Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

Sunday, October 25, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Week of October 25 - October 31

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Church School and Children's Chapel
10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Costumes and Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Church)
11:15 a.m. Holy Ghost Weenie Roast (Parish Hall)
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
1:00 p.m. Diocesan American Dream Scavenger Hunt (East Rutherford)

Monday

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

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting and Staff Planning Day (Parish Hall)

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

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)

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

Blessing of the Costumes and the Holy Ghost Weenie Roast
TODAY Sunday, October 25 at 10 a.m.

In-person Morning Prayer
Friday, October 30 at 8:30 a.m.
Curious about Morning Prayer at St. E's? Join others this Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel for this 25 minute service.

All Saints' Day with Necrology Reading
Sunday, November 1 at 10 a.m.
If you would like to add to the list the name of a loved one who has died since last All Saints' Day 2025, please contact Parish Life Coordinator Stephanie Doyle in the Parish Office (sdoyle@stesridgewood.org or 201-444-2299) by Thursday, October 29. Please plan to be with us for this holy day of remembrance and thanksgiving.

Signs and Grace:
Rector's Fall Course, Dinner, and Compline
Mondays, November 2, November 9, and November 16 at
6:30 p.m.

Midweek Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, November 4, at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Parish Office Closed
Wednesday, November 11 for Veterans Day

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!

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.

The Order of Service

The Call to Worship

Prelude *Prelude in Db Major, Op. 28, No. 15* *Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)*

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 324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

The Blessing of the Costumes

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 234*
Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *Deuteronomy 34:1-12*
Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.
Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his

servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

The Second Lesson *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only

the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 602 "Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love" *Verses 1-2*

The Gospel *Matthew 22:34-46*

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Hymn 602 "Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love" *Verses 3-4*

The Homily *The Rev. Dr. Richard Sloan*

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 *If Ye Love Me (1988)* *Richard DeLong*
Text: John 14:15-17 *(1951-1994)*

If ye love me keep my commandments.
If ye love me keep my law,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever.
E'en the spirit of truth may abide with you forever,
If ye love me keep my commandments.
If ye love me keep my law.

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 Ghost *BCP 378*

For by water and the Holy Ghost 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 577 "God is love, and where true love is"
Hymn 336 "Come with us, O blessed Jesus"
Hymn 538 "God of mercy, God of grace"

Post Communion Prayer *BCP 365*

The Blessing *BCP 366*

Hymn 379 "God is Love, let heaven adore him"

The Dismissal *BCP 366*

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Sonatina in C Major, Op. 13, No.1* *Dmitri Kabalevsky*
III. Presto *(1904-1987)*

Participants in the Service

Crucifer: Debra Anderson
Torchbearers: Lucas MacLaren
Lectors: Sandy Sullivan, Jeremy Sabella
Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Sullivan, Debra Anderson, Catherine Carter
Ushers: David Jones, Tom Palmer
Altar Guild: Gigo Lee-Taylor, Wendy Lorenz, Diane Firkins, Sue Reid
Holy Ghost Weenie Roast: Steve Anderson and the Fella-ship
Nursery Attendant: Akshara Puli
Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

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.

Do I have to pay my pledge all at once?

Some members do pay their pledge all at once, some fulfill it weekly, or at other convenient intervals. How you fulfill your financial pledge is up to you and your household budgeting.

How can I give?

You may donate by check, cash, online, stock gifts, donor-advised funds, or IRA distributions. To donate online, 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 one time or recurring payments using a credit card or bank account.

If you have any questions about how to give, 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.

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!**

Fall 2026 at St. E's

OCTOBER

• Progressive Dinner	**Oct 3 at 5pm**
• Blessing of the Animals	**Oct 4 at 3pm**
• *Serve Together* Ministry Fair	**Oct 18 at 10am**
• Blessing of the Costumes and the Holy Ghost Weenie Roast	**Oct 25 at 10am**

NOVEMBER

• All Saints' Sunday with Necrology Reading	**Nov 1 at 10am**
• *Signs and Grace:* Rector's Fall Course, Dinner, & Compline	**Nov 2, 9, & 16 at 6:30pm**
• Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	**Nov 24 at 7pm**
• Thanksgiving Day Eucharist	**Nov 26 at 10am**

DECEMBER

• Advent Quiet Day with Mary Ann Archer	**Dec 4 at 9am**
• Advent Lessons and Carols	**Dec 13 at 4pm**
• Christmas Tree Lighting	**Dec 16 at 5:30pm**
• Children's Christmas Pageant	**Dec 20 at 10am**
• Family Christmas Eve Service	**Dec 24 at 4pm**
• Contemplative Christmas Eve Service	**Dec 24 at 10pm**
• Christmas Day Eucharist	**Dec 25 at 10am**

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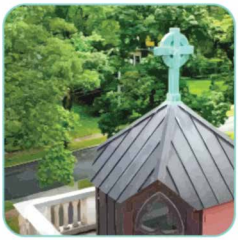

Prepare the Way

Caring For Our Sacred Spa

ST. ELIZABETH'S PROJECT UPDATES

Week 2 of the sanctuary construction project is complete.

Foundation work was performed in the cellar (known as the dungeon), and concrete foundations were poured outside for a/c condensers. Indoor preparation work for our organ space and a/c equipment is ongoing. Thanks to our site manager, who keeps things clean and safe for Sundays!

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

Curious
about how you can be part of transforming
the world here in Northern New Jersey?

Wondering
if your gifts can support the mission of the Diocese of Newark, the Episcopal Church in Northern New Jersey?

Then this INVITATION is for YOU!

The Nominations Committee of the 152nd Annual Diocesan Convention invites YOU to prayerfully consider serving on one of the many Boards, Committees, and Councils of the Diocese. There are opportunities that appeal to a broad variety of gifts, interests, and availability. Some deal with governance, others deal with grant making. Some meet monthly, others less frequently than that. Some meet in person, others meet virtually or in a hybrid setting. All of them are looking for members who desire to be part of a diocese known for God's love, mercy, and justice.

Scan the QR Code to get more detailed information about open seats and information about the Nominations Process.

See something that interests you?
Talk to your priest or warden. **Talk** to your friends and family.
Talk to God. Then **Act**. You'll already be changing the world.

Memorials and Honoraria

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Al Battaglia by the Battaglia-Reyes 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
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, and Frankye Crump.

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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