



# Canterbury Tales

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Michael

*“O ye  
immortal  
throng of  
angels  
round the  
throne,  
join with  
our  
earthbound  
song”*

Hymnal  
1982

## *A Word From Our Rector*

*“And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.*

*Genesis 28:13*

The story of Jacob’s ladder and the subsequent reminder that he was in God’s very presence is a story that never seems to grow old by its telling and retelling. Memories of summer camp come flooding back as I remember a more than earnest camp counselor singing and signing the words, “We are climbing Jacob’s Ladder... soldiers of the Cross.”

The awe and the majesty of a child’s view of heaven still continues with us as we mature in the world around us. Our bodies grow, our minds ever expand, and yet when it comes to holding on to the power of our faith, we return once more to the stories that initially brought us to the faith, and who is to say that message wasn’t brought to us by an angel!

In the stories about Jacob we remember that Jacob stole the birthright of his older brother, Esau. By stealing the father’s blessing, Jacob had made himself the beneficiary of all that belonged to his father, Isaac, leaving Esau not only poor, but embarrassed as well. Esau sought to retrieve his birthright, even to the point of tracking down and killing his brother in revenge for Jacob’s treachery. With Jacob wandering in the wilderness, feeling remorseful and literally “a man without a country,” he had an encounter with an angel of God.

It was in this encounter, which lasted all night, that Jacob wrestled with God’s messenger (*aggelos, in the Greek*), demanding His blessing before letting the angel go. With God’s blessing, Jacob realized that even in his wanderings, he was never away from the providence and holiness of God. In his guilt, Jacob still wished to be reunited with those whom he loved: his brother, his family, and his God. The vision of angels, with the ladder joining heaven and earth is an image that brings humanity together with the divine. It is the vivid reminder that we can do nothing that is not seen and celebrated in the economy of God. It almost sounds child-like, as we revert back to our Sunday School stories of a loving



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God who cares so much that He sent the very best He had, and that was His Son, into the world to save us.

Another image which comes to mind is the image of the young Mary of Nazareth, portrayed in the Zefferelli version of *Jesus of Nazareth*, when the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to the future mother of Our Lord is accomplished totally by her response to the light (and music) pouring through the window of the family home.

The message of the angels is one wherein God enters the realm of human consciousness. In “hearing” the angels’ voices the believer is moved to understand that God is not constrained by human

constructs, but rather directed to live into a closer relationship with the One who creates. In opening ourselves to the voice of the angels, we move out of a realm that can be literally proven and written down in some linear context. We enter, instead, into a world of the spiritual—the place where the mystics have always been most comfortable, a place of imagination and holiness. Actually, a place where the hope and vision of peace is offered for those open to God’s law and His presence.

There are some who hold that angels are wonderful creatures of a by-gone, rather simple era, devoid of any real scientific data; nice images, but

totally lacking in anything that spells reality. Then there is the feast of St. Michael and All Angels, wherein we join with “angels and archangels and all the company of heaven,” who manifest in a new and powerfully spiritual moment, wherein we are given a glimpse of heaven as we sing “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,” with the Church in heaven and on earth. In that moment we might feel that we are truly climbing Jacob’s ladder and, as we approach the Lord’s altar, echo with Jacob and say, “How awesome is this Place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

M.W.G.†



## P.O.P.S. Fund

St. Augustine of Canterbury is blessed to have the POPS Fund which was set-up by an anonymous benefactor in 1995. At that time, upon receiving an inheritance after the death of his father whom he called “POPS,” this parishioner heard the gospel reading about when Jesus told the people of Nazareth to “tend to the Poor, the Oppressed, the Prisoners, and the Sick” the benefactor donated \$10,000. to St. Augustine’s to be used within Indian River County for those in need.

Now is our time, as a congregation, to raise \$5,000 for the Fund. If we can reach that goal the benefactor will match our \$5,000 and we will have \$20,000 available to “tend to the Poor, the Oppressed, the Prisoners, and the Sick!” Donations can be made to the Fund throughout the year, but this is the time our money will be matched. Please be generous.

Donations may be placed in the offering plate or the designated basket in the Narthex or mailed to the church. Thank you notes from organizations the POPS Fund has helped are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. To name a few, they have included Safe Space, The Source, Our Father’s Table, Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA), and Dasie Bridgewater Hope Center.

Since 2008, Bunny Frey and Carol Davis have been in-charge of on-site visits and coordinating requests for the Fund. This spring the Indian River Correctional Institution was in need of basketballs, movies and clothing for the inmates being released. Carol met Sgt. Limorin from the prison at the Salvation Army Thrift Shop to start a shopping spree. Carol asked the Sgt. over the phone, “How will I know you?” she replied, “I’ll be the only person in a brown correctional institution uniform!” We both laughed. We lucked out shopping at thrift stores. Thank heavens for 50% off days and Senior discounts. For the \$800. the POPS Fund allotted for the IRCI we purchased 32 shirts, 47 pairs of pants, 15 pair of new boxers and 13 pairs of new shoes, plus 28 basketballs and 6 DVD’s. We were a good pair to shop; the Sgt. knew exactly what to buy and the Fund provided the money!

Thank you again to our benefactor and to the parishioners who have made contributions to the POPS Fund. Your generosity makes it possible for us to give support in this economically fragile time to folks who are in great need. Please help us reach our goal of \$5,000. Enclosed with this issue of the “Canterbury Tales” is an envelope for your donation to P.O.P.S..

# Ye Holy Angels Bright!

You should be aware that the word “angel” denotes a function rather than a nature. Those holy spirits of heaven have indeed always been spirits. They can only be called angels when they deliver some message. Moreover, those who deliver messages of lesser importance are called angels; and those who proclaim messages of supreme importance are called archangels.



And so it was that not merely an angel but the Archangel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary. It was only fitting that the highest angel should come to announce the greatest of all messages

Some angels are given proper names to denote the service they are empowered to perform. In that holy city, where perfect knowledge flows from the vision of almighty God, those who have no names may easily be known. But personal names are assigned to some, not because they could not be known without them, but rather to denote their ministry when they come among us. Thus, Michael means “Who is like God?” Gabriel is “The Strength of God”; and Raphael is “God’s Remedy.”

Whenever some act of wondrous power must be performed, Michael is sent, so that action and name may make it clear that no one can do what God does by his own superior power. So also our ancient foe desired in pride to be like God, saying: “I will ascend into heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of heaven; I will be like the Most High.” Satan will be allowed to remain in power until the end of the world when he will be destroyed in the final punishment. Then, he will fight with the archangel Michael, as we are told by John: “A battle was fought with Michael the archangel.”

So too Gabriel, who is called God’s strength, was sent to Mary. Gabriel came to announce the One who appeared in humility to quell the cosmic powers. Thus God’s strength announced the coming of the Lord of the heavily powers, mighty in battle.

Raphael means, as I have said, God’s remedy, for when this angel touched Tobit’s eyes in order to cure him, Raphael banished the darkness of his blindness. Thus, since this angel is to heal, Raphael is rightly called God’s remedy.

From a sermon by Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604 A.D.

**ECW News:** The ECW September meeting luncheon will be held on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall at 12 noon following the 11:30 Eucharist. More info to follow in the Sunday Bulletins.

## VNA Memorial Service

The Visiting Nurse Association will be having their Semi-annual Memorial Service for hospice patients on Thursday, September 23, 2010, at 2:00 pm at St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church.

The public is invited to attend this service and a reception will follow in the parish hall.

## Parish Life Committee:

The next meeting of the Parish Life Committee is set for Saturday morning, September 18, 2010, beginning at 10:00 am in the church library.

Our first meeting brought together most of the chairs of the several organizations in the parish for an opportunity to list the meeting dates for their groups. We also used this time to talk about the general ministry and mission of the parish, allowing for the many voices in the room to be raised in a joyful exclamation of the life represented at St. Augustine’s.

Interested? Why not come on out and join us on September 18<sup>th</sup>?

## A Note From Our Choir Directress

Adult choir rehearsal will resume on September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. We have room for a few more good singers. If you would like to share your talent with us please call Iris at 772-774-8604.



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	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
			
	<p><b>The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>5</b></p> <p><b>8:00 Holy Eucharist</b>            9:15 Christian Forum            9:30 Church School            10:00 Nursery Care  <b>10:00 Choral Eucharist</b>  <b>5:30 High School Youth Group</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>LABOR DAY</b></p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting</p> <p>7:00 Recovery Group</p>
	<p><b>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>12</b></p> <p><b>8:00 Holy Eucharist</b>            9:15 Christian Forum            9:30 Church School            10:00 Nursery Care  <b>10:00 Choral Eucharist</b></p> 	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting</p> <p><b>10:00 Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>Holy Cross Day</b></p> <p>7:00 Recovery Group            7:30 Stewardship Committee</p>
	<p><b>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>19</b></p> <p><b>8:00 Holy Eucharist</b>            9:15 Christian Forum            9:30 Church School            10:00 Nursery Care  <b>10:00 Choral Eucharist</b>  <b>11:30 D.O.K. Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:00 The Vestry            7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting</p> <p><b>10:00 Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>Feast of St. Matthew</b></p> <p>7:00 Recovery Group</p>
	<p><b>The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>26</b></p> <p><b>8:00 Holy Eucharist</b>            9:15 Christian Forum            9:30 Church School            10:00 Nursery Care  <b>10:00 Choral Eucharist</b>  <b>12 Noon El Hogar Mission Meeting</b>  <b>5:30 High School Youth Group</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>7:30 A.A. Meeting</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting</p>

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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing</p> <p>5:30 Middle School Youth Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p> <p>6:00 Blakelock/Cogdell Wedding</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>8</b></p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p> <p>11:00 Youth Group Night of Joy@ Disney returning, Sunday</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p> <p>10:00 Parish Life Committee</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing</p> <p>7:00 Church School Parent / Teacher Mtg</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p> <p>2:00 VNA Memorial Service</p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p> <p>9:00 D.O.K. Meeting @ Orlando</p> <p>10:00 Building Committee</p> <p>11:30 ECW Luncheon/ Meeting</p> <p>5:30 Holy Eucharist -</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p> <p>10:00 Holy Eucharist / St. Michael and All Angels</p> <p>5:30 Middle School Youth Group</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p>6:30 Senior Choir</p>		



## Church School News:

Our Church School Year has already begun, having started on Sunday, August 29, 2010. We are still registering young people for the new school year and a copy of the registration form is included with this issue of *"The Canterbury Tales."*

The program promises to be a time for prayer, worship, activities, and fellowship as the scripture and history of the Church are opened to our young people. We are again using the lectionary-based curriculum, *"Living the Good News"* series which allows the young learner to acquire a knowledge of the same lessons that are being read and preached during the Church's liturgy. This lectionary curriculum will be supplemented by the Montessori based learning modules called, *"Godly Play,"* which allow the learner to have literally a hands-on experience as he or she acts out the biblical story.

To help with this program we are planning a "Parent-Teacher Night" on Wednesday evening, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. This is the perfect opportunity for parents, and other adults in the community to come together to ask questions about the direction of our Church School and to feel free to get involved in the activity of Christian Education. Mark that date: **September 15<sup>th</sup>** and come join us on the journey of faith that we call the Church School Year...

## Opportunities for Worship Holy Days in September



September will see us celebrate three major Prayer Book holy days, along with our regular weekend Liturgies, as the summer becomes the fall here at St. Augustine's parish.

The Feast of the Holy Cross, St. Matthew the Apostle, and St. Michael and All Angels are featured during this month. Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, will see us celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross, at 10:00 am, in the parish church. This holy day commemorates the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem as a monument to the triumph of the Lord over the grave. On the following Tuesday the Church will remember the call and ministry of the evangelist and apostle, St. Matthew, and we will again gather for the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am. St. Michael and All Angels, or "Michaelmas," will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at our regular mid-week 10:00 am service. The ministry of angels is quite prominent in both the Old and the New Testaments, as God's messengers to humankind. The ministry of angels highlights the great "battle in heaven" when Michael and the angles of light defeated Satan, forever setting up the stories of darkness versus light found in literature's understanding of good and evil.

Why not mark these dates down and plan to join us for these times of worship and remembrance as fall is ushered in our area.

## The Christian Forum

The young people aren't the only ones privileged to have "Sunday School." The Christian Forum continues to meet on Sundays, from 9:15 am to 9:50 am, in the library.

The Christian Forum is our version of "adult Sunday School," as we seek to explore and discuss topics which have import to the person in the pew. We used the Forum to discuss movies such as Mel Gibson's, *"The Passion of the Christ,"* as well as books like Dan Brown's, *"The Da Vinci Code,"* or Brian McLaren's *A New Type of Christianity.* During Advent and Lent, we have had Bible studies centering on the lections, or lessons, of the season, as a way of preparing ourselves for worship. We also started a lay-led "School of Religion" last winter which allowed a more in depth discussion of topics ranging from the mysteries of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Darwin and "Intelligent Design," and a short treatment on the "historical" Jesus.

In the Christian Forum, or in the School of Religion, the exchange of ideas is one of those blessings we hold most dearly. If this appeals to you, why not plan on joining us on Sundays!



## Celebrating

### September Anniversaries

- 2 Joe & Terry Lurgio
- 13 Bill & Sandra Hawksworth
- 15 Fr. John & Betty Hagood
- 17 Hal & Ginny Miller
- 19 Oscar & Lillian Edwards
- 28 Anthony & Betsy Marshall

## September Birthdays

- |    |                 |    |                     |
|----|-----------------|----|---------------------|
| 1  | Inez Morelli    | 18 | Marianne Rowan      |
| 2  | Miriam Mack     | 18 | Faith Schreiner     |
| 2  | Jim Pinkston    | 20 | Linda Beardslee     |
| 7  | Al Masters      | 20 | Jayson Slobodzian   |
| 7  | Audrey Fuller   | 21 | Roxie Ris           |
| 9  | Joan Spiegel    | 21 | Bill Beardslee      |
| 11 | Philip Wright   | 22 | Ginny McBride       |
| 11 | Charles Evans   | 22 | Roy Moriarity       |
| 12 | Jonathan Moody  | 24 | Al Vidiri           |
| 14 | Marilyn Henson  | 27 | Hal Bugbee          |
| 14 | Edgar Jadwin    | 28 | Debbie Fletcher     |
| 16 | Sharon Goldberg | 29 | Cheyenne N. Bennett |
| 17 | Dick Hand       | 30 | Ray Henderson       |



## Night of Joy - 2010

The weekend of September 11-12, 2010, will see the annual "Night of Joy" at Walt Disney World, which is a gathering for young people from all over the State of Florida for a time of Christian Fellowship.

This year's celebration returns to Disney's Magic Kingdom, and will feature Christian rock bands, worship, testimony, and of course, the joys of being at Disney World. Our young people will be meeting here at the church on Saturday afternoon, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am for the drive to Disney. The cost per young person will \$25.00, and they will be asked to pack for the overnight at Fort Wilderness Camp Site.

Time is of the essence. If you are interested in attending, you are asked to call Mrs. Linda Jones at (772) 563-3118. See you at Disney!

### Youth Group News:

Looking forward to a great year. Join us for food, fun and worship:

Middle School: 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade will meet on the 1st and last Wednesday of each month 6 pm - 7:30 pm.

High School 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade will meet on the 1st and last Sunday of each month at 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

Young adult, college +: Meeting dates will be announced. Check Sunday bulletins for announcements.

Youth director: Linda Jones  
(563-3118)

Assistant: Matthew Goldberg

### Thank You! Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who donated a trunk-full of school supplies and cash for the Dasie Bridgewater Hope Center in Wabasso. The after school-program runs Monday through Thursday and provides a safe place for the children to work on homework, learn new skills and develop a good self-esteem. The program also provides an after-school snack and dinner for 84 elementary and high school students. Volunteers are always welcome. For more information, contact Verna Wright, 589-3535. Thank you again.  
Carol Davis

**The Parish Office will be closed Monday,  
September 6th  
in celebration of Labor Day.**

**Note:** Terry will be on vacation visiting with her grandchildren in N.C., July 11 through July 15. Be there for Grandparents Day - YEA!!!

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### Schedule of Masses

Wed	Healing Service	10:00 AM
Sat	Holy Eucharist	5:30 PM
Sun	Holy Eucharist	8:00 AM
Sun	Choral Eucharist	10:00 AM

**Deadline for next Canterbury Tales is September 20, 2010**