



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

Sunday Worship times:

8 a.m.: Holy Eucharist, Rite One

10 a.m.: Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

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From the Rector's Desk

One of my favorite things about being a neighborhood church is the flurry of activity that regularly takes place in our buildings for church and outside group activities. Already this week we've had worship services, Church School and Chapel, coffee hour, Youth Confirmation class, and a film viewing and discussion—and that was just on Sunday.

On Monday, a Girl Scout Troop gathered for their monthly meeting in our Parish Hall, followed by a diocesan event. On Tuesday, we had contractors in and out of our buildings working on security upgrades; we had the Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra rehearsing in our Parish Hall, and we had our monthly Vestry meeting on the second floor. On Wednesday (as I write this article), we've had Episcopal clergy in our building gathered for prayer, a Eucharist service, Cub Scouts and Brownie meetings, and our children's choirs rehearsing.

That quick list doesn't include those who have gathered for Morning Prayer in our Chapel, or the refugees who have been in our basement to visit the Ukrainian store, or the harpists from all over the northeast who are bringing their massive instruments to be tuned. In just a little over three days, there have literally been a few hundred people—parishioners and non-parishioners—in our buildings, and the week isn't over yet! It's wonderful, and almost strange to think that just a couple of years ago that kind of activity was unimaginable because of COVID. During those first months, only a handful of staff members were permitted to enter the building with any regularity. I'm glad those dark days are behind us and that our doors are again open.

I tell you all of this because as we move into December, I'm excited that our parish calendar is again filled with opportunities for our members and the larger community to gather and prepare to celebrate Christmas.

Throughout the Season of Advent our scriptures, music, and prayers are all about preparing and rousing ourselves for the coming of the Lord. We're preparing to celebrate the first coming of Christ into the world at Christmas, but we're also meant to prepare ourselves for that time when, as we say in the Creed, Christ will "come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." Advent is all about getting ourselves ready for our Lord.

I hope you will take time to join us at the many services and events listed below and throughout this edition of *The Tower* that we have planned. Be intentional about getting yourself ready for Christmas; be intentional about showing up for these beautiful worship opportunities; be intentional about inviting your friends and neighbors to join us this Advent and Christmas.

"Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!" Those are the words to one of the hymns we will sing this Advent. Christ is very near to us; let us make every effort to be prepared and open to receive him.

May you have a blessed and holy Advent, and a joyful and merry Christmas. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Andy+

Advent Concert and Reception

Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m.

**Christmas Tree Lighting & Caroling
on the Fairmount Lawn**

Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m.

The Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 a.m.

**Festive Christmas Eve Service
with Choir, Brass, and Percussion**

Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m.

(IMPORTANT: Only one service this year)

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

(IMPORTANT: Only one service this year)

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m.

(IMPORTANT: Only one service this year)

Associate Rector for Church Growth

The Ordination to the Priesthood

I'm excited to announce that on Monday, November 28th, I was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests. I am so appreciative of all the people here at St. Elizabeth's who supported me and pitched in to make the service so special. It was a wonderful evening, and I'm so grateful for all those who were able to attend. I am also very thankful for everyone here at St. Elizabeth's, and I'm looking forward to serving and journeying alongside this community as a Priest.







Journeying through Advent Series

I am looking forward to celebrating my first Advent and Christmas season here at St. Elizabeth's. During Advent and Christmas, we share with those who witnessed and experienced the birth of Jesus as we remember the story. We ourselves live between the first coming of Jesus and the second. The Christmas story is the story of the incarnation, the story of God breaking into the human story.

- As we journey through this Advent season together, I will be hosting a 3-week series on **Monday, December 5th, 12th, and 19th.**
- Dinner will be served from **5:45 to 6:30**
- The forum will take place from **6:30 to 7:20.**

Each session will include information and discussion on the various individuals from these stories such as Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, and the Wise Men. We will take a look at scripture readings from the first two Chapters of Matthew and Luke to set the framework for the topics being discussed each session. The journeys of the individuals in the nativity story, as well as their circumstances and context, will be explored along with our own unique journeys and experiences. We will explore major themes of these stories and our faith as we walk through this Advent season.

A video of each session will be uploaded to our YouTube channel for those who would prefer to listen online or cannot make every session.



Journey Through Advent Series

- ★ *Advent is the season of anticipating Christ.*
- ★ *We will journey alongside the people we find in the story of Jesus' birth reflecting on their experiences and our own.*
- ★ *Children's activities will be provided*

December 5th, 12th, and 19th
Dinner will be served from 5:45 to 6:30
The forum will be from 6:30 to 7:20

Thanks to the hard work from Teen Outreach, the children's choir, and other youth in the parish, we had a wonderful youth service on November 20th! Hoping to continue to get youth involved in worship, we have been training new acolytes and building up a group to serve in these roles during worship services. Please reach out to Beth Van Emburgh or me if you have a child interested in being an acolyte. Also, be on the lookout for information concerning scheduling and organization of the acolytes.

As we move into December and towards the new year, I want to wish everyone at St. Elizabeth's a joyful Advent and a Merry Christmas!

The Rev. Billy Adams, *Associate Rector for Church Growth*

The Choirmaster's Column

Choral Highlights: The Advent Concert & Christmas Eve

The Advent Concert with our Senior Choir, Soloists, Cantare, and chamber orchestra will be Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 p.m. We are very excited to be including choristers from our Youth Choir! The program includes beautiful concert works for choir and orchestra as well as seasonal favorites that everyone can join in! The concert repertoire takes us on a journey from the 9th century to the 21st century and features works by G. F. Händel, Herbert Howells, Bob Chilcott, and John Rutter with outstanding arrangements by David Wilcocks, Karl Jenkins, and Mack Wilberg. The concert is free, though we are very grateful for donations. No tickets are required with seating on a first-come basis. Dress may be casual and children who can sit and listen to music for an hour are most welcome. We usually suggest that children should be six years or older. If your child loves music and is a little younger, please know that they are welcome. There will be a reception following the concert. The Advent

Concert program runs about 1 hour and is a wonderful opportunity to bring friends and family to St. Elizabeth's for this highlight of our choral season!

Christmas Eve will combine the burst of youthful energy from the early service with the beauty and majesty of the late service into one very special service at 5:00 p.m. Intrigued? Our outstanding guest instrumentalists consisting of brass, timpani and percussion will join the Senior Choir, Soloists, and Youth Choirs for beautiful anthems with choral and instrumental seasonal favorites!

Garah Landes, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Children's Music

We're Singing On Christmas Eve! Choirs Joyful Noise and Cantare will sing at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24. Please come at **4:00 p.m. sharp** to the second floor to get vested, so that we can get downstairs to warm up and rehearse. A special note to Cantare families: this service fills up quickly, so please grab a seat early! (Joyful Noise families, seats will be reserved for you in the front pews).

The Choirs are Called for the Tree Lighting on December 14. On Wednesday, December 14, we will have our usual 4:30 rehearsal, and then we will go out on the front lawn and help lead the carol singing for our Tree Lighting — so **everyone remember to dress warm!**

Choir Christmas Pancake Party On Wednesday, December 21! We will extend rehearsal time in order to have a short party in the Parish Hall. Our rehearsal will begin at 4:30; we will sing briefly, then head downstairs for Christmas Pancakes, finishing up at about **5:30 p.m.** Please let Catherine know if you would like to help serve.

Catherine Hostetler, *Associate Choirmaster*

Children, Youth, and Families Ministries

Dear St. Elizabeth's families,

We had a very busy month of November, and I can hardly believe that Advent season is upon us already! I say it every year, but it feels like the year has flown by. Advent is my favorite time of year, despite all the extra stress I find it brings me. I've seen a meme circulate on social media each year that declares that it is time for me to switch from my regular anxiety to my fancy Christmas anxiety. While that's funny and relatable, it shouldn't have to be that way for me! I feel that there's so much going on, I'm never "ready for Christmas." I find I need to remind myself to take a pause in the midst of the busy-ness of the Advent season.

I personally really enjoy taking the time each day with this online devotional by Kate Bowler: <https://katebowler.com/advent2022/>. I find it a good way to remind myself to slow down and reflect upon what Advent is about. And it is about slowing down, finding peace, having hope, and waiting. Which, in our already too-full lives, it's really hard to just find a moment of quiet to just wait. The reading for Advent 1 in this devotional focuses on twentieth century theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945), who wrote, "Celebrating Advent means being able to wait. Waiting is an art that our impatient age has forgotten. It wants to break open the ripe fruit when it has hardly finished planting the shoot.... For the greatest, most profound, tenderest things in the world, we must wait." So my wish for us all is to find that ability to wait, and savor the season with friends, St. Elizabeth's family, and your own family.

Thank you so much to our Fall Session Church School leaders—Bruce Dickson, Katie Dickson, Emily Olkowski, Kiran Goklani, Luke Marchetti, Zach Marchetti, Mike Dickson, Susan Goklani, and Jen Marchetti—for kicking off the 2022-2023 Church School year! We have had a lot of fun on Sundays! Many thanks to our Winter Session leaders, who I look forward to working with over the next few months! Our leaders lay and strengthen the foundation for our children's spiritual growth as members of St. Elizabeth's. Thank You!

We had a busy formation week in November, with three First and Second Grade children attending a Holy Communion prep session with Rev. Billy Adams, and twelve children receiving acolyte training!

During the month of November, the entire Church School participated in an Outreach Project benefitting the St. Paul's Emergency Men's Shelter in Paterson. The children planned the meal and selected items to bring the men for breakfast. They also selected items for Blessing Bags, thinking of things the men can use now that the weather is getting colder. Members of the parish generously donated hats, gloves, socks, foot-warmers, and assorted toiletries that the children bagged up for 30 shelter residents on Sunday, November 20th following the blessing of the items during the Family Service. On Monday, November 21st, three members of the Confirmation Class delivered and served a baked pasta dinner, and delivered the Blessing Bags to St. Paul's.





Youth Ministries have also been very busy! Please check their update and thank you to the amazing team of volunteers that they have organizing their events. YPF had quite a crowd at their Bingo night and the Teen Outreach crew did a spectacular job leading us in worship on November 20th. Be sure to join us on Wednesday, December 14th as Teen Outreach will host our Annual Tree Lighting, with some assistance from our YPF kids!

As always, my door is always open and I enjoy hearing your thoughts on different ways we can reinforce the spiritual learning we do here at St. Elizabeth's. Stop by and visit during the week! There's a lot going on here during the month of December, making it the perfect time to bring a friend with you to share in our joy.

Yours in Christ,
Beth

December Church School and Chapel Schedule

December 4	Advent 2	Mary Visits Elizabeth (Chapel) John the Baptist (Church School)
December 11	Advent 3	Jesus is Born and Wise Men (Chapel) Jesus is Born for Us! (Church School)
December 18	Advent 4	Family Service and Christmas Pageant No Chapel or Church School
December 25	Christmas 1	No Chapel or Church School

Angel Tree – St Nicholas Edition

Starting on Sunday, November 27th, a Christmas tree in the Parish Hall is filled with colored paper angel tags and white dove tags. Each tag has a QR code to order a gift for a Ukrainian child or mother for St. Nicholas Day, when Ukrainian children traditionally receive presents. Gifts can be shipped to Lyubov Ferara or to you to wrap for distribution on December 16th. If shipping to yourself, please return gifts, wrapped and WITH THE TAG ATTACHED to St. Elizabeth's by Sunday, December 11th. The wish list is also available here:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16K1REnz6Y7XI/ref=cm_go_nav_hz.

Contact Beth Van Emburgh at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org or Lyubov Ferara at lyubov@ferara.com with any questions.

Christmas Pageant

Our annual Christmas Pageant takes place this year on Sunday, December 18th. All participants must attend our rehearsal on Saturday, December 17th. We will be sure to finish by 11:30 sharp. Those with speaking parts are required to rehearse their lines during class time on Sundays, December 4 and 11. If a child cannot attend one of the Sunday rehearsals, please let us know in advance. The coveted role of the Black Sheep will be selected from a hat on Sunday, December 4th during Church School. You must be present to be selected! See the Pageant timetable below for details and arrival times:

Pageant Timetable for Rehearsals and the Pageant Presentation

<u>Class/Age/Role</u>	<u>Saturday, December 17</u>	<u>Sunday, December 18</u>
Pre-K	No Rehearsal	10:00 am in classroom
K & 1 st Grade Angels	10:00-11:30 am rehearsal in Church	9:45 am in upstairs classroom
2 nd & 3 rd Grades Sheep	9:30-11:30 am rehearsal in Church	9:45 am in upstairs classroom
3 rd through 5 th Grades - Non Speaking Roles (camels, heralds, shepherds, kings)	9:30-11:30 am rehearsal in Church	9:45 am in upstairs classrooms
6 th -7 th Grades - Speaking Roles, Including Narrators	8:45-11:30 am rehearsal in Church	9:00 am in upstairs Committee Room

(Note: In certain cases, children's parts do not match up with their grades.)

On Pageant Sunday children will meet in their assigned upstairs Church School classrooms and should wear light-weight clothing to accommodate costumes. Any questions? Please contact Pageant Coordinators Stephanie Ohnegian (snohnegian@hotmail.com) and Deanna Hoffman (dhoff17@icloud.com).

Church School Envelopes

We will not be distributing Giving envelopes for 2023, but remind families that we do have an offertory during Children's Chapel each Sunday. We still want children to grow up in the habit of contributing to the greater good, whether through giving time, money, care, or just thoughtfulness. Kids love to contribute a quarter for a good cause, especially when they make the connection between that quarter and the good that it does. Find a way each week to let your children contribute, and let it have meaning for them. Even if it's just a conversation like "Your weekly contribution to St. E's is 25¢/50¢/\$1.00 – what on this list do you hope that St. E's will use that donation for?" Knowing that the money is going out into the world and changing someone's life for the better is a kind of power that gives hope and meaning to life and reinforces the lessons the children learn with each and every Outreach Project we do as a Church School!

Neighborhood Christmas Caroling and Tree Lighting

On Wednesday, December 14th, we will gather in the last moments of twilight on the front lawn of the church to turn on the lights on our small (but growing!) live Christmas tree. By lantern, candle, and other lights, we will sing carols for about thirty minutes, followed by hot chocolate and refreshments, hosted by our amazing Teen Outreach group and assisted by YPF. This is an unmatched opportunity to create a holiday memory of holy and festive joy suffused with some of our most beloved music.

Families, children of all ages, neighbors, holiday houseguests, resident shepherds, and visiting kings are all welcome.

Confirmation 2023 News

The Youth Confirmation Class meets on the first and third Sundays of most months through May. If you have questions about the class, please contact the Rev. Billy Adams for more information. In December, there will be only one class on December 11th.

Prayers for the Confirmation Class

Confirmation for young people, in the Episcopal Church, begins with the personal and mature affirmation by the candidates of the promises which had been made on their behalf by sponsors and parents when they were baptized. This year we are asking all parents and sponsors of Confirmation candidates to pray for them regularly throughout each month with a prayer which focuses on one of the questions they will be asked in the Confirmation liturgy. We will publish these prayers each month. Perhaps you would like to join in these prayers. Or perhaps you would like to pray for the strengthening and clarification of the faith of someone else.

The question: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

The prayer: *Watch over thy child, N, O Lord, as his/her days increase; bless and guide N wherever s/he may be. Strengthen N when s/he stands; comfort N when discouraged or sorrowful; raise N up if s/he fall; and in N's heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of her/his life. Amen.* [Adapted from the Prayer for a Birthday, BCP p. 830]

YPF News...YPFers GRADUATE FROM BUILDING WITH LEGOS TO BUILDING COMMUNITY!....

When our YPFers (kids in Grades 5-8) were little, many of them built with Legos. **Now, ALL of them can build loving community!** Yep, that loving community that we want at St. E's—and that God wants our intergenerational Church Family to have—doesn't happen by accident. It's built by US—kids and adults—ministering and socializing together. Fellow Parents and Grandparents, just think how much loving community our wonderful YPFers can build if we help them realize this important power they have, and, this month, we make it possible for them...

- to get trained as one of our super acolytes with Rev. Billy;
- to join Catherine Hostetler's great Cantare Choir and sing in our fabulous Advent Concert on December 11th;
- to help with the heart-warming caroling and Church Christmas Tree Lighting on December 14th; and,
- to participate in our inspiring Christmas Pageant on December 18th.

Building with Legos is good. Building loving community is awesome!

Teen Outreach

On Wednesday, December 14th, at 5:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth's parishioners, neighbors, and friends will gather on the front lawn of the church to turn on the lights on our live Christmas tree, sing carols, and enjoy hot chocolate and refreshments provided by Teen Outreach. If you would like to be part of this festive event, please contact Mrs. Hughes or Mrs. von Summer to let them know. Sign up at: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wdrIfwegOAlbU8ZY7-f-UJPJbkOfJNYVj-JTs6P6g7g/edit> to help out.

and...

Thank you to everyone who helped with the food drive in November, with a special thanks to Kate Hoffman, Lindsey von Summer, Julia Taylor, and Teddy Hughes for helping spearhead! We delivered **190 bags of groceries!** Check out the pictures from the deliveries below. We delivered to Social Service Association, St. Paul's CDC in Paterson, and Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. They were all so thankful!





St. Elizabeth's Welcomes Newcomers

St. Elizabeth's welcomes visitors, inquirers, and newcomers to the parish community. The clergy, lay staff, Vestry, and Sunday ushers will be glad to tell you more about the congregation and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to become a member of the congregation, we would like to learn more about you and your family.

Caroline Angelica, Deanna Hoffman, Stacy Hughes
The Rev. Andy Olivo, The Rev. Billy Adams

St. Elizabeth's warmly welcomes these new parishioners...

Rob and Kate Freeborn and their children, Grace and Andrew.

James (Jimmy) and Catherine (Cathy) Powers and their children,
Giuliana and Declan

See the Parish Directory section in the back of this issue for additional information on these new parishioners.

“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

Hebrews 13:1-2

December Faith and Film — Sunday, December 4

One Sunday each month we will gather to watch a movie and have a brief discussion following the film. Movies will be shown in the Parish Hall at 4:00 p.m., and popcorn and refreshments will be provided. In December we will watch *The Bishop's Wife*, the 1947 comedy starring David Niven, Cary Grant, and Loretta Young. The movie is about an angel (Grant) who comes to earth to help a bishop (Niven) and his wife (Young) raise money for their church. This movie is considered to be an underrated Christmas classic! Spring dates for *Faith and Film* sessions are: January 15, February 19, March 19, and April 23. For more information, please contact the Rev. Andy Olivo.

**Neighborhood Christmas Caroling and
Tree Lighting**

**Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m.
Outside on the Front Lawn of the Church**

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Liturgical Changes in Advent

Advent begins not only a new season, but marks the beginning of the new Church year. We make a number of changes to mark this transition.

The Prayer List The first Sunday of Advent is one of the occasions in the year when we renew our parish prayer list. We will use the new list for the first time on November 27th.

Liturgical Colors Our altar hangings and vestments will be blue for this season. We will change to white for Christmas, and then to green for the season of Epiphany. Purple is also suitable for Advent, and the Chapel altar frontal is made from the former purple Advent dossal which used to hang on the reredos behind the church altar.

The Advent Wreath We will hang the Advent wreath for the First Sunday of Advent. During Advent, it will have three blue candles and one rose one. For the Christmas season, all four will be white.

Christmas is a Season, not just a Day

Most of us are familiar with the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” Most people, especially outside of church, imagine that those days culminate on December 25.

But Christmas is a twelve-day season that ***begins*** on December 25 and goes all the way through to The Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, when we remember the arrival of the Three Kings.

Before you dismiss this understanding of Christmas as esoteric church trivia, we invite you to think about how it might be a resource and gift to you. Advent, the four weeks before December 25, is a time of preparation, not celebration. Then for twelve days we celebrate. Perhaps the first day, the 25th, is our principal day of celebration, but we hope that

your observance of the season will not begin and end on the same day. Since the culture leaves the twelve days of Christmas largely alone, think of what you might like to do (or not do) which would make this time quietly festive, restorative, holy, and a gift: spend time with family and friends; make time to enjoy the winter light; write the cards or notes you did not have time to do before; cook, bake, knit, putter, or do what gives you a sense of quiet accomplishment and peace. If you have a working fireplace, make a fire one evening and sit and read. We hope you may observe, and celebrate, the twelve days—let this be a Christmas tradition which you practice for yourself, share with your friends, and pass on to your children.

ECW (Episcopal Church Women

ECW Meeting – Monday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
Episcopal Church Women (ECW) invite you to the year-end meeting. Seasonal topics to be discussed. Please join us! If questions, contact Caroline Angelica @ 201-638-5829. *Zoom link:*
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280611117?pwd=V1lpeHNSSVdUbWlWcFVXU3pScjVJQT09>

2022 ECW Christmas Greens Sale...*The Tradition Continues at St. Elizabeth's Church* This year the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church of Ridgewood invite you to purchase your Christmas greens and decorations at **Goffle Brook Farm and Garden Center**, 424 Goffle Road, Ridgewood, 201-652-7540 www.gofflebrookfarms.com. When you pick out your Wreaths, Roping, Grave Blankets, Poinsettias, Lights, Ornaments or Centerpieces, mention you are supporting St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Ridgewood. Goffle Brook Farm will generously donate 15% of the pre-tax sale* to our ECW fund to support programs for women and children. **Shop between**

November 25 and December 24. Open 7 days a week (8:30 am–6:00 pm Sunday–Wednesday; 8:30 am–8:00 pm Thursday–Saturday).

**excludes Christmas Tree and Firewood purchases*

Thank you for supporting the work of St. Elizabeth's ECW. Call Caroline Angelica @ 201-638-5829 with any questions.

St. Elizabeth's Friday Women's Book Group

The Friday Women's Book Group, beginning on December 2, for three weeks only, will meet on Zoom for our Advent readings from 10:00–11:30 a.m. Each week's reading involves a quotation, a prayer, a story (fiction or nonfiction), and at least one poem. Authors range from Mother Teresa to Pete Hamill, and our conversations typically range from the spiritual to the ordinary.

Meeting ID: 832 8050 3238

Password: Book

Anyone who would like to join the group is welcome. Your presence will enrich our group. Please contact Chrys Hahn at [cchrzhahn@gmail](mailto:cchrzhahn@gmail.com) for more information and materials.

For help with getting onto the Zoom link, please contact Alyce Ann Myers either by email (aamfoodtra@aol.com) or by phone (973-229-4239)

Parish Office Closed Christmas Week

Being mindful of the very full parish schedule in December, the Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 26 through Friday, December 30, reopening on Monday, January 2. We will make arrangements for year-end financial contributions to be processed, and clergy will check the office voicemail throughout the week.

Directory Additions and Changes

Additions:

Freeborn, Rob & Kate

456 Beverly Road; Ridgewood NJ 07450
Grace, Andrew
kathrynfreeborn@gmail.com

917-862-2524

Powers, James (Jimmy) & Catherine (Cathy)

134 Calvin Street;
Washington Township NJ 07676
Giuliana, Declan
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From the Parish Register in November

Burials:

Edward Philip Farley. Interment in Memorial Garden.

November 21, 2022

Denise Watson Farley. Interment in Memorial Garden.

November 21, 2022

Looking Ahead...

Sun., Dec. 4	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (I) 4:00 p.m. Faith & Film – <i>The Bishop’s Wife</i>
Mon., Dec. 5	5:45 p.m. Journey through Advent Series – Dinner and Forum
Sun., Dec. 11	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (I)
Mon., Dec. 12	5:45 p.m. Journey through Advent Series – Dinner and Forum
Wed., Dec. 14	12:00 noon Holy Eucharist (I) 5:30 p.m. Tree Lighting/Christmas Caroling
Thu., Dec. 15	January <i>Tower</i> Deadline
Sun., Dec. 18	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (II) & Pageant
Mon., Dec. 18	5:45 p.m. Journey through Advent Series – Dinner and Forum
Fri., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (II)

Sun., Dec. 25	Christmas Day No 8:00 a.m. service 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Mon.-Fri., Dec. 26-30	[Office Closed]
Sun., Jan. 1	Feast of the Holy Name No 8:00 a.m. service 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (II)
Wed., Jan. 4	12:00 noon Holy Eucharist (I)
Sun., Jan. 8	8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Family Eucharist (II)
Sun., Jan. 15	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (II)
Mon., Jan. 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 10:00 a.m. MLK Jr. Day Service
Wed., Jan. 18	12:00 noon Holy Eucharist (I)
Fri., Jan. 20	Annual Report articles due February <i>Tower</i> Deadline
Sat., Jan. 21	Centennial Cocktail Party
Sun., Jan. 22	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (II)
Sun., Jan. 29	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (II) & Annual Meeting

From the Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee met on November 2 to allocate funds for the charities that applied for grants. In addition to \$82,000 allocated by the Vestry, the Outreach Committee was able to raise additional funds via the appeal letter that was sent electronically to the parish and donations made by individual parishioners.

The committee sent out seventeen grant applications. Sixteen were returned. In 2022, there were no requests for the discretionary fund. However, \$5,000 was donated to the Ukrainian Orthodox Holy Ascension Church in Clifton to support the purchase of medical supplies needed for the war effort. In 2022, Teen Outreach assessed two charitable organizations. However, the committee did not use any of the Teens' remaining funds for the organizations. In 2023, there may be additional funds allocated to the Teens in order to bring their balance to \$2,000 so that they may continue their mission of good works and fellowship.

The Outreach Committee had \$113,195.11 in funds to allocate. The committee distributed \$102,725.00 to 19 charities. The committee will have \$10,470 to begin the year of 2023. Of that, \$2,500 is the discretionary fund.

Meals at St. Paul's CDC Men's Homeless Shelter

We provide and serve meals to St. Paul's CDC Homeless Shelter on the third Monday of the month. Meals should be served by 6:00 p.m. Currently, there are 27 men in the shelter. Meals can be ordered from Wilkes or Parkwood Deli or any other place that you like. Meals can also be prepared by you and your family or friend group. Your family or group can be reimbursed up to \$300.00 for the expenses of the shelter meal whether it is catered or prepared by you.

During the Pandemic, many organizations stepped away from providing meals. That makes it all the more important that we all pitch in to assist. It would be very uplifting to see more members of the parish provide meals to these men who are working hard to lift themselves out of devastating

circumstances including homelessness. There is a new schedule that begins in January, 2023 and it will be posted on the bulletin board across from the office. The first available dates are: **January 16 (MLK Day), February 20 (Presidents' Day), March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20 and December 18.** If you need any additional information, please contact Denise Vollkommer at denise.vollkommer@gmail.com or 201-637-1536.

<u>Parent Organization</u>	<u>2022</u>
Apostles' House	12,000
Children's Aid & Family Services (Baby Basics)	6,000
Community Meals	2,500
Emmanuel Cancer Foundation	6,000
Episcopal Relief and Development	2,000
Family Promise of Bergen County (formerly IRF)	7,000
Habitat for Humanity - Paterson	2,000
Mission to Ukraine	1,000
Mustard Seed School	1,000
New Hope Community Ministries	6,000
Oasis	300
S.H.A.R.E. (Cottage Place)	4,000
Social Service Association of Ridgewood	5,000
St. Paul's Community Development Corporation	20,000
St. Paul's Episcopal Church	12,500
St. Philip's Theological College Tanzania	4,425
Ukrainian Orthodox Holy Ascension	5,000
West Bergen Mental Healthcare	6,000
Youth Consultation Services Foundation (YCS) - Holley Center	5,000
TOTAL GRANTS	107,725
Number of Organizations Receiving Grants	19

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