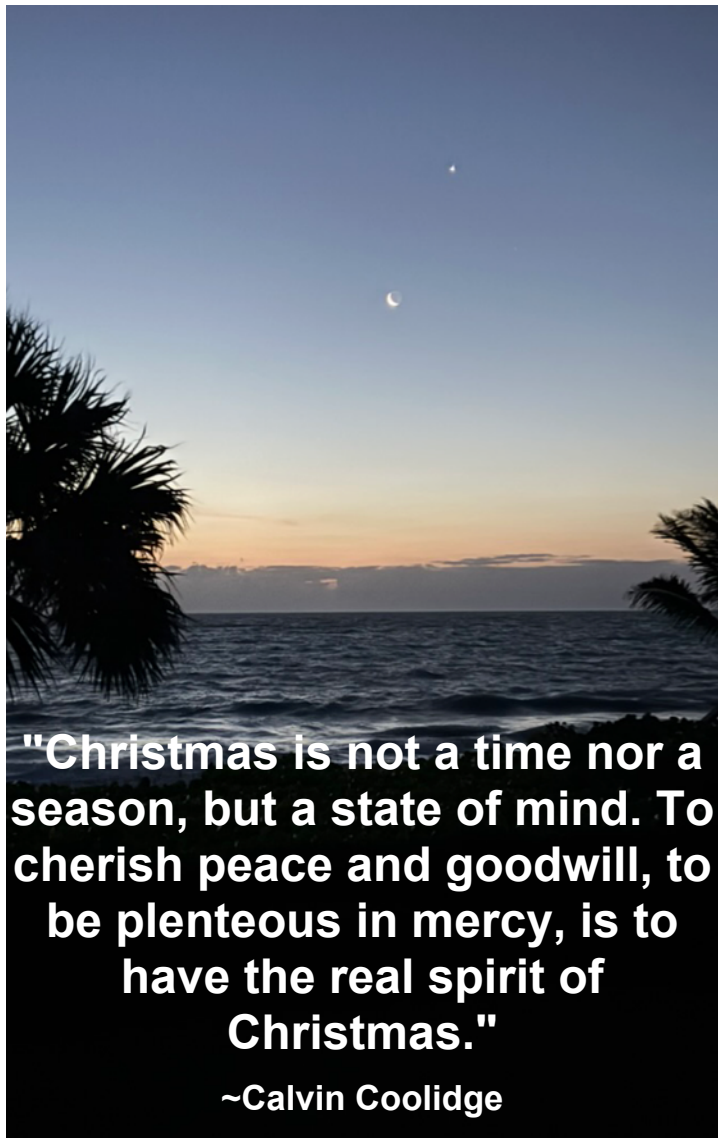




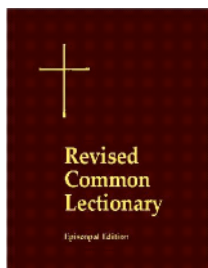
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December 28th (Rite I) The First Sunday after Christmas



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MC/2nd Chalice	Claire Newquist
Thurifer	
Crucifer	
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OT Lector	Lorraine Witkowski
NT Lector	Lourdes Cruz
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	
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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 December 28th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)
Wednesday December 31st	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Thursday January 1st	Happy 2026! Office Closed.
Sunday January 4th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)
Wednesday January 7th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday January 11th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)
	3:00 PM St. James Church in Goshen - Benefit Concert for Habitat for Humanity featuring the Grace Church Choir
Wednesday January 14th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday January 18th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)
Monday January 19th	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - Office Closed

The Photography Corner



This week's photograph was sent to us by Lorraine Witkowski. Besides the vivid red colors of the changing leaves, the tree's resemblance to a question mark (?) caught her eye.

Thank you, Lorraine!

Thank you to all who have sent us photographs to share. I need some more pictures if you'd like to send some. So, break out those cameras! ~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.

At the crossroads

say;

I watched the wind dance a circle,

I say so many words that I cannot know.

**skipping through dry, brown leaves. I
think:**

I forget and then I remember

the circle dance of the wind,

This is the shape of the wind!

all that I can see now.

**Before dawn I see a dark and darker
sky,**

So I come with plans and

yet I know the light is returning

expectations and hopes and

while I wait in darkness. Now

fears and questions and

I am thinking of Great Love

everything, every thing, now.

and lost pencils. I read the words,

Now, I am found at the edges.

Love one another,

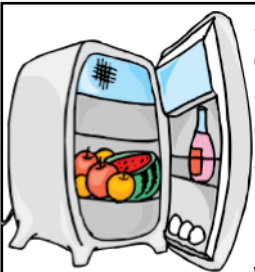
Now, I am found in the middle.

**and I wonder about the shape of all
words.**

Now, I am learning to dance.

~Eileen

The little ones know more than they can



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.

Children's Christmas Pageant

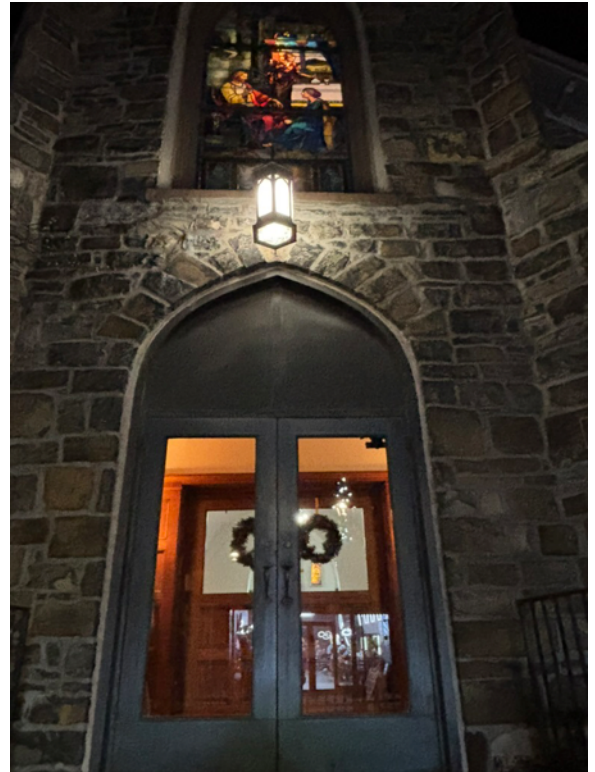


Last Sunday the children's Christmas Pageant was held during the Sunday Eucharist. Thank you to all the children and to everybody who worked so hard to present a wonderful pageant.



Photo left: Sunday, December 21st, was the final Sunday of Advent. After mass, the acolytes extinguish the flames of the 4 Advent Candles.

Photo right and below are from the Christmas Eve Mass.





TWELFTH NIGHT

CHORAL CONCERT

HUDSON VALLEY CHOIRS

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th 2026

3PM

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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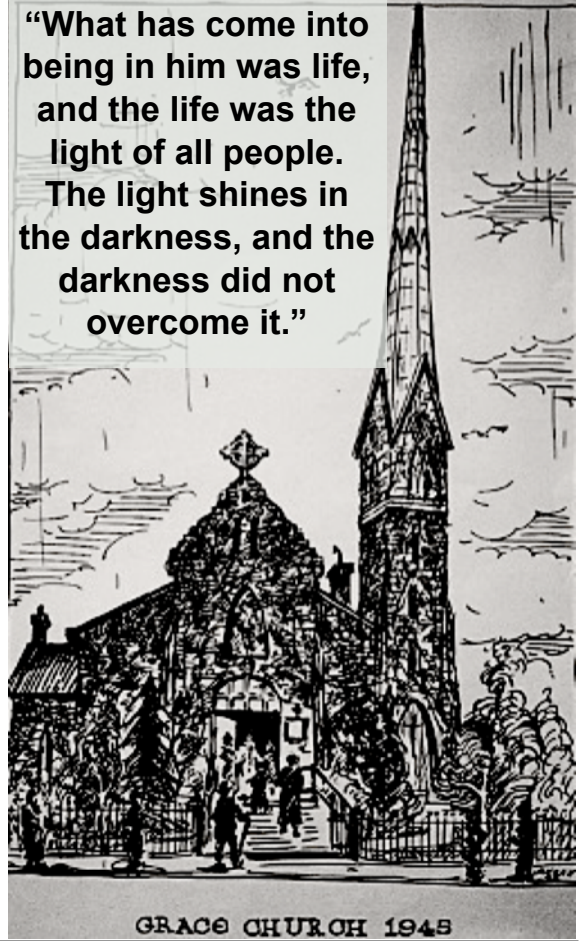
Grace Calendar

Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday January 18th starting at 11:15 AM.
All are invited to attend!

[Click here to read the minutes of the November 16, 2025 Vestry meeting.](#)

[Click here to read the minutes of the October 19, 2025 Vestry meeting.](#)



“What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

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)