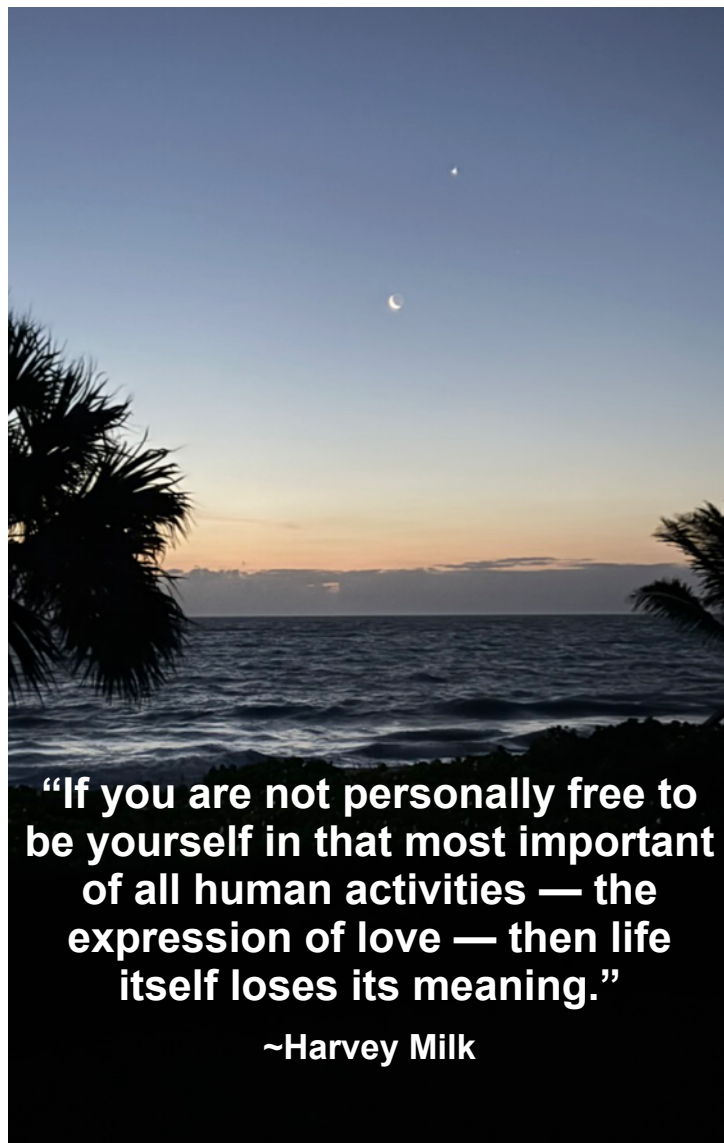




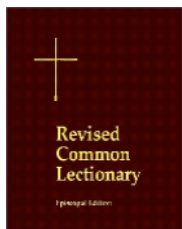
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Ascension Sunday June 8th (Rite II)



Subdeacon/Chalice	Phyllis Guardino
MC/2nd Chalice	Torry Guardino
Thurifer	David White
Crucifer	Savannah Spisso
Acolyte	Lucas Spisso
Acolyte	Claire Newquist
OT Lector	Eileen Barrett
NT Lector	Carla Boyer
Intercessor	Joseph Barrett
Ushers	Joseph Barrett Eileen Barrett Sue Scott
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/Calendar2025.html>

Upcoming Events

Sunday June 8th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II) Pentecost Sunday Fr. Vic and Rhonda are out of town - Mother Cheryl Parris will celebrate the Eucharist with us.
Wednesday June 11th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday June 15th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I) Happy Father's Day!
Wednesday June 18th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday June 22nd	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II) Monthly Vestry Meeting 11:15 AM
Wednesday June 25th	10:00 AM Healing Mass

The Photography Corner



This week's photograph was sent to us by Lorraine Witkowski and is of the replica Noah's Ark in Williamstown, KY. Thank you Lorraine!

I would like to thank all who have shared photographs with us. I could use some more if you'd like to send some. ~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! To purchase gift cards, please see either Eileen or Claire.

Mystic Poets Society

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

**The back of the church,
Lately a beehive
Of young activity.**

**Coloring, drawing, sitting,
Quietly or not,
No matter!**

**Bright inquisitive eyes
Watch each other
Across aisles and pews.**

**Shouts of joy as dad or
Grandfather or sister
Process by.**

**Happy little hand
Waves as brother
Returns to pew.**

**A short exploration
Of the Wayside Chapel
To stretch little legs.**

**Boundless energy patiently
Waiting, or maybe not,
For release.**

~Joe



Last Sunday, Fr. Victor blessed a prayer shawl in memory of Canon John Osgood, one of our former rectors. The shawl was placed in the Wayside Chapel. The prayer shawls in the Wayside Chapel were made and dedicated to the memory of clergy associated with Grace. Please feel free to add your prayers to the shawl and to use it during your quiet time in the Wayside Chapel.

Music Update

It would be wonderful if all of my fellow parishioners would make an extra effort to be in church on Pentecost, June 8, one of our highest Holy Days. More than ever, we need to acknowledge our dependence on the Spirit's presence among us if we are to do what we need to do for our parish and our community. Two prize-winning singers, both named Abby, will be guest singers with the choir that day as we sing "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit". Thanks. ~Don Boyer

Additionally:

Here are a new hymn and a new psalm to sing on Pentecost, June 8! We will be introducing new music and you can prepare for it with these two videos:

Psalm 104 for Pentecost: https://youtu.be/VY3R0IQZQ_M

Hymn # 741 for Pentecost: <https://youtu.be/LN8iJFdtJFU>

Each of those videos has a linked pdf of the sheet music in its description. I hope to hear that some people practiced! Thanks! ~Don Boyer



1:00 - 4:00 pm

12 Depot Street, Middletown, NY 10940

Children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

No drop offs.



**On Sunday, May 25th,
Fedley Rodriguez
entered into God's
family when he was
baptized by Fr. Victor.
Congratulations and
Welcome!**



**Join the Episcopal Church
on Staten Island for a**

QUEER BIBLE STUDY

While many Christian denominations are characterized by an anti-LGBTQ+ stance, The Episcopal Church embraces a diversity of genders and sexualities.

Join this Pride Month Bible Study and explore the ways Queer interpretation of the Bible enlivens the Word of God in ways that embrace LGBTQ+ people.

**WEDNESDAYS IN JUNE AT 7:00 PM
JUNE 4, 11, 18, AND 24, 2025**

**To register use this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/9RYgBAcXTfelwmtQW8mHbg>**

WITH FR. HANK TUELL AND MO. KIRSTIN SWANSON



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We are committed to creating communities of safe belonging, where care for one another shapes our common life.

As part of that commitment, we are conducting a confidential survey to better understand past experiences and strengthen our practices for preventing and responding to sexual misconduct.

This survey is a key component of the independent audit we have commissioned to examine how sexual misconduct has been handled in our diocese. We invite all individuals connected to our congregations, chaplaincies and schools— past or present— to participate.

Your voice matters as we work toward greater transparency, accountability, trust, and healing for survivors and all those affected.

Take The Survey

Please complete the survey and share the link with anyone who has been part of your community, including parishioners, employees, volunteers, or alumni.

If someone does not have internet access or needs translation services, Guidepost Solutions (the independent firm conducting the audit) can assist. They may call 212-359-2920 or email ednyhotline@guidepostsolutions.com to request help completing the survey by phone or in another language.

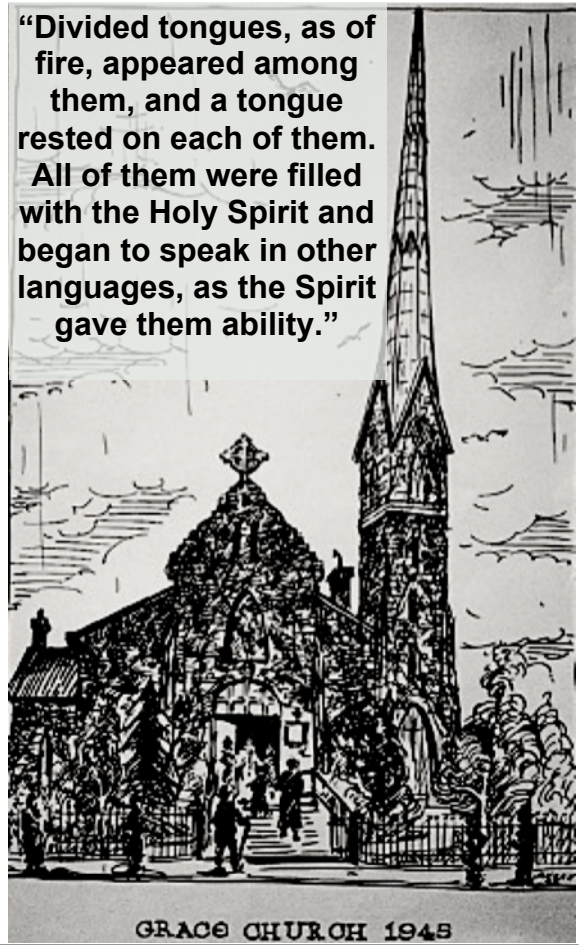
The survey is open from May 24 to July 3, 2025. All responses are completely confidential and managed exclusively by Guidepost Solutions, not Diocesan staff. Once the information is analyzed, findings will be included in a final report that we will make public.

Thank you for helping us move forward with care, courage, and hope.

Grace & Peace,

The Rt. Rev. Matthew Heyd

Bishop of New York



Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday June 22nd starting at 11:15 AM.

All are invited to attend!

[Click here to read the minutes of the April 27, 2025 Vestry meeting.](#)

[Click here to read the minutes of the March 16, 2025 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

Analise Reed

Joseph Barrett

Mark Strunsky

Eileen Bloomer

Torry Guardino

David White (Student member of Vestry)