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October 12th (Rite II) The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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MC/2nd Chalice	Torry Guardino
Thurifer	Claire Newquist
Crucifer	David Brokaw
Acolyte	Phyllis Guardino
Acolyte	David White
OT Lector	Joe Gayton
NT Lector	Bill Gunn
Intercessor	Mark Strunsky
Ushers	Sue Scott Rick Scott John Cusack Volunteer

Use our audio mixer to listen to the 9:30 Sunday Mass live. [Click Here](#)

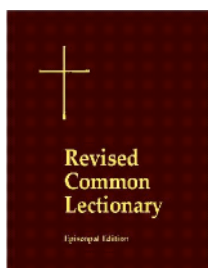
To watch Sunday Mass on Facebook live. [Click Here](#)

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 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)
	9:15 AM Church School begins!
	11:15 AM Monthly Vestry Meeting in the Boardroom
Wednesday October 22nd	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday October 26th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite II)
	Stewardship Sunday
Wednesday October 29th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Thursday October 30th	7:00 PM The Rev & Rav Bible Study
Sunday November 2nd	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite I)
Wednesday November 5th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday November 9th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite II)

The Photography Corner



This photograph was sent to us by Claire Newquist. This beautiful sunset was taken from Sunset Beach, up the east coast of Oahu. We can certainly understand how the beach got its name! Thank you Claire!

**Thank you to all who have sent us photographs to share.
~Joe**

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.

They said to him, "Rabbi, where are you staying?"

He said to them, Come and see." -John 1: 38-39

I stand at the edge of land and sea,
waiting for the exact minute the sun will
rise

over the blue water horizon.

But I can't know everything.

Still, I plan my days, I forget to pray

until the prayer finds me:

They said, (I say)

Rabbi, where are you staying?

Only come and see.

Three fluffy white feathers

blow across the brown sand

and land at my feet for just a moment.

Then I remember seeing the simple wooden
cross

standing in the dunes at this beach,

leaving me breathless, speechless.

Only come and see.

Then I remember three black birds

flying through the bluest sky,

remember hearing bells tolling the hour:

everything's fine- that I could tell.

(But sometimes I forget, so I keep walking.)

Then I remember the music,

the men in black playing under the bluest
sky:

trumpet, tuba, saxophone, slide trombone,

and the drums, the beat, the heartbeat
under all,

playing as if their bodies were the very
notes

singing in the open air. People gathered

and smiled to hear the music, to dance,

and to remember something and
everything,

the gift of come and see.

~Eileen



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.

**And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...”
Luke 1:46-47, NRSV**

My Dear Friends,

As Christians we are story tellers. We have an ancient narrative, one that describes the beginning of time and the relationship between God and Ourselves and all of God’s Creation. We see this story grow through the prophetic tradition until our story recounts the life and gifts of the Son of God. But the story doesn’t end with the Resurrection just as it did not end with the Cross, it continues on, empowered by the presence of the Holy Spirit, in each of us today as we encounter and are transformed by the Good News.

Luke’s Gospel is bookended by the animated story-telling of two women named Mary. Early in the Gospel, Mary the mother of Jesus, tells us of her encounter with the Divine who informs her that she will bear a child who will change the world. She proclaims her joy: “Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!” At the end of the Gospel, another Mary, Mary Magdalene, visits the tomb to discover it empty and receives instructions from the Risen Christ to go tell the others. She carries this Good News with jubilation to the Disciples.

What is your Good News; the idea, dream, challenge placed in your heart by God, that needs to be shared? What is the ministry to which you are called which will change the world, sharing your talents, gifts, and love with your neighbors?

Our Stewardship Campaign this year focuses on these stories – the ones inside you, the ones you are still writing, the ones we tell about those who have gone before us. We are all a part of this ongoing narrative – the ongoing Creation. As you pray about how you will share your gifts with us this year, think about how God is calling you to tell out your soul, to spread the Good News far and wide. Hear the stories that we share weekly throughout the campaign that relate the creative spark in us with the ways in which we are called to serve God and love our neighbor.

Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!

Fr. Vic



Church School

We are excited to announce that Church School will begin on Sunday, October 19th. Please bring children who will be attending, to the board room at 9:15 am . ~Allison

2025 Holiday Fair Is Fast Approaching

Let's start talking. Talking about what you may ask. We say talking about our 2025 Holiday Fair. This year's Holiday Fair will take place on Saturday, November 22nd from 9 am to 3 pm in our church and parish house. The fair will feature local vendors, a bake sale, a raffle offering five exciting prizes, a 50/50 drawing, fabulous gift baskets and a delicious Fish & Chips luncheon. Once again, Grace Church will be participating with two Goshen churches on a Holiday Fair Trail.

We need your help in getting the word out about this event. The more people to come to our Fair, the more profitable it will be. Each year, the monies raised at our Fundraising events are an important source of income for our annual parish budget.

Flyers will be available at church starting on Sunday, October 12th for you take. Please post them wherever you are able. A link to the flyer can be found at the bottom of this article so that you can make copies for yourselves.

Talk to your friends and neighbors and invite them to come to the Fair. Let them know about the exciting offerings. Tell them about our delicious Fish & Chips luncheon.

If you have any questions or suggestions about ways we can get the word out about the Fair, please see one of us. We need your help and support and ideas!

The Fundraising Committee: Mark Strunsky, Anne Caldwell, David White, Barbara Chumard, Sue Scott and Claire Newquist

To view and/or print out a copy of the Holiday Fair flyer, please [CLICK HERE](#)

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:

RABBI SISLEN:
RABBI@TEMPLESINAIMIDDLETOWN.COM

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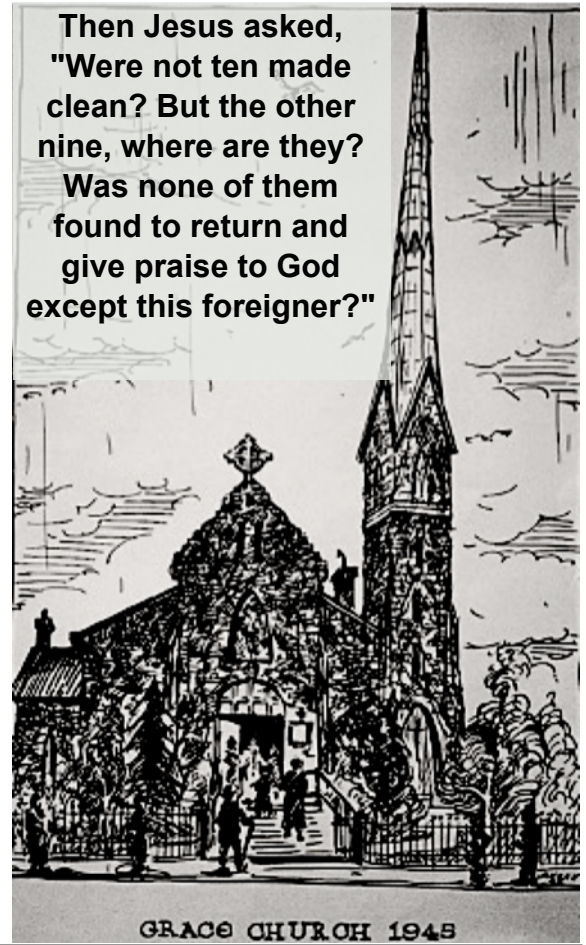


Vestry News

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 August 17, 2025 Vestry meeting.](#)



Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

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)