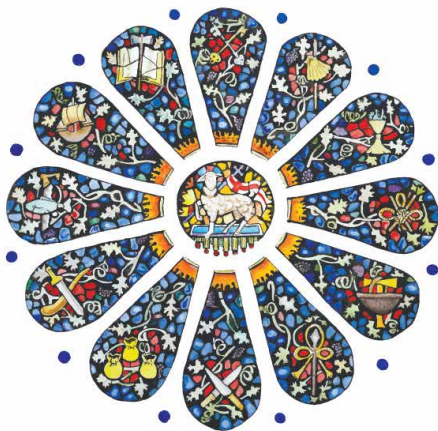


FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY BAPTISM & EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 14

Sunday

- 10:00 am Holy Baptism & Eucharist: Rite Two (Church)
- 10:00 am Tackle Hunger: Souper Bowl of Caring
- 11:15 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
- 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11:45 am Youth Confirmation (Confirmation Room)

Monday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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

Thursday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
- 10:00 am Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)
- 12:00 pm Midweek Recharge (Parish Hall)
- 5:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Saturday

- 10:00 am Kitchen Renovation Committee Meeting (Kitchen)

*Morning Prayer is on Zoom only, Monday through Friday at 8:30am
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-5 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 Soup-er Fans Needed! Our Youth Confirmation Class is collecting canned soup and cash for the Souper Bowl of Caring to help fight hunger in our community. Bring your donations and show your team spirit—every can and every dollar makes a difference.

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 Carolina 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

Parish Office Closed

Monday, February 16, 2026

for Presidents' Day

Please contact The Rev. Andy Olivo at
(423) 242-5313 for pastoral emergencies.

Art Exhibit

Tuesday, February 17 - April 3

Jim Alimena's paintings will be on
exhibit at the Louis Bay 2nd Library &
Community Center, 345 Lafayette Avenue,
Hawthorne. M-Th 9am-9pm, Fri 9am-
5:30pm, Sat 10am-5pm.

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/>

Teen & Family 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.

5 PM Contemplative Eucharist Update

Our 5 PM Contemplative Eucharist will now be held monthly, following a potluck-style family dinner. Join us February 22 for prayer, worship, and good food. Questions? Contact Rev. Andy or Rev. Melina.

Before Lunch Book Group

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

Join us to discuss *Under the Tulip Tree*
by Michelle Shocklee moderated by Joan Hickey

Movie Screening

Sunday, March 15 at 11:30am

You're invited to the screening of the documentary "The Philadelphia Eleven," about the trailblazers who became the first women to be ordained priests in the Episcopal Church. Come and explore the story of women's ordination as we enter our 52nd year.

RSVP <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49ADA72AA3FFC07-61981136-thecreening#/>

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Pastorale in F Major, BWV 590*

*Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)*

*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 497 "How bright appears the Morning Star"

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 299

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 216

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

arr. John Helgen

St. Elizabeth's Youth Choir

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
for this work is almost done.*

*Children, don't get weary,
children, don't get weary,
children, don't get weary,
for this work is almost done.*

*Darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
darker midnight lies before us,
for this work is almost done.*

*Lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
lo, the morning soon is breaking,
for this work is almost done.*

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 655 “O Jesus, I have promised”

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

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

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth

pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

HYMN 655 “O Jesus, I have promised”

Verse 3

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Melina Dezhbod

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

BCP 301

Theodore Brooks Tselios

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

BCP 305

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

HYMN 490 “I want to walk as a child of the light”

WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

BCP 308

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 on-line.*

THE OFFERTORY *Walk in the Light*

arr. André Thomas

George D, Elderkin, refrain

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, stanzas

St. Elizabeth's Youth and Children's Choirs

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus the Light of the world.*

*Light that shines upon a hill.
Jesus, the Light of the world;*

*Lamps so bright with joy they fill.
Jesus the Light of the world.*

*Shine you light and let it bring.
Jesus the Light of the world;
Hope to those who hear you sing.
Jesus, the Light of the world.*

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

PROPER PREFACE FOR BAPTISM

BCP 381

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

SANCTUS, Hymnal S-129

The Congregation may remain standing or kneel after the singing of the Sanctus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

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

AGNUS DEI, Hymnal S-163

Sung while the Clergy prepare the communion vessels.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine at St. Elizabeth's. Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive communion, are invited to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free hosts (bread) are available upon request. When directed by the Ushers, the Congregation is invited to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail or at the 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 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

HYMN 383 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

HYMN 711 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

HYMN 372 "Praise to the living God!"

THE DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Toccata in E minor*

*Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)*

PEALING OF THE BELLS IN HONOR OF THE BAPTISM OF THEODORE BROOKS TSELIOS

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer:

Torch Bearers: Julie Clark, Claire Libenson

Lector: Andrew Freeborn

Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Carter, Karla Tombaugh

Ushers: Don Chappell, Tom Palmer

Bell Ringers: Barbara & Kevin Burns, Todd Hoffman, Tom Palmer, Don Taylor

Altar Guild: Gigo Lee-Taylor, Sue Reid

Coffee Hour: 5th-7th Grades Church School

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

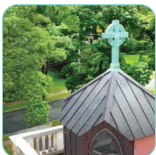
NEW BASS SECTION LEADER

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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN & PLANNED GIVING INITIATIVE



Prepare^{the}Way
Caring For Our Sacred Space



Good news: Pledges to the Prepare the Way capital campaign are coming in! Please use the QR code to read the update in a letter that was recently mailed out.



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Charles R. Rocks
by his family.

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

We remember also those who have died, especially Jaylin Rainford,
Chiemelie Okonkwo, and Charles Colton

Prayer List Renewal

*The prayer list will be refreshed for Lent. 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

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Stephanie Doyle

Sexton

Fredy Reyes

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Jeffrey Castellano, Alicia Luick,

Daniel Peretto, Anastasia Swope

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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

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