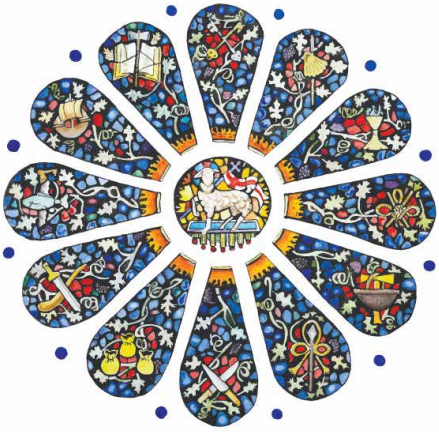
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

Sunday, November 8, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Week of November 8 - November 13

Sunday

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

Monday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
6:30 p.m. Fall Rector's Class, Dinner, and Compline (Parish Hall)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
10:00 a.m. Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)
5:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:00 p.m. Kitchen Renovation Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

Friday

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

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. 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

Signs and Grace:
Rector's Fall Course, Dinner, and Compline
Mondays, November 9 and November 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Office Closed
Wednesday, November 11 for Veterans Day

Holley Center Pizza Party
The Outreach Committee is hosting the youth residents of The YCS Holley Center for a Pizza Party on Sunday, November 15th from 12:00-1:30 p.m. The Holley Center, one of our Outreach Grant recipients, is a residential treatment center for children between the ages of 5 and 14 who cannot safely reside at home. Please join us as a volunteer! Aside from eating pizza we will be decorating cupcakes and helping our guests with other fun craft projects. For more information, please contact Susan Munhall (skm914@optonline.net) or Beth Van Emburgh (bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org)

Blessing Shelf
Traditionally, Teen Outreach runs an annual food drive right before Thanksgiving to support several area food pantries. The Blessing Shelf will be collecting items to support that annual effort to stock shelves for Ridgewood Social Services, Emmanuel Cancer, New Hope Mission, and the Ramapo College Food Pantry. Collections will take place from now until November 15.

Midweek Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, November 18, at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

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 p.m.
Friends To Friends Community Church
303 Prospect St., Ridgewood

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

Give the Gift of Sight
St. Elizabeth's 11th grader, 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 10/4-11/29. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

Before Lunch Book Talk
Tuesday, December 1, at noon in the Garden Room and on 12:00 p.m. The group will be discussing *Theo of Golden: A Novel* by Allen Levi followed by lunch (bring your own).
Meeting ID: 823 8050 3238
Passcode: Book

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

The Order of Service

The Call to Worship

Prelude *Concerto in D minor, BWV 974* *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

Arranged by J.S. Bach, from the Oboe Concerto by Alessandro Marcello (1684-1750)

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 436 "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates"

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*
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for Heroic Service *BCP 839*
O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The First Lesson *Joshua 24.1-3a; 14-25*
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.
"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this

day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."
But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

The Second Lesson *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Hymn 61 "'Sleepers, wake!' A voice astounds us" *Verses 1-2*

The Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13*

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Hymn 61 "'Sleepers, wake!' A voice astounds us" *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 *Dear Lord and Father* *C. Hubert H. Parry*
Text: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892) *(1848-1918)*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

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 God the Holy Spirit *BCP 378*
For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 station on the floor. 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 596 "Judge eternal, throned in splendor"
Hymn 68 "Rejoice! rejoice, believers"
Hymn 57 "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"

Post Communion Prayer *BCP 365*

The Blessing *BCP 366*

Hymn 324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

The Dismissal *BCP 366*
Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Sonata in F Major, KV 332* *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*
I. Allegro *(1756-1791)*

Participants in the Service

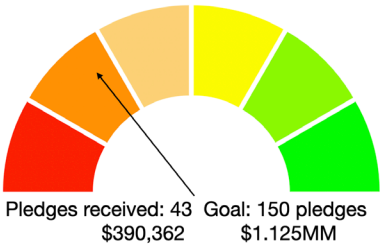
Crucifer: Jim Alimena
Lectors: Diane Alimena, Cynthia Gorey
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Wynn Seiter, Jim Alimena, Catherine Carter
Ushers: Don Chappell, Wayne Yankus
Altar Guild: Debra Anderson, Mary Wynn Seiter, Sherry Kock, Sue Reid
Coffee Hour: Carolina Pedraza, Ellis Cole
Nursery Attendant: Akshara Puli
Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

Church School 2026-2027

Registration is open on our website! Class leaders are still needed, so please consider growing in faith alongside your children. All materials and lessons are provided. Class will not happen 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 Volkhammer, 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 didn't, there are baskets of pledge cards in the Narthex and outside the parish office. You can return your card to the parish office or pledge online with the QR code on the card or below. Thank you for helping our roots grow deeper.

Can I set up automatic recurring gifts?

To set up automatic recurring gifts, visit the Online Giving & Pledging page of our website https://www.stesridgewood.org/online-giving and click on the donate button. From there, you will be taken to the MyVanco website for St. Elizabeth's, where you can set up recurring payments using a credit card or bank account. You will be able to specify the frequency of your giving.

If you have any questions about how to set up automatic recurring gifts, contact Grace Arscott, our Director of Finance and Administration, in the Parish Office or email garscott@stesridgewood.org

Use the QR Code to pledge online.

Rector's Fall Formation for 2026

SIGNS AND GRACE

An Introduction to the Sacraments

November 2, 9, & 16 (first three Mondays)



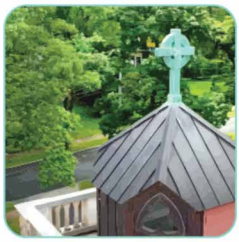
Adult Education
in the Parish Hall

Dinner at 6:30pm
Class at 7:00pm
Compline at 8:05pm

Contact the Rev. Andy Olivo for more information

Signs and Grace: An Introduction to the Sacraments
November 2, 9, and 16 at 6:30 p.m.

"The sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace." This is a new video-based course on the sacraments of Holy Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and the Church's five other sacraments/sacramental rites. Adults are invited to join the Rector on four consecutive Mondays for a light dinner at 6:30 p.m. The class will begin at 7:00 p.m., and the evening will conclude at 8:15 p.m. with Compline, the brief service of night prayers from the prayerbook. Contact the Rev. Andy Olivo with questions or for more information. **All are welcome!**



Prepare the Way

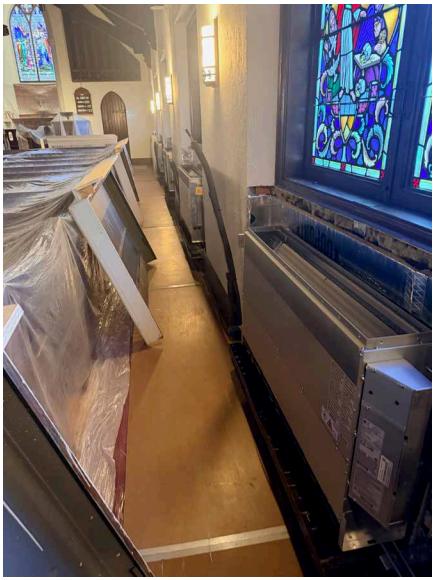
Caring For Our Sacred Space

ST. ELIZABETH'S PROJECT UPDATES

We are through the first month of construction!

This week, our contractors installed the interior A/C air-handler units in the sanctuary, finished installing the exterior A/C condensing units, installed interior and exterior insulation, and did prep work in the dungeon. Next week will bring a lot of important "behind the scenes" work.





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



Memorials and Honoraria

In anticipation of Veterans Day, flags have been placed in the Memorial Garden to honor the many Veterans interred in that sacred space, and in thanksgiving for all who have served our country.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barry Reid, lovingly remembered by Sue and the families of Catharine and Adrienne; Ralph's father, Ralph Meola Jr. and Pilar's brother, Rafael Figueroa and brother-in-law, Dennis Challinor by Pilar, Ralph, Christian, and Adam Meola; and Marshall and Lois Clapp by Pat Clapp and family

Mary Szurly is our 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
Barbara
Bill Brancato
Blanca Rojano
Bob
Bob Bell
Bob C.
Brianna and Cole Harrison
Bruce
Bruce Neandross
Carol
Catherine
Catherine O'Connell
Chris
Chris C.
Christian
Christina Olkowski
Claire
Connie
Cookie C.
Danielle Neri
Danikka Dillon and Family
David Barrand
David Hawthorne
David Y.
Dawn
Denny
Diane and Frank Barletta
Diane Pring
Dick Davies
Donna
Doris
Dorothea Hickey
Edith
Effie
Elizabeth Sofia
Evelyn and Steve Dyke
Family of Mary Ann DeGraw
Francine Pascal
Frank
Frederick Bruno
Gaye
Genesis and family
George and Shelley Mackey
Gretchen
Gunnip Family
Jack
Jaime
Jamie Whaley
Jane Winer
Joan
Joanne
John Berryman
John Mills
Juan
Julie and Jim Robertson
June Bové
Justine and Tom Boylan
Kate
Ken Erlich
Ken Thiess
Kim Heitzenrater
L Russ
Lequan and Stephen Dudzik
Linda
Lois Chapman
Lora Salt
Marcus Noble
Margaret
Marty Melamed
Mary
Mary Ann Newcomb and Family
Mary Jane Wisneski
Matthew Garcia
Michael Colling
Midge
Milt
Mina
Nancy Schrempp
Nancy Teichman
Pat
Pauline Fiore and Family
Penny
Peter Flannery
Prasse Family
Qian (Chen) Liu
Quinn
Richard Brunelle
Rick
Robbie
Robert
Robyn Pring
Rochelle Kilzy
Ruthie
Sarah
Sarah
Segovia Pasichniak
Sofia
Sophie
Sue VanderPloeg
The Rev. Dean Weber
Thomas Maloney
Valerie
Vincent Colling
Vincent Desimone
Virginia DuDeck
Virginia Leahy
Wes Pace
Winston
Yochio Kurahashi

We remember those who have died, especially Ruth Bowen Ryder, Rebecca Jarvis Detmer, Pebble Rock Curtin, Sr. Maureen Mitten, David S. Lewis, Frankye Crump, Anthony J. DiSanto, Lawrence Fox, Lucille Joel, and Susan Van Emburgh

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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