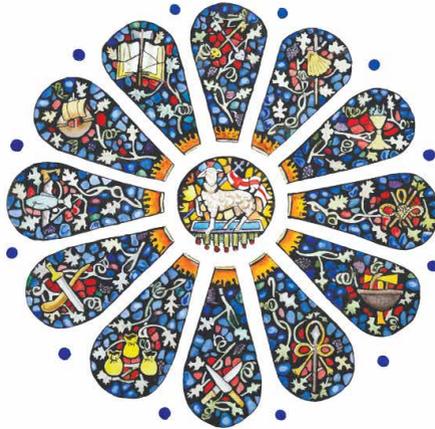


FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST FAMILY SERVICE: RITE ONE

THE WEEK OF MARCH 15 - MARCH 21

Sunday

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Family Service: Rite One (Church)
- 11:15 am Garden Guild Meeting (Chapel)
- 11:15 am Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
- 11:30 am "The Philadelphia Eleven" documentary (Conference Room)
- 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11:45 am Youth Confirmation (Confirmation Room)

Monday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
- 6:30 pm Rector's Lenten Series: Soup, Class, & Compline (Parish Hall)

Tuesday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
- 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
- 12:00 pm Midweek Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayers (Chapel)
- 7:00 pm Painting the Psalms & Evening Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Outreach Meeting (Conference Room)

Thursday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
- 10:00 am Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)
- 10:30 am Moms Group - Book discussion chapters 10&11 (Garden Room)
- 5:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Saturday

- 10:00 am Requiem Dress Rehearsal (Church)

Morning Prayer is on Zoom only, Monday through Friday at 8:30 am

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-5 years is open upstairs (2nd floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms.

Baptism

Upcoming baptism dates are April 12, May 10, 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

Spring is near!

Garden Guild Meeting

TODAY Sunday, March 15th at 11:15
(Children's Chapel)

TODAY Movie Screening

Sunday, March 15 at 11:30am
(Conference Room)

You're invited to the screening of the documentary "The Philadelphia Eleven," about the trailblazers who became the first women to be ordained priests in the Episcopal Church. Come and explore the story of women's ordination as we enter our 52nd year.

2026 Rector's Lenten Series

Half Truths:

Things the Bible Doesn't Say

This year's theme will feature a short video by the United Methodist pastor Adam Hamilton, followed by guided discussion about some of the most common platitudes. Join us on **Mondays in Lent** as we gather together for food, discussion, and prayer.

Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers

Join us for Intercessory Prayer immediately after the noon Holy Eucharist on **Wednesdays during Lent**. We will pray for those on the parish prayer list and any other intentions on our hearts. Anointing with Holy Oil will also be offered for those seeking additional healing prayers. You are welcome to attend one or both services.

Painting the Psalms

Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm
(Parish Hall)

During Lent, Evening Needlecrafters will coincide with Painting the Psalms. We'll reflect on a Psalm and respond creatively.

Open to all, this is a simple space to slow down and encounter God through Scripture and art.

Moms Group: Special Lenten Session

Thursdays from 10:30-11:30am (Garden Room) Special Topic: *To Be Made Well: An Invitation to Wholeness, Healing, and Hope* by Amy Julia Becker;
3/19 chs. 10&11

Requiem for the Living- Dan Forrest
Requiem Performance,
Sunday, March 22nd at 10 am

YPF

Sunday, March 22 at 2:30pm

Sky Zone, Allendale - \$15 per person
RSVP: bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org
by Thurs., Mar 19
Collecting new sock donations

5 PM Contemplative Eucharist & Firepit

Our 5 PM Contemplative Eucharist will now be held monthly, followed by a potluck-style family dinner & firepit. Join us **March 22** for prayer, worship, & CHILL. RSVP <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A5AC2EA6FFC25-62128347-chili>

Easter Lilies

At St. Elizabeth's, our altar is decorated for Easter with lilies given in memory of loved ones. To add or update a memorial, contact Mary Szurly at memorialflowers@stesridgewood.org or 201-337-3167 by Sunday, March 29.

If you've had one before, no action is needed unless you want to change or discontinue it. The cost is \$35—pay by check to "St. Elizabeth's Church" (memo: Easter Memorial) or online through the website's Altar Flowers Memorials option.

Grab and Go - Help the Bunny!

During Coffee Hour, the Easter Eggs will be out for families to "Grab and Go" to help the Easter Bunny prepare for his big day! Please fill a bag of paired eggs and return to St. Elizabeth's by Sunday, March 29th with NUT-FREE treats to share!

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Coming Home*

*Music by Mary McDonald
Words by William J. Kirkpatrick*

*Duet by Sophie Baer and Bailey Vernola
Guest Organist & Pianist, Sarah Pelletier*

*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.*

*I've wandered far away from God,
now I'm coming home.
The paths of sin too long I've trod,
Lord, I'm coming home.*

*Chorus:
Coming home, coming home,
never more to roam.
Open wide the arms of thy true love,
Lord I'm coming home.*

*My soul is sick, my heart is sore,
now I'm coming home.
My strength renew, my hope restore,
Lord, I'm coming home.*

Chorus

WELCOME FROM THE RECTOR

OPENING HYMN 144 "Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness"

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
People: **His mercy endureth for ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 323

ANTHEM *Agnus Dei*

*Music by Ruth Morris Gray
Words from Traditional Latin*

St. Elizabeth's Youth Choir

*Chorus:
Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi.
Agnus Dei, Agnus Dei,
qui Tollis peccata mundi.*

Miserere noblis.

Miserere noblis.

Miserere noblis, noblis.

Chorus

Donna nobis pacem, pacem, pacem.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 167

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 686 “Come thou fount of every blessing”

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to

Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

HYMN 686 “Come thou fount of every blessing”

Verse 3

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Melina Dezhbod

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 326

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 329

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 on-line.*

THE OFFERTORY *Come and See the Works of the Lord*

*Music by Patti Drennan
Words by J. Paul Williams*

St. Elizabeth's Youth and Children's Choirs

Refrain:

*Come and see the works of the Lord,
come now and worship Him.*

*Come and see the works of the Lord,
come praise Him without end.*

Chorus:

*The Lord is great
and is greatly to be praised.
creator of ev'rything,
and perfect in His ways.*

Refrain

*Come and see the works of the Lord,
come now in gratitude.*

*Come and see the works of the Lord,
giver of all the truth.*

Chorus

*Come and see the works of the Lord,
come now in gratitude.*

*Come and see the works of the Lord,
give glory to His name.*

*Come and see the works of the Lord,
His mighty deeds proclaim.*

Chorus

*Come and see the works of the Lord,
give glory to His name.*

Give glory to His name.

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 OF LENT

BCP 346

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

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

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 664 "My Shepherd will supply my need"

HYMN 339 "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

THE BLESSING

BCP 339

HYMN 493 "O for a thousand tongues to sing"

THE DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Toccata No. 7*

*Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Guest Organist & Pianist: Sarah Pelletier

Crucifer:

Torchbearers: Charles Olivo

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Wynn Seiter, David Barrand

Ushers: Jeff Marchetti, Daniel Rosario

Altar Guild: Gigo Lee-Taylor, Anne Carson Hovey

Coffee Hour: The Rev. Susan Schink and Susan Roche

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

2026 Outreach Auction Boots, Blessings, & BBQ

**Save the Date April 18
6:00-9:00 pm**

Join us for a Line-Dancing
& Fellowship Event to raise
funds for St. Elizabeth's
Outreach Programs
No dance experience
necessary
Email invitation to follow

Prepare The Way Capital Campaign Pledge Update

To date, we have received 68 pledges
totaling a commitment of \$ 1.9M.

**Please pledge! There's still time to
help us complete the campaign goal.**
Please fill out and return a pledge
card today, or pledge online using the
QR code provided here.

Prepare^{the}Way
Caring For Our Sacred Space


ST. ELIZABETH'S
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Pilar's mother, Consuela Figueroa Valentin, and brother-in-law, Romelio Martinez by Pilar, Ralph, Christian, and Adam Meola.

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Alex Casazza	Family of Mary Ann	Robert
Alice	DeGraw	Robyn Pring
Bill Brancato	Frankye Crump	Rochelle Kilzy
Blanca Rojano	Frederick Bruno	Ruth
Bob	George & Shelley Mackey	Ruthie
Bob Bell	Grace Behringer	Sarah
Bob C.	Gunnip Family	Segovia Pasichniak
Bruce Neandross	Jack	Sophie
Carlos Pinto Family	Jamie Whaley	Sr. Maureen Mitten
Catherine	Jane Winer	Thomas Maloney
Catherine O'Connell	John Berryman	Vincent Desimone
Chris C.	John Mills	Winston
Christian	Juan	Mary Ann Newcomb & Family
Christina Olkowski	Julie & Jim Robertson	Matthew Garcia
Claire	June Bové	Ken Thiess
Colten	Justine and Tom Boylan	Ellen Ingber
Connie	Kim Heitzenrater	Wes Pace
Cookie C.	Linda	Marcus Noble
Danikka Dillon & Family	Lois Chapman	John Palmer Family
David Barrand	Lora Salt	Herb Berl
Dean Hawthorne	Margaret	Vincent Colling
Denny	Marty Melamed	Virginia DuDeck
Diane and Frank Barletta	Mary	Lori Cardinale
Diane Pring	Milt	
Donna	Nancy Schrempp	
Doris	Nancy Teichman	
Dorothea Hickey	Pat	
Dot Meyer	Pauline Fiore & Family	
Effie	Peter Flannery	
Elizabeth Sofia	Qian (Chen) Liu	
Evelyn & Steve Dyke	Rick	
	Robbie	

We remember also those who have died, especially Frank Archer, Brook Newcomb, Frederick "Zeke" Ziegel, and William A. Oehlschlager, Jr.

Prayer List Renewal

The prayer list has been refreshed for Lent. To add a name—whether for intercessions or thanksgivings—please contact the Parish Office.

ST. ELIZABETH'S STAFF & VESTRY

Rector

The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo

Assistant Rector

The Rev. Melina Dezhbod

Associate Priests

The Rev. Susan Schink

The Rev. Dr. Richard Sloan

Organist & Choirmaster

Garah Landes

Associate Choirmaster

Jennifer Hommez

Associate for Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Beth Van Emburgh

Director of Finance & Administration

Grace Arscott

Parish Life Coordinator

Stephanie Doyle

Sexton

Fredy Reyes

Soloists

Jeffrey Castellano, Alicia Luick,

Daniel Peretto, Anastasia Swope

Wardens

Sandy Sullivan '28, Mike Dickson '27

Treasurer

Steve Gorey

Assistant Treasurer

Denise Barrand

Clerk

Catherine Carter

Vestry

Denise Barrand '27

Catherine Cardew '27

Bruce Firkins '27

Steve Gorey '27

Steve Anderson '28

Joan Cooke '28

Jeremy Sabella '28

Elizabeth Thauer '28

Christopher Aquilino '29

Catherine Carter '29

Stacy Wilson '29

Lauren Winter '29



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](https://www.facebook.com/stesridgewood)

YouTube: [youtube.com/@stesridgewood](https://www.youtube.com/@stesridgewood)

169 Fairmount Rd.

Ridgewood, NJ 07450

201.444.2299

info@stesridgewood.org

Vol. 99 No. 22