



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home



Sunday Worship times:

8 a.m: Holy Eucharist, Rite One

10 a.m: Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

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From the Rector's Desk...

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” - Jeremiah 29.11

At the 2022 annual convention of the Diocese of Newark, Bishop Carlye Hughes announced that the diocese would begin a strategic visioning process. The goal is to articulate mission and vision statements as the diocese moves into the future. The Episcopal Church Foundation defines mission and vision statements in this way: “**Mission** is what God is calling your congregation to do. **Vision** is the hopeful picture of the impact of your mission on the church and the world in the future.”

To that end, Bishop Hughes has put together a Strategic Visioning Team, and they've been charged with collecting ideas from across the diocese and then developing a new vision for the diocese with priorities, goals, and recommended actions to meet those goals.

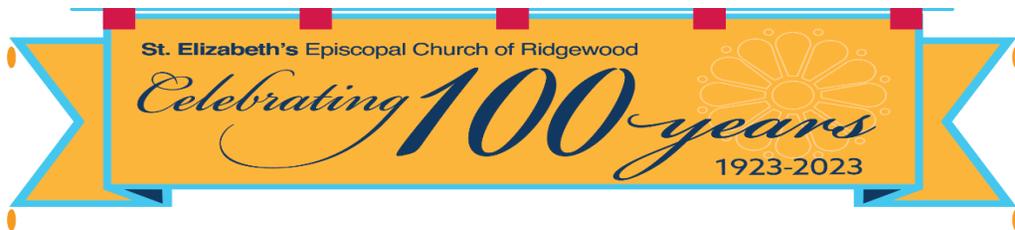
The people of St. Elizabeth's have been invited to gather with members of this newly formed visioning team to hear our specific hopes and dreams not only for our parish but also for the diocese. As you know well, St. Elizabeth's does not stand alone as an Episcopal community of faith in northern New Jersey. We are one congregation in a diocese of 94 other churches and worshipping communities. It is vitally important, therefore, that our voice is heard alongside the other voices in our diocese.

I invite you to join me in attending the visioning session for St. Elizabeth's that will take place on Monday, November 14 at 7:00 pm in our Parish Hall. We will gather for approximately 90 minutes with the Rev. Vicki McGrath, Rector of All Saints', Millington, for the session. Our congregation is one of the largest in the diocese, and so it is vitally important that our hopes for the future are heard alongside those of the other congregations of the Diocese of Newark.

If you would like to learn more about the diocesan Strategic Visioning Process, please visit their [website](#) for general information and their timeline. If you have questions about our session that will take place on November 14, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Like all denominations and religious traditions, the Episcopal Church is thinking and praying hard about the future. This is one way that our diocese is asking the question of "What is Jesus calling us to do in this particular time and in this particular place?" Please make every effort to join me and our sisters and brothers across the Diocese of Newark in this important work.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Andy+



WE ARE TURNING 100

Our historic church, affectionately known as “the church on the hill” from the day we opened our doors, is turning 100. We’ll be celebrating our centennial anniversary in a variety of ways through June of 2023, and we invite you to participate in all the festivities.

THE HISTORY WALK PROJECT

In celebration of St. Elizabeth’s 100th birthday, an outdoor exhibit highlighting our growth has been newly installed along Hartnett Way. Called The History Walk Project, this series of nine vibrant banners tells the story of how the parish has evolved over time, from its beginnings as a small stone chapel to where our beautiful church campus is today as we look forward to the next hundred years. We invite you to take The History Walk and to spread the word among your neighbors and friends. This special exhibit will be in place through June 2023.

Parishioners and friends who are unable to visit The History Walk in person may take a look at the banners [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE
Centennial Celebration Cocktail Party
Saturday, January 21, 2023
Details to come

From the Associate Rector for Church Growth

The more time that I spend at St. Elizabeth's, the more joy I encounter. It is so wonderful to see the worship, programs, and ministries here back into full swing. As the days march on and we find ourselves already in the month of November, the Advent season will soon be upon us. This season is one of expectant waiting for Christmas and the Christmas season, but it is also a season of preparation. At this time, we find ourselves in the full swing of the busyness of our lives. The holiday seasons that approach will be busier still. But, as the Advent season approaches and commences, it can be a wonderful time for us to discern where God is moving in our lives and where God is calling us. We can use this time to prepare ourselves for any new ministry, worship, or formation opportunities we find God drawing us towards.

The past couple of years disrupted all areas of our lives, including our lives at St. Elizabeth's. As we continue to "open" back up, I encourage you to remind yourself of the many wonderful things that go on here. I encourage you to read through the bulletins, e-news, or St. Elizabeth's website and see where God is calling you to share your gifts. Reach out to a fellow parishioner to share an experience or ministry that means a lot to you or to inquire about something going on here that you want to know more about.

Each of us has different responsibilities and commitments. We all have our own unique gifts, struggles, and callings. Whether God is calling you to show up, lead, or be a part of something here at St. Elizabeth's, your presence is important. You'll find a home here. So as Advent approaches, join me in taking a moment to prepare ourselves for whatever God is calling us to.

The Rev. Billy Adams

A Message from the Stewardship Committee

Thank you to those of you who have returned your pledge cards! By participating and making your personal commitment, you are supporting the mission and ministries of our church. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

If you have not returned your card yet, we ask that you please take a minute to complete it. You can make your pledge online by going to our website: www.stesridgewood.org. There is a button on the homepage for you to click on that will take you to the form. Or pledge cards may be mailed in or returned in the plate on Sunday. Even if you are unable to make a pledge this year, please return a card in the enclosed envelope.

Your pledge is an annual commitment or promise of financial resources to the church. As work is under way to prepare a budget for 2023, pledging gives us a chance to assess our priorities in a planned and thoughtful manner. Please know that if your circumstances change during the year, your pledge can be amended.

Watch for the videos and statements in the weekly e-blast from your fellow parishioners telling why they pledge!

Thank you for your gift of a pledge and for your generosity that sustains our church.

ALL THAT WE DO, WITH ALL THAT WE HAVE, ALL OF THE TIME.

Stewardship Committee, 2022-2023

Mary Hayes, John Poole, Denise Vollkommer, Diane Walker, Wayne Yankus

The Choirmaster's Column

Choral Highlights for November & The Advent Concert

On November 6th, **All Saints Sunday**, the Senior Choir will offer the extraordinary five-part a cappella motet, *Remember not, Lord our offences*, by the English baroque composer, Henry Purcell (c. 1659-1695). The following Sunday, November 13th, the Senior Choir returns with the towering chorus, *Thanks be to God*, from Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio, *Elijah*. Both Purcell and Mendelssohn (1809-1847), despite their untimely deaths were prolific and produced works of consummate compositional skill and imagination. **Advent I** begins on Sunday, November 27th. The featured work will be the great Anglican anthem, *O, pray for the peace of Jerusalem* by Herbert Howells (1892-1983).

The Advent Concert with our Senior Choir, Cantare and chamber orchestra will be Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 p.m. This is our first Advent Concert since 2019! We are also very excited to be including choristers from our Youth Choir! The Advent Concert program runs about 1 hour and is a wonderful opportunity to bring friends and family to St. Elizabeth's for this highlight of our choral season. The concert is free, though we are very grateful for donations. No tickets are required with seating on a first-come basis. Dress may be casual and children who can sit and listen to music for an hour are most welcome. We usually suggest that children should be six years or older. If your child loves music and is a little younger, please know that they are welcome.

This fall, St. Elizabeth's has been raising the visibility of the importance of *Time and Talent*. Members of the Senior Choir exemplify a high standard of excellence and commitment to sharing their time and talent at St. Elizabeth's.

Senior Choir rehearsals are always open to anyone interested in singing with us or simply to come and watch a rehearsal. Joining the choir can occur at any time during the year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the choral program.

Garah Landes, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Cornerstone Sunday Brunch Showcases a Surprise!

In addition to the delicious brunch following our 10:00 service on “Cornerstone Sunday” (October 23), those in attendance were treated to a surprise musical gift from Anastasia Swope, accompanied by Pianist Extraordinaire Garah Landes.

When asked to share in the November *Tower* the words to the song that she composed, Anastasia wrote, “I'm so grateful to Mary Hayes for commissioning it, to our wardens and rector for trusting me, to my husband for typesetting the text I wrote, and of course to my partner, Garah, without whom this would never have been the fun and fabulous success it seems to have been. I'm thrilled everyone enjoyed it!

Anastasia Swope

I GET A KICK OUT OF SAINT E'S

This story begins a century ago.
You'd think June Bové was there—
yes, and that may be so.
But let me tell you when that first stone was laid
we all gathered around—yes "WE"—
because ALL of us are Saint E's;
past and present the same are we,
and we sang and prayed.
Let's build a church out of stone,
where kids and adults will all call it home.
We'll welcome them young, old, and new.
We want the next hundred with you.
The time is right to celebrate.
Come on let's all transubstantiate!
It's delightful, it's delicious, it's delovely.
We gather now to eat and pray,
not just on Sundays but ev'ry day

It's delightful, it's delicious, it's delovely.
We're Saint E's then and now;
nothing's changed; no, our bells ringin' loud!
Join us—pledge, sing, read, knit, cook, plant, donate and pray.
Be yourself, hey, 'cause...
We're the top! We're Episcopalian.
We're the top! We're Andy Olivian!
With a new rector and a hundred years, we're HOT!
We've got Garah Landes; we can't go amiss. We ARE the spot!
Come along. We are solid today.
Can't go wrong, just like on that first day
when we laid down that cornerstone in the breeze
and declared out loud, "Hello world we are Saint E's!"

-- Medley sung to the tune of *I Get a Kick out of You, It's De-Lovely, You're the Top*

Children's Choirs



Halloween Thank-You! We had a great Spooky Pizza Night—special thanks to Wendy Lorenz for hanging out with us, and to Buffy McKay for helping with cleanup at the end. We consumed massive amounts of pizza and scary gross green punch, then went upstairs and had a great rehearsal!

Next Cantare/Joyful Noise Singing Date: The Choirs will sing at the Family Service on **Sunday, November 20**. The call time before the service will be at **9:15** sharp in the Children's Chapel for robing and warmup. Our song will be "Thankful," which is being emailed to everyone for practice. We also have CDs available for those who would like them.

Cantare Advent Concert Rehearsals Have Started! Cantare (Gr. 3-8) has begun practicing their Advent Concert music at Wednesday rehearsals, and on **Sunday, November 6 we will meet after church with the Senior Choir and Garah Landes for the first of our Sunday rehearsals**. Those rehearsals will begin shortly after Church School is dismissed--I will make sure everyone gets a snack!--and they will be brief, about 20 minutes or so. Please check your email for an information sheet on our Concert rehearsal schedule, and let me know if you have any questions.

Keep Calm and Eat Turkey! Just a heads-up: there will be NO choir rehearsal on Wednesday, November 23.

Catherine Hostetler, *Associate Choirmaster*
chostetler@stesridgewood.org

Children, Youth and Family Ministries

It's hard to believe it's been an entire year! I remain honored to be a part of the Children, Youth and Family Ministries here at St. Elizabeth's. We have had a lot of fun, and I look forward to more fellowship, spiritual growth, and creative ways to share the love of Jesus with our parish and our community.

We have a busy November! We'll start with a Baby Shower for Catherine Olivo on November 3rd. We are busy planning for the Christmas Pageant, so be on the lookout for a letter from Stephanie Ohnegian and Deanna Hoffman regarding pageant roles, parent volunteer opportunities, and important dates!

In the spirit of giving thanks for our blessings this month and sharing our generous gifts with others, the entire Church School program will be taking on an outreach project on November 20-21 for the St. Paul's Emergency Men's Shelter. All the children from PreK through 8th grade will be involved in the planning of the dinner on November 21 at St. Paul's, as well as assembling "Blessing Bags" for the residents with items to make the winter months a little more comfortable. Stay tuned for sign-ups!

With Teen Outreach, the Church School will be having an Angel Tree for local Ukrainian refugee children in celebration of St. Nicholas Day on December 19th, when Ukrainian children traditionally receive Christmas gifts. Each family that chooses to participate will have the opportunity to pick an angel tag off the tree starting November 27th. On the tag will have the age, gender, and gift idea for a child. Families will then return the gift, wrapped with the angel tag attached, by December 11th for distribution at a party for the children on December 16th. More information will be available as we get closer to the end of November.

Finally, our fall session of Church School concludes on November 20th. We have four decent-sized Church School classes: PreK-K, 1st-2nd, Grades, 3rd-4th Grades, and our Youth Class made of 5th-7th Grades. We

have amazing volunteers running each of the classes, and the kids thrive with their dedication, thoughtfulness, and creativity. Many thanks to Katie Dickson, Bruce Dickson, Emily Olkowski, Zach Marchetti, Luke Marchetti, Kiran Goklani, Mike Dickson, Susan Goklani, and Jen Marchetti for their leadership during our fall session. Our class leaders are the heart of our program, and it's not too early to think about the spring session, and the time is now to consider leading during the winter session! We need additional Church School class leaders for PreK–K, and 3rd–4th Grade for the Winter Session, which begins on November 27th. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to share their time and talents with our youngest members.

Teen Outreach continues to shine as examples of God's love in our community. They had a busy October with their very successful Community Food Drive. There'll be no rest in November, as they will be sprucing up a classroom in the Church School and assisting in worship on November 20th. We are very grateful for their time and dedication not only to St. Elizabeth's, but to the greater community. They're an amazing example for our younger kids to look up to.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Beth Van Emburgh

Associate for Children, Youth and Family Ministries

Children's Ministry

November Church School and Chapel Schedule

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| November 6 | Chapel: The spirit of thankfulness of God's gifts in the world
Church School : "God Gives Us Gifts of Life and Love" |
| November 13 | Chapel: "Elijah and The Widow" from The Spark Story Bible
Church School: "Elijah is Fed" |

November 20 Family Sunday – No Chapel
 Church School: Multi-age Activity for Outreach Event

November 27 Chapel: “God’s Peaceful World” from Spark Story Bible
 Church School: God’s Kingdom of Peace

Church School Registration Remains Open! Children who will be four by October 1 continuing through Seventh Grade should be registered for the new school year. For your convenience, there is a registration form on our website, or you may fill out a form found in the lobby at the California St. doors. Take the time to complete the Media Release/Photo Release section, as well as the bottom portion, which provides opportunities for you to serve our parish children.

On most Sundays throughout the year, children in Pre-K through Grade 4 attend Chapel at 10:00 am, followed by Church School. Traditionally, children in Grades 3-7 begin in the church with their families and are dismissed to class at the noted time in the bulletin each Sunday. In my process of looking at how to best foster Faith Formation in our kids, **the time of class was changed for Grades 5-7, with older children attending Church School while younger children are in Chapel, then returning to their families to celebrate Eucharist with the congregation.** Our 3rd and 4th grade students have been welcomed back into Children’s Chapel to serve as “junior acolytes”, where they can light candles, teach the movements to songs, be a guest musician, serve as crucifiers, and even read our story! We have enjoyed having our older students in Chapel to lead our younger students. If your child is interested in participating as a “junior acolyte”, please contact me at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org.

Christmas Pageant

Calling all Sheep and Archangels! The Christmas Pageant will be on December 18th. All Church School children are invited to participate! You will receive a letter with Pageant details. There will be sign-up sheets

in the downstairs hallway, where our Church School parents wait for dismissal. Please take a moment to let us know if your child is able to participate by signing up, so we can make sure we have costumes available for each child. If your child is in 6th or 7th grade, please indicate on the sign-up sheet if your child would prefer a speaking or non-speaking role. The children will be assigned their parts this month. Beth Van Emburgh, the Pageant Directors and Pageant Chairs will help the children with their speaking parts, their costumes, and where they need to be. They, along with many other members of St. Elizabeth's who volunteer their time, and the parents of the children help make our Pageant such a memorable part of the Christmas season!

Advent Intro/ Communion Prep

Advent Intro/Communion Prep will be held for 1st and 2nd Grades on Saturday, November 19th at 9:30 am with the Rev. Billy Adams. At this session, we aim to help our children understand the Eucharist and its meaning. If your child did not have communion prep in the past, or would like a refresher on the Holy Eucharist, they are still welcome to attend this session. Please RSVP to Beth at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org

YPF

YPF Partymasters Katie and Anna Dickson are inviting all 5th, 6th and 7th Graders to a night of fun, friends and prizes at the YPF's **BINGO CAN BE A BLAST PARTY** on Sunday evening, November 20, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Katie and Anna assure all that this *isn't* just ordinary Bingo. It's Bingo the way the Dickson Family traditionally plays it on Thanksgiving Day—a way that has made the game *the highlight* for all ages of the crowd gathered on that holiday at the Dicksons'! Do let your 5th, 6th and 7th Graders come enjoy it. They can bring a friend. They might win some cool prizes! For sure, they'll have fun. And who knows...they might learn

a way to unite and delight **your** Thanksgiving guests! *Acceptances due by Wednesday, November 16.*

Confirmation Class of 2023 News

The Youth Confirmation Class meets on the first and third Sundays of most months through May. If you have questions about the class, please contact the Rev. Billy Adams for more information. We have 4 confirmands and their Confirmation dates will be held in May.

Prayers for the Confirmation Class

Confirmation for young people, in the Episcopal Church, begins with the personal and mature affirmation by the candidates of the promises which had been made on their behalf by sponsors and parents when they were baptized. This year we are asking all parents and sponsors of Confirmation candidates to pray for them regularly throughout each month with a prayer which focuses on one of the questions they will be asked in the Confirmation liturgy. We will publish these prayers each month.

Perhaps you would like to join in these prayers. Or perhaps you would like to pray for the strengthening and clarification of the faith of someone else.

The question: Do you believe in God the Father?

The prayer: Watch over thy child, N, O Lord, as his/her days increase; bless and guide N wherever s/he may be. Strengthen N when s/he stands; comfort N when discouraged or sorrowful; raise N up if s/he fall; and in N's heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of her/his life. Amen. [Adapted from the Prayer for a Birthday, BCP p. 830]

Calling all Acolytes: Return of Acolyte Training

Acolytes contribute major help and leadership to worship. If you are a past acolyte (or the parent of one), please contact Ann Dowling to sign up.

Training for Confidence and Excellence Acolytes, like the rest of us, enjoy their work more when they are clear about their responsibilities and know how to fulfill them. Like being on a sports team, being an acolyte requires the development and continuing practice of both theory and basic skills. To equip our acolytes with what they need to be effective members of their team, we will be offering training sessions for **both new and returning** acolytes. **Because we want our acolytes to be secure in their understanding of their duties and practiced in the skills they will need, these training sessions are required. We will be holding training for all new and returning acolytes (Grades 5-12) in the coming months. Watch the Weekly Newsletters and Service Bulletins for information on when training will occur.**

Teen Outreach

We conducted our 4th annual Food Drive in October this year, led by Kate Hoffman, Teddy Hughes, Julia Taylor, and Lindsey von Summer. We collected more than 200 bags of food—stay tuned for the final tally! Here are some pictures from the food drive.





We have lots of opportunities to get involved in Teen Outreach in November and December, too! On Sunday, November 20th, we will help lead the Family Worship Service. We will be contacting you shortly to ask for help ushering, reading, and acolyting. Keep December 14th on your calendars for the Annual Tree Lighting and Caroling at St. Elizabeth's and look for information on an Angel Tree for gift opportunities for the Ukraine refugees in our community.

Have an idea for a project? Email Mrs. von Summer at mvonsummer@gmail.com.

The Christmas Pageant 2022: Sunday, December 18

For over seventy years, the St. Elizabeth's Pageant has been a highlight of our Christmas season. This year the Pageant will take place at the 10:00 am service on Sunday, December 18. Please join us in this glorious opportunity to have our children celebrate the true meaning of Christmas!

All children enrolled in Church School, Pre-school through Grade 7, are invited to participate in this wonderful annual service. Sixth and seventh graders (and others as needed) are invited to volunteer for the speaking parts. For these speaking roles, attendance is required during Church School on Sunday, December 4 and 11, as well as the dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 17. Children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 are required to attend the Saturday, December 17 rehearsal, as well as all of those who have speaking parts. Pre-school children do not need to attend the rehearsal, but they will be practicing singing *Away in a Manger* in the Chapel and with their teachers during Church School to get ready for their special role in the Pageant.

Please keep an eye out in your mailbox for the letter that details specific times, parts and instructions. Pageant organizers Stephanie Ohnegian and Deanna Hoffman will be visiting Church School classrooms to recruit for parts.

Don't miss the chance to be part of this beautiful, time-honored tradition. Thank you for providing your children the opportunity to present the sermon to the congregation. We're looking forward to working with your children for our annual Christmas Pageant!

Feel free to contact us with any questions.

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Media Opt-out Policy

St. Elizabeth's has a media opt-out policy for anyone who does not wish to allow the church to use their names or images, or those of their children, on social media. The policy and the opt-out form may be found on our website (www.stesridgewood.org).

Advent Wreath Workshop

On Sunday, November 20th during Coffee Hour, we invite everyone to our Advent Wreath Workshop in the Parish Hall. Families of all ages can gather to refresh their Advent Wreath, make a new wreath with their family, or just stop by to grab new candles. Please contact Beth Van Emburgh with any questions (bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org).

All Saints' Sunday – November 6

On Sunday, November 6, we will observe All Saints' Day, one of the seven Principal Feasts of the Church at our 10:00 am service. We will read the names of all those buried from St. Elizabeth's since last All Saints' Day and the names of those in the Memorial Garden.

If you would like to add to the list the name of a family member who has died since last All Saints' Day, please contact Ann Dowling in the Church Office (201-444-2299 or adowling@stesridgewood.org) by Wednesday, November 2. Please plan to be with us for this holy day of remembrance and thanksgiving.

The Parish Prayer List Revisited

As we seek to revitalize our use of the Prayer List and to refocus our attention on those for whom we pray, please remember that we refresh our list three times a year. We reconstitute the Parish Prayer List:

- at the **First Sunday in Advent (November 27 this year)**, the beginning of the Church year;
- at Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, the season in which prayer takes a special place in our spiritual lives; and
- at Pentecost, the day we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit, which helps us to pray when we do not know how to pray ourselves (Romans 8:26-27).

As those three days approach (usually around the end of November/beginning of December, mid-February, and early June), please be in touch with Ann Dowling in the Church Office (adowling@stesridgewood.org or 201-444-2299) if you would like to include a name on the Prayer List for the next season. If the request is for a specific period of time, it would be helpful to know that as well.

There is no limit to how often a name may be added. One may add a name to the Advent list and add it again for Lent and again for Pentecost. Nor is there any membership requirement for being on the list. One may remove a name at any time. Thanksgivings, as well as intercessions, are always appropriate.

The List, the Prayers: Public and Private It is by praying, not simply including on a list, that we raise our hopes, concerns, and thanksgivings to God. And it is appropriate to raise prayers to God “at all times and in all places.” If you place a name on the Prayer List, I hope you will set aside a regular daily time to pray for that person, and others on the list, throughout the week. When we pray in public worship on Sunday mornings, we come before God as a community, and on those occasions, it is especially appropriate for your prayers, like those offered to God throughout the liturgy, to be spoken aloud.

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ECW (Episcopal Church Women) News

The Women's Friday Morning Book Group

**Women's Book Group Reading for November:
Milltown: Reckoning with What Remains**

Winner of the 2021 Rachel Carson Environmental Book Award

Winner of the 2021 Maine Literary Award for Nonfiction

Finalist for the 2020 National Book Critics John Leonard Prize for Best First Book

Finalist for the 2021 New England Society Book Award

Finalist for the 2021 New England Independent Booksellers Association Award

A *New York Times* Editors' Choice and *Chicago Tribune* top book for 2020

Kerri Arsenault grew up in the small, rural town of Mexico, Maine, where for over 100 years the community orbited around a paper mill that provided jobs for nearly everyone in town, including three generations of her family. Kerri had a happy childhood, but years after she moved away, she realized the price she paid for that childhood. The price everyone paid. The mill, while providing the social and economic cohesion for the community, also contributed to its demise.

Mill Town is a book of narrative nonfiction, investigative memoir, and cultural criticism that illuminates the rise and collapse of the working-class, the hazards of loving and leaving home, and the ambiguous nature of toxics and disease.

It is available on Amazon: Hardcover, \$9.95, Kindle, \$11.99, Audible, free, and through BCCLS.org at many local libraries.

Join us!

November 4: Preamble through Chapter 6, pages 1-109

November 11: Chapters 7 through 11, pages 110-220

November 18: Chapters 12 through Coda, pages 221-314

There will be no Book Group meeting on November 26 because of Thanksgiving Weekend.

Pet Supply Collection Thank You 

Honoring St. Francis of Assisi, we had our Annual Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 2 (*transferred from St. Francis Day, October 4*). Held on the front lawn of St. Elizabeth's, we had a variety of pets, all brought for God's blessing on this special day.

Thanks to all who donated to our annual pet supply drive marking the observance of the Feast of St. Francis. As is our great tradition, in early October a carload of animal food, treats, toys, beds, and gently used linens and towels was delivered to the Bergen County Animal Shelter. Below is a thank you letter that the Shelter sent us:

“We thank the parishioners of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church very much for their generous donations for the Bergen County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center in honor of St. Francis and the blessing of the animals. It is very thoughtful of the parishioners to donate dry dog and cat food, pet treats, toys and beds, linens and towels for the shelter animals.

We greatly appreciate your kindness, generosity and for thinking of the animals at the Bergen County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center. Donations benefit the shelter animals and help make the Bergen County Animal Shelter a safe haven for those in need.”

Thank you to Kevin and Barbara Burns for overseeing this event and providing the treats for both the pets and their owners.

Debra Anderson

St. Elizabeth's Welcomes Newcomers

St. Elizabeth's welcomes visitors, inquirers, and newcomers to the parish community. The clergy, lay staff, Vestry, and Sunday ushers will be glad to tell you more about the congregation and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to become a member of the congregation, we would like to learn more about you and your family.

Caroline Angelica, Deanna Hoffman, Stacy Hughes
The Rev. Andy Olivo, The Rev. Billy Adams

"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Hebrews 13:1-2

Remembering Departed Altar Guild Members

This year on November 13, in the season of All Saints, we will remember at the 10:00 a.m. service the members of our Altar Guild who have completed their service among us and now share in their larger life with God. The altar is one of our principal symbols of the intersection of earthly time and heavenly eternity. At the altar we remember light and order transforming darkness and chaos into the beginning of creation, the long history of God's calling, guiding, and sanctifying a chosen people, God's coming to us in the person of Jesus, God's loving offering of his very life for the sins of the world at the crucifixion, and the heavenly banquet of all the saints gathered in festive glory around God's holy table. In this season of remembering and honoring, we will remember and honor the growing list of saints from our congregation who worked faithfully, and usually very much in the background, to enable us to give public and festive thanks and honor to God in the beauty of holiness.

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Thanksgiving Day Service at St. Elizabeth's

On Thanksgiving Day, November 24, at 10:00 am at St. Elizabeth's, we will offer a Holy Eucharist Rite II, come-as-you-are service. We'll sing traditional Thanksgiving hymns and have a service for the whole family. Put your turkey in the oven and join us for this festive and informal liturgy. We look forward to seeing you there and giving thanks together.

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Daylight Saving Time Ends November 6

Just a reminder that Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 6, so be sure to set your clocks **back** one hour on Saturday night, November 5, before you go to bed.

From the Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Committee Room. We will complete the process of presenting the grant applications and determine the allocations of Outreach funds to the charities that we support. New members are always welcome to join! Thank you to all of the parishioners who have stepped up to volunteer to provide and serve meals at St. Paul's Men's Shelter. All of the 2022 dates have been claimed. However, there are still

opportunities to serve the residents of **St. Paul's Men's Shelter in 2023: January 16 (MLK Day), February 20 (President's Day), March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 18.** This is an excellent opportunity to provide support to men who are working hard to re-establish their lives and to grow in Christ's love.

Denise Vollkommer
Chair, Outreach Committee

Directory Changes

Donohue, Brian & Sarah

New address: 35 Birch Street; Emerson NJ 07630

Wesson, Michael & Michele

New address: 236 Cambridge Oaks, Park Ridge NJ 07656-2619

Looking Ahead...

Wed., Nov. 2	12:00 noon Holy Eucharist (I)
Thu., Nov. 3	5:30 pm Baby Shower for Catherine Olivo
Sun., Nov. 6	All Saints' Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) & Necrology 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (II) & Necrology
Sun., Nov. 13	8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (II) 4:00 pm Faith & Film (<i>Babette's Feast</i>)
Mon., Nov. 14	7:00 pm Diocesan Strategic Visioning Session in Parish Hall

Wed., Nov. 16	12:00 noon Holy Eucharist (I)
Thu., Nov. 17	December <i>Tower</i> Deadline
Sun., Nov. 20	8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Family Eucharist (II)
Tue., Nov. 22	7:30 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Old Paramus Reformed Church
Thu., Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Day 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (II)
Sun., Nov. 27	The First Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (I)
Sun., Dec. 4	8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (I)
Sun., Dec. 11	8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 4:00 pm Advent Concert & Reception
Wed., Dec. 14	12:00 noon Holy Eucharist (I) 5:30 pm Tree Lighting/Christmas Caroling
Thu., Dec. 17	January <i>Tower</i> Deadline
Fri., Dec. 16	3:00 pm Ukrainian St. Nicholas Day event
Sun., Dec. 19	8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (II) & Pageant
Fri., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist (II)
Sat., Dec. 25	Christmas Day 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (II)
Mon.-Fri., Dec. 26-30	[Office Closed]



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