happening at St. George."

Answer to Church History Question!

The answer is "C," There were 3 Black Popes!

Pope Saint Victor 1 - Saint Victor was born in Africa and bore a Latin name as most African did at that time. Saint Victor was the fifteenth pope and a native of black Africa. He served from 186 A.D. until 197 A.D. He served during the reign of Emperor Septimius Severus, also African, who had led Roman legions in Britain. He was deacon when he became Pope, a rarity then and now. He established a set date for the celebration of Easter yearly. He died a martyr for the faith in 199.

Pope Saint Miltiades 1 - Miltiades occupied the papacy from 311 to 314 A.D. serving four years, seven months and eight days. He signed the emperor Constantine's famous Edict of Milan in 313, ending the persecutions, and making Christianity the established religion of the empire. He was considered an excellent Pope, "a son of peace and father of Christians" according to St. Augustine. Miltiades was buried on the famous Appain Way.

Pope Saint Gelasius 1 - Saint Gelasius was born in Rome of African parents and was a member of the Roman clergy from youth. He was renowned for his holiness, kindness and scholarship. He saved Rome from famine, composed a book of hymns for church use, was renowned for his concern for the poor and clarified church teaching on the Eucharist. He occupied the holy papacy four years, eight months and eighteen days from 492 A.D. until 496 A.D.

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Father Jim's Column

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I chose to start my first column by presenting some information on the Book of Common Prayer. The Book of Common Prayer, 1928 edition, is the standard of worship of the Anglican Church in the United States. It had its origin in 1549, when the Church of England under King Edward VI, son of King Henry VIII, commissioned Thomas Crammer, then Archbishop of Canterbury, to translate the Latin Mass into English for the edification and participation of the people in the Eucharist and Daily Offices. The term Common Prayer means that this publication was intended for use by all people in common. The 1549 version underwent several modifications between 1549 and 1662, but in each version retained the full Catholic faith. The 1662 version was used by the American colonies prior to the American Revolution.

Prayers for the President and Congress replaced those for the King and Parliament in 1789, otherwise retaining the essentials of Crammer's work. Minor revisions to the 1789 American version restored some of the ancient observances and updated some language usage in 1882 and 1928, still following the intent of the 1549 book to retain the full True Faith and practice of the early Church.

The Old Testament Book of Psalms is incorporated from Coverdale's Great Bible of 1535, for example, and much of the liturgy of the Eucharist is directly transcribed from the New Testament. Most of the Gospels and Epistles are bodily lifted from the King James Version of the Bible. The canticles in the Daily Offices are scriptural in origin, from both the Old and New Testaments and Apocrypha. The inclusion of the rite for family Prayer in the BCP shows how valuable and important the Church considers our praying together as a family, as well as our regular attendance at the Eucharist. The Daily Offices, of which there were eight at the time, were consolidated by Crammer into Morning and Evening Prayer.

If you log onto www.commonprayer.org and then click onto the Communion Service Archives link, you can check out the Communion Service in the different Prayer Books, 1549 to 1928. As you read through them you can see that there is very little change among them. The English Sarum Missal is very interesting to read also.

God Bless, Father Jim