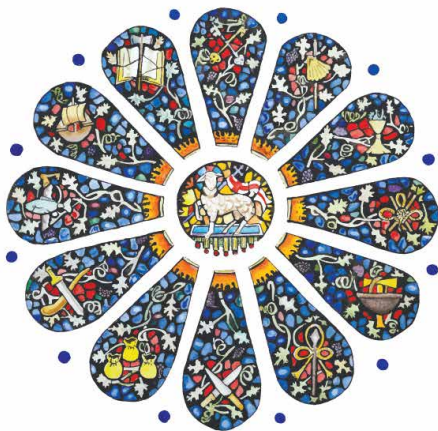


# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



## St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

*welcome home*

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

## THE WEEK OF APRIL 26 - MAY 2

### 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)
- 5:00 pm Contemplative Eucharist & Fire-pit (Chapel)

### Monday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)

### Tuesday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)

### Wednesday

- 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)
- 10:30 am Moms Group (Garden Room)
- 5:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Friday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)

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*Morning Prayer is on Zoom only, Monday through Friday at 8:30am*  
*Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at [jim.alimena@gmail.com](mailto: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 May 24 and June 28. 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

### Coffee Hour Presentation

(Parish Hall)

At this morning's Coffee Hour, Emily Olkowski will be presenting her Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal, which involves tackling the problem of food insecurity in our community and directly connects the St. Elizabeth's community to be part of the solution! Come hear about her vision and how she has been coordinating with the St. Elizabeth's Outreach Committee.

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### 5 PM Contemplative Eucharist & Fire-pit

Our 5 PM Contemplative Eucharist will now be held monthly, followed by a potluck-style family dinner & fire-pit. Join us **April 26** for prayer, worship & fellowship.

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### Moms Group: Spring 2026

Thursday, April 30th at 10:30am  
(Garden Room)

Moms Group is back for our spring session! Join us Thursdays at 10:30am to discuss the upcoming Sunday's Gospel against a backdrop of all the mom things that the end of the school year has to offer. We'll wrap up the year with a fun Moms Night Out. Questions? Email Catherine Olivo at [catherineouttenolivo@gmail.com](mailto:catherineouttenolivo@gmail.com) or Elena Croy at [ebcroy@gmail.com](mailto:ebcroy@gmail.com).

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### Midweek Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, May 6th at 12:00pm  
(Chapel)

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### Choral Evensong

Saturday, May 16th at 5:00pm  
(Church)

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### Graduate Recognition Worship Service

Sunday, May 17th at 10:00am  
(Church)

### Parish Life Committee Meeting

Sunday, May 3rd at 12:00pm

Looking for a way to learn more about, or get involved with fellowship activities here at St. E's? Please join us for our Parish Life Committee meeting on Sunday, May 3rd at 11:30 am. We will discuss plans for our upcoming parish picnic as well other opportunities to connect, serve and grow in faith together. New and long time parishioners welcome, no long term commitment necessary! Questions? contact Cathy Cardew at [cvcardew@gmail.com](mailto:cvcardew@gmail.com)

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### Midweek Recharge on a Sunday

Sunday, May 17th at 11:30am  
(Parish Hall)

Speaker: Taylor Price

Taylor Price is a business leader and disability advocate with experience in technology and government, including leading a national campaign at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. After a diving accident at 18 left him quadriplegic, he became an advocate through the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and lives in Florida.

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### YPF

Sunday, May 17th at 6:00pm  
Save the Date

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### Parish Office Closed

Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day  
Please contact The Rev. Andy Olivo at (423) 242-5313 for pastoral emergencies.

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### Confirmation Service

Saturday, May 30th at 10:00am  
St. Matthew's, Paramus  
Seating is limited. The service will be live streamed. <https://dioceseofnewark.org/confirmation/>

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, from Cantata No. 147*

*Arranged by Myra Hess (1890-1965)*

*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 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*BCP 355*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*BCP 355*

GLORIA, Hymnal S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*BCP 225*

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

*Acts 2:42-47*

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**THE SECOND LESSON**

*1 Peter 2:19-25*

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**HYMN 645** “The King of love my shepherd is”

*Verses 1-3*

**THE GOSPEL**

*John 10:1-10*

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

**HYMN 645** “The King of love my shepherd is”

*Verses 4-6*

THE HOMILY

*The Rev. Melina Dezhbod*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP 392

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 on-line.*

THE OFFERTORY *Adonai Ro'i*

*Gerald Cohen*

*Text: Psalm 23*

*(b. 1960)*

*Anastasia Swope, soprano*

*Adonai ro'i, lo echsar,  
binot deshe yarbitseini,  
al mey m'nuchot y'nahaleini.  
Nafshi y'shoveiv,  
yancheini v'maglei tsedek,  
l'maan sh'mo.  
Gam ki eileych b'gei tsalmavet,*

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He gives me repose in green meadows,  
He leads me beside the still waters.  
He revives my spirit,  
He guides me on the right path,  
for that is His nature.  
Though I walk in the valley of the shadow of  
death,*

*lo ira ra ki ata imadi,  
shivt'cha umishantecha  
heima y'nachamuni.  
Taaroach l'fanay shulchan  
neged tsor'ray,  
dishanta vashemen roshi,  
kosi r'vaya.  
Ach tov vachesh yird'funi*

*I fear no harm, for You are with me,  
Your staff and your rod  
comfort me.  
You prepare a banquet for me in the presence  
of my foes,  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and kindness shall be my  
portion*

*kol y'mei chayai,  
v'shavti b'veit  
Adonai l'orech yamim.*

*all the days of my life,  
And I shall dwell in the  
House of the Lord forever.*

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 D**

BCP 372

**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 664** "My Shepherd will supply my need"

**HYMN 341** "For the bread which you have broken"

**HYMN 708** "Savior, like a shepherd lead us"

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

BCP 365

**THE BLESSING**

BCP 366

**HYMN 208** "The strife is o'er, the battle done"

**THE DISMISSAL**

BCP 366

Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE** *Water Music Suite in F Major, HWV 348*

*George Frideric Handel*

*Mvt. I- Allegro vivace*

*(1685-1759)*

*Mvt. III- Hornpipe*

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

Crucifer: Don Taylor

Torchbearers: Lucas MacLaren

Lectors: Annabelle MacLaren, Cynthia Gorey

Eucharistic Ministers: Debra Anderson, Don Taylor

Ushers: David Jones, Ed Iannelli

Altar Guild: Sue Reid

Coffee Hour: Emily Olkowski, Beth Van Emburgh

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

### **Google Drive for Photos**

Do you have photos from Boots, Blessings, & BBQ? You can download the photos onto St. E's Google drive. Have photos from other events? You can download those as well. Use the QR code to access the Google drive.



### **Name Tags**

Did you bring your magnetic name tag home after Boots, Blessings, & BBQ on Saturday, April 18? Please return it to the white boards by the elevator.

Have you lost your name tag? Is it broken in some way? Do you have two?

Email Stephanie to replace lost name tags. [sdoyle@stesridgewood.org](mailto:sdoyle@stesridgewood.org)

Leave broken parts or extras on Stephanie's desk with a note. Thanks!

### **Baptismal Blanket Ministry**

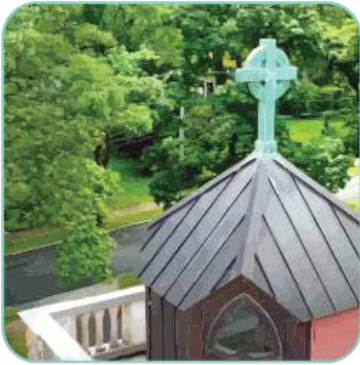
This group knits and crochets blankets for each child baptized at St. Elizabeth's, symbolizing warmth, comfort, and God's love.

All skill levels are welcome—yarn and lessons provided. Join Thursdays at 10 am or Wednesdays from 7:00–8:30 pm. Contact Beth Van Emburgh (Wednesday) [bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org](mailto:bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org) or Sherry Kock (Thursday) for details.

### **Card Ministry**

Request handwritten celebration, sympathy, or “thinking of you” cards for loved ones—sent on behalf of our St. Elizabeth's community. Submit requests anytime to clergy, staff, or committee members.

Contact Cathy Cardew, Sherry Kock, or Chair Valerie Florstedt with questions.



# Prepare<sup>the</sup>Way

## *Caring For Our Sacred Space*



### ST. ELIZABETH'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

#### Prepare The Way Capital Campaign Update: Just 24 Pledges Needed to Reach Our Goal



To date, we have received 76 pledges totaling a commitment of \$2,533,859. **Please pledge! There's still time to help us complete the campaign goal of 100 pledges.** Please fill out and return a pledge card today, or pledge online using the QR code provided

#### Campaign Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, just as your prophet John the Baptist came as a messenger to prepare the way of the Lord, you call us to that very same ministry. May all your faithful people who gather here to worship your Son be devoted caretakers of this sacred space so that we and future generations may know the Good News of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit be honor, praise, and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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#### Meals Ministry

St. Elizabeth's offers a meals ministry to support families during illness, recovery, or other challenging times. Volunteers deliver meals so you can focus on healing and being together.

The ministry is led by Gaye Thurston and Karla Tombaugh.

#### *Need help?*

Contact Andy or Melina to get started. Gaye or Karla will follow up to arrange a meal schedule based on your needs and preferences, including delivery style.

#### *Want to help?*

Email Gaye (gaye.thurston@gmail.com) or Karla (ktomb833@outlook.com) to join. You'll receive notifications when meals are needed and can sign up for dates that work for you.

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Ethel and Franklin Rigg by Jane Mercer and Syd Salt by Lora Salt.

*Mary Szurly is our flower memorial coordinator. Contact the church office if you are interested in honoring a loved one with altar flowers.*

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Alex Casazza	Frederick Bruno	Sarah
Alice	George & Shelley Mackey	Segovia Pasichniak
Bill Brancato	Grace Behringer	Sophie
Blanca Rojano	Gunnip Family	Sr. Maureen Mitten
Bob	Jack	Thomas Maloney
Bob Bell	Jamie Whaley	Vincent Desimone
Bob C.	Jane Winer	Winston
Bruce Neandross	John Berryman	Mary Ann Newcomb &
Carlos Pinto Family	John Mills	Family
Catherine	Juan	Matthew Garcia
Catherine O'Connell	Julie & Jim Robertson	Ken Thiess
Chris C.	June Bové	Ellen Ingber
Christian	Justine and Tom Boylan	Wes Pace
Christina Olkowski	Kim Heitzenrater	Marcus Noble
Claire	Linda	John Palmer Family
Colten	Lois Chapman	Herb Berl
Connie	Lora Salt	Vincent Colling
Cookie C.	Margaret	Virginia DuDeck
Danikka Dillon & Family	Marty Melamed	Lori Cardinale
David Barrand	Mary	Michelle Todd
Dean Hawthorne	Milt	David Y.
Denny	Nancy Schrempp	Yoshio Kurahashi
Diane and Frank Barletta	Nancy Teichman	Dick Davies
Diane Pring	Pat	Lequan & Stephen Dudzik
Donna	Pauline Fiore & Family	Gretchen
Doris	Peter Flannery	Virginia Leahy
Dorothea Hickey	Qian (Chen) Liu	Kate
Dot Meyer	Rick	Ellen English
Effie	Robbie	David Thurston
Elizabeth Sofia	Robert	
Evelyn & Steve Dyke	Robyn Pring	
Family of Mary Ann	Rochelle Kilzy	
DeGraw	Ruth	
Frankye Crump	Ruthie	

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We remember also those who have died, especially Deborah Ross.

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### Prayer List Renewal

*The prayer list was refreshed at the beginning of 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 Hommeez

## **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 '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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