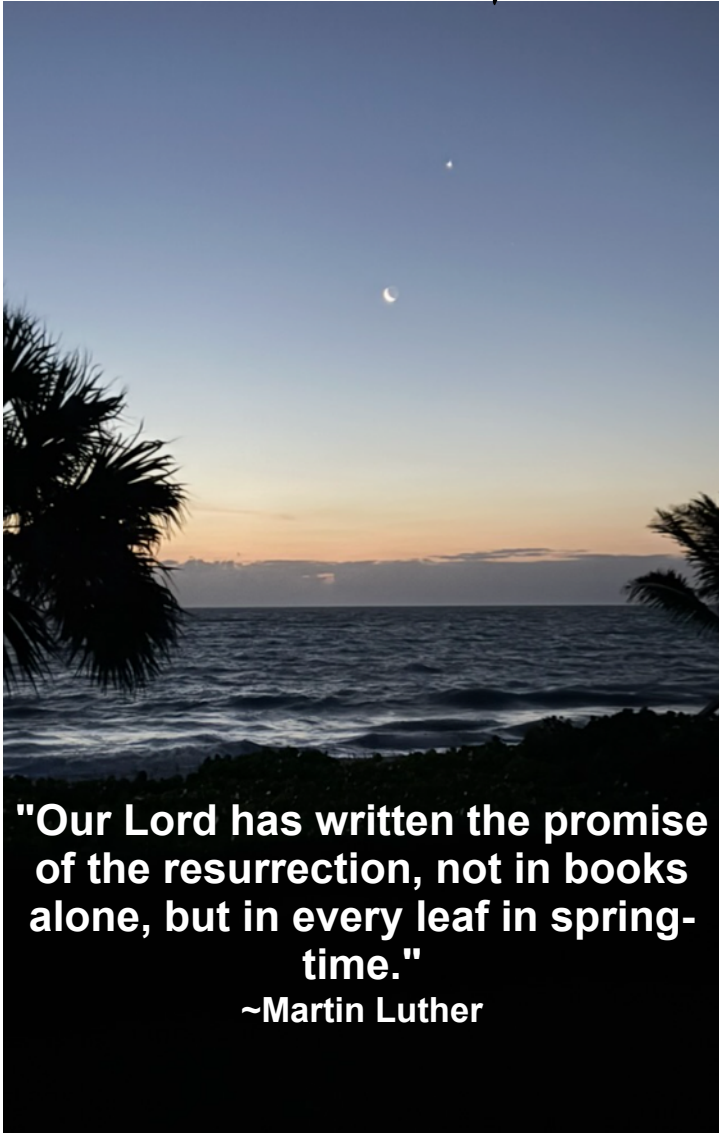


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*Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26th (Rite II)*



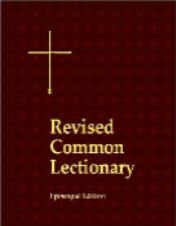
**"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time."
~Martin Luther**

Subdeacon/Chalice	Marlene Presley
MC/2nd Chalice	Rick Scott
Thurifer	
Crucifer	Savannah Spisso
Acolyte	Lucas Spisso
Acolyte	David Brokaw
OT Lector	Rick Scott
NT Lector	Eileen Barrett
Intercessor	Joseph Barrett
Ushers	Mark Strunsky Joseph Barrett Eileen Barrett

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/Calendar2026.html>

Upcoming Events

Sunday April 26th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)
Wednesday April 29th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday May 3rd	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I) Annual Meeting of Grace Church
Wednesday May 6th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday May 10th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II) Happy Mother's Day!
Wednesday May 13th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday May 17th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I) Monthly Vestry Meeting

The Photography Corner



This week's photograph was sent to us by Claire Newquist. She took this photograph of 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



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.

From the Rector's Desk



Dear friends at Grace,

I want to take this moment to simply encourage you to fill out our parish survey. As the vestry and I begin future planning, it is important that we have a clear sense of your hopes and your desires for the future of our parish. Especially, your sense of what is working and what needs to be changed.

You can use the following link to fill the survey out online or ask one of our wardens to provide you with a printed copy.

<https://forms.gle/avCPhNdMdH17qpWJ8>

Thank you for investing your time and energy in Grace Episcopal Church!

Fr. Vic



From Our Music Director:

We will be singing a new hymn on April 26, so I have prepared an introductory video for you to practice! It's hymn # 392 and the hymn tune is called "Vineyard Haven". You can see it here:

<https://youtu.be/QOde956Cvis>

~Don

TRICKY TRAY 2026 Wrap-up

The 2026 Tricky Tray is over and to coin a phrase, we done good; very good, in fact! Last Saturday, April 18th, we welcomed a number of enthusiastic visitors to who spent their money wisely on tickets for our baskets which were chock full of wonderful items, supported our 50/50 and took chances to win one of our special prizes. While we do not have a final total, since we need to factor in donations received before the event and expenses incurred, we know that we brought in close to \$6000 on Saturday.

Now is the time to stop telling you the ways that you can help make this year's event a success. You've already done that! Now is the time to say Thank you! Thank you to all of you who contributed in some way to making this year's Tricky Tray a such a success. 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, Malinda, Jim, Charlotte, Sue and Claire
(Photographs on the next page)

Tricky Tray 2026 Photographs



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.**

**In the clear new light of this morning,
at the edge, I can see my distractions.**

I carry my burning heart,

I feel it beating, and I think,

I think I know my eyes are closed.

These days, tide pools of dreams

linger on a morning shore;

I look to see what has washed up,

what has come in with the tide,

what remains for me to find.

I remember the empty shell

of a broken open brown nut

I found with my open eyes.

I walked by, then turned, returned

to pick it up from the ground,

to put it in the soft pocket

of my warm sweater,

to carry it home

like a burning, beating heart,

to remember how I put

the whole world in my pocket.

These days, something sings in the world.

And I am listening here.

And one bird sings this clear morning.

Will I sing, too?

~Eileen

Grace Episcopal Church Annual Meeting

**On Sunday, May 3rd, the 181st Annual Meeting of Grace Episcopal Church will take place
following Mass. So far, we have the following positions open and the following volunteers
running for election.**

Warden - John Cusack

Vestry Member - Lorraine Witkowski

Vestry Member - Lucas Spisso

Delegate to Convention - Anne Caldwell

Alternate Delegate to Convention - Michelle Tubbs

**The Vestry also needs a volunteer to serve as Clerk to the Vestry. If you are interested in
serving in any of these positions, please contact Fr. Victor, Claire Newquist or John
Cusack. ~Joe**



Grace Calendar

Vestry News

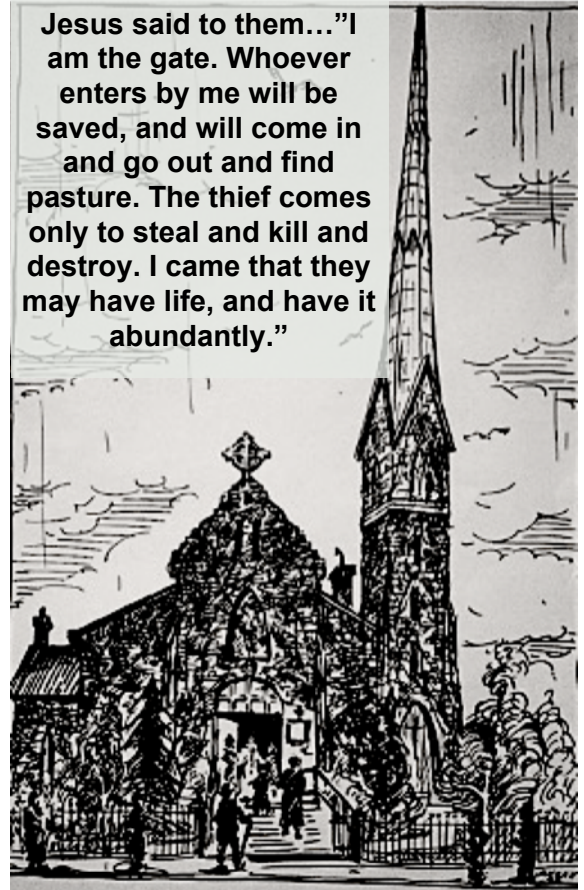
The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday May 17th starting at 11:15 AM.

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 March 15, 2026 Vestry meeting.](#)

Jesus said to them..."I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."



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Your Grace Church Vestry.

Wardens:

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)