

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 25 - JANUARY 30

Sunday

9:30 am Church School & Children's Chapel
10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (Church)
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
11:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
11:40 am Children's Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)
11:45 am Youth Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
5:00 pm Contemplative Holy Eucharist

Monday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

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8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
7:30 pm Evening Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

Thursday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
10:00 am Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

Friday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Morning Prayer is on Zoom only, Monday through Friday
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-3 years is open upstairs (2nd floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms.

Baptism

Upcoming baptism dates are April 12 and May 24. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Andy or Rev. Melina for more information.

Parish Office Hours

Regular office hours are 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday. Either Stephanie or Grace will be in the office during those times.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY Children's Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 25 at 11:40am
(Chapel)

TODAY Contemplative Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 25 at 5pm
(Chapel)
2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

YPF POSTPONED

TBD which day in February

Annual Meeting

On Sunday, February 1, during the 10:00 a.m. service we will have our Annual meeting in the Nave. It will be live-streamed on YouTube as well. The agenda includes Warden and Vestry elections, the 2025 Financial Report, the 2026 Operating Budget, and updates from the Wardens and Rector. The meeting will conclude by noon. All parish members are encouraged to attend.

Animal Meeting

On Sunday, February 1, while the adults are gathered for the Annual Meeting, the kids will meet upstairs with their favorite stuffed animals for the annual ANIMAL meeting. This is their opportunity to make suggestions and talk about the highs and lows about their programs at St. Elizabeth's. There will be a snack and an outreach project. Come in cozy pajamas and don't forget your stuffed pal!

Before Lunch Book Talk

Tuesday, February 3 at 12pm
(Garden Room or via Zoom)

Join us to discuss *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* by Muriel Spark, moderated by Anita Kusy.

Souper Bowl of Caring

February 8, 2026 "What if everyone watching the Big Game gave just one dollar or item to make sure no one goes without a bowl of soup to eat?"

Midweek Recharge:

Embracing Our Creativity

Thursday, February 12, 12 noon - 2pm
Join us for a fun, interactive, and engaging experience as we explore creativity and wellness together. A light meal will be provided. Speakers: Emma Reichert, Karina Ferrales, and Carolin Pedraza.
RSVP <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49ADA72AA3FFC07-61511126-midweek>

Pancake Sunday

February 15

Celebrate Mardi Gras during
Coffee Hour with Pancakes

Ash Wednesday

February 18

12 noon, 4:30pm 7:30pm

Mondays in Lent

6:30 pm Rector's Lenten Class & Dinner

Wednesdays in Lent

12 noon Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

& Healing Prayers

2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Teen Outreach

We have been invited to participate in Passaic County Habitat for Humanity's annual Hammering 4 Habitat event on Saturday, February 21 at First Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood. We will work as a team side by side with the Habitat construction team to learn how walls are built and assemble real wall sections that will be used in Habitat homes. Contact Beth Van Emburgh for more information.

Family Hockey Game Day

Sunday, March 8 at 7pm
Prudential Center, Newark
\$39 per ticket

Registration Required by February 20

<https://dioceseofnewark.org/event/family-hockey-game-day/>

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Nocturne in Eb Major, Op. 9, No. 2*

*Frédéric Chopin
(1810-1849)*

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

WELCOME FROM THE RECTOR

OPENING HYMN 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

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

A SONG TO THE LAMB, Hymnal S-266

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 215

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27:1, 5-13

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *

the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

**5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek; ***

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.

**7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

**9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; ***

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

**11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

**13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether

I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 661 “They cast their nets in Galilee”

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HYMN 661 “They cast their nets in Galilee”

Verses 3-4

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Melina Dezhbod

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 387

THE CONFESSION

BCP 360

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE

BCP 360

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 of mankind*
Poem by John Whittier (1807-1892)

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry
(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, HYMN 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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

PROPER PREFACE OF THE EPIPHANY

BCP 378

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

BCP 364

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 135 "Songs of thankfulness and praise"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

CLOSING HYMN 539 "O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling"

THE DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Doppelfuge*

*Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Ellis Cole

Torchbearers: Julie Clark

Lectors: Cynthia Gorey, Denise Vollkommer

Eucharistic Ministers: Debra Anderson, Don Taylor

Ushers: Todd Hoffman, Steve Gorey

Altar Guild: Gigo Lee-Taylor, Wendy Lorenz, Karla Tombaugh, Sue Reid

Coffee Hour: Kristin Clark

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

We will welcome and vote on a new vestry at our Annual Meeting on February 1

The following candidates are proposed:

- Vestry (three-year terms, Feb. 2026 - Jan. 2029): Christopher Aquilino, Catherine Carter, * Stacy Wilson, Lauren Winters
- Vestry (one-year term, Feb. 2026 - Jan. 2027): Bruce Firkins*
- Warden: (2nd two-year term, Feb. 2026 - Jan. 2028): Sandy Sullivan

* Bruce Firkins has graciously agreed to fill out the remaining year of a vestry position vacated in 2025. Catherine Carter, who has finished completing a vestry vacancy from two years ago, has graciously agreed to take on a full vestry term.

In addition, the vestry submits the following candidates to be our delegates at the Convention of the Diocese of Newark in November 2026:

- Convention Delegates for the 2026 Diocese of Newark Convention in November: Mike Dickson, Sandy Sullivan
- Alternate Delegate for the 2026 Convention: David Barrand, Mary Hayes

Please welcome our new Bass Section Leader, Daniel Peretto

Daniel Peretto is a bass-baritone and tenured member of the chorus at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. Born in 1979 in Placerville, California, and raised in Visalia, Peretto was an accomplished swimmer and water polo player in his youth, alongside a deep passion for singing. In 1998, he earned a scholarship to Pepperdine University, where he pursued operatic performance, taking on roles such as Figaro in *The Marriage of Figaro*, Papageno in *The Magic Flute*, and Figaro in *The Barber of Seville*. He continued his training at Northwestern University, earning a graduate degree in operatic performance and performing roles including Ford in *Falstaff* and Count Almaviva in *The Marriage of Figaro*. Seeking a career that better supported family life, Peretto performed as a member of the supplementary chorus at the Lyric Opera of Chicago while residing in the Chicagoland area. In 2013, after auditioning successfully for a full-time position, he joined the Metropolitan Opera chorus and relocated with his family to Northvale, New Jersey, to stay close to Lincoln Center while enjoying a quieter suburban setting.

Peretto lives with his wife, Nina, and their three children: sons Luke and Noah, and daughter Ella. Outside of opera, he is a recreational purple belt in Brazilian jiu-jitsu (hoping to be a black belt one day), an enthusiastic mini-homesteader who gardens, tends fruit trees and plants, and raises backyard chickens for fresh eggs. A lifelong Californian at heart, he remains a devoted San Francisco 49ers fan and enjoys watching mixed martial arts.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Nick Currey by his parents, Nancy and Ralph, his sister, Mary Kate, and his brother, Ben; and departed members of the Hermance and Brown families by Kris Hermance and family.

Contact the church office if you are interested in honoring a loved one with altar flowers.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Alex Casazza	Frederick Bruno	Ruth
Alice	George & Shelley	Sarah
Bill Brancato	Mackey	Sophie
Bob	Gunnip Family	Sr. Maureen Mitten
Carlos Pinto Family	Jack Geraghty	Thomas Maloney
Catherine	Jamie Whaley	Vincent Desimone
Catherine O'Connell	Jane Winer	Donna Neal
Christian	John Berryman	Grace Behringer
Christina Olkowski	Juan	Bob C.
Claire	Julie & Jim Robertson	Chris C.
Colton	June Bové	Lauren
Connie	Justine & Tom Boylan	Robbie
David Barrand	Kim Heitzenrater	Doris
Denny	Linda	Milt
Diane & Frank	Lois Chapman	Wendy Stankewicz
Barletta	Lora Salt	Donna Dorsey
Diane Pring	Marty Melamed	John Mills
Donna	Mary	Winston
Dorothea Hickey	Matthew Garcia	Jack
Dot Meyer	Nancy Teichman	
Edna	Pat	
Effie	Pauline Fiore & Family	
Elizabeth Sofia	Peter Flannery	
Family of Mary Ann	Robert	
DeGraw	Robyn Pring	
Frankye Crump	Rochelle Kilzy	

We remember also those who have died, especially Girard Kwan, Max "Duke" Habernickel, Jonathan Boley, Allen Malony, Ronald Sinkovitz

Prayer List Renewal

The prayer list has been refreshed for Advent. To add a name—whether for intercessions or thanksgivings—please contact the Parish Office.

ST. ELIZABETH'S STAFF & VESTRY

Rector

The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo

Assistant Rector

The Rev. Melina Dezhbod

Associate Priests

The Rev. Susan Schink

The Rev. Dr. Richard Sloan

Organist & Choirmaster

Garah Landes

Associate Choirmaster

Jennifer Hommez

Associate for Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Beth Van Emburgh

Director of Finance & Administration

Grace Arscott

Parish Life Coordinator

Stephanie Doyle

Sexton

Fredy Reyes

Soloists

Jeffrey Castellano, Alicia Luick,

Daniel Peretto, Anastasia Swope

Wardens

Sandy Sullivan '26, Mike Dickson '28

Treasurer

Steve Gorey

Assistant Treasurer

Denise Barrand

Clerk

Catherine Carter

Vestry

Catherine Carter '26

Bruce Firkins '26

Sheryl Jordan '26

Emma Reichert-Pasterick '26

Denise Barrand '27

Catherine Cardew '27

Steve Gorey '27

Steve Anderson '28

Joan Cooke '28

Jeremy Sabella '28

Elizabeth Thauer '28



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