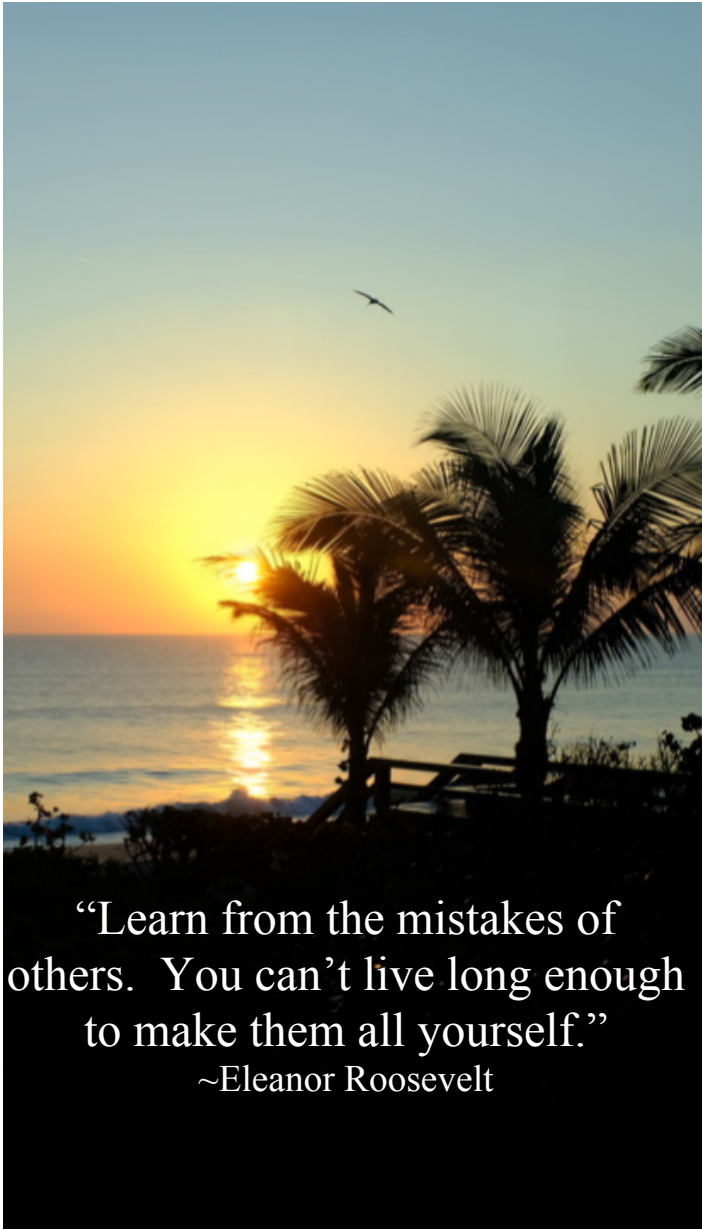


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“Learn from the mistakes of others. You can’t live long enough to make them all yourself.”  
 ~Eleanor Roosevelt

## Sunday July 21st

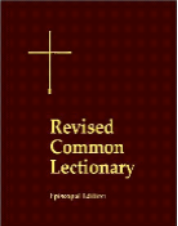
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost (Rite I)

Subdeacon/Chalice	Janet Cusack
MC/2nd Chalice	Rick Scott
Thurifer	
Crucifer	
Acolyte	Allison McLean
Acolyte	
OT Lector	Bill Gunn
NT Lector	Joe Gayton
Intercessor	Patty Seekamp
Ushers	Mark Strunsky Sue Scott Joseph 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/Calendar2024.html>

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday July 21st**

**9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I) A link to the prayer bulletin can be found on the first page of this newsletter.**

**Wednesday July 24th**

**10:00 AM Healing Mass**

**Sunday July 28th**

**9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)**

**Wednesday July 31st**

**No Healing Mass - Fr Vic is away at the College for Congregational Development**

**Sunday August 4th**

**9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)**

## The Photography Corner



**Our photograph this week is again from Dave Catizone and is one of many beautiful sunrises in Beaufort SC. Thank you David!**

**Thank you to everybody who has sent in photographs. I could use a few more if you'd like to send some. ~Joe**

## 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.

The gray catbird sings  
on a morning barely breathing,  
clouds hovering in an off-white sky,  
the promise of rain.

Or not.

What falls to ground,  
what sings outside the window,  
what grows and lives.

Or doesn't.

The body of a small gray mouse,  
lifeless in my driveway.

The body of a gray squirrel,  
dead on the gray road.

The slow, waddling bodies  
of gray and black geese  
making their way in the green grass

on the side of the gray road.

The gray and red robin  
finding and feasting on  
the brown wiggling worm,  
just outside my back door.

I see. I listen. I can only hold what comes,  
briefly, in the middle of living,  
counting down heartbeats  
under an off-white sky.

~Eileen Bloomer

It is with great sadness that we must inform you of the passing of Jeremy Bacon. We will always remember with fondness the time Jeremy spent with us here at Grace.

If you would like to send a note of condolence to Mother Ruth Anne here is her address:

830 S. Anderson St. Tacoma, Washington  
98405. ~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!



Dear friends at Grace,

Many of you know that I am a dyed in the wool shutter bug. And, of course, I have a few snapshots to share from the recent trip Rhonda and I took to Central Europe. We flew to Munich a couple of days before the tour group was to meet up and arrived just in time for Pride weekend. Many of the civic buildings were decorated for the occasion, here is the Bavarian State Opera House. Yes, that is a Pride flag flying from the peak of the roof and those columns...

Our first stop with the tour group was Prague, capital of the Czech Republic.

Although we traveled by motorcoach from place to place, we had the opportunity to see each city from its river view. Here is a view of Prague from the river Vitava. These river views were a highlight for me because much of the trade from the Middle Ages into the Industrial Revolution was



done by river travel,

and cities were designed to present an impressive view to river travelers.



Our next stop was the Hungarian capital of Budapest. The opportunity for a twilight dinner cruise on the Danube River was another highlight for me. In each country we had an opportunity for

a traditional dinner. So much of our lives, and cultures, are expressed in our food ways that these meals became a delightful adventure.

Our local tour guides were very straightforward with us about their country's experience of occupation by the Nazis and the Communists. One guide became a little apologetic about recounting so many dark times and added, we can never let people forget, so it never happens again...



Our next stop was Vienna, and although it is duly nicknamed the city of music, we also had to visit the Hofburg Palace. Rhonda and I were able to attend a chamber music concert and were delighted with the orchestra's program, including selections from Mozart and Strauss.

On the way back to Munich we made a side trip to visit Berchtesgaden and take the bus ride up to Hitler's Eagle's Nest. It was a cloudy and drizzly day, which was a welcome break from the



brutal heat of the previous few days. In this photo looking upwards from the bus turn around lot, you can see part of a cloud between me and Kehlsteinhaus at the top. The building is 6,017 feet above sea level. The tour guide mentioned that Hitler was afraid of heights. The final approach from where I am standing to the top, is via elevator. The construction crew literally bored a shaft through the mountain.

~Fr. Vic



We were happy to have Bishop Heyd visit on Thursday, July 11th, which coincided with our lunch service at the GSM Soup Kitchen. After a brief tour of our soup kitchen outreach and the GSM Fresh Pantry, we were able to sit down for a visit and to share some of what Grace Church is doing in our community. Bishop Heyd let us know that he is visiting many parishes and programs this summer and seems to be very interested in the local work of churches in our Diocese. He was impressed with the size and scope of our outreach in the community and Fr. Victor was able to share how involved and supportive Grace Church members are of those in need throughout our local community. We also discovered that Bishop Heyd loves baseball caps and t-shirts! ~Phyllis

# Children's Fun Day Photos



# The Philadelphia 11

“The Philadelphia 11,” is the title of a documentary about the eleven women who were ordained priests in Philadelphia (at Church of the Advocate) on the feast of St. Mary and St. Martha, July 29, 1974. This Ordination forced the issue of gender equality to the forefront of the Episcopal Church’s debate and the authorization of the ordination of women by General Convention, two years later. The women ordained were Merrill Bittner, Alla Bozarth-Campbell, Alison Cheek, Emily Hewitt, Carter Heyward, Suzanne Hiatt, Marie Moorefield, Jeanette Piccard, Betty Schiess, Katrina Swanson, and Nancy Wittig.

To mark the 50th anniversary of this event, our diocese has been promoting the documentary and other special events. A wonderful opportunity for us to take part in the festivities and learn more about the struggle for gender equality in the Episcopal Church is coming our way in August.

Christ Church in Warwick will be hosting a screening of the film on August 15th (Thursday) at 6:00 PM, in their parish hall. The event is free and there will also be free snacks and drinks. Please do bring some cash to drop in their donation jar, to help offset the expense.

The Philadelphia 11  
August 15, 6:00 PM  
Christ Church  
50 South St., Warwick, NY 10990

If you would like to arrange a ride, carpool, etc., please contact Fr. Victor at the church office.

**A 70's Cabaret**  
July 12th at 7pm  
General Admission \$20  
VFW #161  
47-51 Owen St.  
Port Jervis, NY 12771

**SHAKESPEARE IN THE Park**  
**MACBETH**  
July 27th 6pm  
July 28th 2pm  
100% profits of tickets to benefit PJ REC DEPT.  
\$10 preferred seating  
**RIVERSIDE PARK**  
4th Street  
Port Jervis, NY

**Alice in Wonderland**  
August 2nd at 7pm  
August 3rd at Noon  
August 3rd at 7pm  
August 4th at 2pm  
**Adults \$20**  
**Children \$15**  
PJ Community Center  
134 Pike St.  
Port Jervis,

This summer David White will be starring in several plays in Port Jervis. If you can, please come out and support David. You can purchase tickets at the following link: <https://theactgroupportjervis.com/> and click on “Shop.” ~Joe



[Grace Calendar](#)

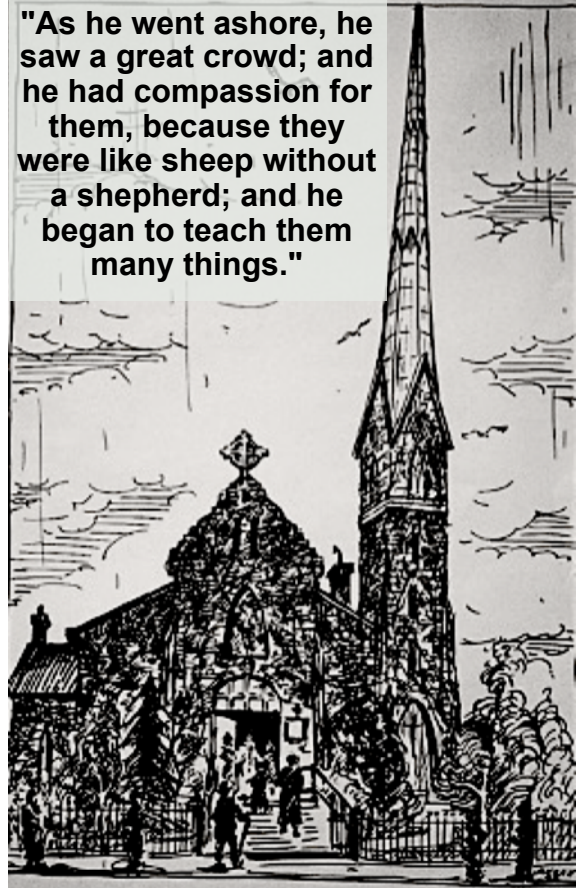
### Vestry News

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 May 16, 2024 Vestry meeting](#)

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

"As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."



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## 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