

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11 - OCTOBER 17

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Church School and Chapel
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Church)
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Monday

Parish Office Closed for Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Mini-Musicians (Basement Piano 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 November 15, January 10, and February 7. 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

Parish Office Closed

Monday, October 12 for Columbus Day /
Indigenous Peoples' Day

Serve Together Ministry Fair

Sunday, October 18, following the 10 a.m.
service. Save the date!

Blessing Shelf

Please bring snack-sized bags of chips
and new and used (in great condition)
Halloween costumes and coloring
supplies. Collection will be from
September 21-October 18.

St. Paul's Community Development Corporation, Paterson, NJ

**Volunteers needed — Emergency Men's
Shelter**

***PLEASE SIGN UP FOR MONDAY,
OCTOBER 19***

The SPCDC Emergency Men's Shelter
relies on volunteer support from area
churches and civic organizations that
bring prepared food and serve hot
meals each night. St. Elizabeth's supplies
dinner the 3rd Monday of the month.
Food expenses will be reimbursed upon
submission of a receipt to the office. St.
Elizabeth's tax-exempt form is available in
the parish office.



Signs and Grace:

Rector's Fall Course, Dinner, and
Compline
Mondays, October 26, November 2,
November 9, and November 16 at
6:30 p.m.

All Saints' Sunday with Necrology Reading

Sunday, November 1 at 10 a.m.

Give the Gift of Sight

St. Elizabeth's 11th grader, Shivani
Heltzel's, 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 will be a donation bin
at St. Elizabeth's from 10/4-11/29. Any
donations are greatly appreciated!

Midweek Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, October 21, at 12:00 p.m. in
the Chapel.

Blessing of the Costumes and the Holy Ghost Weenie Roast

Sunday, October 25 at 10 a.m.

CHURCH SCHOOL 2026-2027

Registration is open on our website! Class leaders are still
needed, so please consider growing in faith alongside your
children. All materials and lessons are provided. Class will not
happen without two adult leaders in each class. Contact Beth for
more information at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org.



THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Chorale Preludes, Op. 122*

*Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)*

V. Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

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 693 “Just as I am, without one plea”

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 234

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I

may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

**2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?**

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

**4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;**

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

**6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

**20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

**22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 596 “Judge eternal, throned in splendor”

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

HYMN 596 “Judge eternal, throned in splendor”

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 *Rejoice in the Lord alway*

Anonymous (16th c.)

Text: Philippians IV:4-7

Soloists Quartet: Anastasia Swope, Alicia Luick

Jeffrey Castellano, Daniel Peretto

*Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu.
Amen.*

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 SON

BCP 377

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 487 "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life"

HYMN 302 "Father, we thank thee who hast planted"

HYMN 515 "Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

HYMN 460 "Alleluia! sing to Jesus!"

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Response: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Prelude on the Welsh Hymn Tune, Hyfrydol*

*Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Catherine Carter

Lector: Jeff Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers: Don Taylor, Catherine Carter, Debra Anderson

Ushers: Don Chappell, Steve Gorey

Altar Guild: Gigo Lee-Taylor, Wendy Lorenz, Sue Reid

Coffee Hour: Buffy McKay

Nursery Attendant: Akshara Puli

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

Fall 2026 at St. E's

OCTOBER

- Progressive Dinner
- Blessing of the Animals
- *Serve Together* Ministry Fair
- Blessing of the Costumes and the Holy Ghost Weenie Roast
- *Signs and Grace*:
Rector's Fall Course, Dinner, & Compline

Oct 3 at 5pm

Oct 4 at 3pm

Oct 18 at 10am

Oct 25 at 10am

**Oct 26 at 6:30pm
& three consecutive
Mondays**

NOVEMBER

- All Saints' Sunday with Necrology Reading
- Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
- Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

Nov 1 at 10am

Nov 24 at 7pm

Nov 26 at 10am

DECEMBER

- Advent Quiet Day with Mary Ann Archer
- Advent Lessons and Carols
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Children's Christmas Pageant
- Family Christmas Eve Service
- Contemplative Christmas Eve Service
- Christmas Day Eucharist

Dec 4 at 9am

Dec 13 at 4pm

Dec 16 at 5:30pm

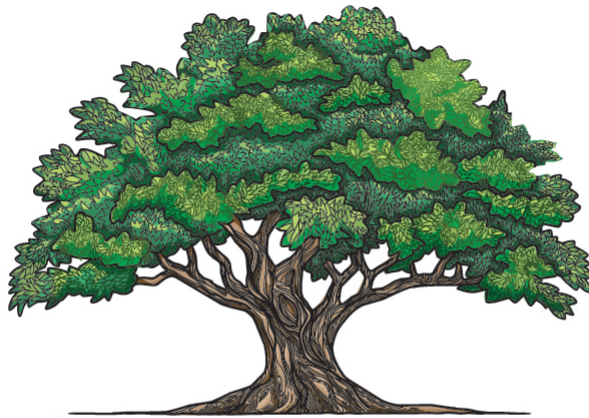
Dec 20 at 10am

Dec 24 at 4pm

Dec 24 at 10pm

Dec 25 at 10am

www.stesridgewood.org



Rooted in Faith. Growing in Grace.

I'm new to the church. Should I pledge?

One of the ways that Episcopalians participate in church is by making a gift of time, talent, and treasure. As you consider becoming an active member of this community, how would you like to share your gifts? There are so many ways to serve in the liturgy, in our programs, volunteering for groups and work around the church, and making regular financial gifts. All of our members give something of themselves, and we ask that you discern what your offerings might be.

What if I don't have much to give?

We read in Mark 12:41-44 about the Widow's Mite, reminding us that every gift matters when it is made from the heart: "Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'"



Use the QR Code to pledge online.

Rector's Fall Formation for 2026

SIGNS AND GRACE

An Introduction to the Sacraments

October 26, November 2, 9, & 16



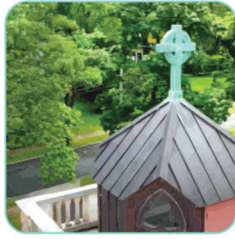
**Adult Education
in the Parish Hall**

**Dinner at 6:30pm
Class at 7:00pm
Compline at 8:05pm**

Contact the Rev. Andy Olivo for more information

Signs and Grace: An Introduction to the Sacraments
October 26, November 2, 9, and 16 at 6:30 p.m.

"The sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace." This is a new video-based course on the sacraments of Holy Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and the Church's five other sacraments/sacramental rites. Adults are invited to join the Rector on four consecutive Mondays for a light dinner at 6:30 p.m. The class will begin at 7:00 p.m., and the evening will conclude at 8:15 p.m. with Compline, the brief service of night prayers from the prayerbook. Contact the Rev. Andy Olivo with questions or for more information. **All are welcome!**



Prepare^{the}Way

Caring For Our Sacred Space



ST. ELIZABETH'S PROJECT UPDATES

Sanctuary Work Begins: What to Expect

Soon we will begin construction both inside and outside the sanctuary. This phase of the work will take longer to complete, and will be much more visible to us all. The primary projects beginning this fall are the installation of HVAC components to cool the sanctuary during the sweltering summer months, the replacement and insulation of the church roof, and preparatory work for the new organ pipes that will be installed next summer. **These are major projects, and they will all be happening essentially at the same time.** While complex, we believe this approach is more efficient and cost-effective, while also reflecting our commitment to being good stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

There is one significant disruption we want you to know about: during this work, the organ will go offline so that it can be covered and protected from dust and construction debris. The covering will consist of plastic sheeting around the exposed pipes and organ console. It won't be particularly beautiful, but it is necessary to protect this important instrument. We will be mindful of other ways we might beautify the sanctuary while the plastic covering is in place, especially during the beloved Advent and Christmas seasons. **The last Sunday when we will hear the organ will be October 11, and we anticipate that it will be out of commission until early 2027.**

The construction will also be noticeable from outside the church, especially on Fairmount Road. There will be a large dumpster, a portable toilet, and other necessary equipment that may not always be pleasant to look at. This, too, is simply part of what happens when undertaking major capital improvements.

Now to the good news (remember, there is always Good News in the Church): Although this work will take several months to complete, we expect to be able to continue gathering in the sanctuary for Sunday services. **There may be an occasional Sunday when we need to move to the Parish Hall, but the team doing this work understands how important it is for our parish family to gather for worship in the sanctuary.**

Throughout the capital campaign, we said that this work is necessary not only for those of us who call St. Elizabeth's our parish home today, but also for future generations who will one day continue the good work that has been taking place here for over 103 years. **Let us continue looking ever forward to the bright future God has planned for St. Elizabeth's!**

CURIOUS

about how you can be part of
transforming
the world here in Northern New
Jersey?

WONDERING

if your gifts can support the
mission of the Diocese of Newark,
the Episcopal Church in Northern
New Jersey?

THEN THIS INVITATION IS FOR YOU!

The Nominations Committee of the 152nd Annual Diocesan Convention invites YOU to prayerfully consider serving on one of the many Boards, Committees, and Councils of the Diocese. There are opportunities that appeal to a broad variety of gifts, interests, and availability. Some deal with governance, others deal with grant making. Some meet monthly, others less frequently than that. Some meet in person, others meet virtually or in a hybrid setting. All of them are looking for members who desire to be part of a diocese known for God's love, mercy, and justice.

SCAN THE QR CODE to get more detailed information about open seats and information about the Nominations Process.



SEE something that interests you?

TALK to your priest or warden. **TALK** to your friends and family.

TALK to God. Then **ACT**. You'll already be changing the world.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lawrence Pallante by Lisa, Steve, and Lauren Beslity; her parents Martha L. S. Brady and Irving Mulford Smith by Sue Snyder; Tony Szurly, in celebration of the life and love of her husband, by Mary Szurly; and Albert Thomas Bowyer by his sister, Alice Ann Myers and friends.

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

We remember those who have died, especially Alice Oehlschlager, Evelyn Burns, and Arsalus Hazarian.

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



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

Connect with us online!



www.stesridgewood.org

Instagram: [@stesridgewood](https://www.instagram.com/stesridgewood)

Facebook: facebook.com/stesridgewood

YouTube: youtube.com/@stesridgewood

169 Fairmount Rd.

Ridgewood, NJ 07450

(201) 444-2299

info@stesridgewood.org

Vol. 99, No. 68