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Sunday May 4th

Third Sunday of Easter (Rite I)



**"Do something wonderful, people
may imitate it."**

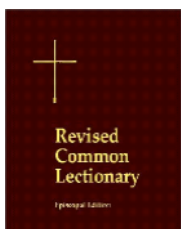
~Albert Schweitzer

Subdeacon/Chalice	Allison McLean
MC/2nd Chalice	Rick Scott
Thurifer	Carla Boyer
Crucifer	
Acolyte	
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OT Lector	Claire Newquist
NT Lector	Eileen Barrett
Intercessor	Joseph Barrett
Ushers	Joseph Barrett Mark Strunsky 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/Calendar2025.html>

Upcoming Events

Sunday May 4th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I) 180th Grace Episcopal Church Annual Meeting
Wednesday May 7th	No Healing Mass While Fr. Victor Heals!
Sunday May 11th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II) Happy Mother's Day!
Wednesday May 14th	No Healing Mass While Fr. Victor Heals!
Sunday May 18th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)
Wednesday May 21st	No Healing Mass While Fr. Victor Heals!

TRICKY TRAY 2025:

I bet that you thought you'd heard the last from us about the tricky tray, at least until next year! Well, the answer is, "almost"; there is just one more thing that we need to say. Thank you! Thank you to all of you who contributed in some way to making this year's Tricky Tray a resounding success. We had more baskets (including small appliances, gift cards and other items) than we have ever had before. The church was packed for the calling. Everyone I spoke to, whether or not they were a winner said that they really enjoyed themselves. So thank you to everyone who contributed cash, baskets, gift cards, and other items. Thanks to you who helped set up, work the event and/or clean up. Thanks to everyone who put up road signs, handed out fliers, told their friends and neighbors. And, a special thanks for coming and supporting us last Saturday. As they say, "it takes a village," or in our case, "it takes a parish to make a Tricky Tray a resounding success."

The Fundraising Committee: Mark, Anne, David, Barbara, Sue and Claire



The Photography Corner



I took this photograph of a crape myrtle bush in Vero Beach Florida. The deep, vivid color really caught my eye.

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

2025 Annual Meeting

This coming Sunday, May 4th, is the 180th Grace Church Annual Meeting following Mass. If you are called to serve on the Vestry, please see Fr. Vic, John or Claire. If you would like to read the 180th Annual Reports, please [click here](#) for the GSM report, [click here](#) for the 2024 Annual Meeting minutes and [click here](#) for the remaining reports. ~ Joe

Help Needed!

Our lawn maintenance contractor has spread mulch and planted flowers this past weekend. I could use a few more volunteers to help water the flowers each week. If you could spare some time, Don and I could use some help. You can email me at



jbar1021@gmail.com or speak with me at Grace after Mass. Thank you. Joe



We celebrated our April birthdays this past Sunday.



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.

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.**

**The blooming trees dance and sing and
weep
with the wind song, leaving pink and white
petals
scattered on the ground, down on the
ground,
simply being who they are,
who they will be in all seasons-
the joy and the sorrow,
the falling and letting go,
the cold season of bare branches**

**waiting for light and warmth to return,
trusting their roots and the promise to
bloom again,
to dance and sing in a new season.
Bending and letting go,
letting the wind blow where it will,
spreading precious seeds with wild
abandon,
with great generosity in this world,
ending and beginning,
again and again.
~Eileen**

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

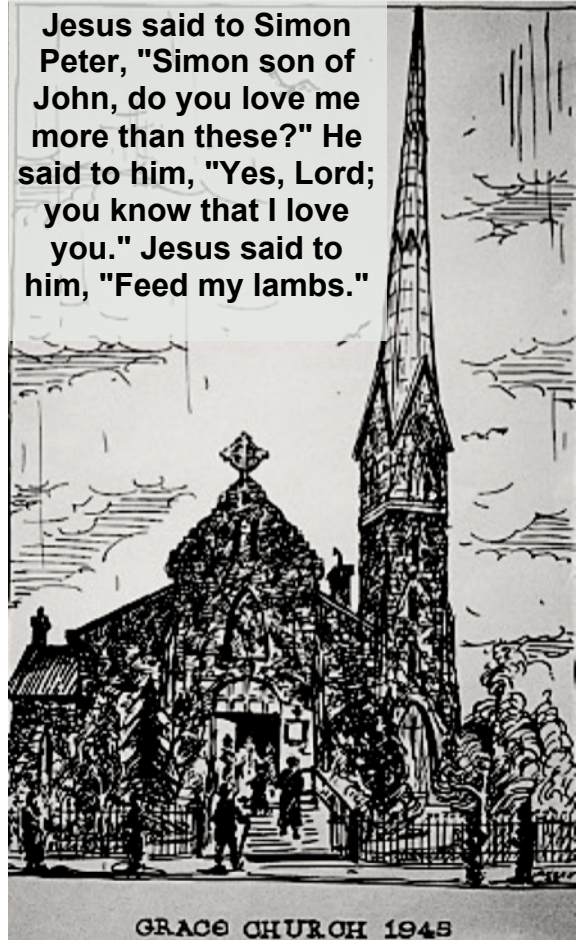
Join us as we give thanks for the faithful and inspiring ministry of The Right Reverend Mary Glasspool, Bishop Assistant of the Diocese of New York, as she prepares for her retirement on June 30, 2025. We will honor her 45 years of service in ordained ministry, her unwavering commitment to God's people,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

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

[Register](#)



Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."



Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday May 18th 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 March 16, 2025 Vestry meeting.](#)

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