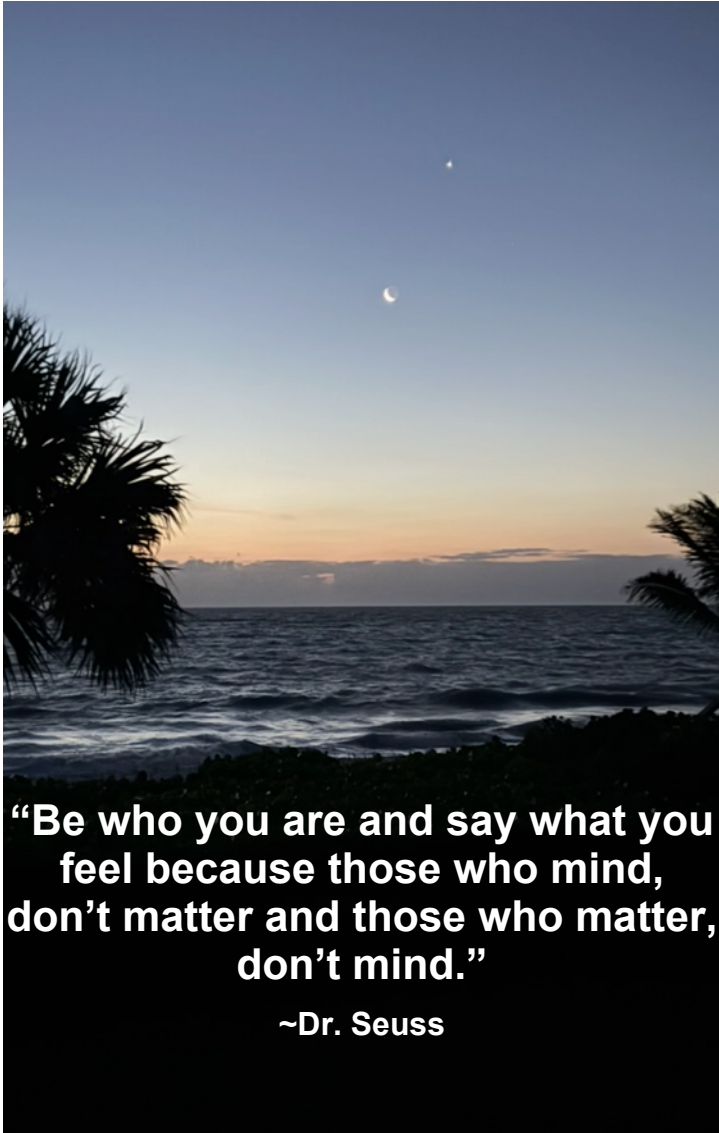


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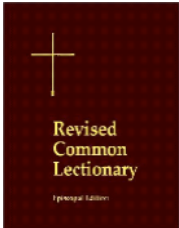
*Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
June 21st (Rite II)*



“Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind, don’t matter and those who matter, don’t mind.”

~Dr. Seuss

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| Subdeacon/Chalice | Marlene Presley |
| MC/2nd Chalice | David Brokaw |
| Thurifer | |
| Crucifer | Savannah Spisso |
| Acolyte | Lucas Spisso |
| Acolyte | David White |
| OT Lector | Carla Boyer |
| NT Lector | Connie Herm |
| Intercessor | Mark Strunsky |
| Ushers | 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

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| Sunday June 21st | 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II) Happy Father's Day! |
| Sunday June 28th | 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I) |
| Friday July 3rd | Office Closed in Observance of the July 4th Holiday |
| Sunday July 5th | 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II) |
| Sunday July 12th | 9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I) |
| Sunday July 19th | 9:30 Am Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II) |

As a reminder, Fr. Victor will be unavailable Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until July 20th while he serves as an Orange County Grand Juror.

The Photography Corner



I took this photograph of a 1954 Chevrolet pick-up truck, with a reflection of the clouds in its finish, a couple of years ago in Virginia.

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.

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.

One morning, listening to music I love,
I make my way on the road always traveled
to gather at Love's table with familiar faces.

Turning a corner, I see him-
one man alone,
leaning against a brown stone wall,
legs crossed, eyes closed, sitting and
sleeping
on the hard gray sidewalk ground. I see
the round bowl of his empty hat
lying at his side. And I wonder,
is he thirsty, is he hungry,
worn out and tired this hot, humid
morning?
Does he sing too?

Basement Clean-up

Last Saturday, a group of volunteers began cleaning up the basement space to make it usable for the music program, fundraising storage, old file storage, etc. We hope to have the "junk" hauled away soon so that work can begin on repairing the damage to the walls and doors necessitated by the recent mold remediation.

If you know of any contractors who work on sheetrock and flooring that you could recommend, please contact Claire. ~Joe

I try to sing my song
but the notes choke in my throat
as I drive by on my way with somewhere to
go.

Tears rise and crowd my eyes,
and I see briefly, darkly
in this one man sleeping
at the edge of the traveled road,
at the edge of this day,
how thirsty, how hungry, how tired we all
can be
sleeping through life.
And I find a new prayer:
Bless them. Change me.
~Eileen

Parish Survey

There is still time! The final results have not been tabulated! If you haven't completed the survey which is a follow up to last year's Cafe Meeting, please do so as soon as possible. We'd like all responses by June 30th. If you need a hard copy, please see Claire Newquist or John Cusack. The link to complete the survey on line is below.

Thanks!!!! Claire

[Please Click Here to Complete the Survey](#)



Grace Episcopal Church invites you to

Children's Funday

Games - Ice Cream - Snacks - Music - Prizes

Saturday, July 11, 2026

1:00 - 4:00 pm

12 Depot Street, Middletown, NY 10940

Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.



Grace Calendar



Giving Page QR Code

“...whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”



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Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday July 19th starting at 11:15 AM.

All are invited to attend!

[Click here to read the minutes of the April 19, 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

Clerk of the Vestry:

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)