

April 21, 2024 Phone 845 343-6101 FAX 845 343-8321 [www.gracechurchmiddletown.org](http://www.gracechurchmiddletown.org)  
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“April is a reminder that life is a beautiful, ever-renewing cycle.”  
 ~E.E. Cummings

## Sunday April 21st

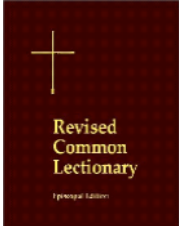
Fourth Sunday of Easter (Rite II)

SubDeacon/Chalice	Torry Guardino
MC/2d Chalice	Claire Newquist
Thurifer	David Brokaw
Crucifer	David White
Acolyte	Phyllis Guardino
Acolyte	Marlene Presley
OT Lector	Rick Scott
NT Lector	Lourdes Cruz
Intercessor	Joseph Barrett
Ushers	Joseph Barrett Eileen Barrett Sue Scott

Use our audio mixer to listen to the 9:30 Sunday Mass live. [Click Here](#)

To watch Sunday Mass on Facebook live. [Click Here](#)

For the Sunday prayer bulletin. [Click Here](#)



### Website for Lectionary Readings

The webpage is in calendar form - just click on the date and you will see the readings for that day.

<https://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/Calendar2024.html>

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday April 21st**

**9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II). A link to the prayer bulletin can be found on the first page of this newsletter.**

**Bishop Mary will be preaching and celebrating the Eucharist. Additionally, she will be confirming three members of Grace Church Middletown and 4 members of Grace Church Port Jervis and receiving three members of Grace Port Jervis. A festive reception follows at the Rectory.**

**Wednesday April 24th**

**10:00 AM Healing Mass**

**Saturday April 27th**

**1:00 PM Annual Tricky Tray Fundraiser**

**Sunday April 28th**

**9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)**

**Wednesday May 1st**

**10:00 AM Healing Mass**

**Sunday May 5th**

**9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)**

**Wednesday May 8th**

**10:00 AM Healing Mass**

## The Photography Corner



Here is another photograph from Key West which was submitted by Patty Seekamp. The butterfly is at The Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservatory. Thank-you Patty!

I would like to thank everybody who has sent in photographs so far. I could use a few more if you'd like to send some. ~Joe

## Vestry Update

As the 2024 Annual Meeting fast approaches, Grace Church needs to fill a couple of upcoming Vestry openings. As I have reached the completion of my time as Senior Warden, we need to find somebody willing to serve as our Senior Warden. There will also be at least one opening on the Vestry as John Cusack completes his second and final term. If you are called to serve Grace Church in either of these openings, please contact either myself at [jbar1021@gmail.com](mailto:jbar1021@gmail.com) or John at [j.cusack82@gmail.com](mailto:j.cusack82@gmail.com). Thank you. ~Joe

## The Mystic Poets Society

This week's submission is from David Brokaw who found this poem in the Congregation Update newsletter from Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Thank you David!

If you have a poem or reflection that you would consider sharing with your fellow parishioners, please send it to either Margarita or Joe.

### **"On Belief in the Physical Resurrection of Jesus"**

~Denise Levertov

It is for all  
'literalists of the imagination,'  
poets or not,  
that miracle  
is possible,  
possible and essential.  
Are some intricate minds  
nourished  
on concept,  
as epiphytes flourish  
high in the canopy?  
Can they  
subsist on the light,  
on the half  
of metaphor that's not  
grounded in dust, grit,  
heavy  
carnal clay?  
Do signs contain and utter,  
for them  
all the reality  
that they need? Resurrection, for them,

an internal power, but not  
a matter of flesh?  
For the others,  
of whom I am one,  
miracles (ultimate need, bread  
of life) are miracles just because  
people so tuned  
to the humdrum laws:  
gravity, mortality —  
can't open  
to symbol's power  
unless convinced of its ground,  
its roots  
in bone and blood.  
We must feel  
the pulse in the wound  
to believe  
that 'with God  
all things  
are possible,'  
taste  
bread at Emmaus  
that warm hands  
broke and blessed.



ShopRite Grocery Gift Cards are available for sale EVERY Sunday after each service. Grace Church receives 5% on the sale of the cards from ShopRite, while you purchase the cards at face value! ShopRite gift cards can make shopping for the family easy. Our ongoing fundraiser of ShopRite gift cards helps you prepare your holiday meals while helping Grace Church. Please keep us in mind when preparing your shopping lists!

We are happy and pleased to announce that we can accept credit card purchases for the ShopRite gift cards. So, if you use a rewards credit card you can now accumulate points while supporting Grace Church!



# Tricky Tray

With Holy Week and Easter behind us, we are looking forward to Bishop Mary Glasspool's Episcopal Visitation on April 21. After that, with barely time to take a breath, it time for our annual Tricky Tray which will take place on Saturday, April 27th. Lots of work has been going on behind the scenes over the past several months.

Our thanks go out for all the help we have received to date:

To those of you who have brought in items for baskets or have contributed money for us to purchase items for baskets.

To those of you who have agreed to put together your own baskets.

To those of you who are soliciting gift cards or other donations from local businesses or are planning to donate gift cards.

To those of you who have been spreading the word about the event.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to do one or more of the above, please consider doing so. It is particularly important that we advertise this event as widely as possible. You can pick up flyers in the church for posting around town or where you work or shop.

Road signs should be available soon. Please let Anne Caldwell know if you are able to place one or more signs. Advertising will help us achieve our goal of a big turnout of enthusiastic Tricky-Trayers!!

There is still time to make a basket or to sponsor one or to donate a gift card or ask for a donation from a local vendor. We will need to have all items for the Tricky Tray brought to church by Monday, April 22, so that we can put things together. If this is not possible, please speak to either Sue or Claire.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.

The Fundraising Committee: Mark Strunsky, Anne Caldwell, David White, Sue Scott and Claire Newquist



The magnolia tree in front of the Church has blossomed. I've always enjoyed the beauty of this tree. Unfortunately, the recent weather did not treat the blossoms kindly. ~Joe

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY!**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

**Doors open at 1:00 PM**

**Calling at 3:00 PM**

***Wonderful Baskets,  
Household Items,  
Gift Cards, and More!***

***5 Fabulous Special Prizes!***

***\$10 Admission includes one sheet of 25 tickets***

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### Vestry News

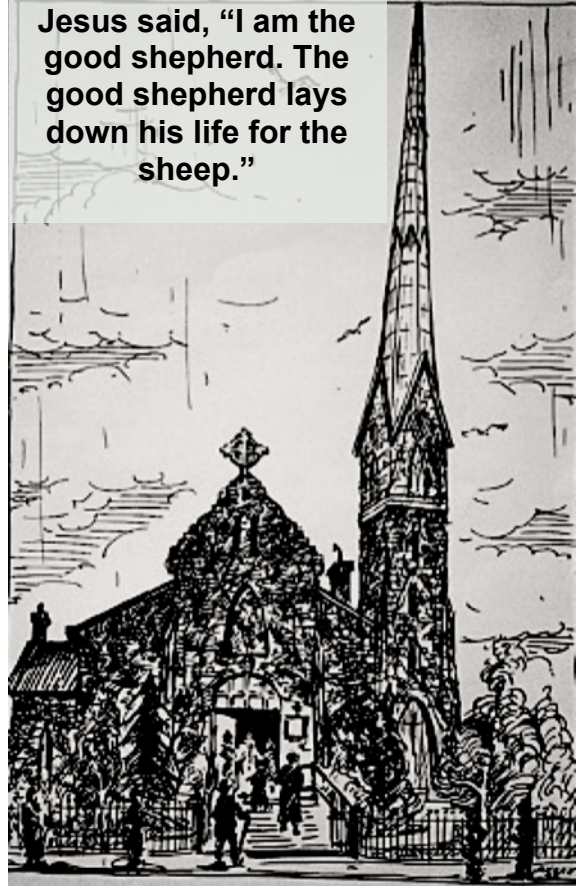
The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on May 16th starting at 6:30 pm.

All are invited to attend!

[Click here to read the minutes of the January 18, 2024 Vestry meeting.](#)

[Click here to read the minutes of the February 15, 2024 Vestry meeting.](#)

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."



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### Your Grace Church Vestry.

#### Wardens:

Joseph Barrett

Claire Newquist

#### *Clerk of the Vestry:*

#### *Treasurer:*

Bill Gunn

Allison McLean

#### Vestry:

Lorraine Witkowski

Anne Caldwell

Barbara Chumard

Michelle Tubbs

John Cusack

Lenora Vaughan

Mark Strunsky

Eileen Bloomer

Torry Guardino