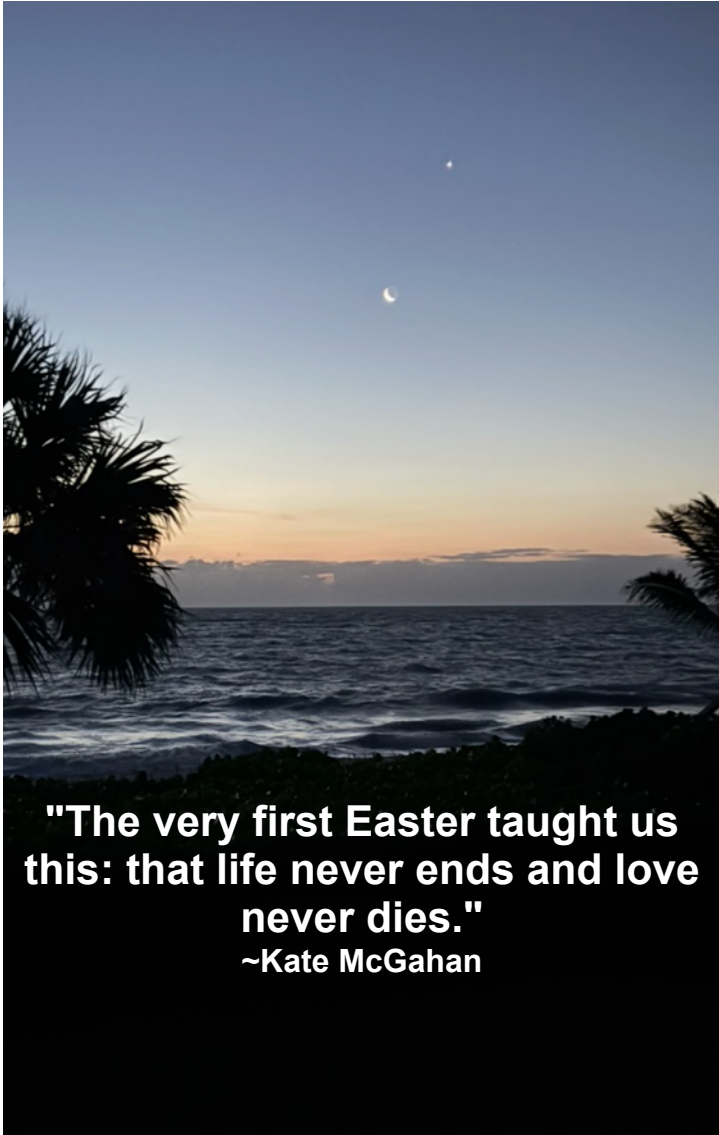


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Easter Day April 5th (Rite II)



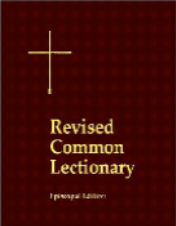
"The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies."
 ~Kate McGahan

Subdeacon/Chalice	Allison McLean
MC/2nd Chalice	Claire Newquist
Thurifer	
Crucifer	Savannah Spisso
Acolyte	David White
Acolyte	Lucas Spisso
OT Lector	Mark Strunsky
NT Lector	Connie Herm
Intercessor	Janet Cusack
Ushers	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 Easter 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.

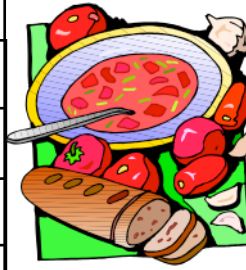
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Easter Vigil

April 4th (Rite II)

Subdeacon/Chalice	David Brokaw
MC/2nd Chalice	Phyllis Guardino
Thurifer	Claire Newquist
Crucifer	Torry Guardino
Acolyte	Marlene Presley
Acolyte	Rick Scott
OT Lector	Lordes Cruz Torry Guardino Eileen Barrett Lorraine Witkowski
NT Lector	Phyllis Guardino
Intercessor	Joseph Barrett
Ushers	Joseph Barrett Eileen Barrett John Cusack Volunteer

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.

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

Upcoming Events

Friday April 3rd	Noon to 3:00 PM GMIC Good Friday Service, St. Paul's United Methodist Church 58 West Main Street
	7:00 PM Good Friday Mass
Saturday April 4th	8:00 PM Great Vigil of Easter Rite II
	Agape Party follows the Vigil
Sunday April 5th	10:00 AM Easter Sunday Eucharist Rite II
Monday April 6th	Office Closed
Wednesday April 8th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday April 12th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)
Wednesday April 15th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Saturday April 18th	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM The Grace Church Tricky Tray
Sunday April 19th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)
Wednesday April 22nd	10:00 AM Healing Mass

The Photography Corner



This week's photograph was sent to us by Claire Newquist. She took this photo inside the Colosseum on a recent trip to Rome.

Thank you Claire!

I would like to thank all who have shared photographs with us. I do need some more photographs if you could send a few. ~Joe

TRICKY TRAY 2026

I'm sure by now many of you are tired of hearing from us about the Tricky Tray. You've heard it all before. You know about baskets and gift cards and door prizes and road signs and fliers and sign up sheets, etc., etc. That may be the case, but we still need your help and this is one of the ways to remind you of that.

Just to put this in perspective, the Tricky Tray is one of two major fundraisers that Grace Church holds each year; the other is our November Holiday Fair. Fundraising also benefits from money earned from the sale of Shop-rite Gift cards. Over the past several years, the Tricky Tray has raised more money for our budget than the Fair. These monies, along with our pledge and plate income and our Endowment income, help us to pay our bills. Many of you are aware, that the majority of our expenses are mandatory, not discretionary. So please remember that the emphasis we place on Fundraising is one of the ways we keep our doors open and bills paid.

So, there is still time for you to help. Please consider making a basket(s), donating a gift card(s), or making a donation to our expenses. You can also take a road sign to put in a prominent location or pick up a flier or two to post. There are sign up sheets posted outside Carolanne's office for help setting up, working the Tricky Tray or cleaning up after. Finally, and perhaps most important, please plan to come and bring your friends. It is truly the more the merrier.

Thank you for your support: Mark, Anne, David, Barbara, Charlotte, Malinda, Jim, Sue and Claire



Found

If you are missing glasses, these two pairs have recently been found at church. Please see an usher if they are yours. ~Joe

Mystic Poets Society

This week's submission was 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.

Down the street, around the corner I see the first full white blossom on the gray branch, the bare winter tree full of buds now, one bud carefully- or carelessly- opened to the longer day light. I see and smile and walk on by on my unsteady feet, carefully	rehearsing my life, watching for more signs of new life, renewed life in the world I see. I see green grass and tiny purple blooms growing through the cracks at the edge of stone walks and walls, everything remembering and remembered, all that grows through the cracks at the edges, simply living under the blue sky. ~Eileen
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A Message From Our Wardens

Dear Grace Church member:

The attached survey (see below) is being administered as a follow-up to the Café Conversations event that was held at the end of March of last year. The purpose of this survey is for the Vestry to gather some additional information and feedback based on what was learned at the Café Conversations. The information gathered at the Café Conversations, along with the survey responses received, will be reviewed by the Vestry (or perhaps a subcommittee of the Vestry) and used to determine/identify changes that could be made to our practices and processes, or what should remain the same to improve Grace Church. This survey should be considered an element of a larger assessment effort to make Grace Church stronger and better.

Below you will find a series of questions pertinent to different areas of the church (for those of you that attended, you will notice these areas are the same as the topics of the tables at the Café Conversations). We would very much appreciate you taking the time to answer each of the questions posed. It is vital for the Vestry to have the opinions of its members known as it decides how to operate going forward to satisfy and meet the needs of its members and hopefully grow.

<https://forms.gle/avCPhNdMdH17qpWJ8>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and share your thoughts and opinions. Your feedback is invaluable.

Claire Newquist

John Cusack

Middletown Thrall Library invites you to...

Drop in Crafts

Are you currently working on **crochet** or **knitting** project, spinning yarn on a drop spindle, or doing *crafting of any sorts*?

Don't have a current project on the hook or needle? *No worries!* You can join us! This is an opportunity to *chat as we craft!*

Craft instruction will *not* be offered as part of the event; however, if you need help with your project, you can make an appointment to come in for assistance!

2026 Drop in dates...

Tuesday, February 24, 12:30pm - 2:30 pm

Tuesday, March 24, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

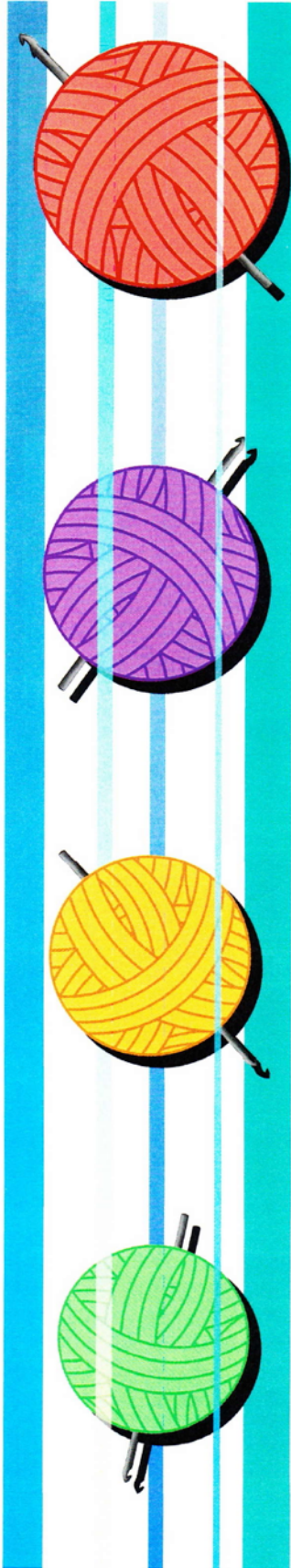
Tuesday, April 21, 12:00 pm - 2:00pm

Tuesday, May 19, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

This is open to Adults
(18+ years old) only

Questions?

Please call 1-845-341-5454, ext. 114.





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Vestry News

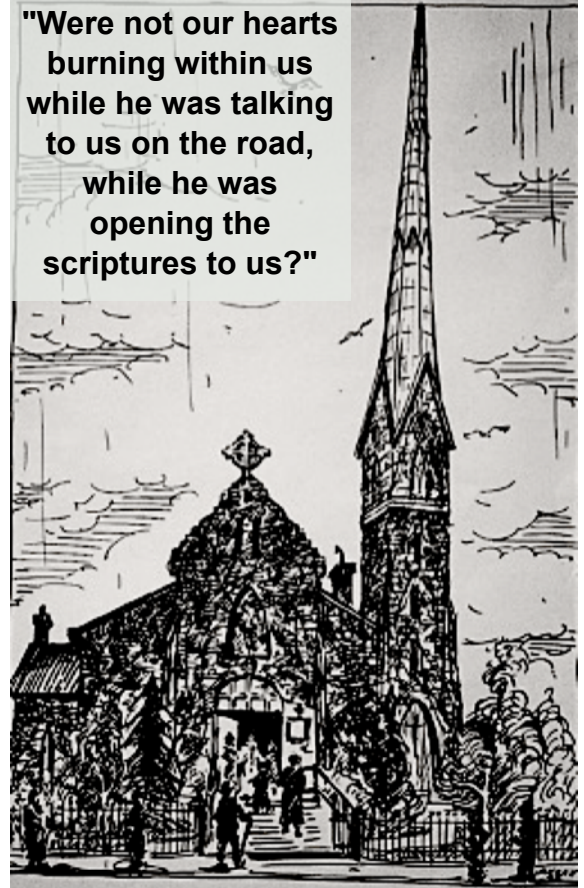
The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday April 19th starting at 11:15 AM.

All are invited to attend!

[Click here to read the minutes of the February 15, 2026 Vestry meeting.](#)

[Click here to read the minutes of the January 25, 2026 Vestry meeting.](#)

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"



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Your Grace Church Vestry.

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John Cusack

Claire Newquist

Clerk of the Vestry:

Treasurer:

Phyllis Guardino

Vestry:

Lorraine Witkowski

Anne Caldwell

Barbara Chumard

Michelle Tubbs

Analise Reed

Joseph Barrett

Mark Strunsky

Eileen Bloomer

Torry Guardino

David White (Student member of Vestry)