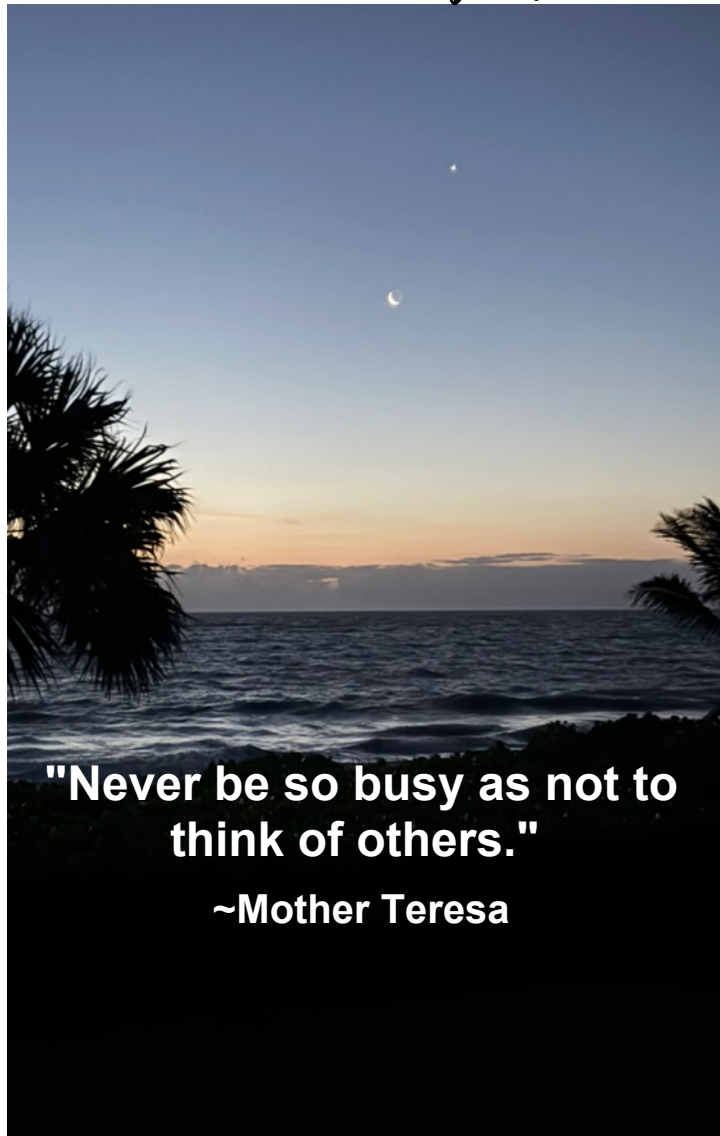




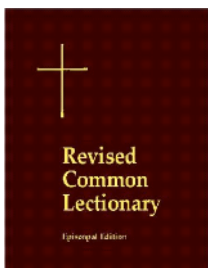
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## Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost August 24th (Rite I)



Subdeacon/Chalice	Janet Cusack
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Thurifer	
Crucifer	
Acolyte	Carla Boyer
Acolyte	
OT Lector	David Brokaw
NT Lector	Charlotte Durma
Intercessor	Mark Strunsky
Ushers	Mark Strunsky Sue Scott Volunteers
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To watch Sunday Mass on Facebook live. <a href="#">Click Here</a>	
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

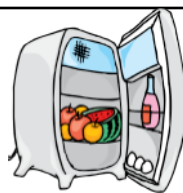
<b>Sunday August 24th</b>	<b>9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person &amp; on-line (Rite I)</b> <b>Parish cookout after Mass in our churchyard</b>
<b>Wednesday August 27th</b>	<b>10:00 AM Healing Mass</b>
<b>Sunday August 31st</b>	<b>9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person &amp; on-line (Rite II)</b>
<b>Monday September 1st</b>	<b>Labor Day Holiday - Office closed</b>
<b>Wednesday September 3rd</b>	<b>10:00 AM Healing Mass</b>
<b>Sunday September 7th</b>	<b>9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person &amp; on-line (Rite I)</b>
<b>Wednesday September 10th</b>	<b>10:00 AM Healing Mass</b>
<b>Sunday September 14th</b>	<b>9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person &amp; on-line (Rite II)</b>
<b>Wednesday September 17th</b>	<b>10:00 AM Healing Mass</b>

## The Photography Corner



Lorraine Witkowski shared this photograph of Topsail Beach, NC after a storm. Thank you Lorraine!

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.

Now when the light reappears	I keep turning pages, reading the sky,
and when the sky turns blue	watching the late summer blooms
I sit in the damp remains	open and close and fall to the ground.
of the unpredictable rain,	I'm still waiting for the red tomatoes,
the rain that came anyway,	those seedlings planted in time months ago
tears of last night's joy or sorrow.	not yet bearing the predicted fruit.
Now I see I've been standing on the edge	Here now I see I live in a green world,
forever, perhaps praying for rain,	green and growing in and out of time,
looking over my shoulder	always at the edge, out of my time.
to see where I have been,	~Eileen
to see where I am standing in time.	

## From The Rector's Desk



My dear Family in Christ,

As I write this my granddaughter Jana is beginning her first day of 4th grade. Although she has lamented the shortness of the summer break, I am confident it will be a good year for her.

Our school term in Middletown will begin shortly following the Labor Day holiday and it is time for us to once again bless backpacks, briefcases, etc. The last Sunday of this month, August 31st, seems the most appropriate time for us to share this

blessing with those who are heading back to school. It is also the date of our monthly birthday celebration, giving us much to celebrate.

Please bring school supplies for the coming term on Sunday August 31 so we can send our scholars to begin another year in prayer and blessing.

~Fr. Vic



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## Calling All Photographers!

Partners for Sacred Places is holding a national photo contest to shine a light on historic churches, synagogues, meetinghouses, temples, and mosques as civic spaces in their neighborhoods! The theme is “Third Place: Sacred Places Serving Their Neighborhoods.” Amateurs and professionals alike can enter their original photos, starting August 15. The categories are:

The Arts

Education and Service

Open Space

Community Events

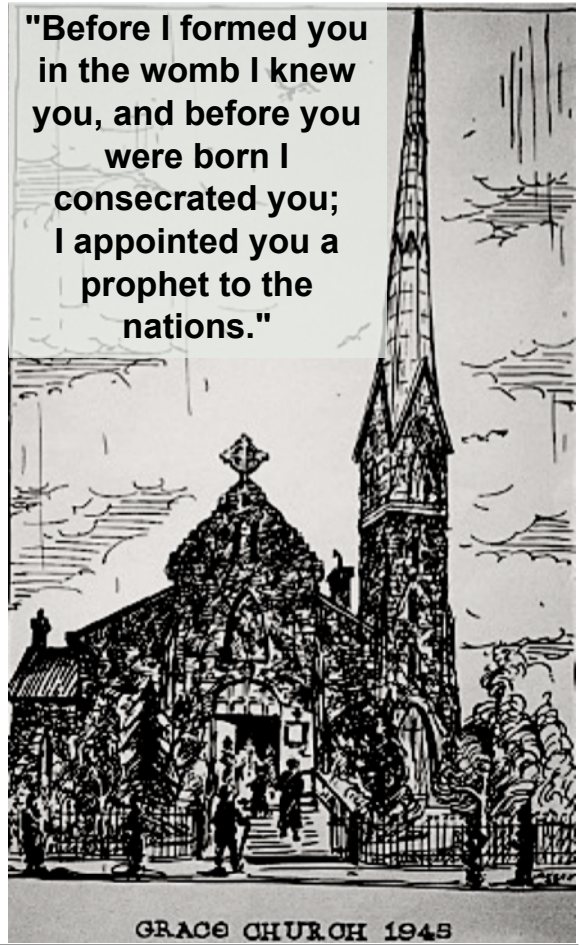
Learn more about prizes (up to \$500!) and how to submit on the contest website. The contest closes October 15. We cannot wait to see your work!

For more information email [photocontest@sacredplaces.org](mailto:photocontest@sacredplaces.org).



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### **Vestry News**

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday September 21st 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)