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October 26th (Rite II) The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



"Autumn is the mellower season, and what we lose in flowers we more than gain in fruits."

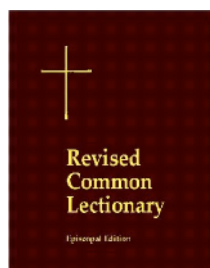
~Samuel Butler

Subdeacon/Chalice	Rick Scott
MC/2nd Chalice	Phyllis Guardino
Thurifer	David Brokaw
Crucifer	Savannah Spisso
Acolyte	David White
Acolyte	Lucas Spisso
OT Lector	Charlotte Durma
NT Lector	Mark Strunsky
Intercessor	Joseph Barrett
Ushers	Joseph Barrett Eileen Barrett John Cusack Sue Scott

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>

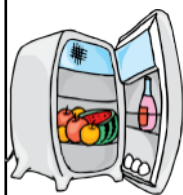
Upcoming Events

Sunday October 26th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite II) Stewardship Sunday Celebration of October Birthdays
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) Remembrance Sunday First Day of Sunday School
Tuesday November 4th	Election Day
Wednesday November 5th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday November 9th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite II)
Tuesday November 11th	Veteran's Day Holiday - Office closed
Saturday November 15th	249th Diocesan Convention 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Touro College Health Fair at Grace
Sunday November 16th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite I)

The Photography Corner

Loch Ness, one of the largest lakes in Scotland and home to Nessie the Monster, sits south of the Scottish Highlands city of Inverness.

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.**

This question again:	for just one breath. And then I open my eyes
What do you want me to do for you?	to see the orange flame heart
I quickly pencil my answer, faint words on lined paper:	of a distant hot air balloon
Healing! This body, this pain, this not knowing.	floating through that sky,
I move from chair to chair, place to place,	the quiet curve of its colors
trying to find my way, a way,	reflecting the golden sunrise
my own path, away.	through the gathering clouds.
A question:	And now, a gray sky.
Can I walk in the dark slowly,	A second balloon travels another darker way,
looking into the shadows to find some light?	its gray shape floating to the horizon.
At dawn I pause to see	I drop my pencil, turn the page,
a moment of rosy sky passing by	and hold all questions in the Light.
	~Eileen

All Saints Day

This year we will again remember those members of our parish family and other family and friends who passed away over the past year as a part of our All Saints Day Service on Sunday, November 2, 2025. You may also wish to remember individuals who passed away at an earlier time. Parishioners are invited to bring in photographs or other small mementoes which will be placed on the side altar and blessed during the service. These will be returned after the service. Items may be brought in either before November 2nd or on the 2nd prior to the 9:30 am service.

Services were held for Daniel Bornander, Joseph Peter Mathews, Margarita Ostergaard and Jeanne Goggins since our last Remembrance Sunday. In addition, parishioners Eleonore Scott and her husband William and Walter Blampied passed onto larger life. If we have omitted members of our parish family who died since our last All Saints Day service (11/3/2024), please let either Father Victor or Claire Newquist know so that we can include them.

This is a time for us to remember and give thanks for all the saints who have been a part of our lives. ~Claire

Stewardship Sunday

As we enter this time of reflection, we are reminded of the many ways our parish sustains and strengthens us. In worship, we find comfort; in service, we find purpose; and in fellowship, we share in the living presence of Christ.

His presence is made manifest in the ministries that define us as a church. Our soup kitchen and food pantry work to provide nourishment and compassion to our neighbors most in need. The choir fills our church with music that draws us to worship. The revival of our Sunday school promises to bring renewed energy as children learn and grow in faith.

These ministries are not simply programs; they are living expressions of love - gifts of time, talent, and treasure that each of you offers. Whether serving a meal, singing a hymn, teaching a lesson, or making a pledge, your generosity is an expression of God's grace.

As we look ahead, we invite you to prayerfully consider your stewardship for the coming year. Your commitment sustains our shared life, supports those we serve, and ensures that our church remains a place where all are welcomed and inspired.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

~John Cusack and Claire Newquist

Licorice Fundraiser Wrap-up

Last Sunday marked the final day of our licorice sale fundraiser, and what a productive affair that was! We wound up selling 66 bags of licorice (!), and our share of the proceeds amounted to \$396. Many thanks to everyone who purchased some and / or joined our roaming sales force. By the way, in case you're wondering which variety was most popular... red!

~Your Fundraising Committee

Needlepoint

There is an old saying that a new broom sweeps clean. This is certainly true in the Guild of St Margaret's Director's Office. Our new Director, Carolanne Cusack, has been busily cleaning and organizing the office to work for her. In doing so, she has discovered a number of treasures. Among these are two partially completed needlepoint works. We're not exactly sure what they are, but think they might be for special kneelers. There is some yarn with them.

If you have any information about these, we would love to hear from you. I know that a number of Grace Church parishioners were involved in completing the kneeler that we currently use at the Communion rail. Perhaps these were part of that project that did not get finished. Also, if you are interested in working on completing one, or both of these, please let me know by calling me at 845-344-7885 or emailing me at cnewquist@frontiernet.net ~Claire Newquist

2025 Holiday Fair

The tickets for our 2025 Holiday Fair are ready and waiting—waiting to be picked up and waiting to be sold. You may ask, “What are this year’s raffle prizes?”. Once again, we have five wonderful prizes.*

A Designer Handbag

A \$200 Cash Prize

Gift Cards to Local Restaurants

Gift Cards to Local Grocery Stores

Gift Cards to Local Pizzerias

*All prizes will have a cash value of at least \$150.00

Each of you can pick up your raffle tickets at church. If you are not at Church on 10/26 or 11/2, we will mail the tickets to you. The raffle tickets are in books of 6. The cost is \$10 for 6 tickets (1 book) or \$2 per ticket. We ask that you sell (or buy yourself) the two ticket books. If you need more tickets to sell, please see one of the Fundraising Committee members. We ask that you return your tickets to us as soon as possible, but no later than 9 am on Saturday, November 22nd (the day of the Fair).

If, by some fluke, you are not able to sell your tickets, please return any unsold tickets to the office by the 9 AM on Saturday, November 22nd.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of our fundraising efforts.

The Fundraising Committee: Mark, Anne, David, Barbara, Charlotte, Sue and Claire

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:

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RABBI@TEMPLESINAIMIDDLETOWN.COM

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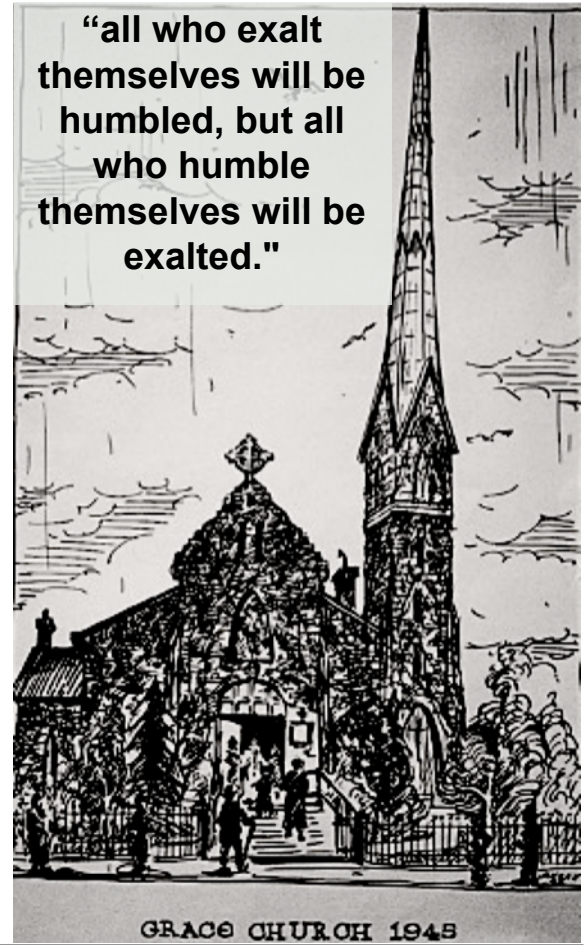
Grace Calendar

Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday November 16th starting at 11:15 AM.
All are invited to attend!

[Click here to read the minutes of the September 21, 2025 Vestry meeting.](#)

[Click here to read the minutes of the August 17, 2025 Vestry meeting.](#)



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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)