

# LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



## St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

*welcome home*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY BAPTISM & EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

## THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15 - FEBRUARY 21

### Sunday

9:30 am Church School & Children's Chapel  
10:00 am Holy Baptism & Eucharist: Rite Two (Church)  
11:15 am Pancake Sunday (Parish Hall)  
11:30 am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Monday

Parish Office Closed  
8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)

### Tuesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)

### Wednesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)  
12:00 pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm Ash Wednesday Services (Chapel & Church)  
6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### Thursday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)  
10:00 am Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)  
10:30 am Moms Group (Garden Room)  
5:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Friday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)  
6:00 pm Vestry Retreat (St. John's, Ramsey)

### Saturday

8:30 am Vestry Retreat (St. John's, Ramsey)  
10:20 am Hammering for Habitat (First Presbyterian, Ridgewood)

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

*Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at [jim.alimena@gmail.com](mailto:jim.alimena@gmail.com)*

*\*Morning Prayer Zoom - Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning*

## WELCOME

### Families with Young Children Welcome!

Quiet activity "pew bags" and Children's Worship materials are available outside the Narthex. A staffed nursery for infants-3 years is open upstairs (2nd floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms.

#### Baptism

Upcoming baptism dates are April 12 and May 24. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Andy or Rev. Melina for more information.

#### Parish Office Hours

Regular office hours are 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday. Either Stephanie or Grace will be in the office during those times.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **TODAY Pancake Sunday**

February 15

Celebrate Mardi Gras during  
Coffee Hour with Pancakes

### **Ash Wednesday**

February 18

12 noon, 4:30pm 7:30pm

### **Mondays in Lent**

6:30 pm Rector's Lenten Class & Dinner

### **Wednesdays in Lent**

12 noon Holy Eucharist (Rite I)  
& Healing Prayers

2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

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### **Parish Office Closed**

Monday, February 16, 2026  
for Presidents' Day

Please contact The Rev. Andy Olivo at  
(423) 242-5313 for pastoral emergencies.

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### **Art Exhibit**

Tuesday, February 17 - April 3

Jim Alimena's paintings will be on  
exhibit at the Louis Bay 2nd Library &  
Community Center, 345 Lafayette Avenue,  
Hawthorne. M-Th 9am-9pm, Fri 9am-  
5:30pm, Sat 10am-5pm.

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### **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

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### **Family Hockey Game Day**

Sunday, March 8 at 7pm  
Prudential Center, Newark  
\$39 per ticket

### **Registration Required by February 20**

[https://dioceseofnewark.org/event/  
family-hockey-game-day/](https://dioceseofnewark.org/event/family-hockey-game-day/)

### **Teen & Family Outreach**

We have been invited to participate in  
Passaic County Habitat for Humanity's  
annual Hammering 4 Habitat event on  
Saturday, February 21 at First Presbyterian  
Church in Ridgewood. We will work  
as a team side by side with the Habitat  
construction team to learn how walls are  
built and assemble real wall sections that  
will be used in Habitat homes. Contact  
Beth Van Emburgh for more information.

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### **5 PM Contemplative Eucharist Update**

Our 5 PM Contemplative Eucharist  
will now be held monthly, followed by  
a potluck-style family dinner. Join us  
February 22 for prayer, worship, and good  
food.

Questions? Contact Rev. Andy or  
Rev. Melina

RSVP and sign-up for the potluck  
[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
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chili?useFullSite=true#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A5AC2EA6FFC25-62128347-chili?useFullSite=true#/)

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### **Before Lunch Book Group**

Tuesday, March 3 at 12pm  
(Garden Room or via Zoom)

Join us to discuss *Under the Tulip Tree*  
by Michelle Shocklee moderated by Joan  
Hickey

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### **Movie Screening**

Sunday, March 15 at 11:30am

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.

RSVP [https://www.signupgenius.  
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## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** *Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes*      Ralph Vaughan Williams  
                  *II. Rhosymedre*   (1872-1958)

*The Prelude is the first act of worship and sets the tone for all that follows in the service.  
You're invited to pause from the busyness of life and connect with God during this  
sacred time.*

## WELCOME FROM THE RECTOR

**OPENING HYMN 410** “Praise, my soul, the King of heaven”

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 299

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People:** There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People: One God and Father of all.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 217

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Exodus 24:12-18*

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 129 “Christ upon the mountain peak”

*Verses 1-2*

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 17:1-9*

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

**HYMN 129** "Christ upon the mountain peak"

*Verses 3-4*

**THE HOMILY**

*The Rev. Andy Olivo*

**THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE**

*BCP 301*

*Andie Wren Bothyl*

**THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*BCP 304*

**THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE**

*BCP 305*

**THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

*BCP 306*

**THE BAPTISM**

*BCP 307*

**HYMN 490** "I want to walk as a child of the light"

**WELCOMING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*BCP 308*

**THE PEACE**

*BCP 360*

# 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 *Heavenly Light*

*Alexander Kopylov*

*Arranged by Peter J. Wilhousky (1902-1978)*

*(1854-1911)*

*Text: Russian Orthodox Liturgy; English Text by Alice Mattullath*

*Sent from heaven,*

*Thy rays were given on great and small to shine,*

*O Light Divine!*

*May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light.*

*Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation.*

*All those whose feet may falter lead unto the sacred altar.*

*O shine from above, Divine Light of love!*

*Show us the way unto our God, we pray.*

*Thou our beacon and guide shalt be.*

*Light Divine, we praise thee!*

## 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 B

*BCP 367*

## PROPER PREFACE FOR BAPTISM

*BCP 381*

*Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.*

## 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 124** "What star is this, with beams so bright"

**HYMN 137** "O wondrous type! O vision fair"

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*BCP 365*

**THE BLESSING**

*BCP 366*

**HYMN 460** "Alleluia! sing to Jesus!"

**THE DISMISSAL**

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes*  
*III. Hyfrydol*

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
*(1872-1958)*

**PEALING OF THE BELLS IN HONOR OF THE BAPTISM OF ANDIE WREN BOTBYL**

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Jim Alimena

Lector: Mary Wynn Seiter

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Wynn Seiter, Jim Alimena

Ushers: Steve Gorey, David Barrand

Bell Ringers: Barbara & Kevin Burns, Steve Gorey, Todd Hoffman

Altar Guild: Debra Anderson, Mary Wynn Seiter, Sue Reid

Coffee Hour: Confirmation Class

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

## OUR MINISTRIES

**Meals Ministry** Our St. Elizabeth's community inreach includes a meals ministry. Food can be a source of comfort and support for you/your family during challenging times such as stressful situations, illness, post-surgery, or following the birth of a child. Our team of volunteers will deliver meals to your residence so that you and your family can focus on healing and togetherness without the added time demands of meal prep.

*Need help?* If you are in need of support, please reach out to Andy and Melina to initiate the process. Gaye or Karla will then connect with you to obtain information that will help them set up a meal schedule for you (e.g., dietary restrictions, likes/dislikes, # days/week and the length of time that support is needed). Delivery can be coordinated to accommodate your preferences: for example, you might enjoy a short social visit with the food delivery, or if you prefer more privacy, food can be dropped off with no contact.

*Want to help?* If you would like to provide meals to people in need within our community (either by cooking yourself or arranging delivery of take-out), please provide your email address to Gaye (gaye.thurston@gmail.com) and Karla (ktomb833@outlook.com). You will be notified by email when meals are needed (via our management platform "Take Them a Meal"), and can sign up for one or more dates that work for you.

**Get Involved in our Baptismal Blanket Ministry** The Needlecrafter group handcrafts blankets for every child baptized at St. Elizabeth's. This Ministry is a group of caring hands and prayerful hearts, coming together to knit and crochet cozy blankets for those being welcomed into the family of faith. Each blanket is lovingly handmade as a symbol of warmth, comfort, and God's embrace, and is gifted to families during their child's baptism. And we have several baptisms on the horizon!

Whether you're a seasoned knitter or just learning, all are welcome to join this meaningful ministry of love and stitches. Our experienced needlecrafters provide the yarn and lessons, if needed. You can join the regular group at 10 am on Thursdays, or join the multi-generational evening group, meeting Wednesday evenings at 7:30-8:30 pm. Contact Beth Van Emburgh with questions about the Wednesday evening stitching group and Sherry Kock about the Thursday morning group.



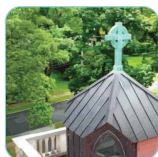
The Card Writing Ministry Parishioners are invited to request handwritten cards of celebration, sympathy, or support for family and friends—a heartfelt way to stay connected to our caring St. Elizabeth's community. Requests can be made anytime to committee members, clergy, vestry, or staff. We welcome your requests and questions. Cathy Cardew, Sherry Kock, Valerie Florstedt, Chair person

## NEW BASS SECTION LEADER

### **Please welcome our new Bass Section Leader, Daniel Peretto**

Daniel Peretto is a bass-baritone and tenured member of the chorus at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. Born in 1979 in Placerville, California, and raised in Visalia, Peretto was an accomplished swimmer and water polo player in his youth, alongside a deep passion for singing. In 1998, he earned a scholarship to Pepperdine University, where he pursued operatic performance, taking on roles such as Figaro in *The Marriage of Figaro*, Papageno in *The Magic Flute*, and Figaro in *The Barber of Seville*. He continued his training at Northwestern University, earning a graduate degree in operatic performance and performing roles including Ford in *Falstaff* and Count Almaviva in *The Marriage of Figaro*. Seeking a career that better supported family life, Peretto performed as a member of the supplementary chorus at the Lyric Opera of Chicago while residing in the Chicagoland area. In 2013, after auditioning successfully for a full-time position, he joined the Metropolitan Opera chorus and relocated with his family to Northvale, New Jersey, to stay close to Lincoln Center while enjoying a quieter suburban setting. Peretto lives with his wife, Nina, and their three children: sons Luke and Noah, and daughter Ella. Outside of opera, he is a recreational purple belt in Brazilian jiu-jitsu (hoping to be a black belt one day), an enthusiastic mini-homesteader who gardens, tends fruit trees and plants, and raises backyard chickens for fresh eggs. A lifelong Californian at heart, he remains a devoted San Francisco 49ers fan and enjoys watching mixed martial arts.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN & PLANNED GIVING INITIATIVE



**Prepare the Way**  
*Caring For Our Sacred Space*



**Good news:** Pledges to the Prepare the Way capital campaign are coming in! Please use the QR code to read the update in a letter that was recently mailed out.



## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Paul Carter by Catherine Carter and family.

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

### PARISH PRAYER LIST

Alex Casazza	George & Shelley	Sophie
Alice	Mackey	Sr. Maureen Mitten
Bill Brancato	Gunnip Family	Thomas Maloney
Bob	Jack Geraghty	Vincent Desimone
Carlos Pinto Family	Jamie Whaley	Grace Behringer
Catherine	Jane Winer	Bob C.
Catherine O'Connell	John Berryman	Chris C.
Christian	Juan	Lauren
Christina Olkowski	Julie & Jim Robertson	Robbie
Claire	June Bové	Doris
Colton	Justine & Tom Boylan	Milt
Connie	Kim Heitzenrater	Wendy Stankewicz
David Barrand	Linda	Donna Dorsey
Denny	Lois Chapman	John Mills
Diane & Frank	Lora Salt	Winston
Barletta	Marty Melamed	Jack
Diane Pring	Mary	Segovia Pasichniak
Donna	Matthew Garcia	Nancy Schrempp
Dorothea Hickey	Nancy Teichman	Bob Bell
Dot Meyer	Pat	Bruce Neandross
Edna	Pauline Fiore & Family	Danikka Dillon and
Effie	Peter Flannery	Family
Elizabeth Sofia	Robert	Blanca Rojano
Family of Mary Ann	Robyn Pring	Qian (Chen) Liu
DeGraw	Rochelle Kilzy	Cookie C
Frankye Crump	Ruth	
Frederick Bruno	Sarah	

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We remember also those who have died, especially Jaylin Rainford, Chiemelie Okonkwo, Charles Colton, Nancy McAllen, Dorothy Catherine Lohman, and Jack Keyhoe

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### Prayer List Renewal

*The prayer list will be 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

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