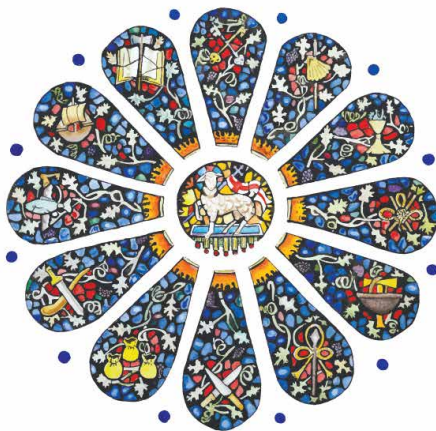


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 13

Sunday

9:30 am Church School & Children's Chapel
10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite One (Church)
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
11:45 am Youth Confirmation Class (Confirmation Classroom)
3:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)
4:00 pm Advent Concert (Church)

Monday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Tuesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Chapel & Zoom*)

Wednesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Chapel & Zoom*)
5:00 pm Christmas Tree Lighting (Front Lawn)
6:30 pm Sung Compline (Parish Hall)

Thursday

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

Friday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Saturday

1:00 pm "The Star" Christmas Movie Matinee (Conference Room)

Morning Prayer is said Mon-Fri at 8:30 am on Zoom.

Tues, Wed, & Thurs services will be in the Chapel and on Zoom.

Monday and Friday services will be on Zoom only.

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-3 years is open upstairs (2nd floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms.

Baptism

Upcoming baptism dates are January 11, February 15, 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 Advent Concert

Sunday, December 7 at 4pm
Music of the Season & Caroling with
Orchestra
The Senior and Children's Choirs
(Church)

Angel Tree in Parish Hall

Gift tags to support
West Bergen Mental Healthcare
Return gifts up to \$20 by December 14

Christmas Memorials

Our Christmas memorials provide all the poinsettias, greens, and bows used to decorate the church for the festive season of Christmas. Anyone wishing to have a Christmas memorial for the first time or to change an existing one should contact Mary Szurly at 201-337-3167 by Sunday, December 14th. If you have had a memorial in previous years and there is no change, there is no need to contact Mary. The cost per memorial is \$35.00. Checks should be made payable to St. Elizabeth's Church with "Christmas memorial" written in the memo area.

Christmas Tree Lighting & Caroling

Wednesday, December 10 at 5pm
(Front Lawn)

Advent Sung Compline

Wed., Dec 10 and Tues., Dec 16 at 6:30pm
Officiant: Ellanna Swope

The Sins & Virtues in American Public Life

Thursday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Dr. Jeremy Sabella
113 Cottage Place, Ridgewood

Midweek Recharge: Embracing our Spirituality During the Holidays

Thursday, December 11
12 noon - 2pm

Christmas Movie Matinee "The Star"

Saturday, December 13
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
(Conference Room)

Holley Center Pizza Party with Faithworks

Sunday, December 14 at
12:00 noon-1:30 pm
(Parish Hall)

Contemplative Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 14 at 5pm
(Chapel)

Weekday Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, December 17 at 12pm
(Chapel)

Christmas Pageant

Dress Rehearsal Saturday, December 20 at
8:45am
Pageant on Sunday, December 21 at 10am

Christmas Eve Services

4pm & 10pm

Christmas Day Service

10am

Parish Office Closed

December 25 - January 2, 2026

Before Lunch Book Talk

Tuesday, January 6 at 12pm
(Garden Room or via Zoom)
Join us to discuss *Hercule Poirot's Christmas* by Agatha Christie moderated by Gretchen Bell.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Voluntary in C Major*

*Harold E. Darke
(1888-1976)*

*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 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

MAGNIFICAT, Hymnal S-185

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 159

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations
shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

**2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

**6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!**

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.

Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by
steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.
May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony
with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may
with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory
of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on
behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to

the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.
As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you
may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 75 “There’s a voice in the wilderness crying”

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea,
proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the
one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist,
and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and
all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they
were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said
to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to
come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves,
‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these
stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of
the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and
thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than
I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will

clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

HYMN 75 “There’s a voice in the wilderness crying”

Verse 3

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Andy Olivo

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 326

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 328

THE CONFESSION

BCP 331

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 332

THE PEACE

BCP 332

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 *Prelude in C minor, BWV 934*
Xavier Shacklett, piano

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

DOXOLOGY, HYMN 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 I

BCP 333

PROPER PREFACE FOR 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

BCP 337

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-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 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 63 "O heavenly word, eternal Light"

HYMN 324 "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

HYMN 73 "The King shall come when morning dawns"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

THE BLESSING

BCP 339

HYMN 59 "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding"

THE DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Kyrie in G Major*

*François Couperin
(1668-1733)*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Don Taylor

Torch Bearers: Julie Clark, AJ Lorenz

Lectors: David Barrand, Carolina Pedraza

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Cooke, Don Taylor

Ushers: Ed Iannelli, Jeff Marchetti

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

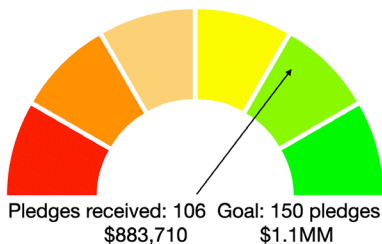
Coffee Hour: Buffy McKay

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

LEGACY OF FAITH: Generations of Giving

2026 Pledge Meter

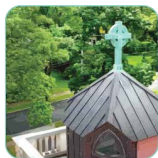


Dear Friends,

A stewardship pledge is an opportunity to thank God for all the blessings received in our lives. In order to sustain the ministries of St. Elizabeth's and our active and growing community, we need your financial support.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response to this call. Together, we are building something that matters.

Yours in faith,
Sandy Sullivan and Mike Dickson
Wardens



Prepare^{the}Way
Caring For Our Sacred Space



NEW: Rector Andy Olivo has written a letter regarding the capital campaign. The letter was mailed on December 1 to the homes of our St. Elizabeth's family members and also emailed. If you haven't already opened your mail, you may read it here.



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Ted Krause by Carolyn Krause and family; their mother, sister and friend, Maura Fleming by Daniel and Stephen Etna, Gerri and Sally Fleming, Joe and James Gross, Catherine Chriss and Tim Graham; a dear father, Donald Galletly by his daughter Mary Szurly; and Terry William Weiler by his brother and sisters Wendy, Christopher, Patricia and Pamela.

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

We remember also those who have died, especially Sybil Nadel,
Bill Cook, Corky Carlisle, Albert Thomas Bowyer,
David Dennis Libenson, Jacque King

Prayer List Renewal

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 & 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

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Associate for Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Beth Van Emburgh

Director of Finance & Administration

Grace Arscott

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Stephanie Doyle

Sexton

Fredy Reyes

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Anthony Alberti, Jeffrey Castellano,

Alicia Luick, Anastasia Swope

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