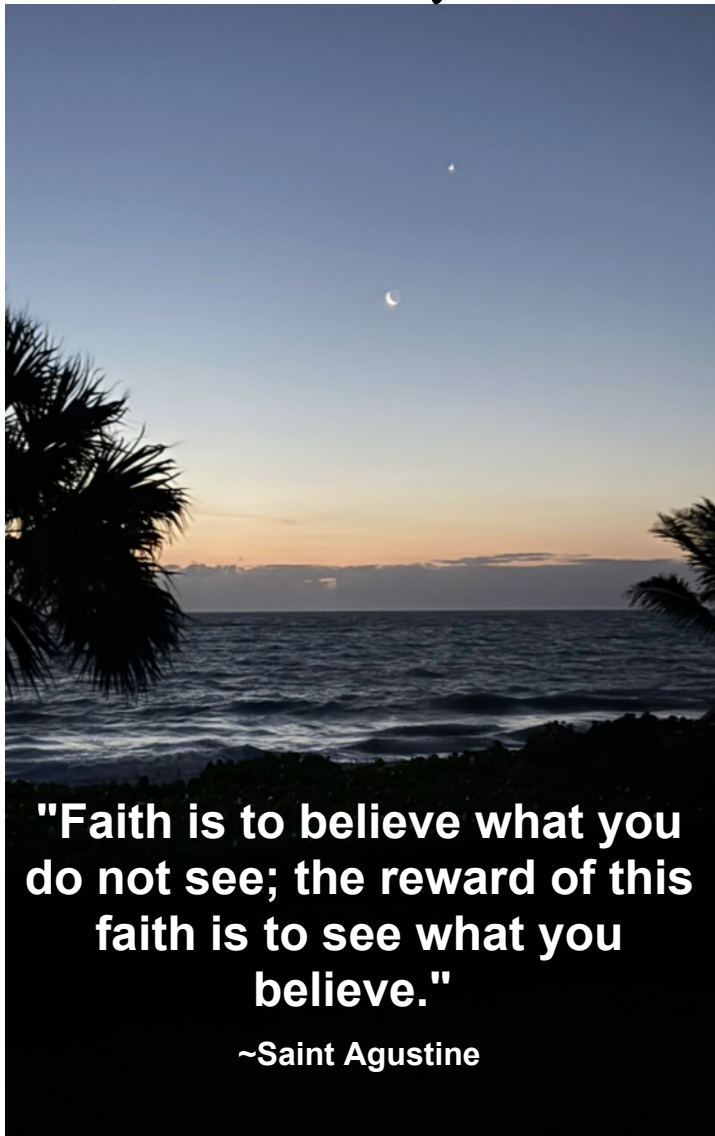




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Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 21st (Rite I)



**"Faith is to believe what you
do not see; the reward of this
faith is to see what you
believe."**

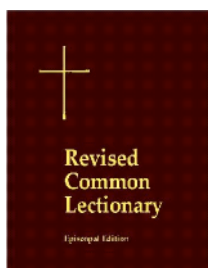
~Saint Augustine

Subdeacon/Chalice	Allison McLean
MC/2nd Chalice	Janet Cusack
Thurifer	
Crucifer	
Acolyte	Carla Boyer
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OT Lector	David Brokaw
NT Lector	Rick Scott
Intercessor	Mark Strunsky
Ushers	Joseph Barrett Eileen Barrett Mark Strunsky Volunteer

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>

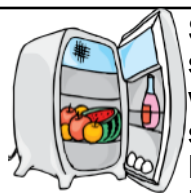
Upcoming Events

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
Sunday September 28th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite II)
Wednesday October 1st	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday October 5th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite I)

The Photography Corner



This week's photograph is of the
Topsail Island Bridge on Topsail
Island, NC and was taken by Lorraine
Witkowski. Thank you Lorraine!
And thank you to all who have sent us
photographs to share. ~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.**

Prayer is an open door.

Suddenly, a cacophonous chorus of birds

At the edge of a new day

draws me to the open door:

**a song suddenly comes through my open
door-**

Come and See.

someone walking past my house, singing

See the sunrise, the two blue jays

in their own key, leaving a wake of words.

perched in the branches of the growing tree

I cannot catch their meaning,

I planted so many years ago.

but I hear the flow of notes,

The birds fly away, the chorus is silent,

here and gone so quickly on this morning,

and in the rests of this wordless song

this day, this one day I worry

I come to see where all this goes,

**will quickly pass, and what have I
done**

standing at the open door.

~Eileen

that is good enough?

Missing

If you borrowed the hop scotch game that was in the board room (see photo), please return it, as it was purchased for Children's Day.

Thank you, Allison



Study Bible with:

The Rev and the Rav

REVERAND VICTOR SARRAZIN RABBI DAVID SISLEN



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FOR ITS INAUGURAL YEAR, REVERAND SARRAZIN AND RABBI SISLEN WILL TEACH AND MODERATE A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF AMOS. CLASSES WILL BE HELD ONLINE, AND THERE IS NO COST TO PARTICIPATE. TEXT WILL BE SHARED, BUT FEEL FREE TO USE YOUR OWN IF YOU DESIRE. CLASS DATES FOR '25-'26 ARE: OCTOBER 30, DECEMBER 18, FEBRUARY 26, APRIL 23, AND JUNE 18 AT 7PM.

TO REGISTER AND RECEIVE THE LINK, PLEASE CONTACT:

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"No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."



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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 June 22, 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)