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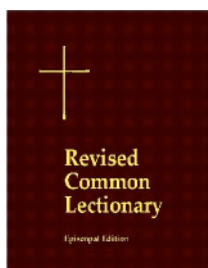
January 4th (Rite II) The Second Sunday after Christmas



**"The best way to spread
Christmas cheer is singing
loud for all to hear."**

~Elf (2003)

Subdeacon/Chalice	Phyllis Guardino
MC/2nd Chalice	Torry Guardino
Thurifer	David Brokaw
Crucifer	Rick Scott
Acolyte	Marlene Presley
Acolyte	Eileen Barrett
OT Lector	Joe Gayton
NT Lector	Bill Gunn
Intercessor	Joseph Barrett
Ushers	Joseph Barrett Mark Strunsky 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/Calendar2026.html>

Upcoming Events

Happy New Year!

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)
	11:15 AM Monthly Vestry Meeting
Monday January 19th	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - Office Closed
Wednesday January 21st	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday January 25th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)

The Photography Corner



I took this photograph of Loch Broom, a sea loch on the northwestern coast of Scotland, this past summer. Loch Broom (Loch a'Bhraoin in Scottish Gaelic meaning "the lake of drizzling rain"), opens into a strait of the northern Atlantic Ocean. Ullapool, a scenic village in the Scottish Highlands, sits on its eastern shore.

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

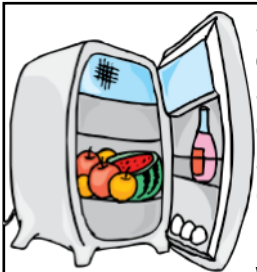
This week's poem was sent to us by Eileen Bloomer. Thank you Eileen!
If you have a poem or reflection that you would consider sharing with your fellow parishioners, please send it to me. Thank you. Joe.

On the night before Christmas
and all through my house,
I went through the day imperfectly,
and made it home at the end.
There was some pain; impatience
kept tapping my shoulder,
and I shook my head: no.
At times, I lost my voice.
In time, a quiet time, I found it again,
rough, ragged at the edges, careful
notes

sung in and out of tune.
I wanted to shut doors,
but a key was placed in my hand;
what was locked opened.
Welcome, welcome, welcome.
I'll leave my door unlocked this
Christmas.
I'll come and see what will be born in me
in this perfectly imperfect life.

~Eileen

This past Sunday, we
celebrated our December
birthdays with a delicious and
festive coffee hour. Happy
birthday Carla, Connie and
Savannah!



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.



TWELFTH NIGHT

CHORAL CONCERT

HUDSON VALLEY CHOIRS

A BENEFIT FOR



Habitat
for Humanity®

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th 2026

3PM

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1 ST. JAMES PLACE, GOSHEN, NY



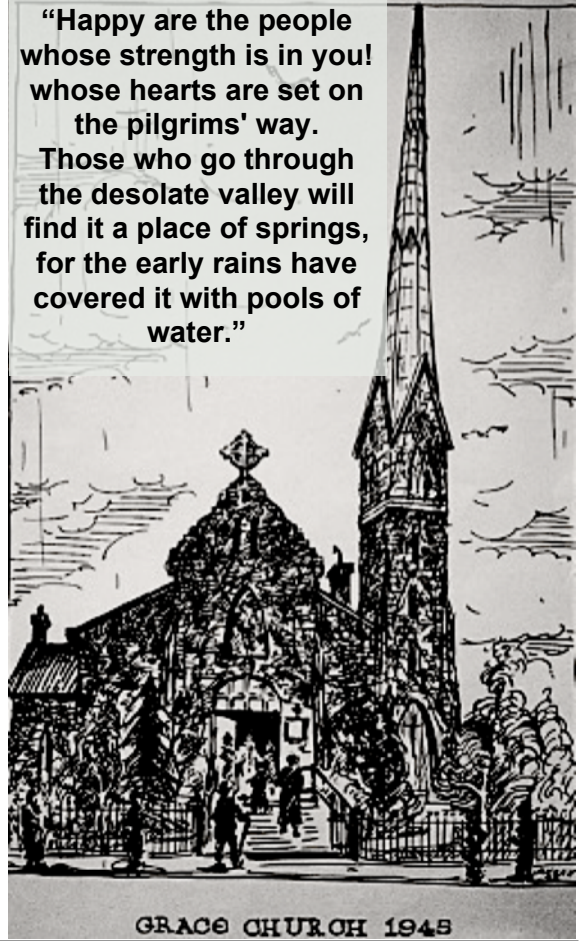
Grace Calendar

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.](#)



"Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water."

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)