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## Sunday April 28th

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Rite I)



"Our spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and shadow of April showers."

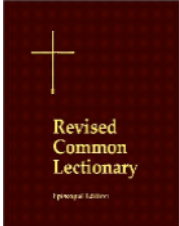
~Byron Caldwell Smith

SubDeacon/Chalice	Allison McLean
MC/2d Chalice	Claire Newquist
Thurifer	
Crucifer	
Acolyte	Carla Boyer
Acolyte	
OT Lector	Mark Strunsky
NT Lector	Marg Ostergaard
Intercessor	Patty Seekamp
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

**Saturday April 27th**

**Sunday April 28th**

**Wednesday May 1st**

**Sunday May 5th**

**Wednesday May 8th**

**Sunday May 12th**

**Wednesday May 15th**

**Sunday May 19th**

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

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

**10:00 AM Healing Mass**

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

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**Mother's Day**

**10:00 AM Healing Mass**

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

**The 179th Annual Meeting of Grace Episcopal Church to follow a brief coffee hour**

## The Photography Corner



Here is another photograph from Key West which was submitted by Patty Seekamp. These “exotic” birds roam happily through the streets of Key West. Thank-you Patty!

I would also 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

The 179th Annual Meeting of Grace Church will be held on May 19th. There are still a couple of Vestry openings to be filled. 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 Eileen Bloomer. Thank you Eileen!

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

## Flower Day

As my heart beats and I find my feet  
and my feet are found on the long, slow  
curve  
of the uphill road heading to the next  
crossroad,  
I see the gently closing faces of newly  
yellow dandelions,  
and my heart sings: I long to live a flower  
day!

To trust the roots reaching down  
into earth and rock and pockets of water,  
waiting and dreaming and wondering  
patiently under a season of snow.

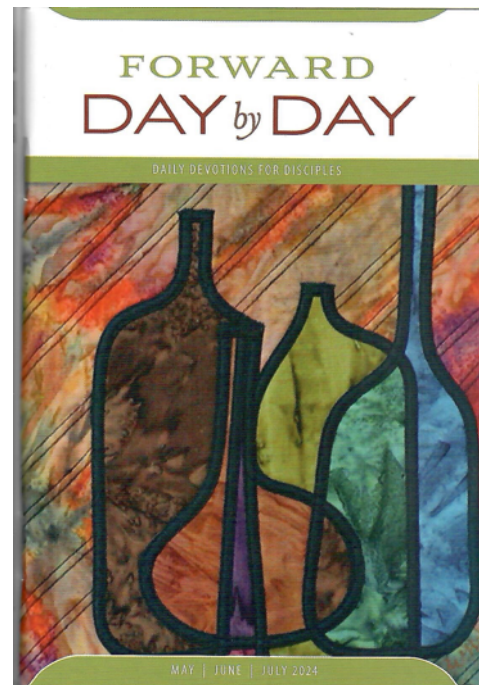
To sprout again, to grow  
under the sun, through winter ground,  
a brief bright face living on the way.  
Then, to trust the passing of the bloom,  
the time for seeds formed in the closing,  
trusting the reopening to come

when soft seeds will fly through the promise  
of air

to land, to root, to grow-

this endless resurrection.

~Eileen Bloomer



The Forward Day by Day Daily Devotions booklets for May, June and July are now available. If you would like a copy, there are some at the usher's table at the back of Church. You can also email me or call the office to have a copy sent to you. ~Joe



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!

# Bishop Mary Visits Grace

This past Sunday Bishop Mary Glasspoole visited Grace, where she preached and celebrated the Eucharist. In addition, she confirmed three members of Grace Middletown, four members of Grace Port Jervis and received three members of Grace Port Jervis.



**Confirmed:**  
Nixon Abraham Correa  
Michael Robert Nash  
Kyle Ray Parker  
Sandra Lynn Taylor  
Michelle Christine Tubbs  
Morgan Gwendolyn Tubbs  
Taylor Dolores Tubbs

**Received:**  
Nelson Correa  
Maritza Freire  
Marlyn Myrie



Following Mass, a festive coffee hour was hosted by Father Vic and Rhonda at the Rectory. Thank you Rhonda and Father Vic for all the hard work!



**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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***Parking Information Available on our Website***



[Grace Calendar](#)

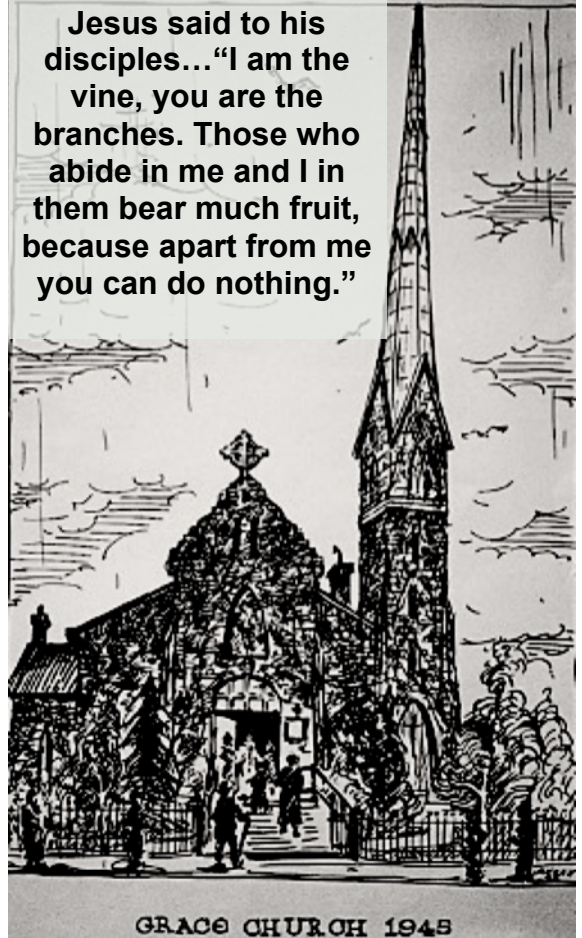
### Vestry News

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.](#)



### 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