Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

Sunday, November 22, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Week of November 22 - 27

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Church School & Children's Chapel
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Church)
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
11:30 a.m. Sister Monica Clare Forum (Parish Hall)
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Monday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
7:30 p.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Friends To Friends Community Church)

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Thursday

Parish Office Closed
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Friday

Parish Office Closed
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Morning Prayer is offered on Zoom only, Monday through Friday, at 8:30 a.m.
Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at jim.alimena@gmail.com
**Morning Prayer Zoom - Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning*

Welcome

Families with Young Children Welcome!

Quiet activity 'pew bags' and children's worship materials are available outside the Narthex. A staffed nursery for infants through age 3 is open upstairs (second floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms. The nursery attendant is Akshara Puli.

Baptism

The upcoming baptism dates are January 10 and February 7, 2027. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Andy for more information.

Parish Office Hours

Office hours are 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday. Stephanie or Grace will be in the office during those hours.

Upcoming Events

TODAY Sister Monica Clare Visits St. Elizabeth's
Sunday, November 22 at 11:30 a.m.
Join Sister Monica Clare, Sister Superior of the Society of St. John Baptist (Episcopal) in Mendham, NJ, as she discusses her book *A Change of Habit* during Coffee Hour.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 24 at **7:30 p.m.**
Friends To Friends Community Church
303 Prospect St., Ridgewood

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist
Thursday, November 26 at 10 a.m.
in the Chapel

Parish Office Closed
Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27

Give the Gift of Sight
St. Elizabeth's 11th-grade student Shivani Heltzel is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award project to help people who don't have access to proper eyeglasses. Her project will collect used prescription glasses, and there will be a donation bin at St. Elizabeth's from October 4 through November 29. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

Before Lunch Book Talk
Tuesday, December 1, at noon in the Garden Room and on Zoom. The group will discuss *Theo of Golden: A Novel* by Allen Levi, followed by lunch (bring your own).
Meeting ID: 823 8050 3238
Passcode: Book

Midweek Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, December 2, at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Advent Quiet Day with Mary Ann Archer
Friday, December 4, at 9 a.m. in the Chapel

Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling
Wednesday, December 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant
Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, December 19 at 8:30 a.m.
Pageant Call Time: Sunday, December 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services:
Family Christmas Eve Service, Thursday, December 24 at 4 p.m.
Contemplative Christmas Eve Service, Thursday, December 24 at 10 p.m.
Christmas Day Eucharist, Friday, December 25 at 10 a.m.

Blessing Shelf
Just Diapers & Wipes
St. Paul's Paterson
Diapers are an essential need in the City of Paterson. With a growing population experiencing food insecurity, diapers and wipes are also essential items for infants and toddlers. This program provides diapers and wipes to anyone in need. Please donate diapers in sizes newborn through 7 and wipes from November 16 through December 31.

The Order of Service

The Call to Worship

Prelude *Impromptu in Ab Major, D.935* *Franz Schubert (1797-1828)*

The Prelude is the first act of worship and sets the tone for all that follows. You are invited to pause from the busyness of life and connect with God during this sacred time.

Opening Hymn 460 "Alleluia! sing to Jesus!"

The Opening Acclamation *BCP 355*
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity *BCP 355*

Gloria, Hymnal S-280

The Collect *BCP 236*
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*
Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Second Lesson *Ephesians 1:15-23*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 382 "King of glory, king of peace" *Verses 1-2*

The Gospel *Matthew 25:31-46*

Response before the Gospel: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Response after the Gospel: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn 382 "King of glory, king of peace" *Verse 3*

The Homily *The Rev. Andy Olivo*

The Nicene Creed *BCP 358*

The Prayers of the People, Form VI *BCP 392*

The Absolution *BCP 360*

The Peace *BCP 360*

Announcements

The Holy Communion

An offering is taken at this time. You may place your offering in the plate as it is passed or use the QR code to donate securely online.

The Offertory *Lift up your heads, O ye gates, Op. 44, No.2* *William Mathias*
Text: Psalm 24:7-10 *(1934-1992)*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
even lift them up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Doxology, Hymnal 380, stanza 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.
People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

Eucharistic Prayer A *BCP 361*

Proper Preface of Baptism *BCP 381*
Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Sanctus, Hymnal S-129
The congregation may remain standing or kneel after the singing of the Sanctus.

The Lord's Prayer *BCP 364*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Prayer of Humble Access *BCP 337*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei, Hymnal S-163

Sung while the clergy prepare the Communion vessels.

The Administration of Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine at St. Elizabeth's. Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive Communion, are invited to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free hosts (bread) are available upon request. When directed by the ushers, the congregation is invited to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail or at the floor station. After you receive Communion, return to your pew via the side aisles. If you need Communion brought to you, please let the ushers know.

Music at Communion

Hymn 508 "Breathe on me, Breath of God"
Hymn 484 "Praise the Lord through every nation"
Hymn 573 "Father eternal, Ruler of creation"

Post Communion Prayer *BCP 365*

The Blessing *BCP 366*

Hymn 410 "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

The Dismissal *BCP 366*

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Lieder ohne Worte, Op. 53, No. 2* *Felix Mendelssohn*
Allegro non troppo *(1809-1847)*

Participants in the Service

Crucifer: Mary Wynn Seiter
Torchbearers: Lucy Schroeder, Violet Schroeder
Lectors: Alex Keane, Mary Hayes
Eucharistic Ministers: Karla Tombaugh, Mary Wynn Seiter, Mary Hayes
Ushers: Steve Gorey, Todd Hoffman
Altar Guild: Debra Anderson, Pilar Meola, Karla Tombaugh, Sue Reid
Coffee Hour: Kristin Clark
Nursery Attendant: Akshara Puli
Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

Thank You!

Thank you from The Outreach Committee

Thank you to everyone who helped make The Holley Center Pizza Party on Sunday, November 15, such a success! From set up to serving to clean up, your participation was truly appreciated. We welcomed 22 Holley Center children and 7 chaperons, and everyone enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of pizza, sweets, and crafts.

St. E's Christmas Pageant

Calling all angels, sheep, shepherds, camels, and heralds!

All are welcome to join us for our annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 20. While speaking roles are assigned to our older children, we welcome all the angels, sheep, shepherds, camels, and heralds!

Open to children ages 3 and up.

Contact Beth Van Emburgh at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org with questions or to sign up!

Church School 2026-2027

Registration is open on our website! Class leaders are still needed. Please consider growing in faith alongside the children of St. Elizabeth's. All materials and lessons are provided. Classes cannot take place without two adult leaders in each class. Contact Beth for more information at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org.

Rooted in Faith. Growing in Grace.

2027 Pledge Meter



Stewardship Committee:

Bruce Firkins, Denise Barrand, Christopher Aquilino, Denise Vollkommer, Steve Gorey, Susan Munhall, and Lauren Winter

How do I make a pledge?

Our 2027 Stewardship campaign is under way. You should have received a pledge card and a letter from the Stewardship Committee in your mailbox. If you did not receive one, baskets of pledge cards are available in the Narthex and outside the parish office. You can return your card to the parish office or submit your pledge online using the QR code on the card or below. Thank you for helping our roots grow deeper.

Is my gift tax-deductible?

All gifts to the operating fund are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. We are a 501(c)(3) organization.

Use the QR Code to pledge online.



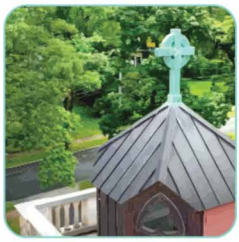
Advent Quiet Day with Mary Ann Archer

Come enjoy an island of calm at the **Advent Retreat "Waiting in Hope," on Friday, December 4, from 9:30-12:30** in the chapel of St. Elizabeth's Church. Hear the Biblical stories of mothers and a father who waited -Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, and Joseph - through the eyes of a sweet she-donkey in Mary Ann Archer's book ***Seila's Story, Nothing is Impossible with God.***

You'll be greeted with coffee and snacks, a reading of the book, suggestions for the quiet time, gentle discussion, and, of course, prayer! You'll also have time to craft a simple donkey-themed Christmas tree ornament and receive a free copy of Mary Ann's book. Come take a dip in the tranquil waters of prayer, fellowship, quiet time, and Bible stories- through a hopeful donkey's eyes!

RSVP suggested by November 29 to Mary Ann Archer and St. Elizabeth's at mspirdir@kinex.net and sdoyle@stesridgewood.org


Join Us for a
Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent
Sunday, December 13, 2026
4:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church of Ridgewood
169 Fairmount Rd (201) 444-2200 info@stesridgewood.org

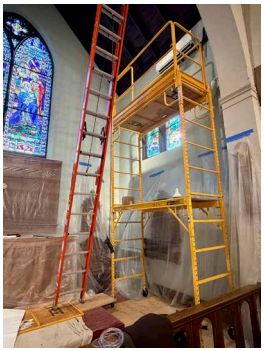


Prepare the Way

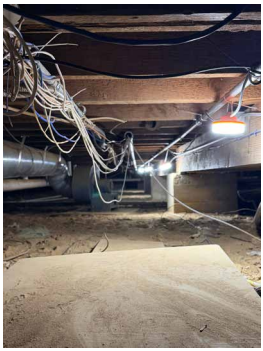
Caring For Our Sacred Space

ST. ELIZABETH'S PROJECT UPDATES

During the sixth week of construction, much of the work took place beneath our feet, in the crawl space under the sanctuary and adjoining areas, where crews focused on insulation and protection. HVAC work also continues, with air handlers and condensers being connected to the system.







Use the QR Code to pay your Capital Campaign pledge online.

Memorials and Honoraria

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of a dear mother, Mollie Galletly, by her daughter, Mary Szurly; and Pat's father, James Cyril Lewis, by Pat, Hugh, Alex, Torey, and Jake Middleton.

Mary Szurly is our altar flower memorial coordinator. Contact the parish office if you are interested in honoring a loved one with altar flowers.

Parish Prayer List

Al
Alex Casazza
Alice
Amy Brink
Anita
Anne
Bill Brancato
Bob
Bob Bell
Bob C.
Bruce
Bruce Neandross
Carol
Catherine
Catherine O'Connell
Christian
Christina Olkowski
Claire
Connie
Cookie C.
Danielle Neri
David Barrand
David Hawthorne
David Y.
Dawn
Denny
Diane and Frank Barletta
Diane Pring
Donna
Doris
Dorothea Hickey
Edith
Effie
Elizabeth Sofia
Evelyn and Steve Dyke
Family of Mary Ann DeGraw
Francine Pascal
Frank
Genesis and family
George and Shelley Mackey
George King
Gretchen
Jack
Jaime
Jamie Whaley
Jane Winer
John Berryman
John Mills
Jose Bestard
Julie and Jim Robertson
June Bové
Justine and Tom Boylan
Kate
Ken Erlich
Lequan and Stephen Dudzik
Linda
Lois Chapman
Lora Salt
Marcus Noble
Marty Melamed
Mary
Mary Ann Newcomb and Family
Matthew Garcia
Michael Colling
Midge
Milt
Mina
Miryam
Molly Goodman
Nancy Schrempp
Nancy Teichman
Pat
Pauline Fiore and Family
Peg and Family
Penny
Peter Flannery
Richard Brunelle
Robbie
Robert
Robyn Pring
Rochelle Kilzy
Rod Geant
Ruthie
Sarah
Segovia Pasichniak
Sofia
Sophie
The Rev. Dean Weber
Thomas Maloney
Vincent Colling
Vincent Desimone
Virginia DuDeck
Virginia Leahy
Wes Pace
Winston
Yochio Kurahashi

We remember those who have died, especially Frankye Crump, Anthony J. DiSanto, Lawrence Fox, Lucille Joel, and Susan Van Emburgh.

The Parish Prayer List will be refreshed for Advent.
To update the list, please contact the Parish office.

St. Elizabeth's Staff and Vestry

Rector
The Rev. Andy Olivo
Associate Priests
The Rev. Susan Schink
The Rev. Dr. Richard Sloan
Organist and Choirmaster
Garah Landes
Associate Choirmaster
Jennifer Hommez
Associate for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Beth Van Emburgh
Director of Finance and Administration
Grace Arscott
Parish Life Coordinator
Stephanie Doyle
Sexton
Fredy Reyes
Soloists
Jeffrey Castellano, Alicia Luick,
Daniel Peretto, Anastasia Swope
Wardens
Sandy Sullivan '28, Mike Dickson '27
Treasurer
Steve Gorey
Assistant Treasurer
Denise Barrand
Clerk
Catherine Carter
Vestry

Denise Barrand '27
Catherine Cardew '27
Bruce Firkins '27
Steve Gorey '27
Steve Anderson '28
Joan Cooke '28
Jeremy Sabella '28
Elizabeth Thauer '28
Christopher Aquilino '29
Catherine Carter '29
Stacy Wilson '29
Lauren Winter '29

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