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September 28th (Rite II) The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



“When you come to a fork in the road, take it.”

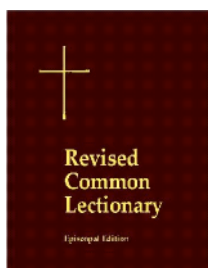
~Yogi Berra

Subdeacon/Chalice	David Brokaw
MC/2nd Chalice	Rick Scott
Thurifer	Claire Newquist
Crucifer	David White
Acolyte	Marlene Presley
Acolyte	Eileen Barrett
OT Lector	Janet Cusack
NT Lector	Charlotte Durma
Intercessor	Joseph Barrett
Ushers	Joseph Barrett Mark Strunsky Sue Scott 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

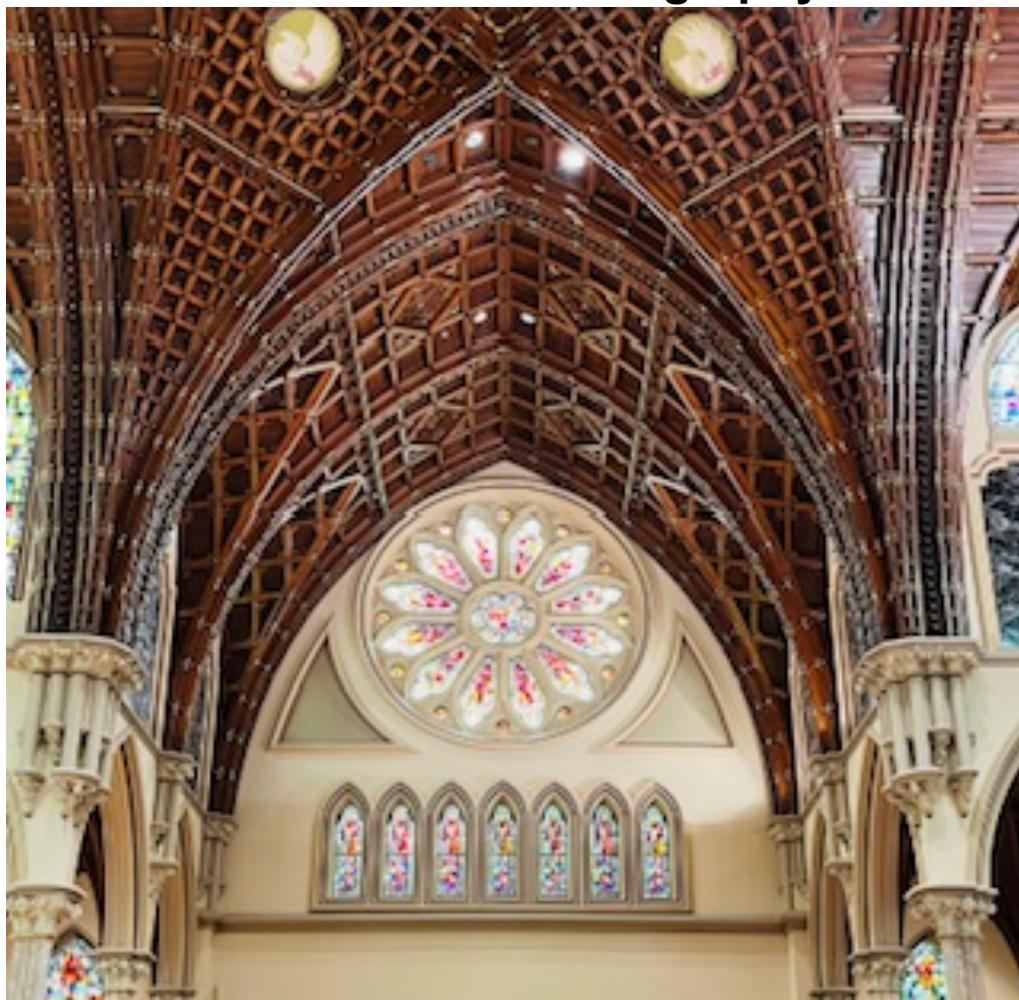
The webpage is in calendar form - just click on the date and you will see the readings for that day.

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

Upcoming Events

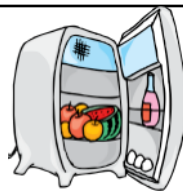
Sunday September 28th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite II)
Wednesday October 1st	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday October 5th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite I)
Wednesday October 8th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday October 12th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite II)
Monday October 13th	Columbus Day Holiday - Office closed
Wednesday October 15th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday October 19th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite I)
	11:15 AM Monthly Vestry Meeting in the Boardroom

The Photography Corner



This week's photograph from Father Victor is of the Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. The Cathedral is the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago, one of the largest Catholic dioceses in the United States and was built after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Thank you Father Vic!

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.**

A cloudy sky. A pale star.

One pale familiar star.

A way-finder.

My bright surprised face

reflected on dark glass

in a dark room before dawn.

Daylight tiptoeing in

with thoughts of rain.

A clear patch of horizon

framed by silhouettes

of still black trees

and distant gray clouds.

Shapeshifters.

I see from one new perspective

this morning. This morning

**Founder's Day Remembrance - flowers
were placed at the grave of Elisha and
Phoebe Wheeler. It was under the
leadership of Elisha that Grace
Episcopal Church was founded.**

I can't say, I can't know right now

where the trees end

and the cloudy sky begins,

even at the sharper edges.

Light and color come slowly,

whispering.

You have given me ears to hear

the silence and the whispers

as I sit with my memories

of a pale star, a bright face,

and the ever changing horizon.

~Eileen



Study Bible with:

The Rev and the Rav

REVERAND VICTOR SARRAZIN RABBI DAVID SISLEN



*This unique opportunity
will allow students from
different faiths to join
together as we explore
scripture as one!*

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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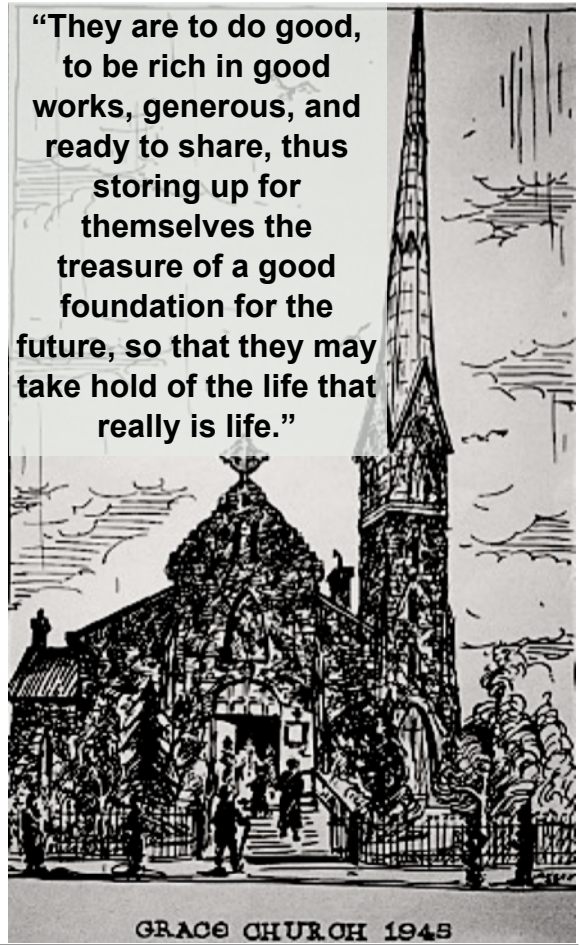


Sanctuary Legal Fund

This week, we announced a new Sanctuary Legal Fund to support immigrant families in our congregations and neighborhoods throughout the Diocese of New York. The Legal Fund will help those navigating immigration under urgent and vulnerable circumstances to access legal resources.

We're starting with a \$50,000 contribution from bishop's discretionary funds. Help us to match this amount to keep families together. With your support, we can do more so that no one faces the system alone.

Your contribution makes possible same-day response, family preparedness, limited-scope appearances, and urgent filings. You can contribute by [clicking here](#) and selecting 'Legal Fund' from the drop-down menu.



Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday October 19th 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)