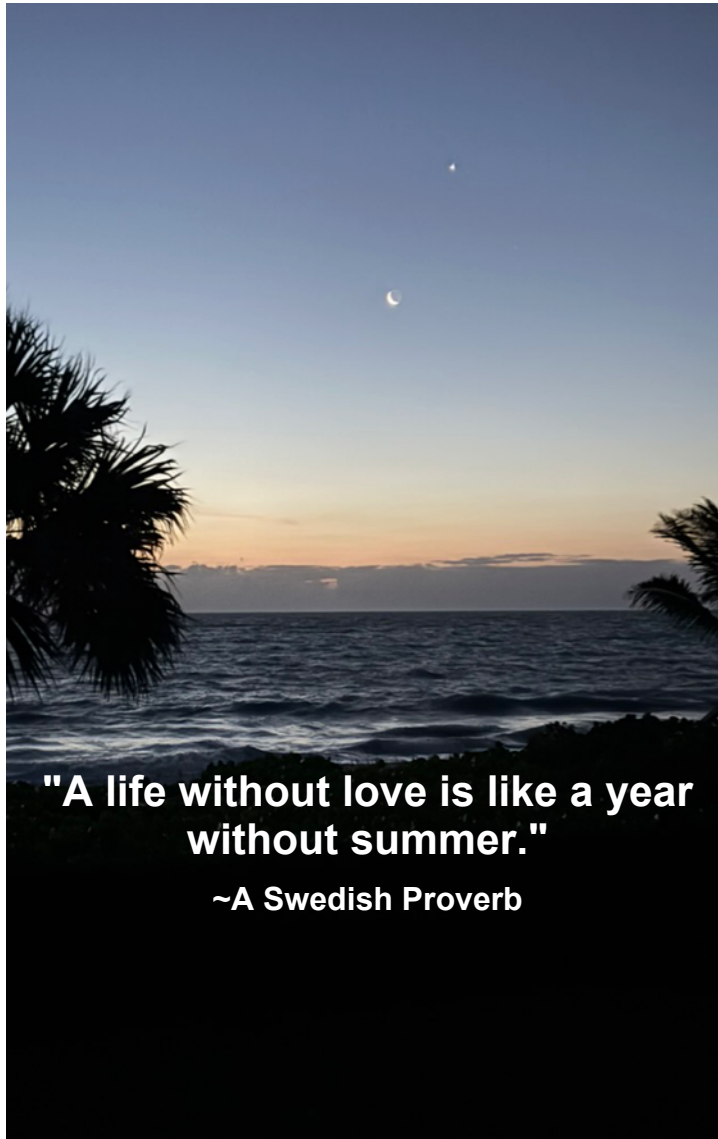




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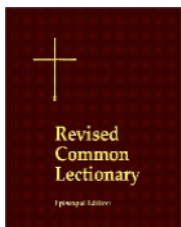
## *Fifth Sunday After Pentecost July 13th (Rite I)*



**"A life without love is like a year  
without summer."**

~A Swedish Proverb

Subdeacon/Chalice	Carla Boyer
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Thurifer	
Crucifer	
Acolyte	Allison McLean
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NT Lector	Claire Newquist
Intercessor	Mark Strunsky
Ushers	Mark Strunsky John Cusack
Use our audio mixer to listen to the 9:30 Sunday Mass live. <a href="#">Click Here</a>	
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For the Sunday prayer bulletin. <a href="#">Click Here</a>	



### 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

<b>Saturday July 12th</b>	<b>1:00 to 4:00 PM 3rd Annual Children's Funday</b>
<b>Sunday July 13th</b>	<b>9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)</b>
<b>Wednesday July 16th</b>	<b>10:00 AM Healing Mass</b>
<b>Sunday July 20th</b>	<b>9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)</b>
<b>Wednesday July 23rd</b>	<b>10:00 AM Healing Mass</b>
<b>Sunday July 27th</b>	<b>9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)</b>
<b>Wednesday July 30th</b>	<b>10:00 AM Healing Mass</b>
<b>Sunday August 3rd</b>	<b>9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)</b>

## The Photography Corner



Janet Cusack sent us this photograph taken in Maine on Mother's Day weekend. Thank you Janet!

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



1:00 - 4:00 pm

12 Depot Street, Middletown, NY 10940

Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

No drop offs.



Don Boyer has made this microphone instruction video for all lay readers and those who make announcements from the eagle: <https://youtu.be/qZFyloQQOWQ>



We are in need of some coffee hour supplies such as: small paper plates, coffee, napkins, plastic utensils etc. If you can help out, thank you!

## **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 New Year approached,**

**Normally a time to look**

**Forward.**

**Yet, with eyes looking ahead**

**I found my heart looking**

**Backward.**

**Thinking about time and**

**family long**

**Gone.**

**Wishing I could ask more**

**Questions, that I had more**

**Answers.**

**Longing to hug people**

**That no longer stand next to**

**Me.**

**Pleasant memories fixed**

**In the comfort of the**

**Past.**

**Painful events dulled**

**By the passage of**

**Time.**

**Solace found in the**

**Nostalgia of bygone**

**Days.**

**~Joe**



# **#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**





## **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.](#)

"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



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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

Analise Reed

Joseph Barrett

Mark Strunsky

Eileen Bloomer

Torry Guardino

David White (Student member of Vestry)