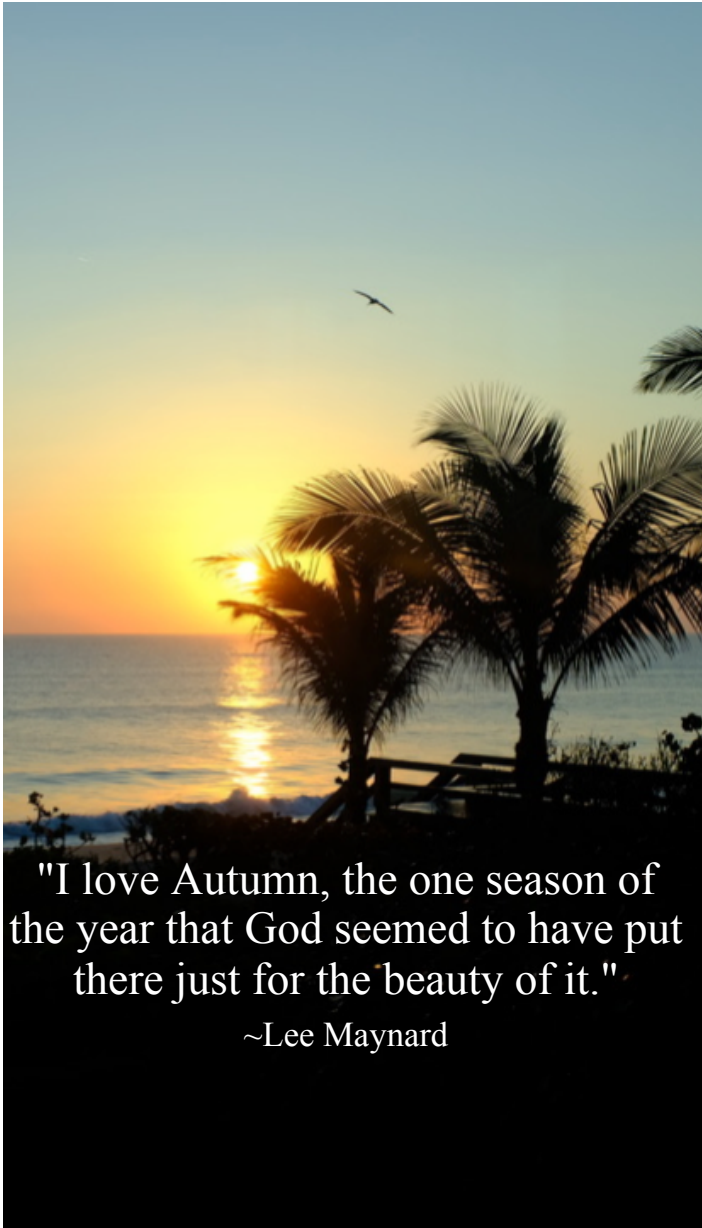


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"I love Autumn, the one season of the year that God seemed to have put there just for the beauty of it."
 ~Lee Maynard

Sunday October 13th

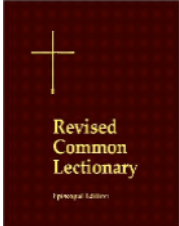
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost (Rite I)

Subdeacon/Chalice	Janet Cusack
MC/2nd Chalice	Claire Newquist
Thurifer	
Crucifer	
Acolyte	Carla Boyer
Acolyte	
OT Lector	Mark Strunsky
NT Lector	Eileen Barrett
Intercessor	Patty Seekamp
Ushers	Joseph Barrett Eileen Barrett Sue Scott Mark Strunsky

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 October 13th

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 this newsletter.

Birthday of the US Navy

Monday October 14th

Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day Holiday - Office Closed

Wednesday October 16th

10:00 AM Healing Mass

Sunday October 20th

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

11:15 AM Monthly Vestry Meeting in Boardroom

Wednesday October 23rd

10:00 AM Healing Mass

Sunday October 27th

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

Pledge Sunday

The Photography Corner



I took this photograph in the town of St. Gilgen, a picturesque town situated on Lake Wolfgangsee in Austria. The landscape around St. Gilgen was featured in the opening scenes of the Sound of Music. Another fun fact: Mozart's mother was born in the village of St. Gilgen.

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

The Mystic Poets Society

If you have a poem or reflection that you would consider sharing with your fellow parishioners, please send it to either Margarita or Joe.

A Saturday Afternoon

The bright hot sun
smiles down,
warming all it touches.
Rows of berries, black,
blue, red.

Ripening to colorful sweetness.

Visitors wander methodically through
neat rows,
picking to fill baskets.

An excited child moves quickly,
lovingly watched,

face sticky with juice.

Stiff old man moves

less quickly,

putting berry to basket.

Juice warmed by sun

bursts from

a sweet berry tasted.

With wares in hand

we leave,

a wonderful Saturday spent.

~ Joe

Holiday Fair, 2024

October is here and its time to talk about this year's Holiday Fair! The Fundraising Committee has been planning for this annual event for several months. Please mark your calendars so that you will make certain that you are here for this important fundraising event. The date is Saturday, November 23. The time is from 9am to 3pm. As always, the event will include a bake sale, the sale of gift baskets, a raffle with five wonderful prizes, our famous Fish & Chips lunch and a variety of outside vendors.

In addition, Grace will once again be participating in the Holiday Fair Trail. We are joined in this by St James Episcopal Church and the First Presbyterian Church from Goshen and our neighbor, the United Church of Middletown (formerly the United Presbyterian Church). People attending all four fairs on November 23 will be eligible to win one of four gift card trees valued at \$100 each.

Please mark your calendars for this important date—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD—and look for more news in upcoming Epistles.

The Fundraising Committee: Mark, Anne, David, Barbara, Sue and Claire



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!



Support 2024 Hurricane Recovery Efforts

WHAT YOU CAN DO



Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with partners to support people affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The Hurricane Relief Fund is an important tool for responding to immediate needs and supporting long-term recovery. Please contribute to Episcopal Relief & Development's [Hurricane Relief Fund](#) to support long-term recovery efforts.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

—Matthew 11:28

**The LGBTQ+ Concerns Committee of the
Episcopal Diocese of New York invites YOU
(LGBTQ+ individuals and allies) to**

Fellowship Gatherings

*** Saturday, Oct. 12th, NOON**

Trinity St. Paul's

New Rochelle. 311 Huguenot Street

(1 block away from train station, New Haven Line)

RSVP: Rev. Jennie Talley, 917-496-1009

*** Saturday, Oct. 19th, 7:00 PM**

Christ Church / San Marcos

Tarrytown. 10 W Elizabeth Street

RSVP: Rev. Dn. Jean Marie, 914 318-0056

*** Saturday, Oct. 26th, 6:30 PM**

Saint Matthew and Saint Timothy

New York City. 26 W 84th Street

RSVP: Rev. Flourish Klink, curate@smstchurch.org

**These gatherings will be pizza parties,
and we hope that attendees can help us
defray the cost by making a donation.**



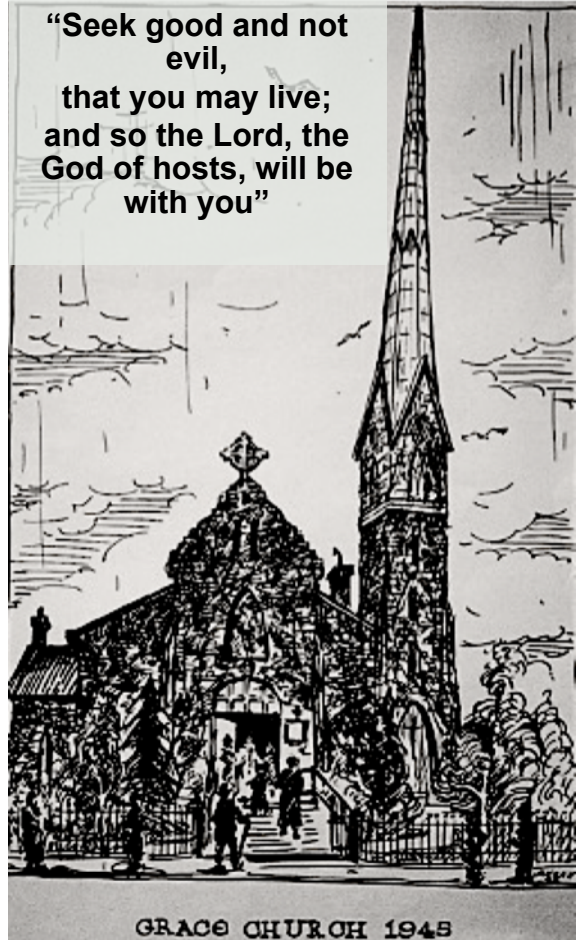
[Grace Calendar](#)

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.](#)



Your Grace Church Vestry.

Wardens:

John Cusack

Claire Newquist

Clerk of the Vestry:

Treasurer:

Kathleen Hamilton

Allison McLean

Vestry:

Lorraine Witkowski

Anne Caldwell

Barbara Chumard

Michelle Tubbs

William Gunn

Lenora Vaughan

Mark Strunsky

Eileen Bloomer

Torry Guardino