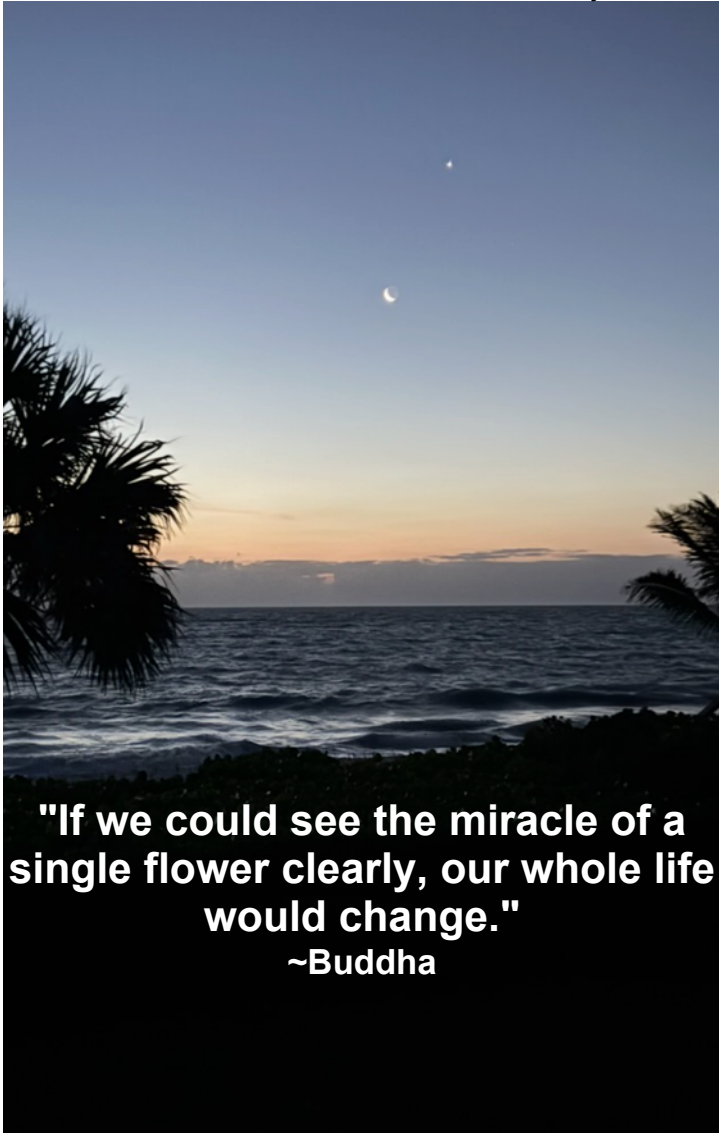


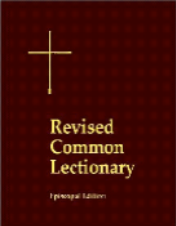
May 31, 2026 Phone 845 343-6101 FAX 845 343-8321 [www.gracechurchmiddletown.org](http://www.gracechurchmiddletown.org)  
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*First Sunday After Pentecost - Trinity Sunday  
 May 31st (Rite I)*



**"If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly, our whole life would change."  
 ~Buddha**

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| Subdeacon/Chalice  | Janet Cusack   |
| MC/2nd Chalice   | Phyllis Guardino   |
| Thurifer   |  |
| Crucifer   |  |
| Acolyte  | Carla Boyer  |
| Acolyte  |  |
| OT Lector  | Lorraine Witkowski   |
| NT Lector  | Lourdes Cruz   |
| Intercessor  | Mark Strunsky  |
| Ushers   | Mark Strunsky<br>John Cusack<br>Joseph Barrett<br>Eileen Barrett |
| Use our audio mixer to listen to the 9:30 Sunday Mass live. <a href="#">Click Here</a> |  |
| To watch Sunday Mass on Facebook live. <a href="#">Click Here</a>                      |  |
| For the Sunday prayer bulletin. <a href="#">Click Here</a>                             |  |



**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

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| Sunday May 31st  | 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)<br>Trinity Sunday                  |
| Sunday June 7th  | 9:30 Am <u>Morning Prayer</u> in-person and on-line (Rite II)                              |
| Sunday June 14th | 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)<br>11:15 AM Monthly Vestry Meeting |
| Sunday June 21st | 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)<br>Happy Father's Day!            |

As a reminder, Fr. Victor will be unavailable Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until July 20th while he serves as an Orange County Grand Juror.

## The Photography Corner



This American kestrel, the smallest of North American falcons, can be found at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center's Birds of Prey Exhibit. This beautiful bird, showing off his wings while perched on his handler's glove, is one of the four species of raptors housed at the CBEC that have experienced injuries or trauma, leaving them unable to fend for themselves in the wild.

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.

## 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.

Three wild geese fly over the music  
through a twilight sky  
past one soft rosy cloud  
and a green hill horizon  
reflecting the last gold light of day.  
A bright white house shines  
like a star on the hilltop.  
I hold my breath... then breathe  
in time to sing along

as the black haired boy runs  
around the half mile track  
in time with a song,  
beginning to ending,  
like a graceful racehorse,  
like the flying birds,  
to cross the finish line  
when the last chord sings  
under the setting sun.

~Eileen



## Congratulations

Last week, Michelle Tubbs received the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching at SUNY Orange's commencement. The award recognized Michelle for the contributions she made to SUNY Orange outside of her teaching responsibilities. Congratulations Michelle!

## From the Rector's Desk



Hello my dear friends at Grace. I hope everyone is moving into peaceful and joyful spring.

I have a few things to inform you about today. First, I have been summoned to duty on the Orange County Grand Jury until July 20. That means I will be out of the office on Monday, Wednesday and

Friday doing Grand Jury work. On the days that we are out in the early afternoon, which they tell me will be the norm, I will spend the remainder of the day at church. Tuesdays and Thursdays I will be in the office as I normally would be.

This means I will have to cancel the Wednesday morning healing Mass until I complete my term of service. Also, I have no doubt that some of the tasks I routinely take care of will become a little wonky, with only the two days a week I can actually count on being present. If your phone call or email doesn't get answered right away, please understand that I will get to it as soon as I can.

In the Peace of Christ

Fr. Vic

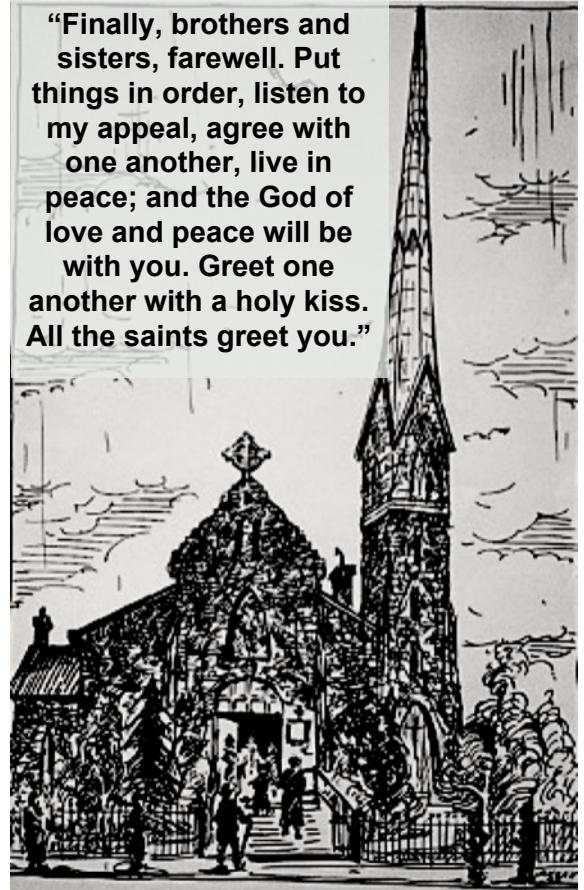


**Grace Calendar**



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“Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.”



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### **Vestry News**

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday June 14th 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.](#)

## **Your Grace Church Vestry.**

### **Wardens:**

John Cusack

Claire Newquist

*Clerk of the Vestry:*

*Treasurer:*

Phyllis Guardino

### **Vestry:**

Lorraine Witkowski

Lucas Spisso

Barbara Chumard

Michelle Tubbs

Analise Reed

Joseph Barrett

Mark Strunsky

Eileen Bloomer

Torry Guardino

David White (Student member of Vestry)