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"Pumpkins in October, as fat as the full moon, they sit on our doorstep at night and glow."
 ~Richard E. Gooddrich

Sunday October 20th

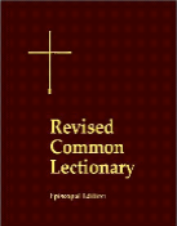
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Subdeacon/Chalice	Lenora Vaughan
MC/2nd Chalice	Rick Scott
Thurifer	Claire Newquist
Crucifer	Eileen Barrett
Acolyte	Marlene Presley
Acolyte	David Brokaw
OT Lector	Bill Gunn
NT Lector	Joe Gayton
Intercessor	Joseph Barrett
Ushers	Joseph Barrett 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 October 20th

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.

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

Wednesday October 30th

10:00 AM Healing Mass

Thursday October 31st

Happy Halloween!



Sunday November 3rd

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

Daylight Saving Time Ends - Set clocks back 1 hour

Tuesday November 5th

Election Day

Wednesday November 6th

10:00 AM Healing Mass

The Photography Corner



Our photograph this week was sent to us by Claire Newquist. She took this photograph in Barcelona Spain. Her picture is of the towers of the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia. Four of the towers represent the four apostles and the fifth the Virgin Mary. The Cathedral is still under construction and is the largest unfinished Catholic church in the world. Thank you Claire!

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

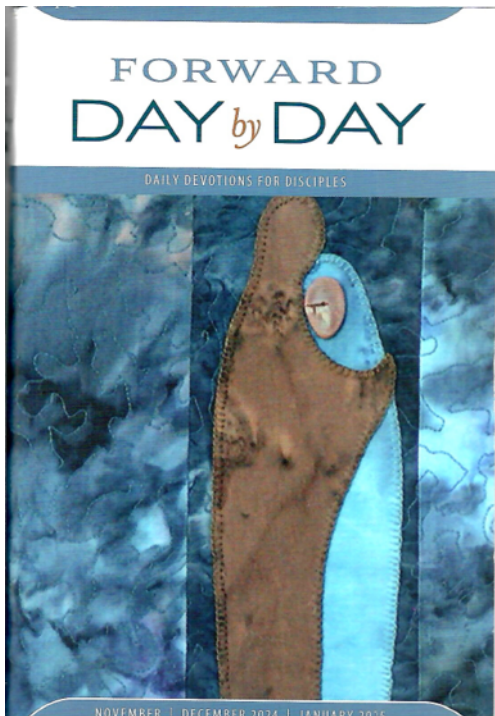
The Mystic Poets Society

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

On a cloudy morning
I walk between raindrops
falling and stopping and falling.
Looking up, I see, I hear
a distant trail of noisy geese
singing, calling, singing, calling,
traveling through a quiet gray sky
making their way.
A man walks by in the middle,
in the middle of the road;
I walk on the side,

on the sidewalk,
and we greet each other on the way,
a reciprocal "Good day",
then continue our separate ways.
I return home
with a few raindrops on my blue coat
to discover a fleeting greeting of light
whispering through my window
then across the floor as the sun dances
through the middle of gray clouds
in the sky where geese fly on.

~Eileen Bloomer



The current issue of the Forward Day by Day booklets have arrived at Grace. There are pocket size, large print and a Spanish edition available. Copies can be found at the usher's table by the North Street doors. You can also call the office or email me to have a copy mailed to you. ~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!

FROM THE WARDENS:

Dear Friends,

As we prepare for our annual Stewardship Campaign, we are writing to ask you to pray with us about our mutual journey. We are companions with each other as we navigate the ups and downs of our shared lives in Grace Church. We believe that we make a walk of love together.

We continue to be inspired by the love and caring that you show for each other. Through your prayers for those who are sick or shut in or suffering from any other kinds of difficulty, or the visits that are made to fellow parishioners in hospitals or nursing homes or, for other reasons, unable to come to church, you live the love and teaching of Jesus. The welcome you show to newcomers, your support of the Guild of St Margaret outreach programs and our now annual Children's Day exemplify what it means to be a good neighbor. Your help with our fundraisers and your participation as choir members, servers, lectors, intercessors, and ushers add so much to our weekly services and our life at Grace.

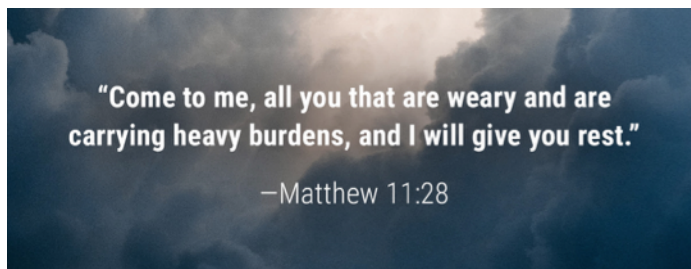
All of this is what it means to be in community with one another. This is what walking in love looks like.

We have many gifts to share at Grace, gifts of time, talent and treasure that we freely give to support our ministry and to do the work of mission in our neighborhoods and communities. We do this not out of a desire to get something back, but because we are motivated by love and caring. When St Paul wrote to his friends at the church in Ephesus, he reminded them that the very spark of love that founded their community of faith was one of giving.

This is what we do when we place our gifts on the altar; we bring our whole selves and share the best of our love and labor. As you consider and pray about what you will give to Grace Church for the coming year, we invite you to give thanks for Grace Church and for the people who have walked with you on this journey of love, who have supported you in your faith and shared their gifts with you.

Walking with you in love and faith,

John Cusack and Claire Newquist, Wardens



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.

Holiday Fair 2024

Grace Church's annual HOLIDAY FAIR will take place on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 9 am to 3pm! Here are ways that you can help us get ready for this important parish event.

Phyllis and Torry Guardino are once again chairing our delicious Fish & Chips luncheon. As the date gets closer, they will be looking for volunteers to help prep for the lunch, cook and serve the meal and, of course buy tickets. Before that, donations towards the purchase of the fish and other supplies are always welcome.

We will have 5 wonderful prizes for our raffles which you will learn about in the coming weeks. At the beginning of November, we will be giving each of you packets of raffle tickets for you to purchase and/or sell to friends, family, co-workers, etc.

Sue and Claire have begun to work on the gift baskets for sale at the Fair. While they have been collecting items for the baskets since the last Fair, they can use help with a number of items. Since this is a Holiday Fair, Santa Claus and snowmen/women figures are always needed, so are reindeer, and Christmas trees, and other holiday accessories. Mugs, both holiday and plain colored ones, are always used. Red, green, black and white are colors that are most useful.

Our Bake Sale will be back again. We rely on donations of baked goods from our parishioners. You will be contacted soon asking you for a baked good.

We will once again be partnering with St Jame Episcopal Church and the United Presbyterian Church in Goshen and the United Church in Middletown on the Holiday Fair Trail. We will be offering a Gift Card Tree worth \$100 as one of the prizes for people who visit all four fairs. Donations of gift cards, valuing \$10-15 each, would be most welcome.

Last, but not least, we are hosting a variety of vendors. A number of vendors have already purchased space, but we can always use more. If you know of a vendor who might be interested in joining us, please let one of us know.

Working together we can make this year's Holiday Fair a memorable and profitable event!

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

Placemats

This year the Fundraising Committee decided to use business card placemats for the Fish and Chips luncheon as a way to raise revenue for the Craft Fair. We are asking the congregation to reach out to anyone who would be willing to support the work of Grace church by purchasing a space on the placemat. All we need is a business card at a cost of \$30.00 per ad. We will have a letter available this Sunday to give prospective businesses and supporters with more detail.

Thank you,

Sue Scott

Placemat Coordinator



[Grace Calendar](#)

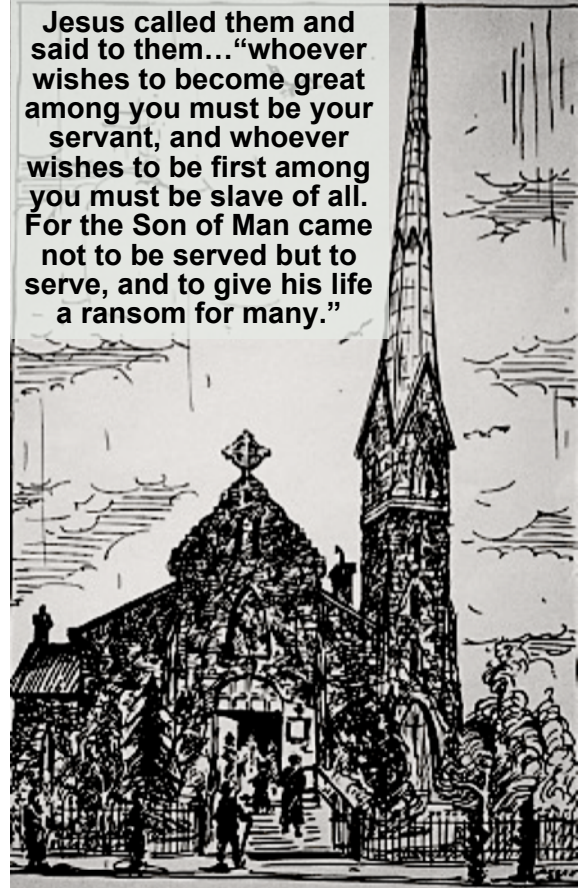
Vestry News

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](#)

Jesus called them and said to them...“whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”



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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