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"Everyone must make time to sit  
 and watch the leaves change."  
 ~Elizabeth Lawrence

## Sunday September 22nd

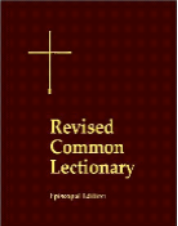
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Rite II)

Subdeacon/Chalice	Lenora Vaughan
MC/2nd Chalice	Claire Newquist
Thurifer	David Brokaw
Crucifer	Volunteer
Acolyte	Marlene Presley
Acolyte	Phyllis Guardino
OT Lector	Lourdes Cruz
NT Lector	Lorraine Witkowski
Intercessor	Mark Strunsky
Ushers	Mark Strunsky Sue Scott 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 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 September 22nd	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II) A link to the prayer bulletin can be found on the first page of this newsletter.
Wednesday September 25th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday September 29th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)
Wednesday October 2nd	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday October 6th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)
Wednesday October 9th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday October 13th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)
Monday October 14th	Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day Holiday - Office Closed

## The Photography Corner



This week's photograph is sent to us by Lorraine Witkowski and is another photograph of a double rainbow as viewed in Clinton, NY. She calls this photo "The Other End of The Rainbow." Thank you Lorraine!

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

## Parish Membership

Periodically we need to update our records to ensure that we have the most current information about our parish family. In some instances we find that we don't have complete information about family members' birthdates or anniversaries. In some cases, telephone numbers or addresses may have changed. In order to make certain that our membership information is current, we are asking that each of you complete a membership form. These will be available in church starting Sunday, September 29th.

If you have any questions, or if you would like us to email you a copy of the form, please do not hesitate to speak to me, either at church, or by emailing me at [cnewquist@frontiernet.net](mailto:cnewquist@frontiernet.net). Thank you in advance for your help with this project. ~Claire

## The Mystic Poets Society

Our poem today was submitted 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 either Margarita or Joe.

### Beauty

A wide winged, long legged,  
long beaked gray bird  
flies a circle in a morning blue sky,  
and lands silently, gracefully  
on a rooftop above me.  
I do not know its name,  
so I call this bird beauty  
as I pause awkwardly in the air  
mid-walk: I have no wings.  
I forget my name,  
but beauty flies and perches

in one moment that I remember  
without a word or a name,  
holding my heart under a gathering wing,  
and I keep walking.

~Eileen Bloomer

Last week was the 176th anniversary of the founding of Grace Church. A wreath was placed at Elisha Wheeler's grave in Hillside Cemetery.



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](#)

### Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday October 20th starting at 11:15 AM. All are invited to attend!

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

[Click here to read the minutes of the June 20, 2024 Vestry meeting.](#)



“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

## 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