First Sunday of Advent



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

Sunday, November 29, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite One

The Week of November 29 - December 5

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Church School & Children's Chapel
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Church)
11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (Confirmation Room)

Monday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
7:00 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
12:00 p.m. Before Lunch Book Talk (Garden Room and Zoom)

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
12:00 p.m. Midweek Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
10:00 a.m. Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)
5:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal

Friday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
9:30 a.m. Advent Quiet Day with Mary Ann Archer (Chapel)

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Mini-Musicians (Lower-level Music Room)

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

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 age 3 is open upstairs (second floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms. The nursery attendant is Akshara Puli.

Baptism

The upcoming baptism dates are January 10, February 7, 2027, April 4 and May 16, 2027. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Andy for more information.

Parish Office Hours

Office hours are 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday. Stephanie or Grace will be in the office during those hours.

Upcoming Events

Give the Gift of Sight
St. Elizabeth's 11th-grade student Shivani Heltzel is working on her Girl Scout Gold Award project to help people who don't have access to proper eyeglasses. Her project will collect used prescription glasses, and there is a donation bin at St. Elizabeth's through November 29. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

Before Lunch Book Talk
Tuesday, December 1, at noon in the Garden Room and on Zoom. The group will discuss *Theo of Golden: A Novel* by Allen Levi, followed by lunch.
Meeting ID: 823 8050 3238
Passcode: Book

Advent Quiet Day with Mary Ann Archer
Friday, December 4, at **9:30 a.m.** in the Chapel

Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling
Wednesday, December 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant
Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, December 19 at 8:30 a.m.; Pageant Call Time: Sunday, December 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services:
Family Christmas Eve Service, Thursday, December 24 at 4 p.m.
Contemplative Christmas Eve Service, Thursday, December 24 at 10 p.m.
Christmas Day Eucharist, Friday, December 25 at 10 a.m.

Parish Office Closed
Thursday, December 24 through Saturday, January 2, 2027

Blessing Shelf
Just Diapers & Wipes
St. Paul's Paterson
With a growing population experiencing food insecurity, in the City of Paterson, diapers and wipes are also essential items for infants and toddlers. Please donate diapers in sizes newborn through 7 and wipes from November 16 through December 31.



Stewardship Committee:
Bruce Firkins, Denise Barrand, Christopher Aquilino, Denise Vollkommer, Steve Gorey, Susan Munhall, and Lauren Winter

How do I make a pledge?
Our 2027 Stewardship campaign concludes Sunday, December 6. You should have received a pledge card and a letter from the Stewardship Committee in your mailbox. If you did not receive one, baskets of pledge cards are available in the Narthex and outside the parish office. You can return your card to the parish office or pledge online with the QR code on the card or below. Thank you for helping our roots grow deeper.

2027 Pledge Meter



Use the QR Code to pledge online.

The Order of Service

The Call to Worship

Prelude *Rêverie* *Claude Debussy (1862-1918)*

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 57 "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"

The Opening Acclamation *BCP 323*
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 323*

The Summary of the Law *BCP 324*

Magnificat, Hymnal S-185

The Collect *BCP 159*
Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *Isaiah 64:1-9*
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Lesson *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched

in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 68 "Rejoice! rejoice, believers" *Verses 1-2*

The Gospel *Mark 13:24-37*

Response before the Gospel: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Response after the Gospel: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Hymn 68 "Rejoice! rejoice, believers" *Verse 3*

The Homily *The Rev. Andy Olivo*

The Nicene Creed *BCP 326*

The Prayers of the People *BCP 328*

The Confession of Sin *BCP 331*

The Absolution *BCP 332*

The Peace *BCP 332*

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 *A Ceremony of Carols* *Benjamin Britten*
III. There is no Rose *(1913-1976)*
Text: Anonymous 14th century

There is no rose of such vertu
As is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia.

For in this rose conteinèd was
Heaven and earth in litel space;
Resmiranda. (Thing worthy of wonder).

By that rose we may well see
There be one God in persons three,
Pares forma. (Equal in form).

The aungels sungen the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis deo: (Glory to God in the highest)
Gaudeamus. (Let us praise).

Leave we all this werldy mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus. (Let us go across).
Alleluia. Resmiranda. Gaudeamus.
Transeamus.

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer I *BCP 333*

Proper Preface of Advent *BCP 345*

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Sanctus, Hymnal S-114

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

The Lord's Prayer *BCP 336*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Prayer of Humble Access *BCP 337*

Agnus Dei, Hymnal S-158

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 floor station. 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 60 "Creator of the stars of night"
Hymn 73 "The King shall come when morning dawns"
Hymn 655 "O Jesus, I have promised"

Post Communion Prayer *BCP 339*

The Blessing *BCP 339*

Hymn 454 "Jesus came, adored by angels"

The Dismissal *BCP 339*

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2* *Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

Participants in the Service

Crucifer: Don Taylor

Lectors: David Barrand, Sheryl Jordan

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Cooke, Don Taylor, Karla Tombaugh

Ushers: Don Chappell, Daniel Rosario

Altar Guild: Debra Anderson, Gigo Lee-Taylor, Anne Hovey, Sue Reid

Coffee Hour: Ashley Lott

Nursery Attendant: Akshara Puli

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

St. E's Christmas Pageant

Calling all angels, sheep, shepherds, camels, and heralds!
All are welcome to join us for our Annual Christmas Pageant, to be held on Sunday, December 20th. While speaking roles are assigned to our older children, we welcome all the angels, sheep, shepherds, camels, and heralds! Open to children aged 3 and up. All participants must attend our rehearsal on Saturday, December 19 at 8:30 a.m. On Pageant Sunday, children will meet at 9:30 a.m. and should wear lightweight clothing to accommodate costumes. Contact Beth Van Emburgh at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org with questions or to sign up!

Church School 2026-2027

Registration is open on our website! Class leaders are still needed, **particularly for 2nd - 4th grades beginning in January.** Please consider growing in faith alongside your children. All materials and lessons are provided. **Classes cannot take place without two adult leaders in each class.** Contact Beth for more information at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org.



Advent Quiet Day with Mary Ann Archer

Come enjoy an island of calm at the **Advent Retreat "Waiting in Hope," on Friday, December 4, from 9:30-12:30** in the chapel of St. Elizabeth's Church. Hear the Biblical stories of mothers and a father who waited -Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, and Joseph - through the eyes of a sweet she-donkey in Mary Ann Archer's book ***Seila's Story, Nothing is Impossible with God.***

You'll be greeted with coffee and snacks, a reading of the book, suggestions for the quiet time, gentle discussion, and, of course, prayer! You'll also have time to craft a simple donkey-themed Christmas tree ornament and receive a free copy of Mary Ann's book. Come take a dip in the tranquil waters of prayer, fellowship, quiet time, and Bible stories- through a hopeful donkey's eyes!

RSVP suggested by November 29 to Mary Ann Archer and St. Elizabeth's at mspirdir@kinex.net and sdoyle@stesridgewood.org



Join Us for a

Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent

Sunday, December 13, 2026

4:00 p.m.

St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church of Ridgewood
169 Fairmount Rd (201) 444-2200 info@stesridgewood.org

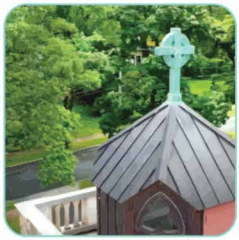
Advent & Christmas 2026 at St. E's

DECEMBER

• Advent Quiet Day with Mary Ann Archer	**Dec 4 at 9:30am**
• Advent Lessons and Carols	**Dec 13 at 4pm**
• Christmas Caroling & Tree Lighting	**Dec 16 at 5:30pm**
• Children's Christmas Pageant	**Dec 20 at 10am**
• Family Christmas Eve Service	**Dec 24 at 4pm**
• Contemplative Christmas Eve Service	**Dec 24 at 10pm**
• Christmas Day Eucharist	**Dec 25 at 10am**
• First Sunday after Christmas	**Dec 27 at 10am**

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As is our tradition, the Parish Office will be closed December 24 - January 2, as a way of thanking our staff for their faithful work all year long.
Please contact the Rev. Andy Olivo if you have a pastoral emergency during this time.



Prepare the Way

Caring For Our Sacred Space

ST. ELIZABETH'S PROJECT UPDATES

Another Capital Campaign project completed!

This past Monday saw the successful completion of the work on our back-up power supply. Through the great work and engineering knowledge of John Walker, we were able to recommission our current generator and then have a new transfer switch installed, thereby saving us significant money against budget. Bring on the bad weather - we are ready for it!









Use the QR Code to pay your Capital Campaign pledge online.

Memorials and Honoraria

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of The Rev. Charles S. and Lynette Armstrong by their daughter Ann Armstrong.

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

Parish Prayer List

Al
Alex Casazza
Alice
Amy Brink
Anita
Bill Brancato
Bob
Bob Bell
Bob C.
Bruce
Bruce Neandross
Carol
Carrol Garcia
Catherine
Catherine O'Connell
Christian
Christina Olkowski
Claire
Connie
Cookie C.
Danielle Neri
David Barrand
David Hawthorne
David Y.
Dawn
Denny
Diane and Frank Barletta
Diane Pring
Donna
Doris
Dorothea Hickey
Edith
Effie
Elizabeth Sofia
Evelyn and Steve Dyke
Family of Mary Ann DeGraw
Francine Pascal
Frank
Genesis and family
George and Shelley Mackey
George King
Gretchen
Jack
Jaime
Jane Winer
John Berryman
John Mills
Jose Bestard
Julie and Jim Robertson
June Bové
Justine and Tom Boylan
Kate
Ken Erlich
Lequan and Stephen Dudzik
Linda
Lois Chapman
Lora Salt
Marcus Noble
Marty Melamed
Mary
Mary Ann Newcomb and Family
Matthew Garcia
Michael Colling
Midge
Milt
Mina
Miryam
Molly Goodman
Nancy Schrempp
Nancy Teichman
Pat
Pauline Fiore and Family
Peg and Family
Penny
Peter Flannery
Richard Brunelle
Robbie
Robert
Robyn Pring
Rochelle Kilzy
Rod Geant
Ruthie
Sarah
Segovia Pasichniak
Sofia
Sophie
The Rev. Dean Weber
Thomas Maloney
Vincent Colling
Vincent Desimone
Virginia DuDeck
Virginia Leahy
Wes Pace
Winston
Yochio Kurahashi

We remember those who have died, especially Susan Van Emburgh and Jamie Whaley.

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 and Vestry

Rector
The Rev. Andy Olivo
Associate Priests
The Rev. Susan Schink
The Rev. Dr. Richard Sloan
Organist and Choirmaster
Garah Landes
Associate Choirmaster
Jennifer Hommez
Associate for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Beth Van Emburgh
Director of Finance and 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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