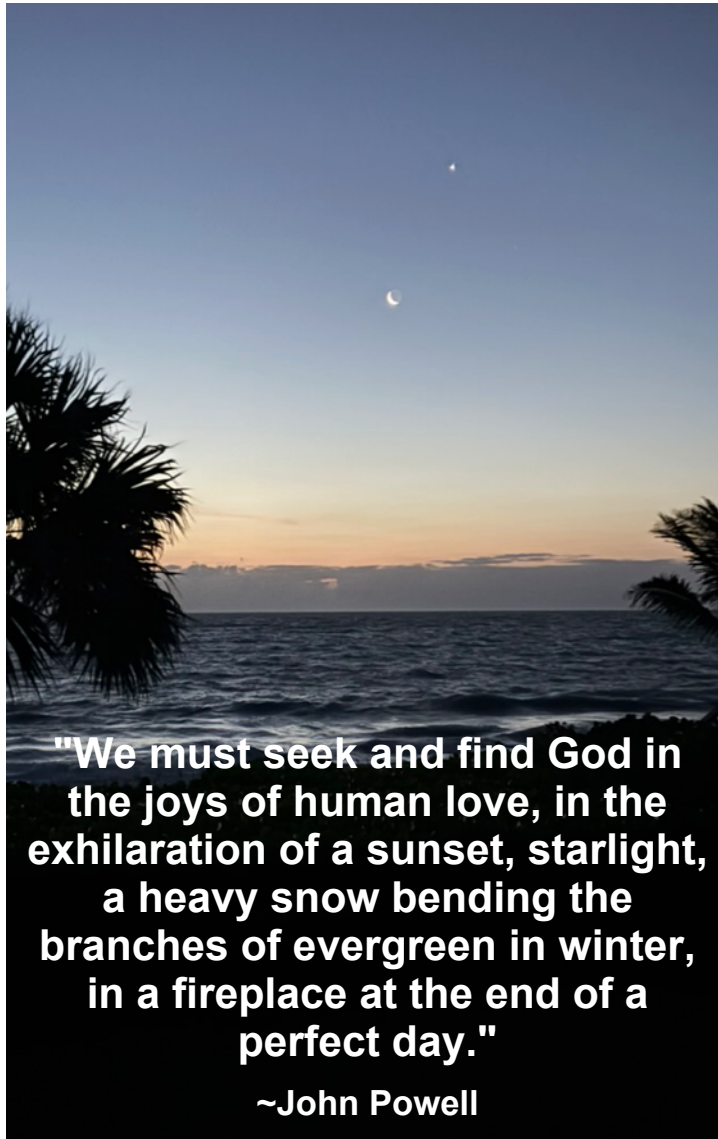




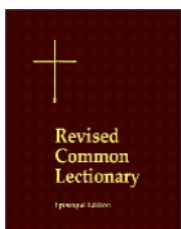
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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost July 20th (Rite II)



Subdeacon/Chalice	Marlene Presley
MC/2nd Chalice	Phyllis Guardino
Thurifer	
Crucifer	David Brokaw
Acolyte	Claire Newquists
Acolyte	Eileen Barrett
OT Lector	Torry Guardino
NT Lector	Rick Scott
Intercessor	Joseph Barrett
Ushers	Joseph Barrett Mark Strunsky Sue Scott
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 July 20th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)
Wednesday July 23rd	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday July 27th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)
Wednesday July 30th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday August 3rd	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)
Wednesday August 6th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday August 10th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)
Wednesday August 13th	10:00 AM Healing Mass

The Photography Corner



Claire Newquist sent us this photograph of a Spam vending machine taken while visiting Hawaii. Thank you Claire!

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.

Children's Fun Day

On Saturday, July 14th, Grace Church hosted its third annual Children's Fun Day in our beautiful churchyard. The event was sponsored by Allison McLean and her daughter, Erica Chambers, who provided the delicious food (burgers, hot dogs, ice cream and snacks) and drinks. Allison and Erica made sure that there were a variety of outdoor games for the kids to play, which will be available for use at future events. Anne Caldwell also brought in a variety of outdoor for games and toys for us to use.

This Fun Day was our most successful event to date. It was attended by 40 people. Nineteen were from our parish—9 adults and 5 children—and 21 were from outside the parish—15 adults and 6 children. These numbers include a number of parish members who helped to set up and clean up, supervise games and cook and serve the food. Many thanks to the Spisso Family for bringing their family and some friends and their kids.

Each year that we hold this event, we learn something new and get ideas about ways to make it better. One suggestion to think about for next year is to make this an event for the entire community. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please speak to Allison, Father Victor, John Cusack or Claire Newquist.



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.

Sun rises.	trusting the air, the light and the dark,
A breeze blows through the trees-	the rain that falls and will fall again.
I can see the wind.	(The wild things know the way.)
Flood watch today. Heat advisory.	Three small birds hurry through the empty sky,
For better or for worse,	and I wonder about joy and sorrow.
for this promise, I am here.	A distant mourning dove softly calls, unseen,
I sit and wait in a cooler corner	and I wonder about joy and sorrow.
of this morning, sit among all things	(The wild things know the way.)
growing and blooming;	
some I have planted, potted, and re-potted,	~Eileen
some I have placed in the ground,	



Thank-you Phyllis!

On Monday, July 7th, State Senator James Skoufis and some of his staff visited Grace Church to present a proclamation from the NYS Senate honoring Phyllis Guardino for her work with Grace Church and the Guild of St Margaret. Phyllis was accompanied by Torry when she received the framed proclamation. John Cusack, Carolanne Cusack and Claire Newquist were also able to be present to see Phyllis being honored. While Phyllis kept the original proclamation, Senator Skoufis' staff left a copy with Carolanne so that we can display it in the Soup Kitchen. Well done Phyllis!! And many thanks for John Cusack for working with Senator Skoufis' staff on this. ~Claire

Coffee Hour:



Thanks for the cookies, plates, napkins, coffee, and cutlery received for coffee hour. ~Allison

Children's Day:

To everyone who prayed, advertised, donated their time, or made a cash donation to the Children's Day, thank you. Forty people attended the event. In gratitude, Allison



Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday August 17th starting at 11:15 AM.

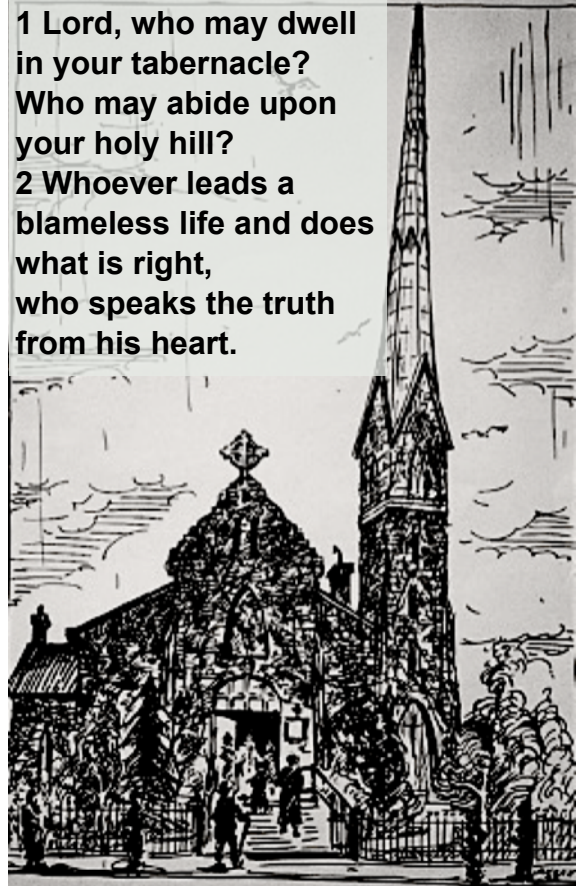
All are invited to attend!

[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.](#)

1 Lord, who may dwell
in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon
your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a
blameless life and does
what is right,
who speaks the truth
from his heart.



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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)