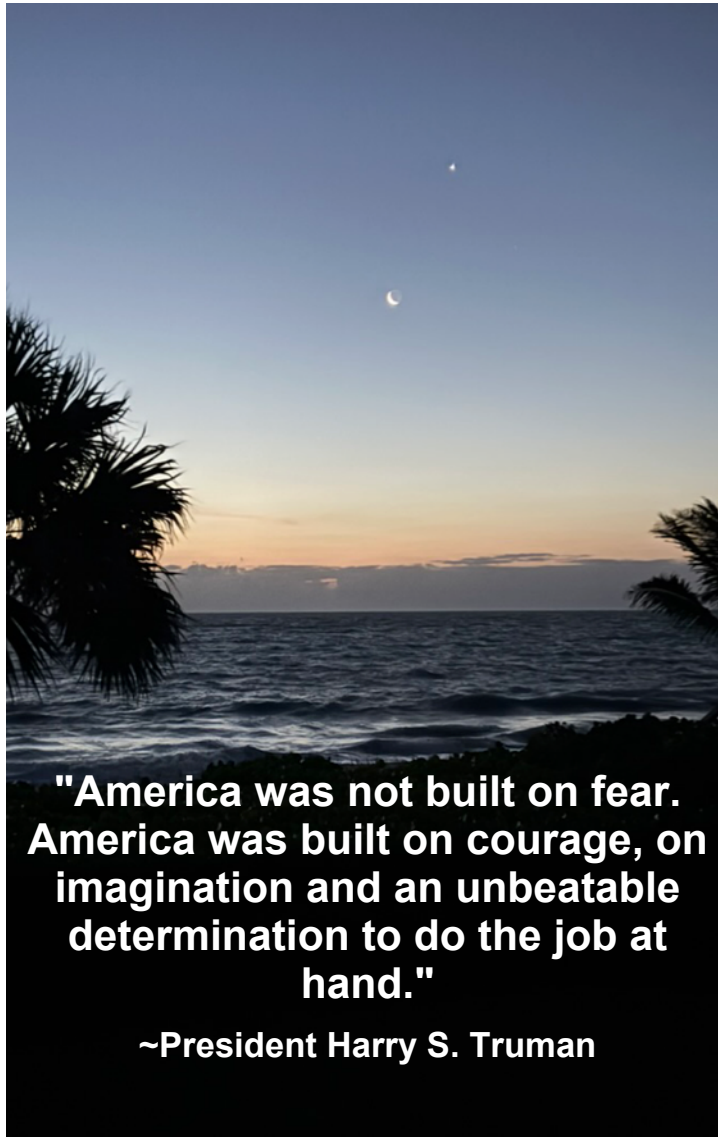




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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost July 6th (Rite II)



**"America was not built on fear.
America was built on courage, on
imagination and an unbeatable
determination to do the job at
hand."**

~President Harry S. Truman

**Sunday July 6th
9:30 AM**

Morning Prayer Rite II

Worship Leaders: Torry Guardino &
Claire Newquist

OT Lector: Rick Scott

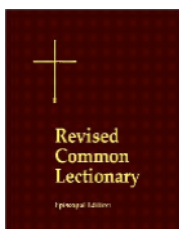
NT Lector: Phyllis Guardino

Ushers: Joe Barrett, Mark
Strunsky & 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



Friday July 4th	Happy Independence Day! Office Closed
Sunday July 6th	9:30 AM Morning Prayer (Rite II) while Father Vlc & Rhonda are away.
Wednesday July 9th	No Healing Mass while Fr. Victor is away.
Saturday July 12th	1:00 to 4:00 PM 3rd Annual Children's Funday
Sunday July 13th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)
Wednesday July 16th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday July 20th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)

The Photography Corner



This week's photograph of a waterfall in Pennsylvania was sent to us by Anthony Johnson. Thank you Anthony!

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.



From the Rector's Desk

Grace Parish has a long legacy of being a refuge and safe space for people to gather around Christ and support one another. One of the tools put together by the Episcopal Church that goes a long way in helping us maintain this tradition is called "Safe Church." The program has been mandated both by General Convention and our own Diocesan Conventions for both lay leadership and clergy in every parish. This includes committee chairs, Vestry members and

of course myself. Please allow me to use this space to remind those of us, who have not completed our training to finish our assigned modules. If you cannot locate your login credentials please contact Michelle Tubbs, she will get you back onto the website.

In the Peace of Christ,

Fr. Vic



June Birthdays

Last Sunday we celebrated our June birthdays who were well represented by Barbara Chumard. Happy Birthday Barbara!



Don Boyer has made this microphone instruction video for all lay readers and those who make announcements from the eagle:

<https://youtu.be/qZFyloQQOWQ>

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.**

**We meet in the produce aisle
by the piled peaches.
The ripe fruit in this season
catches my eye and I move closer.
She recognizes my face after forty-six
years;
after forty-six years I recognize her voice.
We were younger mothers all those years
ago,
sharing stories and worries and love-
although love was just a four letter word
focused mainly on the babies
we held in our arms, at our breasts.**

**Now we speak our names again,
speak of now grown children,
grandchildren,
speak of the weather. She smiles,
gathers her peaches, and moves on.
Now it is my time to pick the best fruit
to share all my love with all I love,
to make my way home
with ripe peaches and memories,
a new chapter in this never ending story.**

~Eileen



#OneSingleAct

On July 1st, the Episcopal Diocese of New York will launch #OneSingleAct, an online campaign co-presented with The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, Episcopal Charities, Episcopal Divinity School, and the Interfaith Center of New York.

The #OneSingleAct campaign invites every person to do a single act of care, courage, or connection - big or small - share it online - and invite one other person to do the same.

If you're in New York City, join us on the Cathedral steps at 11:00 am for the kickoff event, music, and community. But wherever you are in the world, watch this space to learn how you and your communities can be a part of this campaign.

One act. One post. One ripple. Together, we're building a culture of generosity and hope.

[Click here](#) to register



Grace Episcopal Church invites you to

Children's Funday

Games - Ice Cream - Snacks - Music - Prizes

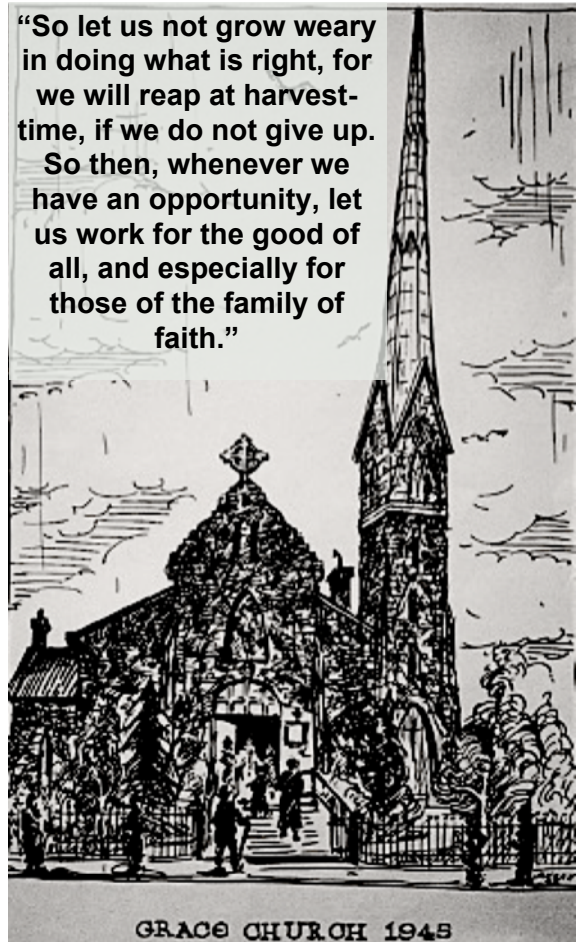
Saturday, July 12, 2025

1:00 - 4:00 pm

12 Depot Street, Middletown, NY 10940

Children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

No drop offs.



Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday August 17th 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 May 18, 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)