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“It’s always wrong to hate, but it’s never wrong to love.”
 ~Lady Gaga

Sunday June 30th Morning Prayer

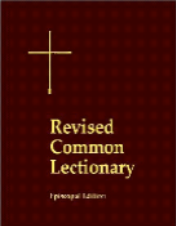
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost (Rite II)

Leader	Torry Guardino
Leader	Claire Newquist
Thurifer	
Crucifer	
Acolyte	
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OT Lector	Rick Scott
NT Lector	Mark Strunsky
Intercessor	
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/Calendar2024.html>

Upcoming Events

Sunday June 30th	9:30 AM Sunday Morning Prayer Rite II (Fr. Vic & Rhonda on vacation) A link to the prayer bulletin can be found on the first page of this newsletter.
Wednesday July 3rd	No Healing Mass
Thursday July 4th	Independence Day Holiday - Office closed
Sunday July 7th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)
Wednesday July 10th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday July 14th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)

The Photography Corner



Our photograph this week is sent to us by Lorraine Witkowski. She calls the photograph “On a clear day you can see forever.” Thank you Lorraine! Thank you to everybody who has sent in photographs. I could use a few more if you’d like to send some.
~Joe

Vestry Update

At its June 20th meeting, the Vestry voted to move the monthly meetings from the longstanding third Thursday of the month to the third Sunday of the month at 11:15 am. The Wardens and Vestry hope that this will make it easier for members to attend the monthly meetings and will encourage more parishioners to take the opportunity to attend a meeting. If you have any questions about this, please see Father Victor, John Cusack or Claire Newquist. ~Claire

RIDES TO CHURCH:



Are you in need of a ride to or from church on Sunday? Are you able to provide a ride for someone in need of one? We'd hate to learn that one of our parish family is not able to get to church because they need a ride. We are hoping to start a new ministry, linking parishioners who need a ride to or from church with those who are able to provide them with a ride. So, if you've answered yes to one of these two questions posed at the beginning of this article, please let Father Victor know by calling the parish office at 845-343-6101 or call or email Claire Newquist at 845-343-7885 or cnewquist@frontiernet.net, so that we might match those in need of a ride with those able to provide one.

Together we make Grace Church a loving and caring community.

~Claire

The Mystic Poets Society

This week's submission is sent to us from 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 either Margarita or Joe.

Solstice

Am I chasing darkness of a small life into
corners,

falling over stones of joy, past possibility,

eyes focused in many directions

not seeing the One Thing?

You find me in the morning

skipping thought-stones over a dark, still
sea,

my hand searching for another gray rock,

then pausing, looking for what lives

under the stones,

the Light in the Darkness

that my mind has chased for so long.

Prisms of tears rise;

and Sun rises on this longest day

as I see Light and Shadow,

the unending circle,

the One Thing

in this one moment.

~Eileen Bloomer



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!



Grace Calendar

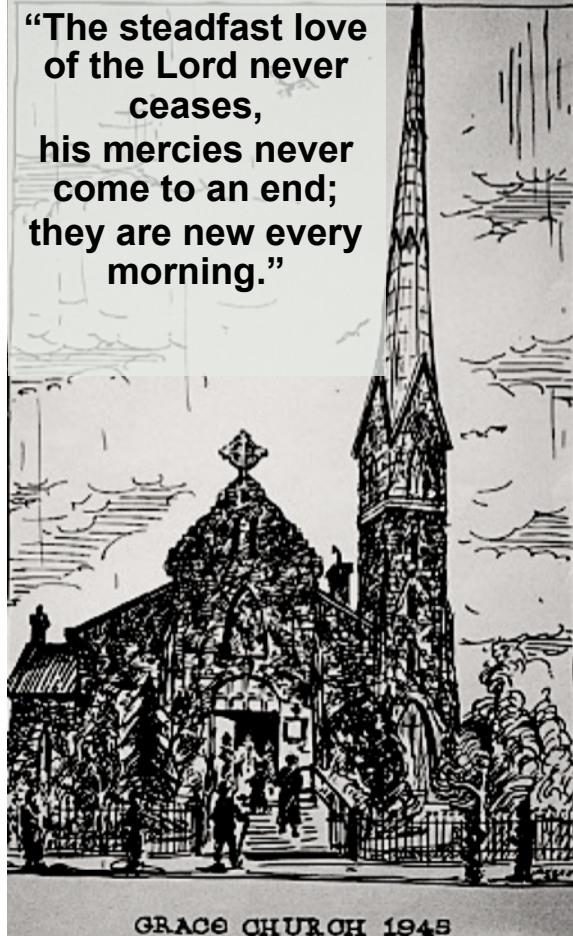
If you would like to send a note to Mother Ruth Anne or Jeremy Bacon, here is their address:
830 S. Anderson St. Tacoma,
Washington 98405. ~Patty

Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday August 18th starting at 11:15 AM.
All are invited to attend!

[Click here to read the minutes of the March 21, 2024 Vestry meeting.](#)

[Click here to read the minutes of the April 18, 2024 Vestry meeting.](#)



**“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.”**

Your Grace Church Vestry.

Wardens:

John Cusack

Claire Newquist

Clerk of the Vestry:

Treasurer:

Allison McLean

Vestry:

Lorraine Witkowski

Anne Caldwell

Barbara Chumard

Michelle Tubbs

William Gunn

Lenora Vaughan

Mark Strunsky

Eileen Bloomer

Torry Guardino