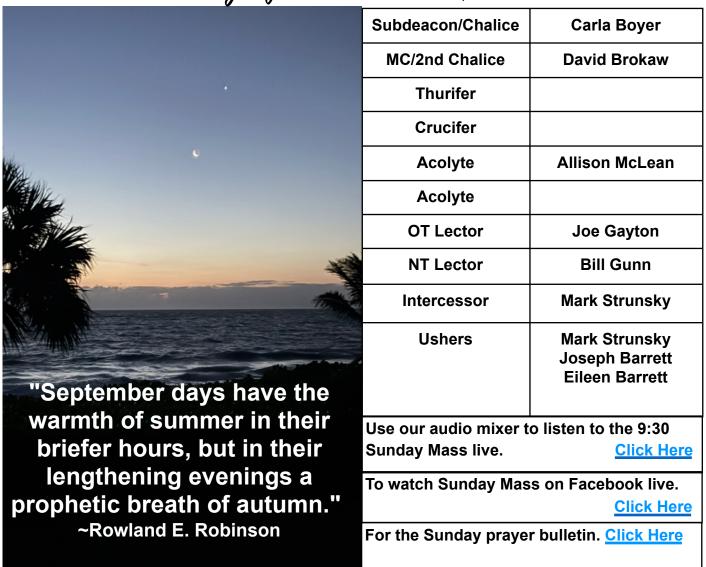
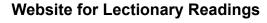
## The Epistle



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## Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 7th (Rite I)





The webpage is in calendar form - just click on the date and you will see the readings for that day.

Revised Common Lectionary

https://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/Calendar2025.html

## **Upcoming Events**

Sunday September 7th 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite I)

Wednesday September 10th 10:00 AM Healing Mass

Sunday September 14th 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite II)

**Blessing of the Rose Chasuble** 

Founders Day - Remembrance of Elisha Wheeler

Wednesday September 17th 10:00 AM Healing Mass

Sunday September 21st 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite I)

11:15 AM Monthly Vestry Meeting

Wednesday September 24th 10:00 AM Healing Mass

#### **The Photography Corner**



This week's photograph of a small camouflaged frog was sent to us by Lorraine Witkowski. 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.

He tells me that monarch butterflies that blooms now in this season,

only live for a few days, his voice this year, and I see

balancing on the edge of childhood that all I can do is love

and what may come next.

We watch the beautiful butterflies

dancing in the wind, circling all

that all I can do is love
who speaks and what balances
and what dances, what is

~Eileen

always circling here now.

#### **Upcoming Musical Offering**

Here's something to sing in the shower between now and September 14!

I have made a Youtube video demonstrating the new hymn we will sing on September 14 at Offertory, "There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place". Here is the link: <a href="https://youtu.be/klcCJ1PEVSM">https://youtu.be/klcCJ1PEVSM</a>

I'll be listening! Thanks. Don



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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!

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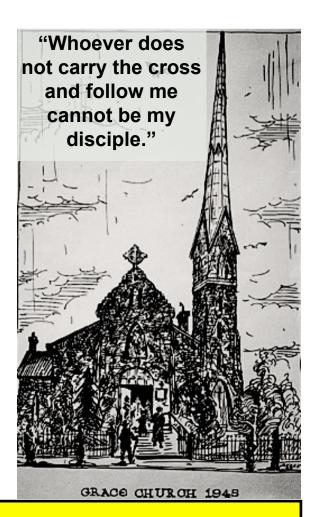
#### **Vestry News**

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday September 21st starting at 11:15 AM.

All are invited to attend!

<u>Click here to read the minutes of the</u> <u>June 22, 2025 Vestry meeting</u>

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

**David White (Student member of Vestry)** 

**Torry Guardino**