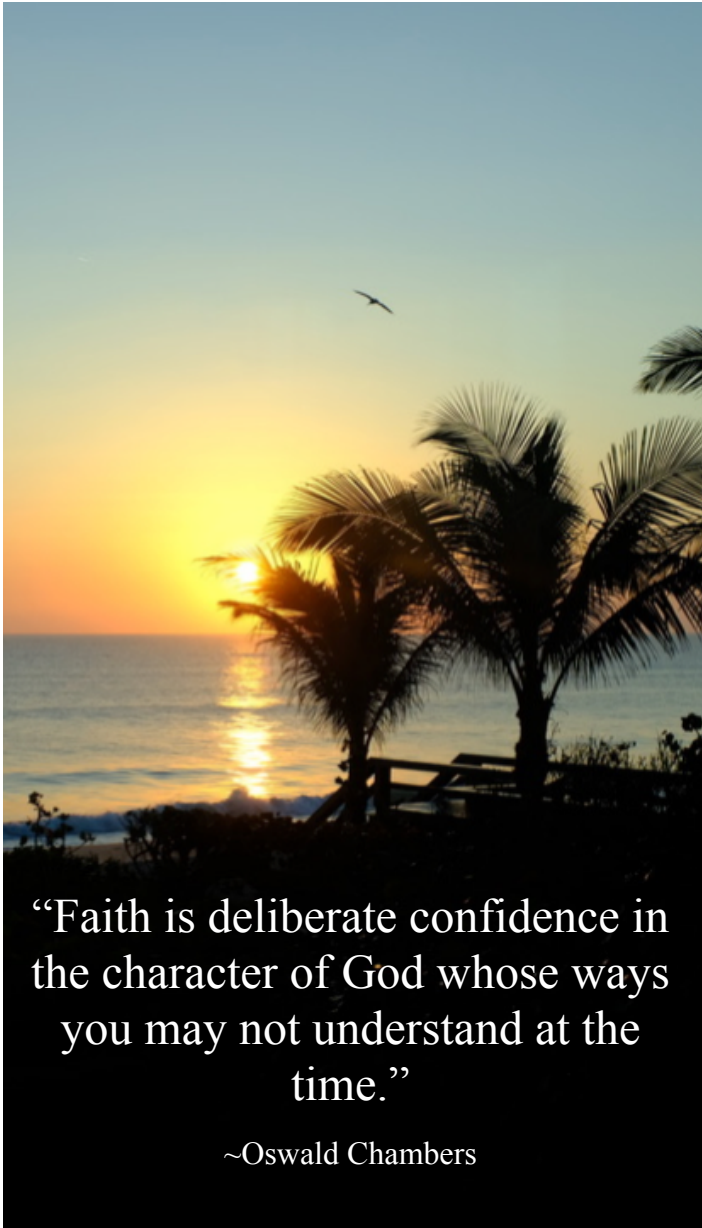


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“Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time.”

~Oswald Chambers

Sunday May 5th

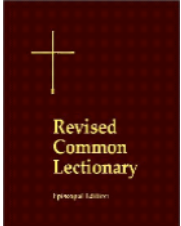
Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rite II)

SubDeacon/Chalice	Rick Scott
MC/2d Chalice	Phyllis Guardino
Thurifer	Lenora Vaughan
Crucifer	Torry Guardino
Acolyte	David White
Acolyte	Eileen Barrett
OT Lector	Carla Boyer
NT Lector	Eileen Barrett
Intercessor	Joseph Barrett
Ushers	Joseph 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](#)



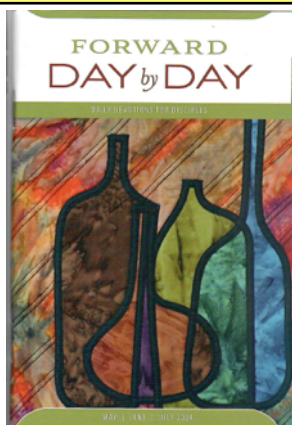
Website for Lectionary Readings

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 May 5th	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.
Wednesday May 8th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday May 12th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I) Mother's Day
Wednesday May 15th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday May 19th	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
Wednesday May 22nd	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday May 26th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)
Monday May 27th	Memorial Day Holiday - Office Closed

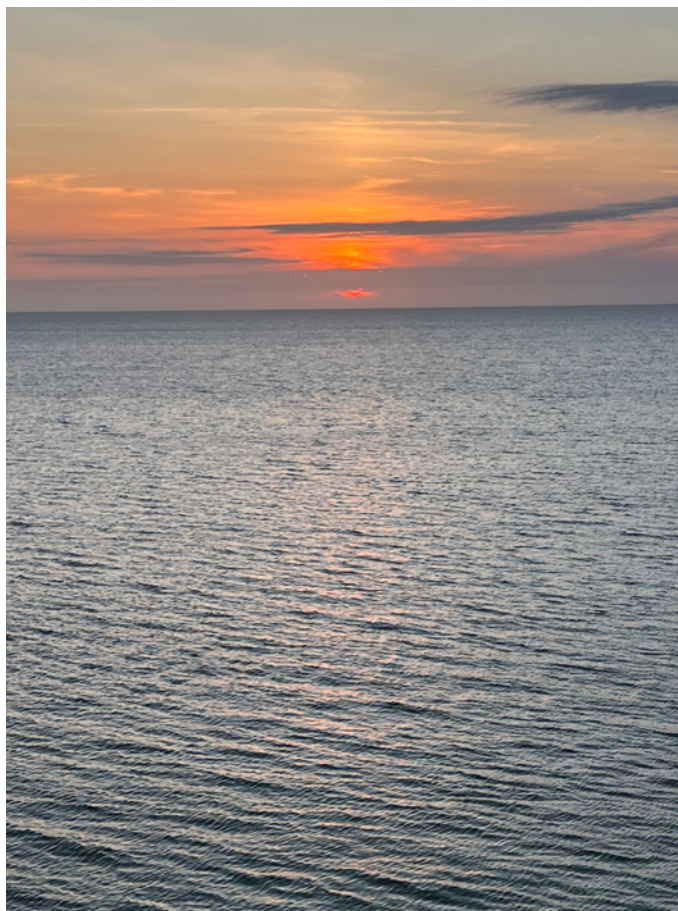


The new Day by Day Daily Meditation booklets have arrived. You can find them on the Usher's table in Church or you can email me or the call the office and we can mail one to you. ~Joe

The Photography Corner

Here is a photograph sent to us by Lorraine Witkowski titled "Sunset Outer Banks." Thank-you Lorraine!

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



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.

Heartbeat

How lovely the morning sky,

Ever-growing, rosy-orange horizon

Appearing at first glance outside the window.

Remembering old sayings, letting them go

To find a new day, new sunrise.

Birds singing prayers at dawn to reach

Ears that hear, ears given to hear

All that sings or speaks or is silent

Today and everyday, the heartbeat of the world.

~Eileen Bloomer



This past Saturday, before the Tricky Tray Fundraiser, Joey and Aiden from Green-Eyed Lawncare spruced up the Columbarium by adding some fresh mulch and planting some perennial and annual flowers. Please take a walk through the garden this Sunday, either before or after Mass, and enjoy its peace and beauty. ~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!

Tricky Tray Round-Up

This past Saturday we held our annual Tricky Tray Fundraiser. Thanks to our group of dedicated volunteers and supporters, the event was a great success. Our Church was resplendent with its different color baskets and ticket buckets lined up in the Church and boardroom. Thank you to everybody who contributed with their time, talent or treasure.

~Joe

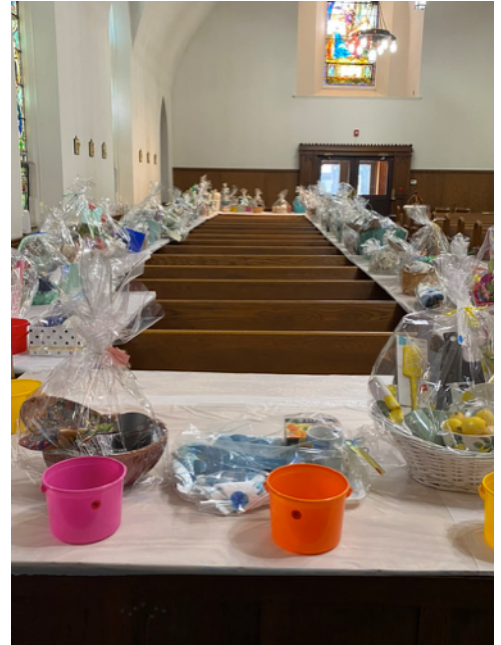




Photo left: On Sunday after Mass we celebrated our fellow parishioners with April birthdays. Not pictured here is Kathryn who joined in virtually. Happy Birthday all!



Grace Calendar

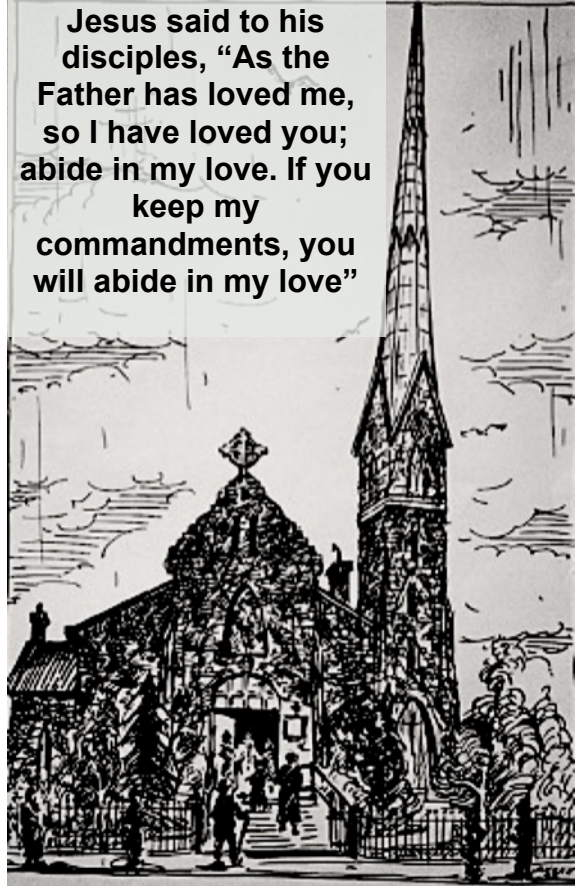
Vestry News

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.](#)



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Claire Newquist

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Treasurer:

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Allison McLean

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Anne Caldwell

Barbara Chumard

Michelle Tubbs

John Cusack

Lenora Vaughan

Mark Strunsky

Eileen Bloomer

Torry Guardino