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Sunday April 20th

Easter Sunday(Rite I)

Subdeacon/Chalice	Janet Cusack
MC/2nd Chalice	Carla Boyer
Thurifer	David White
Crucifer	
Acolyte	Allison McLean
Acolyte	Lucas Spisso
OT Lector	Mark Strunsky
NT Lector	Carla Boyer
Intercessor	Patty Seekamp
Ushers	Anne Caldwell Volunteers

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

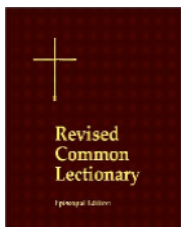
To watch Sunday Mass on Facebook live. [Click Here](#)

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



**"Our Lord has written the
promise of the resurrection, not
in books alone, but in every leaf
in spring-time."**

~Martin Luther



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>

Saturday April 19th

Great Easter Vigil (Rite II)

Subdeacon/Chalice	Rick Scott
MC/2nd Chalice	Phyllis Guardino
Thurifer	
Crucifer	Torry Guardino
Acolyte	Marlene Presley
Acolyte	David Brokaw
OT Lector	Torry, Phyllis, Bill, Joe G
NT Lector	Rick Scott
Intercessor	Mark Strunsky
Ushers	John Cusack Sue Scott Volunteers



This photo of a vineyard in Virginia was taken last year on a beautiful June day!

I would like to thank all who have shared photographs with us. ~Joe

Upcoming Events

Friday April 18th

Good Friday 7:00 PM Eucharist

Noon to 3:00 PM GMIC Good Friday Service @ St Paul's Methodist Church

Saturday April 19th

7:00 PM Great Vigil of Easter in-person and on-line (Rite II)

Sunday April 20th

Easter Day

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

Flowering of the Cross in the churchyard (weather permitting) at 9:15

TRICKY TRAY 2025:

As hard as it is to believe, Lent is almost over and Holy Week and Easter are fast approaching. While many of us have been trying to observe a holy Lent and prepare for Easter, some of us have also been working hard to make our upcoming Tricky Tray a success.

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.

To those of you who have posted road signs around the community.

To those of you who have signed up to help.

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. Please check to see if any road signs are still available. 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 21st, so that we can put things together. If this is not possible, please speak to either Sue or Claire. There is also still time to sign up to help with the event.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.

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

Mystic Poets Society

This week's poem is sent to us by 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 me. Thank you, Joe.

For Anne

And she says to me,	all the roads not yet taken,
I have held the hand 17 times	eight decades of living, breathing,
when death knocked at the door,	telling the story of her name
the open door, and they stepped through.	as my ears listen- ears given to hear
She offers so many lovely words;	this song of life, this incarnation
I see in her fine face	of one who sees and remembers
all the roads taken,	I am. We are.
	Here on Holy Ground.
	~Eileen



From the Rector's Desk/ Laptop...

I am truly overwhelmed by the cards, emails, text messages, private messages, etcetera that you all have been sending me with your prayers and encouragement for my healing process. THANK YOU!

You have all been very accommodating with my limited capacity as Lent transformed into Holy Week and I am very grateful for all the caring support.

Although I do still experience swelling and stiffness, which I treat with icing and anti-inflammatories, my new knee and I are making steady progress. It is kind of comical to me, that touching my toes and putting on my own socks, feels like such a great accomplishment, but it really is a celebration. I will have several more weeks of physical therapy ahead of me but each day I feel more confident and mobile.

As always, each of you remains in my heart and in my prayers!

Fr. Vic



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.

Eucharistic Minister Training

Saturday, April 26, 9:30 am

St. John's Church, New City

367 Strawtown Road, New City, NY 10956

You're invited to register for the Lay Eucharistic Minister Training on Saturday, April 26, 2025. In preparation for licensing by Bishop Heyd, participants will learn about the Holy Eucharist, how to serve in the liturgy as Eucharistic Ministers, and have hands-on experience administering the chalice.

Check-in will open at 9:00 am, and training will be from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. Cost per person: \$15 (breakfast snacks). Please note that space is limited – attendance will be capped at 35. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Arlene Bullard at abullard@dioceseny.org or call 212.316.7413. Click below to register.

**Diocesan Celebration of Ministry
Honoring Bishop Glasspool:
A Journey of Faith & Service**



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A Journey of Faith and Service

Saturday, May 31, 10:30 am

The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine

1047 Amsterdam Avenue, New York NY

Join us as we give thanks for the faithful and inspiring ministry of The Right Reverend Mary Glasspool, Bishop Assistant of the Diocese of New York, as she prepares for her retirement on June 30, 2025. We will honor her 45 years of service in ordained ministry, her unwavering commitment to God's people, and the love and wisdom she has shared throughout our diocese.

Eucharist service will be followed by a reception. Please RSVP below.



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.](#)

"On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body."



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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