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*Sunday March 23rd*

Third Sunday in Lent (Rite II)

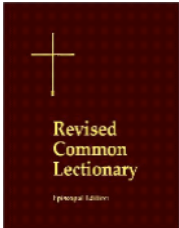
## Morning Prayer

**There will be no Holy Eucharist this Sunday and next, as Father Victor continues to recover from surgery.**

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/Calendar2025.html>

## Upcoming Events

Friday March 21st	6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
Sunday March 23rd	9:30 AM Sunday Morning Prayer (Rite II)
Wednesday March 26th	No Healing Mass while Fr. Victor heals!
Friday March 28th	6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
Sunday March 30th	9:30 AM Sunday Morning Prayer (Rite I) Cafe meetings to follow
Wednesday April 2nd	No Healing Mass while Fr. Victor heals!

## The Photography Corner



This week's photograph is of a front yard in Ohio. This picture was taken by Claire Newquist at her son's house this past winter. Thank you Claire!

I would like to thank all who have shared photographs with us. ~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! To purchase gift cards, please see either Eileen or Claire.

# **Stations of the Cross**

Grace Church has had a long tradition of praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent. A group of us gather together at 6:30 pm each Friday during Lent to follow the path that Jesus walked from his Condemnation by Pontus Pilate to the cross on Calvary to the Tomb. It is a simple service of prayers, readings and music which allows us to walk with Jesus during his final hours. The leader and torches move around the church stopping at each of the reliefs which hang on the walls of the nave. These depict the 14 “stations” or stops on Jesus’ journey.

Please consider joining us at 6:30 pm for this very simple but moving service on one or more of the Fridays during Lent: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4 and 4/11. If you have any questions, speak to Father Victor or Claire Newquist. ~Claire

## **TRICKY TRAY 2025:**

Drumroll please! Now is the time! We can finally announce the Special Prizes for this year’s Tricky Tray, which will take place on Saturday, April 26th with doors opening at 1:00 pm.

We will be offering five Special Prizes:

**A Package of Gift Cards to Local Eateries**

**A 50 inch Vizio TV**

**A Leaf blower with Rechargeable Battery**

**A 26 inch Bicycle with a gift card for a Bike Helmet**

**A Cash Prize donated by the Wardens and Vestry**

**(This prize is in lieu of the traditional Basket of Cheer)**

So spread the word. Let people know about the opportunity to win one (or more) of these prizes as well as the chance to win the wonderful baskets and gift cards with the regular prizes.

To increase the chance of leaving the Tricky Tray a winner, there will also be the opportunity to win door prizes. And don’t forget the 50/50 which provides a chance to take home a cash prize.

We need all of your help to make this event a success. Post fliers, invite your friends and families; most importantly, plan to be there yourselves!

If you have any questions, want to make a donation or need fliers or other information, please see one of the Fundraising Committee members.

Mark Strunsky, Anne Caldwell, David White, Barbara Chumard, Sue Scott and Claire Newquist

## **Mystic Poets Society**

**This week's poem was written and sent to us by Eileen Bloomer. Thanks Eileen!  
If you have a poem or reflection that you would consider sharing with your fellow  
parishioners, please send it to me. Thank you, Joe.**

**What do you want me to do for you?**

**I circle back to this question**

**with new older eyes,**

**a blank screen, a blank page,**

**turning pages, falling through**

**so many words and images,**

**listening to the heart's music,**

**trying to remember the song**

**of roads not taken.**

**I feel my feet on the ground,**

**my caged heart like a bird**

**trying to fly in all directions,**

**fearing the wind, holding tight**

**to where I have landed.**

**What do you want me to do for you?**

**Open the cage door,**

**open my heart wings,**

**to fly, to fall, to fly again**

**living whatever the day brings.**

**~Eileen**



## **Cafe Meeting**

**On March 30th after Mass, a cafe meeting will take place at Grace Church. Here participants will rotate through topic tables for brief and focused discussions on various aspects of the life of the church. Topics will include: Buildings and Grounds, Congregational Development, Music, Liturgy, Guild of St. Margret and Finance. Please join us for this very important opportunity to both learn and give feedback on the future of Grace Church. If you have any questions please contact John Cusack. ~John**



**Grace Calendar**

### **Vestry News**

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday April 27th starting at 11:00 AM.

All are invited to attend!

[Click here to read the minutes of the February 16, 2025 Vestry meeting.](#)

[Click here to read the minutes of the January 19, 2025 Vestry meeting.](#)

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."



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## **Your Grace Church Vestry.**

### **Wardens:**

John Cusack

Claire Newquist

*Clerk of the Vestry:*

*Treasurer:*

Kathleen Hamilton

Allison McLean

### **Vestry:**

Lorraine Witkowski

Anne Caldwell

Barbara Chumard

Michelle Tubbs

William Gunn

Lenora Vaughan

Mark Strunsky

Eileen Bloomer

Torry Guardino