



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home



Sunday Worship times:

8 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite One

10 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

Visit our website for more details www.stesridgewood.org

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From the Rector's Desk

"I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'"
- Psalm 121.1

The beaches will soon be clearing out as summer comes to an end, but our busy fall season at St. Elizabeth's is just about to begin! The staff has been making plans for the new program year that is nearly upon us, and I invite you to mark your calendars and join us for the services and events listed below.

This fall we also begin our Centennial Celebrations as we mark 100 Years in Upper Ridgewood. Members of our Centennial Celebration Committee have

been working hard to tell our story in the neighborhood, and the anniversary logo that you will begin to see on our various publications this year represents some of the fruits of their labors.

Finally, this September we welcome our new Associate Rector, the Rev. William “Billy” Adams. Billy’s first official Sunday with us will be September 4. You can read more about Billy in this edition of *The Tower*, and you can connect with him directly by email at wadams@stesridgewood.org.

You’re encouraged to invite a friend or neighbor as we say “*welcome back*” and “***Welcome Home***” at St. Elizabeth’s!

Sunday, September 4: Blessing of Backpacks

If you’re a student or teacher, bring your backpack to church and they will be blessed at the 10:00 a.m. service. You will receive a backpack tag to place on your bag as a reminder of the prayers and support from your parish family!

Sunday, September 11: Opening Sunday and Ice Cream Social

We begin the new year and return to our two service schedule of worship at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. After the 10:00 a.m. service, join in a time of fellowship as we enjoy ice cream on the front lawn.

Sunday, September 18: Christian Education for Children and Adults begins

- Adults are invited to join the Rector for a time of study and conversation on a variety of topics. The class will take place from 9:15–9:45 each week in the 2nd floor Conference Room of the Parish House.
- Children (Pre-K through 7th Grade) will participate in Church School during the 10:00 a.m. service weekly. To register your children to attend Church School, please click [here](#) or contact Associate for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, [Ms. Beth Van Emburgh](#).
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Sunday, September 25: Outreach Sunday, and *Faith and Film* series begins

- Join members of the Outreach Committee at a special Coffee Hour following the 10:00 a.m. service. Learn more about our many outreach ministries and sign up to volunteer and serve.
- Each month we will gather to watch a movie and have a time of discussion following the film. Movies will be shown in the Parish Hall at 4:00 p.m., and popcorn and soft drinks will be provided. The first showing will be *The Most Reluctant Convert*, a 2021 biographical drama about C.S. Lewis. You can watch the trailer [here](#). Future dates and films will be announced in the coming weeks. For more information, contact [the Rev. Andy Olivo](#).

Sunday, October 2: Pet Blessing and Youth Confirmation begins

- All God's creatures, great and small, are invited to bring their humans to a brief service on the Front Lawn at 3:00 p.m. The clergy will bless all animals (or pictures of animals if they are not able to attend).
- At 4:00 p.m. the 8th Grade Youth Confirmation class will gather in the Chapel for their first session. Classes normally meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. To register for this class click [here](#) or contact Associate for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, [Ms. Beth Van Emburgh](#), for more information.

Sunday, October 23: Cornerstone Sunday

On October 22, 1922, the cornerstone of St. Elizabeth's Church was officially laid. Join us as we celebrate the beginnings of our parish. A reception will follow the 10:00 a.m. service.

Sunday, October 30: Procession and Blessing of Costumes

Children (and adults) are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to church. All costumed individuals are invited to join the opening procession during the 10:00 a.m. service and receive a blessing from the clergy. No tricks, just treats this Sunday!

Sunday, November 6: All Saints' Sunday

We gather to remember the Saints of God from St. Elizabeth's who are no longer with us. We will read the names of all those buried in our Memorial Garden at the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services.

Sunday, November 20: Christ the King Sunday and Advent Wreath Workshop

On the last Sunday of the Church year, we will celebrate Christ our King and prepare for the Season of Advent. All are invited to attend an intergenerational Advent Wreath Making Workshop during Coffee Hour. Supplies and new candles will be available so that you can have your home Advent wreath ready for the First Sunday of Advent on Sunday, November 27.

Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Day Service

Gather for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. and give thanks to God for all of your many blessings.

Sunday, December 11: The Advent Concert

After a two-year hiatus because of COVID-19, the annual Advent Concert returns to St. Elizabeth's. Join us at 4:00 p.m. for the concert and the special reception that follows.

Wednesday, December 14: Christmas Tree Lighting

Invite your friends and neighbors as we light the parish Christmas tree on the Front Lawn while caroling and sipping hot chocolate. This year we will also crown our first Christmas Cheermeister, the special parishioner selected to officially light the tree!

Sunday, December 18: Christmas Pageant

A beloved tradition, the children of the parish will retell the Christmas story during the 10:00 a.m. service.

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve

Join us for a Festive Service of Holy Eucharist as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus our Lord. ***This year there will be a single service at 5:00 p.m. with a full choir and brass.***

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day

Gather for this intimate service on Christmas Day as we sing and give thanks for the Savior's Birth. ***There will be a single service this day at 10:00 a.m.***

Welcome to our new Associate Rector

After nearly a year and a half without a second priest on staff, I'm delighted to announce that the Rev. William "Billy" Adams has accepted my offer to become our new "Associate Rector for Church Growth." Billy will, along with the normal Sunday and weekday duties, work with the staff and me to further grow and develop our formation, outreach, and evangelism ministries.

Billy is a recent seminary graduate and comes to St. Elizabeth's from the Diocese of Kentucky (the western portion of the Bluegrass State). Billy is already ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church, which means he will be ordained a priest later this year (more to come on that). In the coming days he will relocate to Bergen County and will officially begin his work on September 1. Please find a letter of introduction from Billy below.

I want to thank our Priest Associate, the Rev. Susan Schink, as well as the Rev. Richard Sloan, and the other clergy who have made themselves available to assist and serve during these past months. I am grateful for all they do for St. Elizabeth's and the diocese.

I'm excited to work alongside Billy, and I'm confident he will be a great asset to our parish as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ in northeast New Jersey.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Andy+

Dear St. Elizabeth's,

My name is Billy Adams, and I am so excited to join all of you soon. I am looking forward to experiencing life at St. Elizabeth's with each of you and sharing together soon in our collective ministry journey. I recently graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in May, and I was ordained a Deacon in February.

Before my 3 years in Alexandria, VA, I lived in Bowling Green, KY, where I was born and raised. While in Bowling Green, I attended Western Kentucky University and studied economics. During my youth and time in school, I had many different jobs working with youth, as well as in Esports. I can't wait to be in Ridgewood, and I look forward to getting to know you all more!

*Best,
Billy*

The Choirmaster's Column

Our new Tenor Section Leader, Brian Hays

Brian Hays is happy to be joining St. Elizabeth this year as the tenor section leader and soloist. Brian has been singing on stage from a very young age, joining the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus in the second grade. More recently, he has sung with a wide variety of choirs, including the Seattle Symphony Chorale and the Los Angeles Master Chorale. He has a degree in Music Education from Northern Arizona University and a master's in Choral Music from the University of Southern California. He has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Sydney Opera House, the Vatican, and at the White House where he performed with Metropolitan Opera star Marilyn Horne for the lighting of the National Christmas tree in front of President George H.W. Bush.

A native of Arizona, Brian has led high school and community choirs in Arizona, Washington State, and California. Choirs under his direction have consistently won accolades at both regional and International competitions.

Brian lives in Summit with his husband Kyle and their twin children, Alexandra and Zachary.



SENIOR CHOIR & SOLOISTS RETURN!

I am delighted to announce that our wonderful quartet will be singing together at the Sunday, September 4th service at 10:00 a.m.! Anastasia Swope, Alicia Luick, our new Tenor Section Leader, Brian Hays, and Anthony Alberti will be singing John Rutter's "Thy Perfect Love."

We are also thrilled to announce that the Senior Choir will return the following week, which is Opening Sunday, September 11th at the 10:00 a.m. service. The Senior Choir will be meeting for our first post-service rehearsal of the new season on Sunday, September 11th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., followed by our Potluck Dinner for family and friends in the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the choir may join at any time during the year, but we especially extend an invitation to our September 11th rehearsal and dinner. It is a perfect opportunity to sing through most of the repertoire for the fall and holiday season and to enjoy a festive dinner with our choir.

Garah Landes, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Children's Music

**Choir Opening
Welcome
Party!**

**Wednesday, September 7
4:30 - 5:30**

Thinking of trying Children's Choir this year? Come to our Opening Welcome Party! We'll have music games, do some singing, and eat pizza--all kids in Grades K-8 are welcome!

Our Choir is divided into two groups: Joyful Noise (Gr. K-2) and Cantare (Gr. 3-8), who meet together on Wednesdays beginning at 4:30. Singing in the Choir is a great way to:

- Make new friends
- Learn to read music
- Improve academic performance*
- Develop leadership skills
- Be part of an important worship team
- Make a contribution to St. E's
- and most importantly.....

.....singing imprints on the heart a sense of God's love in a way that nothing else does. And wait, there's more! We have parties and special educational and fun-time events throughout the year. Choir is open to everyone who wants to sing and have fun--please join us!

For more information about our program, contact Catherine Hostetler at chostetler@stesridgewood.org

*It's true! We have the data!

Children, Youth, and Families Ministries

Welcome to a new school year! While we saw many of you over the summer at our various events, such as Story Time or Super Soaker Sunday, we are very much looking forward to having our Church School hallways bustling with energy on Sunday mornings!

Now that I've got almost a full year under my belt, I've been able to observe the amazing job our Church School Leaders do each week in shepherding our children and youth through the lessons. I've heard amazing insight and conversations from the kids and seen the very thoughtful details put into class art projects. I've been able to look at how the classrooms are set up and even the flow of a typical Sunday as a class addresses their lesson for the day.

I took a class over the summer and I was reminded of how a successful classroom space should be inviting and welcoming to everyone. These kids sit at desks all week at school and it's a chore! We don't want them to think of St. E's the same way, so I've moved some things around in some of the classrooms to make them welcoming to all ages and abilities. I'm examining ways to not only best foster faith formation in the kids, but doing so in an engaging and fun way that allows them to connect with peers and adults alike in the St. E's family. It should be enjoyable for everyone!

That being said, as of this writing, I would still like ***AT LEAST*** two more adults to make Church School be at its best. I am specifically looking for adults to lead children in 4th grade and under. If you are not available in the fall, visit a class in session this September and consider signing up for the Winter or Spring sessions. All of the classes have a wonderful mix of some of the most thoughtful and introspective kids I've ever encountered! They listen intently to the story, come up with some really great and thoughtful conversations about the meaning of each lesson, and enjoy any and all enrichment activities. They are an invigorating and dynamic group, and I'd love for more people to get involved with them to get to know them. Our first day of Church School classes will take place on **Sunday, September 18th**.

The Nursery has been open all summer, but beginning September 11 we return to offering it for children aged 3 and younger. It will be open from 9:15 a.m. until 12:00 noon every Sunday—the early opening time to accommodate parents wishing to participate in the Adult Education Forum. Still located on the second floor of the Parish House, It's a light, bright, fun space with a solid Wi-Fi signal! Children will begin to receive the foundations of their faith formation experience in the nursery, with the attendants reading Christian-based stories and teaching songs and a simple Grace to say before snack! If you know of a teen or young adult, preferably first aid trained, who is interested in working in our Nursery, please have them contact me at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org

Bring a Friend day is every day - this is your reminder to invite a friend to church **any day** that works for you, and hopefully more than—in fact, as often as possible, any time. All are welcome.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Beth Van Emburgh
Associate for Children, Youth and Family Ministries

Children's Ministry

September Church School and Chapel Schedule

- September 4 No Chapel or Church School – Blessing of the Backpacks
- September 11 No Chapel or Church School
Family Eucharist Service 10:00 am followed by Ice Cream
Social Coffee Hour
- September 18 Chapel: “Creation” from Spark Story Bible
Church School: *God Made the World, And Loves It*
- September 25 Chapel: “Noah’s Ark” Storybook
Church School: *God Begins a New World with Noah*

Opening Day for the new Church School program year is September 11. All children are invited to come to our worship services and visit our classrooms. ***Class starts September 18th.***

Children who will be four by October 1 continuing through Seventh Grade should be registered for the new school year before the 10:00 am service on September 11. For your convenience, there is a registration form included in this issue of *The Tower* and one on our website, or you may fill out a form upon your arrival. Take the time to complete Media Release/Photo Release section, as well as the bottom portion, which provides opportunities for you to serve our parish children.

On most Sundays throughout the year, children in Pre-K through Grade 2 attend Chapel at 10:00 a.m., followed by Church School. Traditionally, children in Grades 3-7 begin in the church with their families and are dismissed to class at the noted time in the bulletin each Sunday. In my process of looking at how best to foster Faith Formation in our kids, **the time of class is being reviewed for Grades 5-7, with the possibility of those older children attending Church School while younger children are in Chapel, then returning to their families to celebrate Eucharist with the congregation.** My reasons for this consideration are three-fold:

First, we are looking to reinvigorate our Acolyte Training, so it's imperative that our youth have a better understanding of the service;

Second, I would like to give the Youth the opportunity to participate in Children's Chapel as leaders; and

Third, I've noticed that some of our Confirmation aged kids don't have a solid foundation of how a service is run and why. In introducing them regularly to the traditions of our Episcopal service, we can foster a better understanding that they will carry through Confirmation and beyond. By switching the time, our Youth and our Church School leaders will not miss Communion most Sundays. Don't worry, 3rd and 4th grade families—I'm reviewing what may serve those kids best as well! Stay tuned!

We look forward to seeing you on **Opening Sunday, September 11th** as we gather for family worship and a fun Ice Cream Social! Our Ice Cream Social will take the place of our traditional pre-worship Meet and Greet, so we can

have fellowship with our entire Church family while getting in those last-minute registrations and Church School Leader sign ups! In preparation, our annual Church School Leader and Chapel Leader training will take place on Saturday, September 10th. On that day, Chapel Leaders will gather from 2:00–2:30 pm) to hear how Chapel will be structured this year. Church School Leaders will gather from 2:30–3:00 pm to learn more about how a Church School class flows and the various resources in place to make leading a class as easy as possible!! **Parents, please consider attending our teacher training** on the 10th so that you are prepared to substitute in the event that we need back-up. Following training, we will stick around to scoop the ice cream for Sunday's **COOL** coffee hour!

Thank You for School Supplies Donations for Children in Need

With the first day of school upon us, there are area children who will be starting the new school year without basic school supplies or new clothing. Thank you to everyone who took the time to send school supplies for our partners at PACS Paterson as well as contributed to the Teen Outreach Backpack Drive, organized by Zach Marchetti, for the Ukrainian families in the area. Be sure to catch the story that CBS did on their service on our website at <https://www.stesridgewood.org/fellowship/outreach1> What an amazing ability we have at St. E's to share God's love by helping out so many children in need!

Thank you from Emily for supporting her Book Drive

Dear St E's,

Thank you for all your generosity and support in the book drive for Philip's Academy Charter School. Thanks to you, I collected hundreds of books—way more than my goal of 500!

Love, Emily Olkowski

Youth Ministries

YPF

As you may know, St. Elizabeth's has a youth group for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders. It's called the YPF (Young People's Fellowship). It has two goals. The first is to give fun parties where our 5th, 6th, and 7th graders can enjoy fellowship with one another, with the adult and teen leaders, and with the Rev. Billy Adams, while growing in consideration for others, social skills, and leadership skills. The second is to build a caring community among the YPFers so that their experience in the 8th grade Confirmation Program will be especially rewarding.

Six YPF "dinner 'n games" parties are planned for Sunday nights, in the Parish Hall, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Traditionally, we meet in October, November, January, February, March, and April. **Our first meeting will be October 16th.** An advance mailing will provide details and the Participation/Insurance Form that 5th, 6th, and 7th graders must bring when they come for the first time. Each one is welcome to bring a guest to any YPF party. Here's hoping your 5th, 6th, or 7th grader will be a part of all the YPF offers this year: fun, fellowship, growth, and caring community!

Katie Dickson, Kirsten Dickson, Terry Battaglia

Confirmation Class of 2023 News

Welcome, Confirmation Class of 2023! As the new school year begins, we are also making plans for this year's youth Confirmation Class. Through nine months of attending class, studying, praying, and participating in various activities, our youth Confirmands will be prepared to decide if they are ready to make a public commitment to God as they confirm the promises made on their behalf at Holy Baptism.

Like last year, our class will meet two times per month, generally on the first and third Sundays. We will meet from 4:00–5:15 pm in the Parish Hall of the church. Our first session is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 2, 2022. We hope to reintroduce field trips and a retreat, but those details are not yet available. We are excited about this new program year and are

looking forward to this youth Confirmation Class. If you would like to register your 8th grader (or older but not confirmed teen), please contact Beth at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org to get signed up.

Calling all Acolytes: Return of Acolyte Training

Acolytes contribute major help and leadership to worship. If you are a past acolyte (or the parent of one), please contact Ann Dowling in the Church Office to sign up (201-444-2299 or adowling@stesridgewood.org).

Training for Confidence and Excellence Acolytes, like the rest of us, enjoy their work more when they are clear about their responsibilities and know how to fulfill them. Like being on a sports team, being an acolyte requires the development and continuing practice of both theory and basic skills. To equip our acolytes with what they need to be effective members of their team, we will be offering training sessions for **both new and returning** acolytes. **Because we want our acolytes to be secure in their understanding of their duties and practiced in the skills they will need, these training sessions are required. We will be holding training for all new and returning acolytes (Grades 5-12) in the coming months. Watch the Weekly Newsletters and Service Bulletins for information on when training will occur.**

Teen Outreach 2022: Attention All High Schoolers

Teen Outreach Kickoff BBQ

Sunday, September 18 6:00-7:30 pm

398 Shelbourne Terrace (von Summer Residence)

Join us as we go over our plans for the upcoming year. We'll revisit some of the old favorites, like our annual food drive, and add some new activities including continuing our support of local Ukrainian refugees in our St. E's community. Please **Sign Up [Here](#) to join us!**

Remember to send Stacy Hughes (sg Hughes@corevaluepilates.com) your contact information if you're a high schooler and you're not on the email list **OR** if you're a parent of a high schooler and you're not on the list.

Outreach Grant Visitations Our amazing teens have not taken any time off from the incredible work they do in our community. They paid two Outreach Grant Visits to Ridgewood Social Service Association and to Emmanuel Cancer Foundation. This was a great opportunity to get to know two local organizations who do a lot of work to help people in our local community. They met with each director who told them how their organization intends to use the grant they receive from St. Elizabeth's each year. Then the teens make their recommendation to the St. Elizabeth's Outreach Committee about the organization's request for money.

Backpacks for Ukraine Teen Outreach senior Zach Marchetti led a school supply drive for Ukrainian children refugees to support our St. Elizabeth's parishioner Lyubov Ferrara's efforts. Lyubov has been supporting Ukrainian refugees with a free "store" she created in our former Nursery space in the basement of the Parish House. Zach and his team of Teen Outreach volunteers filled, packed, and distributed 50 backpacks for Ukrainian refugee elementary and middle school children. Thank you to everyone who came out to help! More information on his efforts can be found at <https://www.backpacksforukraine.com>, and the story that CBS News did on their efforts can be found on our website at <https://www.stesridgewood.org/fellowship/outreach1>

Annual Food Drive! Teen Outreach is holding our Annual Food Drive in October this year! We need help creating the flyer, distributing the flyers to our neighbors on October 16th and picking up the food on October 23rd. Last year we donated over 180 bags of groceries to three local food pantries. Please join us! More information on times and signups to follow via eNews and emails in the next few weeks.

Warmly,

Stacy Hughes, Melissa von Summer, Kirsten Dickson, Jenn Liljegren, and Karina Ferrales

Keeping in Touch: Parish Communications

ST. E-NEWS The weekly electronic news bulletin is sent via email each Friday morning to keep parishioners updated on worship services, fellowship events, and volunteer opportunities as well as pastoral news.

All parish members who have not opted out should be receiving this e-news service. Please contact Ryan Pettit at rpettit@stesridgewood.org to be included on the mailing list. If you would like to submit something to be included in *ST. E-NEWS*, please submit it by Wednesday of each week.

St. E's Website is the place to go for general information about our programs and ministries and has a completely new look to it. To access any pages that require a password, please call the Church Office (201-444-2299). Visit at www.stesridgewood.org.

Follow Us on Facebook and Instagram. One of the best ways to bring in new members is to promote ourselves through social media. If you don't already follow our pages, I highly recommend you do. It is also one of the best spots to read about upcoming events. Our Facebook page is facebook.com/stesridgewood. We can be found on Instagram at [stelizabethsridgewood](https://instagram.com/stelizabethsridgewood). Or, more simply, just search on either platform for St. Elizabeth's Church of Ridgewood!

PHOTOS! If you have photos at the church, at a church event, or of a St. Elizabeth's member that deserves to be shared, please send photos to rpettit@stesridgewood.org. Photos may be included on the website and social media, in *ST. E-NEWS*, and posted on bulletin boards. We would all love to see them!

Streaming Services Have you seen the livestreamed services? If you take an interest in technology or video production and would like to inquire about volunteering to stream the Sunday services, please contact Ryan Pettit at rpettit@stesridgewood.org.

Updating Directory Information If you have made changes to your address, telephone number, or email address, please notify Parish Administrator Ann Dowling in the Church Office so that we can update our records and include the changes in our database and parish directory.

Ryan Pettit
Communications Coordinator

Deadline for Sunday Bulletin and Friday *E-NEWS* Announcements: Wednesday of each week.

Deadline for *Tower* Article Submissions: the 20th of each month.

A Message from the Stewardship Committee:

Each year St. Elizabeth's sets aside a time in the fall to ask its parishioners to consider their personal ministry of stewardship. We are, in fact, custodians for the growth, security, repair, and development of the church we call our spiritual home. This year, as the pandemic wanes, we see more opportunity for renewed giving and pledging to sustain our community of faith.

The season to pledge your financial gifts traditionally starts at the end of September and ends before the annual meeting in January. However, pledges can be made at any time. Budgets are made and confirmed by the

Vestry in December; hence, the Stewardship Committee appreciates your timely consideration. Please watch for letters to come from our Rector and the Committee along with a pledge card in the mail. In the weekly e-blasts you will hear from your fellow parishioners.

There is increased online opportunity this year to make a pledge. Simply go to our website: www.stesridgewood.org. Pledge cards will be mailed to you and may be mailed in or returned in the plate on Sunday. QR codes may soon be available to enhance and simplify our giving opportunities.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and your gift of a pledge this season.

ALL THAT WE DO, WITH ALL THAT WE HAVE, ALL OF THE TIME.

Stewardship Committee
2022-2023

Wayne Yankus
Diane Walker
Denise Vollkommer
John Poole
Mary Hayes
Chet Klope

Buildings and Grounds Update – September 1, 2022

Over the summer, there have been a number of projects undertaken for our buildings, some of which will continue into the fall. None of these projects are expected to interfere with our Sunday services, but there will be times during the week when certain areas of our Parish House, grounds, and the parking lot will be occupied by workmen and their trucks. Accordingly, we wanted to let you know what has been done and is still going on at St. Elizabeth's.

These projects fall into two broad categories: 1) improved security measures as originally discussed in the 2020 Annual Report and funded by a grant from

the NJ Office of Homeland Security; and 2) standard repairs and maintenance of our buildings.

Under improved security measures, these include the following:

- Shatter-proof film over ground-floor windows - done.
- Restoration of locks on Sanctuary windows or additional locks where needed - done
- Window-well grates where one is needed or in need of replacement - September
- Motion detectors in interior spaces and cameras in exterior locations - proposals under review
- Remote access control of locks ("buzz-in" entry) on California St. entry doors - proposals under review

Under standard repairs and maintenance of our buildings are included:

- Under-threshold door closers replaced on California and Fairmount doors - done
- Flat roofs redone using new technology and materials - done
- Re-stripping of Parking Lot - done
- Bluestone slabs where loose or damaged will be reset or replaced - work has begun.
- Caulking between Parking Lot walkway and building - Early September
- Painting of Church and Parish House exterior trim - Early September
- Downspouts to flat roof relocated - September
- New shed roof constructed over the Parish Hall Courtyard doors to divert water - September.
- Stairs to the rectory from Hartnett Way rebuilt to bring to code - September
- Handrails reset where loose - October
- Courtyard patio and Memorial Garden walkway reset for improved drainage - October

These projects are being overseen by the Buildings and Grounds Committee and members of the Vestry. Please address any questions to them, Buffy McKay, or Peter Angelica.

St. Elizabeth's Welcomes Newcomers

St. Elizabeth's welcomes visitors, inquirers, and newcomers to the parish community. The clergy, lay staff, Vestry, Sunday ushers and greeters 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

"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

ECW News**Friday Morning Book Group**

The Friday Women's Book Group will continue with James Runcie's Grantchester series through mid-September via Zoom. Please join in at 10:00 am with this link. [Friday Morning Women's Book Group](#). Remember that you are always welcome and your presence will enrich our group. Any questions? Contact Diane Alimena at d.alimena@gmail.com.

Sidney Chambers and the Forgiveness of Sins

September 2 – No Book Group – Happy Labor Day Weekend

September 9 – A Following

September 16 – Prize Day

September 23 – Florence

How to Give Flower Memorials or Thanksgivings

St. Elizabeth's has a long tradition of having flowers on the altar throughout the year, with special arrangements for Christmas, Palm Sunday, and Easter. Parishioners (present and past), family members, and friends provide for these flowers by making a contribution as a memorial for departed loved ones or as a thanksgiving for a special occasion such as an anniversary, baptism, or family wedding.

The cost of a memorial or thanksgiving is \$25.00, which goes to the Altar Guild Fund. In addition to providing for the flowers on a specific occasion, this fund also supports decorations in the church and Chapel, provides for liturgical vestments, for the altar linens, and for the bread and wine used at the communion services.

Please contact me for further information regarding memorials and/or thanksgiving flowers.

Mary Szurly (201-337-3167)

Pastoral Care

If you, or a friend, or member of your family goes to the hospital...

Visiting parishioners who are hospitalized is a priority for clergy and lay chaplains. Currently, **no hospital notifies us when you register**. Even if they ask to which church you belong, they use that information only for their internal records. It would be a great help to us if you or a friend or family member let us know when you are going to be in the hospital.

If you are at home but unable to come to church, we would very much like to bring communion to you now that restrictions allow us to do so. There is a special, and very brief, service for communion at home which uses bread and wine consecrated at a regular service at St. Elizabeth's. In the past, I have celebrated this service with a great many of our parishioners at their homes or

hospital rooms, and we offer it as a reminder that nothing separates us from the love of God, nor does absence remove us from the fellowship of the congregation.

DAO

***29th Annual Pet Blessing—Sunday, October 2
[transferred from St. Francis Day, October 4] at
3:00 pm***

From the very beginning of the Book of Genesis, God has called us to care for animals. We will honor our relationship with our domestic animals at a Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 2, **on the front lawn** of St. Elizabeth's at 3:00 pm.

Bring your dogs, cats, mice, birds, and other two- or four-footed animals (we also bless fish) for a blessing and a species-appropriate treat.

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***Help a little Bergenite: St. Francis Day Pet
Supplies Collection***

Our annual pet supplies drive will take place this year from Sunday, September 25 through Sunday, October 2.

Please note that this collection is for one week only. Donations may be placed in the baskets in the West Corridor or brought to the Pet Blessing on the church front lawn on Sunday, October 2. The supplies will be delivered to the Bergen County Animal Shelter in Teterboro.

Unopened pet food, **new** toys/bedding/treats, and **clean** towels/linens are requested. **Gift cards** to pet supply stores and **checks** made payable to "Bergen County Animal Shelter" are also appreciated.

For more information, please refer to the flyer posted on our website or contact Debra Anderson (201-694-2378 or debra.ruth.anderson@gmail.com).

Thanks in advance for your generous support of the St. Francis Day Pet Supplies Collection and your care for Bergen's homeless animals.

Debra Anderson

Directory Additions and Changes

Additions:

Adams, Billy 270-991-2071
160 River Street – Apt. 228
Hackensack NJ 07601
wadams@stesridgewood.org

Hays, Brian & Kyle 310-721-5800
34 Aubrey Street; Summit NJ 07901
Alexandra, Zachary
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Changes:

Cornwell, James & Sarah
New Address: 0N375 Morse Street; Weaton IL 60187
New Family Member: William Benjamin Jehudiel Cornwell (6/7/22)

Gonzo, John & Angela
New Address: 41 Winding Ridge; Oakland NJ 07436

Ismael, Moe & Alison
Change of Address: 439 Wyckoff Avenue; Wyckoff NJ 07481

Masri, Ramiz & Lina
Change of Address: 307 Ackerman Avenue #1; Glen Rock, NJ 07452

Swope, Ellanna

Change of Email Address: EllannalsabelSwope@icloud.com

From the Parish Register in May, June, July, and August**Baptisms:**

Eva Marie Cruz, daughter of Nelson and Jessica Cruz. May 15, 2022

Zoe Jeanette Di Luccia, daughter of Christopher and Stephanie Di Luccia. June 12, 2022

Davis West Larkin, son of Brian and Elise Larkin. June 26, 2022

Lorelei Amelia Martinez, daughter of Stephen and Burgess Martinez. July 31, 2022

Confirmations:

Maximus Corcoran (Christ Church, Short Hills). May 10, 2022

Wyatt Dane Clay, Spencer Christopher Dobson, Katalina Rubi Ferrales, Kristian Gabriel Ferrales, Mikael Nathaniel Ferrales, Hanna Liljegren, John Bennett Muller, Meilin Samantha Muller, (All Saints, Hoboken). May 14, 2022

Jane Burrows, Helen Elizabeth Clothier, Anna Helen Dickson, Grace Elizabeth Freeborn, Giacobby Sumner Halpert, Justin Iannelli, Caroline Margaret Kern, Charlotte Eve Ohnegian, Katherine Grace Schmitt, Kelsey Maura Shafer, Miles Kelleher Tamis, Christopher Michael Yevchak (Christ Church, Ridgewood) May 25, 2022

Marriages:

Emma Rose Reichert and Steven Pasterick. June 18, 2022

Burials:

Betty D. Shepherd. Interment in St. Elizabeth's Memorial Garden.
June 4, 2022

Sydney Salt. Funeral and Interment in St. Elizabeth's Memorial
Garden. June 11, 2022

Christian Lee Resseguie. Funeral Service and Interment in Valleau
Cemetery, Ridgewood, NJ. July 9, 2022

James Brian Dowling. Funeral and Interment in St. Elizabeth's
Memorial Garden. August 6, 2022

Albert Curts Cooke. Funeral and Interment in St. Elizabeth's
Memorial Garden. August 20, 2022

From the Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:30 in the Committee Room. The Outreach Committee is open to any member of the parish. Please join us to learn more about the organizations that we support.

The Outreach Committee will host coffee hour on Sunday, September 25. Members of the committee will be available to answer any questions that you may have. There will be some representatives from the organizations that we support. Please plan to attend.

The Outreach Committee maintains the schedule for meals at the Men's Shelter. St. Elizabeth's Church provides a hot meal with dessert and some breakfast items on the third Monday of the month. Individuals and groups are able to serve dinner to the men. As of now, there are 27 men. That number can increase to 40. The following dates are available to prepare or Purchase and serve meals in the shelter: October 17 and November 21. This is a wonderful way to share your gifts with a worthy group of men who are trying

to re-establish their lives. Please consider serving a meal to help these men. Contact Denise Vollkommer at 201-637-1536 with any questions or concerns.

The Outreach Committee

Teen Outreach is holding their Annual Food Drive in October this year!

Please watch for their flyer and collection box in the church. The Food Drive will kick off on Sunday, October 8 and conclude on Sunday, October 23 . All donations go to three food pantries to help feed our local community.



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