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"Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly.  
 They take their time and wander on  
 this their only chance to soar."  
 ~Delia Owens

## Sunday October 27th

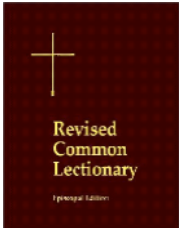
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost (Rite I)

Subdeacon/Chalice	Allison McLean
MC/2nd Chalice	Marlene Presley
Thurifer	
Crucifer	
Acolyte	Carla Boyer
Acolyte	
OT Lector	David Brokaw
NT Lector	Rick Scott
Intercessor	Patty Seekamp
Ushers	Joseph Barrett Eileen Barrett 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 27th**

**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.**

**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)**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends - Set clocks back 1 hour**

**Tuesday November 5th**

**Election Day (Church open from 1 PM to 6 PM)**

**Wednesday November 6th**

**10:00 AM Healing Mass (10 AM to 2 PM)**

**Sunday November 10th**

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

**Marine Corps Birthday - 249 Years of Service**

**Monday November 11th**

**Veterans Day - Office closed**

## The Photography Corner



**Our photograph this week was sent to us by Janet Cusack. She took this photograph while on a recent hike in Minnewaska State Park. Thank you Janet!**

**I would also like to thank 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.

I prayed for a glimpse,  
a passing by, a burning bush;  
I opened a door for a glimpse  
of stars and a waning moon,  
but it was too cold to venture  
beyond the threshold.

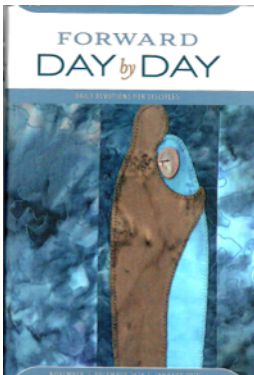
So I sat beside a closed door  
watching the darkness  
waiting for the light.

What happens next in the heart  
can only be a poem with wings,

a dream shadow passing by,  
a brief touch of breath breathing.

I started to say, to pray,  
“When I learn to dance...”  
but the words dropped into a silent well,  
a mirror of soul, of Nothingness  
and here I stand at the edge,  
unsure of how to move my feet  
but always welcome anyway.

~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

## New Committee Forming

As a way to enhance our community outreach and communication within the congregation, Grace Church is forming a committee to determine the costs and merits to purchasing an electric sign. This committee will research, discuss, and develop a plan (if necessary) for the possible purchase of the sign. It will then present its recommendations to the vestry. If you have any questions or interest in joining please contact me. Thank you. ~John Cusack



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!

## To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This is but a gentle reminder to bring your completed pledge card to church this Sunday, October 27th. The pledges will be collected by the ushers and presented at the altar for a blessing by Fr. Vic.

If you need any assistance or stewardship materials (card, envelope or a pencil) they will be available by asking an usher.

If you are not able to attend Sunday's service, please mail your pledge as soon as possible as the Finance committee is ready to prepare a budget for the coming year.

~Rick Scott

## TIME FOR PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church, 58 North Street, Middletown, NY, have decided to open the church on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024 from 1 pm to 6 pm and on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 from 10 am to 2 pm for quiet prayer and contemplation. Regardless of political beliefs or affiliations, we believe that this may be a very stressful time for many of us as we are bombarded by the TV, radio and print medias and postings from social media and other sources. Also, friends and family who may hold different opinions from us can likewise rob us of peace. We are offering a quiet, safe space for people to get away from these or other stressors. Nothing will be asked of those coming in, other than to be quiet and respectful.

Please join us for as much or little time as you need. Please let your friends, neighbors or co-workers know that our doors will be open during these hours. ~Claire

## Don demonstrates a new musical "Holy, Holy, Holy"



On October 3 we will begin to use the Richard Proulx musical setting of "Holy, Holy, Holy". You can watch and listen to Don's video demonstration of it here:

[https://youtu.be/GnHO5J\\_jmqA](https://youtu.be/GnHO5J_jmqA)

## **Holiday Fair 2024**

The leaves are beginning to turn colors; pumpkins and mums are appearing on front porches and ghosts, goblins and witches are lurking around corners. Next week we will be turning the clocks back and gaining an hour. While some of us may be thinking of getting an extra hour of sleep, your Fundraising Committee members are thinking of ways to put that extra hour to use getting ready for this year's Holiday Fair, which will be held on Saturday, November 23rd.

Here are some more ways that you can help:

Fliers will be available at church on Sunday, October 27th for you to post around Middletown and our surrounding communities. The more people who hear about our Holiday Fair, the more people who will come! Please take as many fliers as you need. We can also email you a copy of the flier if you would like to share it digitally.

This Sunday (10/27) we will be handing raffle tickets; we ask each of you to buy/sell at least two packs of raffle tickets—our wonderful prizes include a large screen TV, Apple earbuds, a basket of cheer, gift cards to several local restaurants and a \$100 Lottery Tree! If you are not in church to pick them up, we will mail them to you.

Road/yard signs are another way of advertising our Fair. Please let Anne Caldwell or Mark Strunsky know if you can take one or more signs. We will have them ready by Sunday, November 10th. Tickets for the Fish & Chips Luncheon will also be available on the 10th.

If you haven't already done so, please consider asking a local business to purchase a spot on placemat we will use for the Fish & Chips lunch. All they need to do is give you a business card and a check for \$30 and they will have a spot on the placement. There is a letter explaining this available in church. Remember, the deadline for returning the business cards to us in NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd.

Our annual fair has been a success each year thanks to your support. We know that we can count on your help and support again this year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let one of us know.

Mark, Anne, David, Sue and Claire

## **Remembrance Sunday**

This year we will again remember those members of our Parish Family and other family and friends who passed away over the past year as a part of our All Saints Day Service on Sunday, November 3, 2024. You may also wish to remember individuals who passed away at an earlier time. Parishioners are invited to bring in photographs or other small mementoes which will be placed on the side altar and blessed during the service. These will be returned after the service.

Services were held at Grace for two individuals, Richard Mather and Ruthanne Guidice, since our last Remembrance Sunday. In addition, Margarita Ostergaard and Dennis Ward moved on to eternal life this year.

This is a time for us to remember and give thanks to all the saints who have been a part of our lives. ~Claire



[Grace Calendar](#)

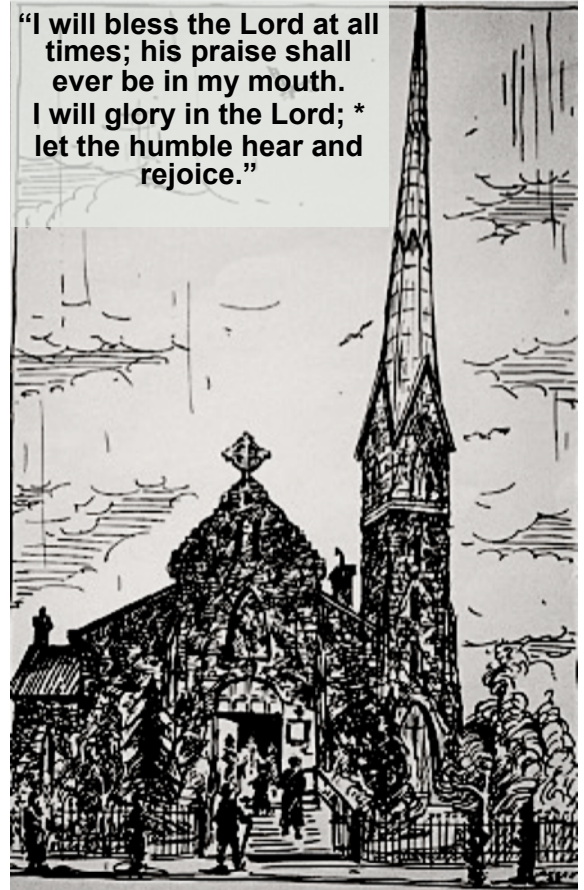
### Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday November 16th 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 September 15, 2024 Vestry meeting.](#)

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. I will glory in the Lord; \* let the humble hear and rejoice."



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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