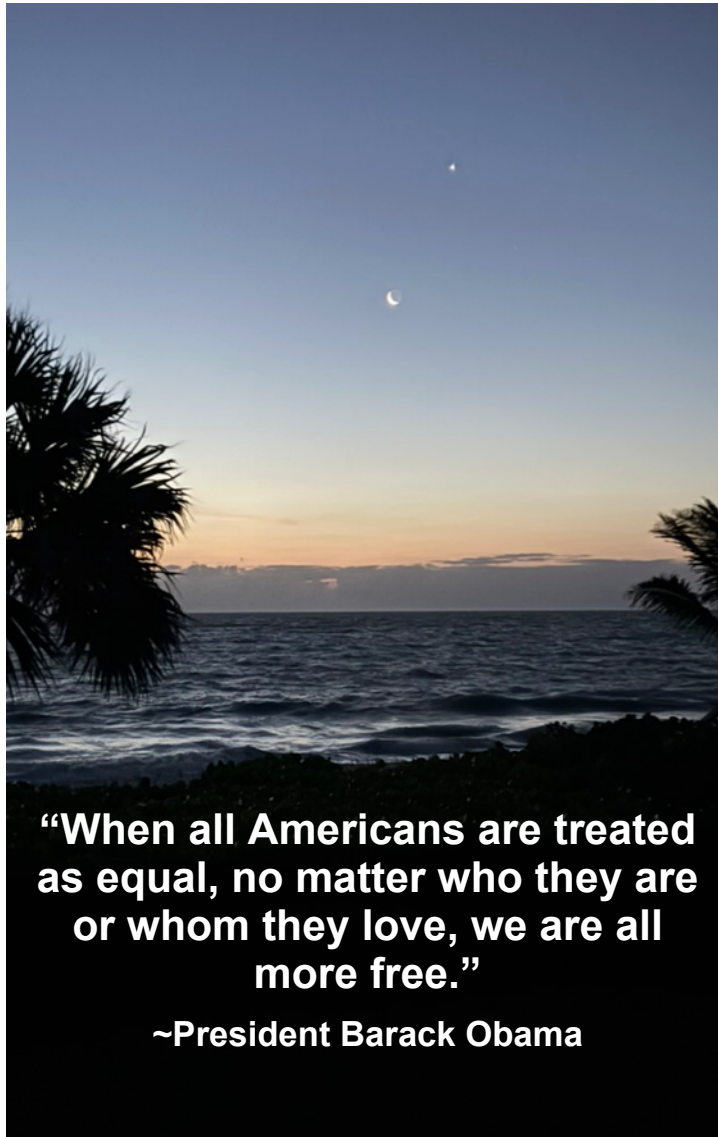




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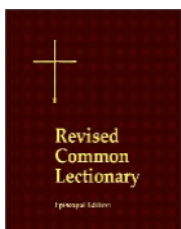
Trinity Sunday June 15th (Rite I)



“When all Americans are treated as equal, no matter who they are or whom they love, we are all more free.”

~President Barack Obama

Subdeacon/Chalice	David Brokaw
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Thurifer	
Crucifer	
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Use our audio mixer to listen to the 9:30 Sunday Mass live. Click Here	
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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 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
Sunday June 29th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)
Wednesday July 2nd	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Friday July 4th	Happy Independence Day! 
Sunday July 6th	9:30 AM Morning Prayer (Rite II) while Father Vlc is away.

The Photography Corner



This week's "beginning and end of the rainbow" photograph was sent to us by Kathryn Parker and was taken last month. Thank you Kathryn!

I would like to thank all who have shared photographs with us. ~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

This week's poem was sent 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 me. Thank you. Joe.

I see the orange sunrise eye
through the window,
the early light, moving steady on
to the longest day, the shortest night.
I am balancing, or trying to balance
on the rough road of light and dark.

From the corner of my eye,
the corner of my soul, I see
the first light of sun rising
through the greenest trees of this year,
slipping through my open door
on this strangely cold, almost summer
morning,

dancing across the floor,
tiptoeing up the wall to shine
in the luminescent shape
of a wing I recognize but have not seen
right here before.

A breath, a whispered welcome,
and it fades and flies away,
and the sun continues to rise
and shine over the rough road
and through my door,
illuminating yesterday's dust
on a familiar patch of floor.

~Eileen

Construction Project Next Door

For all my time here at Grace, the building next door was vacant and was just that to me, the empty building next door. But many of you remember our vacant neighbor as the Montgomery Ward Building. Well, work has begun in earnest this year to “repurpose” the former Montgomery Ward from a commercial building to a residential building. The new owners intend to keep the historic North Street façade and entrance. The original North Street upper floor windows will be removed, rebuilt and reinstalled.

The street level will be for retail stores and the upper floors for residential apartments. There will be a mix of 1 and 2 bedroom units. The conversion to residential use requires several modifications, including the addition of windows for the new 23 apartments being built. The wall facing our churchyard will need to have windows installed in it. An elevator is also being installed for movement from the first floor to the top floor.

The window installation requires the owner to access our churchyard to measure, install and seal the walls around the new windows. We have worked out an agreement with our neighbors to cover their use of our churchyard to complete their window renovations.

Workers have framed protective covers over our stained-glass windows and will soon assemble scaffolding. We anticipate the scaffolding, once erected, will remain in place until all the window installation work is completed. In the future, I hope to write about the progress of the work at various stages of its completion.
~Joe.



(There are more photographs on the next page)



In the photo above you can see the new elevator motor room on the roof of the Montgomery Ward building.

Photo right: The side of the building facing the James Street parking lot.



Photo above: Openings for the new windows on the wall facing our churchyard.

Photo right: Support framing for the protective window covers.





THE BISHOP OF NEW YORK

Bishop Heyd recently requested that Father Victor and the Wardens share this link to his Pastoral letter with you. So, here it is. Please [click this link](#) for the Bishop's letter. ~Joe

Join the Episcopal Church on Staten Island for a

QUEER BIBLE STUDY

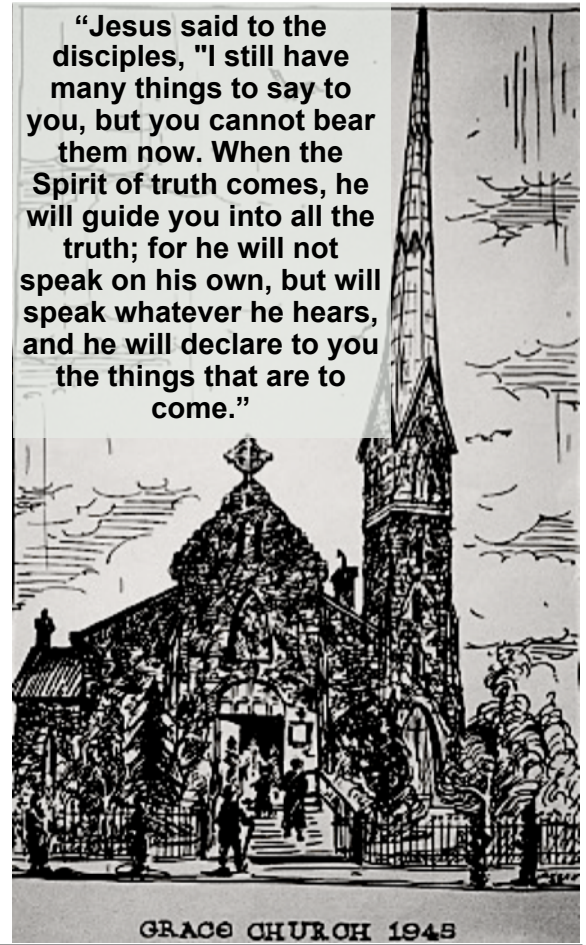
While many Christian denominations are characterized by an anti-LGBTQ+ stance, The Episcopal Church embraces a diversity of genders and sexualities.

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



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

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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)