

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23 - AUGUST 29

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Church)

11:15 a.m. Lemonade & Iced Tea Hour (Parish Hall)

Monday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

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8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

4:00 p.m. Summer Storytime (Parish Hall)

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

7:00 p.m. Evening Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

10:00 a.m. Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

Friday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

6:00 p.m. Family Dinner (Parish Hall)

Morning Prayer is offered on Zoom only, Monday through Friday, at 8:30 a.m.

Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at jim.alimena@gmail.com

**Morning Prayer Zoom - Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning*

WELCOME

Cooling Station and Water

If the church is too hot for your comfort, you may sit in the Chapel where there is air conditioning and watch the livestreamed service on the large wall-mounted TV. Water is available in the hallway between the Narthex and the Chapel and by the bathrooms and elevator.

Baptism

The upcoming baptism dates are September 13, October 11, November 1, and November 22. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Andy for more information.

Families with Young Children Welcome!

Quiet activity 'pew bags' and children's worship materials are available outside the Narthex. A staffed nursery for infants through 5 years is open upstairs (2nd floor). Changing tables are in all

Summer Parish Office Hours

Summer office hours are 9 a.m.–2 p.m., Monday–Friday. Either Stephanie or Grace will be in the office during those times.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Storytime

Tuesday, August 25 at 4 p.m. (New Time!)
(Parish Hall)

Join us for a fun-filled Storytime designed especially for children ages 8 and under!

Bring your little ones for a morning of imagination, friendship, and faith in a welcoming and joyful environment.

Each session includes an engaging story, a creative craft, and a tasty snack as we learn, create, and grow together. All children are welcome—bring a friend!

Final Friday Family Dinner & Games

Friday, August 28 at 6 p.m.
(Parish Hall)

Bring the whole family and join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship! Enjoy a delicious casual dinner, connect with friends old and new, and challenge each other with games for all ages. RSVP to bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 30
Save the date!

Before Lunch Book Talk

Resumes on Tuesday, September 1 at noon in the Garden Room and on Zoom.

The group will be discussing *American Princess: A Novel of First Daughter Alice Roosevelt* by Stephanie Marie Thornton followed by BYO lunch.

Parish Office Closed

Monday, September 7 for Labor Day

Blessing Shelf

The latest collection is for Ridgewood Social Service Association. Please donate rice, instant noodles, canned foods, dry goods, cooking oil, sugar, salt, breakfast items, and snacks. The collection period is from August 2–September 20.

Welcome Home Picnic

Sunday, September 20 at 11:15 a.m.
Save the date!

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, October 3
5 p.m. cocktails at 61
California St., followed
by dinner & dessert
\$75 per person
Use the QR code to
purchase tickets.



Midweek Holy Eucharist

Resumes on Wednesday, October 7 at
12:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

CHURCH SCHOOL 2026-2027

Registration is up and running on our website! Classes begin September 27th. Class leaders are still needed, so please consider growing in faith alongside your children. All materials and lessons are provided. Contact Beth for more information. Questions? Contact Beth at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org.



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. You are invited to pause from the busyness of life and connect with God during this sacred time.

OPENING HYMN 542 “Christ is the world’s true Light”

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

GLORIA, Hymnal S-280

THE COLLECT

BCP 232

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 382 “King of glory, King of peace”

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

HYMN 382 “King of glory, King of peace”

Verse 3

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Andy Olivo

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP 392

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE

BCP 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



*An offering is taken at this time. You may place
your offering in the plate as it is passed or use the QR
code to donate securely online.*

THE OFFERTORY *Simple Gifts*

Shaker Melody

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent.

Arranged by Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Anastasia Swope, soprano

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 A

BCP 361

PROPER PREFACE OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

BCP 378

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

SANCTUS, Hymnal S-129

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

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

AGNUS DEI, Hymnal S-163

Sung while the clergy prepare the communion vessels.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine at St. Elizabeth's. Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive communion, are invited to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free hosts (bread) are available upon request. When directed by the ushers, the congregation is invited to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail or at the station on the floor. After you receive communion, return to your pew via the side aisles. If you need communion brought to you, please let the ushers know.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

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

HYMN 522 "Glorious things of thee are spoken"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

HYMN 397 "Now thank we all our God"

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Toccata in G Major*

*William Pachelbel
(1686-1764)*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Mary Wynn Seiter

Lector: David Barrand

Eucharistic Ministers: David Barrand, Mary Wynn Seiter, Mary Hayes

Ushers: Don and Gigo Taylor

Altar Guild: Caroline Angelica, Debra Anderson, Pilar Meola, Sue Reid

Lemonade & Iced Tea Hour: Marnie Price, Barbara Burns

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman, Duncan LeMay

A Special Request for St. Paul's CDC Emergency Men's Shelter, Paterson

The director of St. Paul's CDC Emergency Men's Shelter, Nantasha McCutchen, is requesting anyone who has additional time and the willingness to serve food at the shelter to contact her. There are many open spots in August. They are also looking for donations of milk, cereal and coffee. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Natasha via email at nmccutchen@stpaulscdc.org. If you would like to donate food for dinner or the specifics listed above via delivery, the address to use is 422 Broadway, Paterson. Thank you for caring about this vulnerable population.

Driving Hope Golf Outing

A Day of Golf. A Lifetime of Impact.

St. Paul's Community Development Corporation

Supporting Stronger Neighborhoods. Building Brighter Futures.

Thursday, October 15, 2026

Sunset Valley Golf Course, 1 Sunset Valley Road, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444

Registration & Lunch 12:00 p.m. BBQ Lunch Provided

Shotgun Start 1:00 p.m.

Format: Four-Person Scramble

Register Today! Scan to Register or Visit SPCDC.org/Golf

Questions? Contact: Teresa Johnson teresa.johnson@spcdc.org (908) 555-1234



**With Thanksgiving
for Faithful Ministry**

The people of
St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church
cordially invite you to a

Farewell Luncheon

Honoring the Rev. Melina Dezhbod

as we give thanks for faithful leadership,
compassionate pastoral care, and the many
blessings of shared ministry.

Sunday, August 30

Following the 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Parish Hall

Please join us for fellowship, gratitude, and the
opportunity to wish Rev. Melina every blessing
as God calls her to a new chapter in ministry.

Use the QR code to RSVP.



To give thanks for Rev. Melina's
ministry, you can contribute to a
purse that we will give to her. You
can give your gifts securely using the
QR code to the right or mail or drop
off a check in the parish office with
"Melina's purse" in the memo.



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PACS Paterson is calling for all ages to open your **Hearts**,
lend your **Hands** and give your **Hours (3H's)** from for
students in 7th grade and beyond:

Monday 8/24, Classroom Setup

- 8 volunteers needed (13 years old and beyond)
- Work with assigned homeroom teacher
- Sign up for 10 a.m.–12 p.m. or 12–2 p.m

Gigo Lee-Taylor

(email gigitaylor@gmail.com, cell:201-835-8681)



EPISCOPAL JEOPARDY

Did you miss Episcopal Jeopardy on July 19? We'll be running the questions by category each week, with the answers appearing the following week.

Category:	Liturgy	Category:	True or False
100	What liturgical color is used most throughout the church year, and what season is primarily associated with it? Green is used in Ordinary Time.	100	Episcopal comes from the Greek word meaning "welcome."
		200	The Episcopal Church is a part of the Anglican Communion.
200	This book contains our liturgies, prayers, and other services. Book of Common Prayer	300	The last major BCP revision was in 1989.
		400	Thomas Cranmer compiled the first BCP.
300	On what page can Holy Baptism be found on? 299	500	There is one approved hymnal in the Episcopal Church.
400	During this season we omit Alleluia from the service. Lent		
500	What is the Lectionary Cycle? The Episcopal Church follows this cycle of Scripture readings, and it repeats every 3 years. They are grouped as year A, B, and C.		

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pilar's sister, Connie Martinez and Ralph's mother, Lucille Meola by Ralph, Pilar, Christian, and Adam Meola.

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

Al	Family of Mary Ann	Milt
Alex Casazza	DeGraw	Nancy Schrempp
Alice	Frank	Nancy Teichman
Amy Brink	Frankye Crump	Pat
Anne	Frederick Bruno	Paula Paulson
Barbara	Gaye	Pauline Fiore & Family
Bill Brancato	George & Shelley Mackey	Penny
Blanca Rojano	Gretchen	Peter Flannery
Bob	Gunnip Family	Prasse Family
Bob Bell	Jack	Qian (Chen) Liu
Bob C.	Jaime	Quinn
Bruce	Jamie Whaley	Richard Brunelle
Bruce Neandross	Jane Winer	Rick
Catherine	Joanne	Robbie
Catherine O'Connell	John Berryman	Robert
Chris	John Mills	Robyn Pring
Chris C.	Juan	Rochelle Kilzy
Christian	Julie & Jim Robertson	Ruth
Christina Olkowski	June Bové	Ruthie
Claire	Justine and Tom Boylan	Sarah
Connie	Kate	Sarah
Cookie C.	Ken Thiess	Segovia Pasichniak
Danikka Dillon & Family	Kim Heitzenrater	Sophie
David Barrand	L Russ	Sr. Maureen Mitten
David Hawthorne	Lequan & Stephen Dudzik	Sue VanderPloeg
David Thurston	Linda	The Rev. Dean Weber
David Y.	Lois Chapman	Thomas Maloney
Dawn	Lora Salt	Valerie
Denny	Lori Cardinale	Vincent Colling
Diane and Frank Barletta	Marcus Noble	Vincent Desimone
Diane Pring	Margaret	Virginia DuDeck
Dick Davies	Maritza	Virginia Leahy
Donna	Marty Melamed	Wes Pace
Doris	Mary	Winston
Dorothea Hickey	Mary Ann Newcomb &	Yochio Kurahashi
Effie	Family	
Elizabeth Sofia	Matthew Garcia	
Ellen Ingber	Michael Colling	
Evelyn & Steve Dyke	Midge	

We remember also those who have died, especially Pat DeSear, Norma Hensler, Ted Wagner, Doug Judah, and Claire Burns Quinn.

Prayer List Renewal

The prayer list has been refreshed for Pentecost. 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 '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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