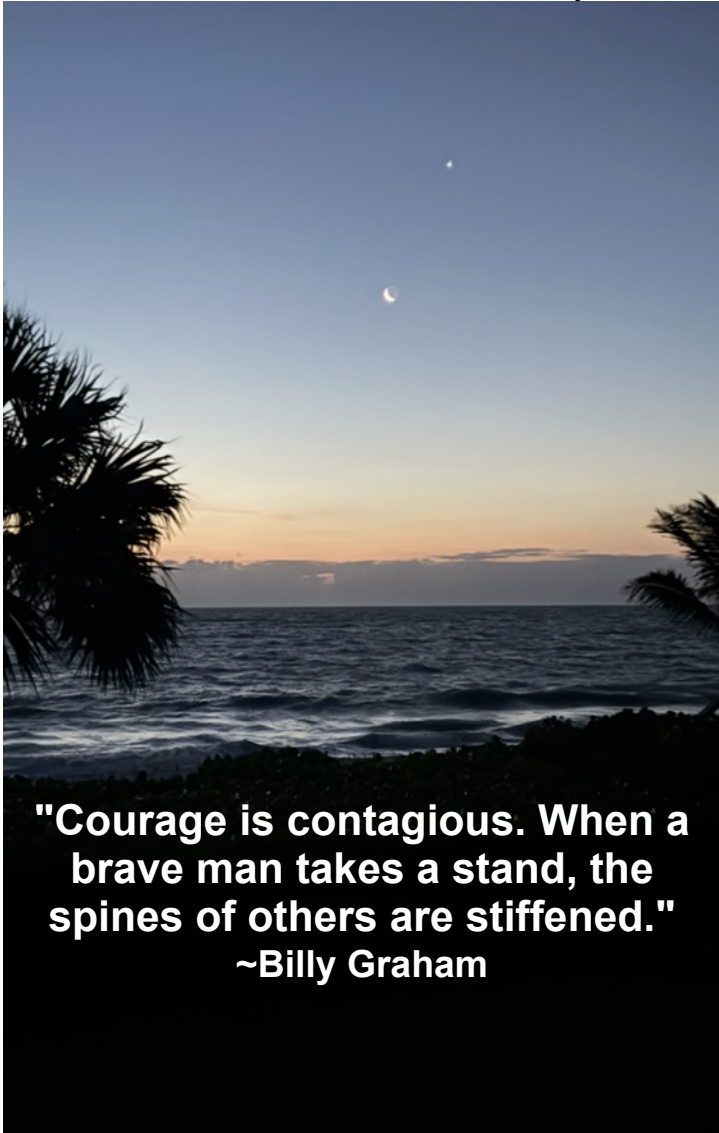


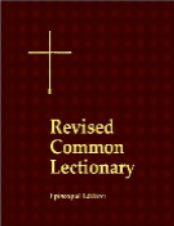
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Day of Pentecost May 24th (Rite II)



"Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are stiffened."
 ~Billy Graham

Subdeacon/Chalice	Marlene Presley
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Thurifer	
Crucifer	Savannah Spisso
Acolyte	Lucas Spisso
Acolyte	David White
OT Lector	Carla Boyer
NT Lector	Connie Herm
Intercessor	Mark Strunsky
Ushers	Mark Strunsky John Cusack Volunteers
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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

Sunday May 24th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II) Pentecost Sunday
Monday May 25th	Memorial Day - Office closed
Wednesday May 27th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday May 31st	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I)
Wednesday June 3rd	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday June 7th	9:30 Am <u>Morning Prayer</u> in-person and on-line (Rite II)
Wednesday June 10th	10:00 AM Healing Mass

The Photography Corner



This week's photograph was sent to us by Charlotte Durma. She took this picture last week while out on a morning walk. She was initially drawn to the amazing sky, while I find my eyes were drawn to the partial sign framing the clouds. Thank you Charlotte!

I would like to thank all who have shared photographs with us. I do need some more photographs if you could send a few. ~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.



Last Sunday a special coffee hour was held in celebration of David White's birthday.
Happy Birthday David!

Mystic Poets Society

This week's submission 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.

The watch on my wrist reads: Cloudy.

I look outside and believe my eyes:

soft green trees, muted red leaves,

white blossoms perfectly still in this moment,

all moving on perfectly imperfect.

A black fly lives on the outside

of my kitchen window for a day now,

moving millimeters, not flying away,

leaving a brown streak on the glass,

living and dying. But I can't really know.

I can believe my eyes: morning fog,

all that lives and blooms and moves now.

We are not arriving.

We are traveling, just as we are.

~Eileen

Big News in Our Music Program

You will notice that our Steinway piano has disappeared. That's to make room for a new organ console which is being given to the church as a memorial gift. Details will follow, but the Steinway has been sold and a Kawai CA901 digital piano will take its place. (FYI, our 1889 Steinway had only 85 keys, not 88, so its value was quite low compared to other Steinway pianos.) Actually, most of the space freed up will go to the organ console made by Meta Organworks, who were on the May cover of The American Organist magazine. Ours will be the first of its kind in the Diocese of New York. The hope is that these two new instruments will save us most, if not all, of the tuning, maintenance and repair costs over the next 20 years or more for our instruments.

~Don Boyer



Photo left: Kawai digital piano

Photo right: Meta organ console

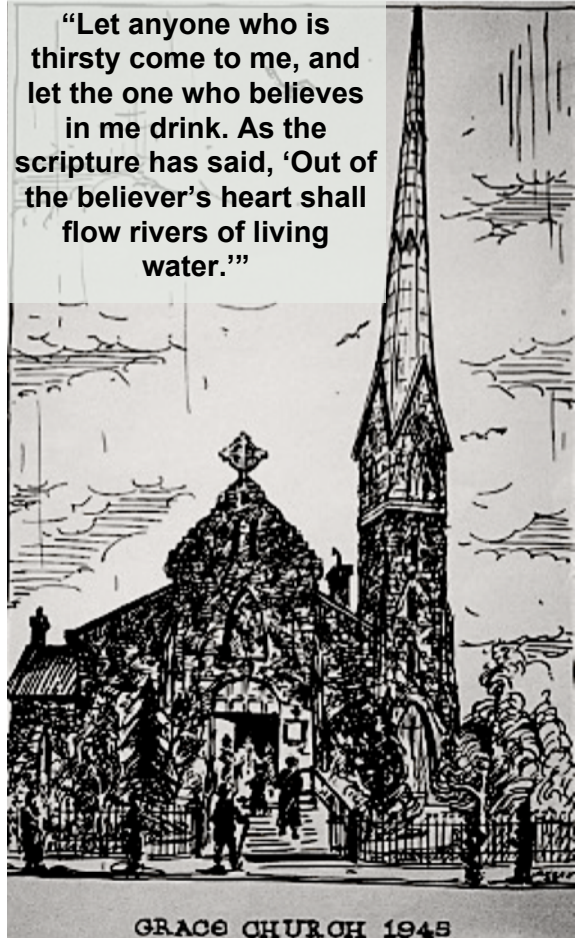




Grace Calendar



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“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’”

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Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday June 14th starting at 11:15 AM.

All are invited to attend!

[Click here to read the minutes of the February 15, 2026 Vestry meeting.](#)

[Click here to read the minutes of the March 15, 2026 Vestry meeting.](#)

Your Grace Church Vestry.

Wardens:

John Cusack

Claire Newquist

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Treasurer:

Phyllis Guardino

Vestry:

Lorraine Witkowski

Lucas Spisso

Barbara Chumard

Michelle Tubbs

Analise Reed

Joseph Barrett

Mark Strunsky

Eileen Bloomer

Torry Guardino

David White (Student member of Vestry)