

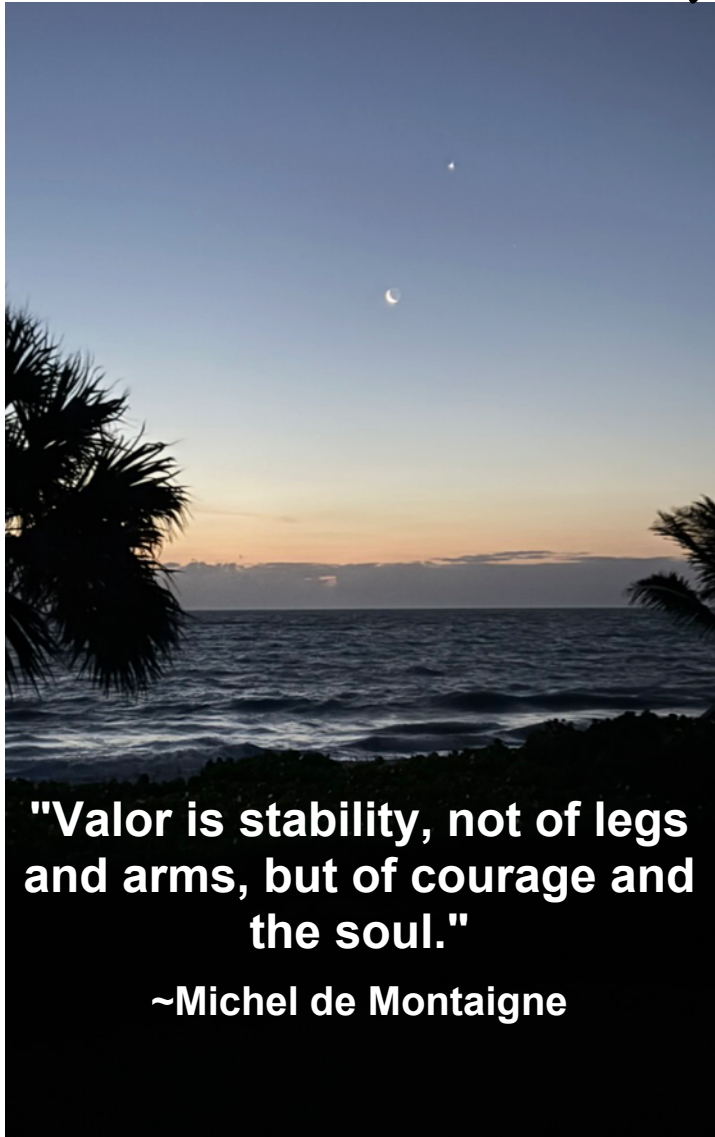
The Epistle



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November 9th (Rite II) The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost



**"Valor is stability, not of legs
and arms, but of courage and
the soul."**

~Michel de Montaigne

Subdeacon/Chalice	Phyllis Guardino
MC/2nd Chalice	Claire Newquist
Thurifer	Torry Guardino
Crucifer	David White
Acolyte	Marlene Presley
Acolyte	Rick Scott
OT Lector	David Brokaw
NT Lector	Connie Herm
Intercessor	Mark Strunsky
Ushers	John Cusack Sue Scott Volunteers

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

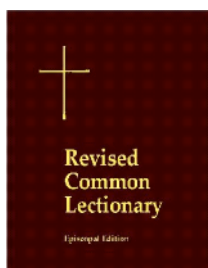
To watch Sunday Mass on Facebook live.
[Click Here](#)

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>



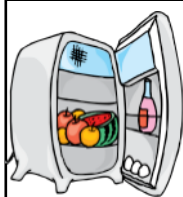
Upcoming Events

Sunday 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
Sunday November 16th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite I)
	11:15 Monthly Vestry Meeting
Wednesday November 19th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Saturday November 22nd	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Grace Holiday Fair, Bake Sale and Fish & Chips Luncheon
Sunday November 23rd	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person & on-line (Rite II)
Wednesday November 26th	No Healing Mass
Thursday November 27th	Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed.
Sunday November 30th	9:30 AM Morning Prayer (Rite I)

The Photography Corner

This week's photograph of the garden at Warwick Valley Winery was taken by Father Vic. Thank you Father Victor!

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.

**I found some words in the dark, eyes
closed,
then the rain washed words and thoughts
away.**

**I hear the rain, the wind chimes
singing outside the door,
the creaks and shifts of an old house,
an old body. I try to follow the words
down a dark muddy mind path.**

**I listen to rain and wind songs;
I hear the heat in an old house
whispering this cold wet morning.**

**And then one word lingers
in a corner of my mind
and silently turns back: Rain.
People are drowning and dying**

**and surviving in wind and rain,
in the hurricane half a world away,
yesterday and today and tomorrow,
losing all their words and their world.
Today I see countless tears of raindrops
on my window screen;
I watch the blood-red leaves
tremble outside my closed window.
Today my feet will get wet.
Today I will recall the words
of the man half a world away
saying, "There is nothing left
for us to do but die."
Today I will remember.
Today I will listen.
~Eileen**

Help Needed

Many of you have already heard that our fellow parishioner, Edna Brooks, is from Jamaica. She has a home there, or at least she did, and a large family living there. Edna's home and those of many of her family members and friends have been destroyed or seriously damaged by hurricane Melissa. With the damage to the roads and the infrastructure, some places are unreachable. As part of her parish family, we would like to offer Edna and her family and friends some assistance. If you would be interested in making a contribution to help, please let Father Victor, Joe Barrett or Claire Newquist know. Please make checks out to Grace Church with either Edna Brooks or Jamaica in the memo line. We also ask that you remember Edna, her family and all those in Jamaica in your prayers. Thank you. Joe & Claire

Happy Veteran's Day To Our Grace Church Veterans



SSgt Michael Edwards
US Air Force
1951 to 1955
Requiesce in pace



PFC Douglas Porto
US Army
1952 to 1953
Requiesce in pace



Spec 4 Earl Demberg
US Army
1953 to 1956



SSgt Louis Barbone
US Marine Corps
1953 to 1958



PFC Karol Bailey
US Army
1954 to 1956
Requiesce in pace



Sgt Kenneth Carpenter
US Marine Corps
1955 to 1959



Cpl Fred Startup
US Army
1956 to 1958



Spec 5 Darrell Callahan
PA National Guard
1957 to 1963



Sgt Robert Smith
NJ & PA National Guard
1957 to 1963
Requiesce in pace



A1C Robert Warner
US Air Force
1959 to 1965



Capt Carole Muller
US Air Force
1962 to 1969



SSgt David Brokaw
US Air Force
1965 to 1969

Happy Veteran's Day To Our Grace Church Veterans



A1C Rick Scott
US Air Force
1966 to 1970



Sgt Thomas Mollicone
US Air Force
1966 to 1970
Requiesce in pace



HM2 Louis Morse
US Navy
1971 to 1973



Sgt Joseph Barrett
US Marine Corps
1974 to 1978



PFC Michael DeNisco
US Army
1976 to 1978



Sgt David Catizone
US Marine Corps
1979 to 1983



SSgt Robert Newquist
US Marine Corps
2006 - Present



Lt Kyle Lux
US Navy
2014 to 2021

In Flanders Fields BY JOHN MCCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

2025 Holiday Fair

As most of you know, we recently had a flood in our basement and there is work which needs to be done over the next few weeks to remediate any mold or other issues. The basement is where Sue and Claire have been storing the items which they gather throughout the year to make the gift baskets which are sold at our annual Holiday Fair. We are pleased to report that they have been able to clean and save many items.

There are, however, a number of items which are still needed. Several people have already made generous monetary donations which will help, but would appreciate additional assistance. Many stores are already displaying their Christmas/Winter stock of items like Santas, Snowmen, Reindeers, Small Sleighs and Christmas Trees. They are also in need of mugs, both in solid colors, especially green or red, and Christmas or winter themed ones. Holiday signs and napkins are also needed. Last, but definitely not least, individual packages of cocoa, tea or coffee are always used. If you have a question whether something that you have seen would be of use, give one of them a call. The gift baskets are one of the unique features of Grace Church's Holiday Fair. There are people who come each year to Christmas shop the baskets, so we want to make certain that we have sufficient stock to meet their needs.

In addition to items for our gift baskets, we hope that you will consider donating a gift card for Grace Church's Holiday Fair Trail tree, which is one of the prizes offered to someone who has visited all three churches on this year's trail. We need ten gift cards in \$10 denominations to places like Dunkin' Donuts or Starbucks or Amazon, etc.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support,.

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

Thanksgiving Dinner needs

I know that we are just entering November, but it is not too early to start thinking about Thanksgiving, and that is what Cyndi Franchio has been doing for the past several weeks. Many of you know that Cyndi has been coordinating our Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for close to 20 years.

For many of these years, a local church donated the turkeys that Cyndi's volunteers cooked and served. This year that church is unable to donate the turkeys. In addition, Cyndi is also in need of pies for desert for the Thanksgiving meal.

Cyndi has asked that we ask our parishioners to consider donating a turkey and/or a pie. If you are donating a turkey—frozen please—please bring it to church by Sunday, November 16th. If you are donating a pie—store bought only—Cyndi needs them by Sunday, November 23rd.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, that would also be much appreciated. \$25 should pay for a turkey and \$10-12 for a pie. Cash donations should be in an envelope with your name and "GSM Thanksgiving Meal" on it. Checks may be made out to the Guild of St Margaret, with Thanksgiving Meal in the memo line. These donations can be given to Carolanne Cusack at the GSM office, Monday-Friday from 9 am to 3 pm or to John Cusack or Claire Newquist at church. We appreciate any monetary donations by Sunday November 16th so that Cyndi can plan appropriately for the Thanksgiving meal.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Guild of St Margaret. ~Claire



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.](#)

“give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation”



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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)