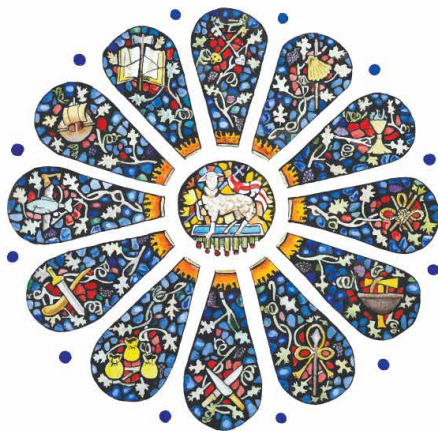


EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 3

Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Breakfast & Believe (Conference Room)
9:30 a.m. Joy Worship Service (Chapel)
10:00 a.m. Stewardship Sunday & Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Church)
11:15 a.m. Stewardship Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
7:00 p.m. Evening Needlecrafters

Thursday

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
10:00 a.m. Morning 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)
5:00 p.m. Progressive Dinner

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 new nursery attendant is Akshara Puli, a junior at Ridgewood High School. She comes to us with extensive experience as a Graydon camp nurse and Waldwick EMT. She is the trumpet section leader of the Ridgewood High School Marching Band, a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Air Force Civilian Auxiliary, and a Girl Scout Gold Award candidate focusing on writing and building workshops to teach children basic safety and first aid.

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

Stewardship Sunday

Today! Sunday, September 27
Rooted in Faith. Growing in Grace.

Progressive Dinner

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO RSVP
Saturday, October 3
5 p.m. cocktails at 61 California St.,
followed by dinner and dessert
\$75 per person

Give the Gift of Sight

St. Elizabeth's 11th grader, Shivani Heltzel, will be hosting coffee hour and giving a presentation about her Girl Scout Gold Award project to help people who don't have access to proper eyeglasses on Sunday, October 4. Her project will be collecting used prescription glasses and there will be a donation bin at St. Elizabeth's from 10/4-11/29. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

Lector and Eucharistic Minister Training

Sunday, October 4, following Sunday worship in the Church.
If you have any questions about Lector Training, contact Catherine Outten Olivo. If you have questions about or interest in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, contact Rev. Andy.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4 at 3 p.m.
St. Elizabeth's Front Lawn

Bring pet food or a toy as a donation for a rescue shelter.

Before Lunch Book Talk

Tuesday, October 6, at noon in the Garden Room and on 12:00 p.m. The group will be discussing *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk: A Novel of Chinese Immigration to the Pacific Northwest (Inspired by True Events)* by Kelli Estes followed by lunch (bring your own).

Meeting ID: 823 8050 3238
Passcode: Book

Midweek Holy Eucharist

Resumes on Wednesday, October 7, at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Parish Office Closed

Monday, October 12 for Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples Day

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. Many thanks to the Goklani and Marchetti families for delivering donations to the Social Service Association.

CHURCH SCHOOL 2026-2027

Registration is open on our website! Our first sessions will begin in classrooms next Sunday at 9:30 am. 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 *Lieder ohne Worte, Op. 53, No. 1*
Andante con moto

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

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 482 “Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy”

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; ***
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come**
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; ***
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness ***
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 707 "Take my life, and let it be"

Verse 1

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

HYMN 707 "Take my life, and let it be"

Verse 2

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 *At the Name of Jesus*

*Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)*

Words: Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

- 1. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*
- 2. At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders in their great array.*
- 3. Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came;
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed;*
- 4. Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.*
- 5. Name him, Christians name him, with love as strong as death,
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;
He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.*
- 6. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true.
Crown him as your captain, in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you in its light and power.*

7. *Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his Angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.*

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 FATHER

BCP 377

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 339 "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"

HYMN 523 "Glorious things of thee are spoken"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

HYMN 594 “God of grace and God of glory”

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Praeludium in F Major, BuxWV 145*

*Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Don Taylor

Lector: David Barrand

Eucharistic Ministers: Karla Tombaugh, Don Taylor, Debra Anderson

Ushers: Jim Alimena, Daniel Rosario

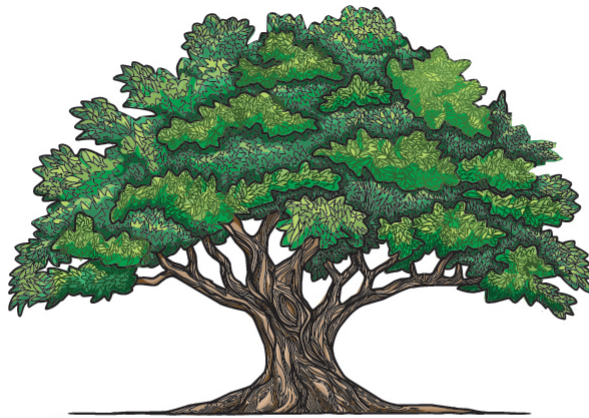
Altar Guild: Gigo Lee-Taylor, Karla Tombaugh, Sue Reid

Stewardship Coffee Hour: Susan Munhall & Committee

Nursery Attendant: Akshara Puli

Thank You!!!

Rain couldn't stop us from celebrating the annual Parish Picnic on Welcome Home Sunday! A hearty thank you to Cathy Cardew for organizing the day, and to Stacy Wilson, Lauren Winter, Steve Anderson, and Susan Munhall for taking the lead in making it happen. The Holy Smokers were undaunted by weather and kept the grills going: Jeff Wilson, David Swarts, Jeff Marchetti, David Jones, Todd Hoffman, and Thayer Wilson. Thank you to everyone who helped make a rainy day brighter with good food, fellowship, and fun for the kids. What a wonderful way to gather and kick off the program year at St. Elizabeth's!



Rooted in Faith. Growing in Grace.

What is stewardship, and why is it important in our church?

Stewardship is our grateful response to God's generosity. In Creation, God made everything that is, everything that will be, and gave it all to us to harness and steward. Our responsibility is to carry on the Love that inspired this original gift by using our gifts to make the world a better place, to seek and serve God in our neighbor, to work for justice and peace. All of our gifts – time, talent, and treasure – work together to enact and enable the Mission of the Church

Why does the church ask for a pledge instead of just passing the plate?

Our church uses pledges, or anticipated income for the coming year, to generate a budget from which we can create a spending plan for our ministries. Some members can anticipate their income for the coming year, and we ask them to make a pledge or a promise based on that. Whether a member chooses to make a gift through pledge or by other means, every gift matters.

We also ask members to indicate interest or commitment to our ministries with their time and talent. It takes many people to create liturgy and programs that feed our souls and provide support to our neighbors. Many members include these commitments as a part of their pledge.



Use the QR Code to pledge online.



ST ELIZABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
**PROGRESSIVE
DINNER**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
5 P.M. COCKTAILS
HOSTED AT 61 CALIFORNIA ST.
FOLLOWED BY DINNER & DESSERT

\$75 per person
RSVP 917-750-7498
to Courtney Hanson

**TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY to
RSVP and purchase tickets
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purchase tickets.**



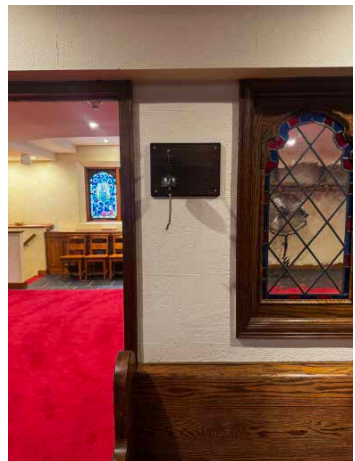
A Word from the Rector: A New Bell for St. E's

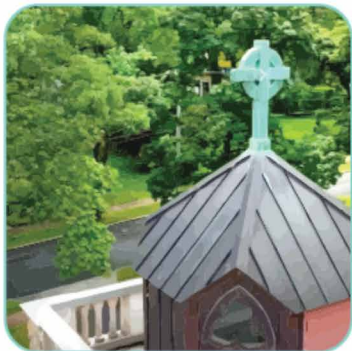
Our collection of bells recently grew a bit more at St. Elizabeth's. A new bell now hangs inside the sanctuary at the west end of the nave—that is, at the back of the church near the center doors leading into the narthex. It is called a Sanctuary Bell, and while it is much smaller than the other bells we have, it is still important. Its purpose is to get our attention and let us know that something holy is about to happen: our worship of God.

The Sanctuary Bell allows the ministers to alert the congregation that the service is beginning, and so you will hear it just before the opening procession and hymn on Sunday mornings. It is also helpful on those occasions when a silent procession into the sanctuary takes place: the ringing of the bell will be the signal to stand. Lastly, the Sanctuary Bell gives the ministers preparing to process in a way to signal to those at the front of the church—in particular, the Organist—that everyone is present and ready to go. If you were in church on September 20th, you were likely surprised by its sound, but over time we will all get used to its presence in our weekly worship.

A few more words about this particular bell that now hangs in our church: For several years, I had been looking for a Sanctuary Bell for St. E's, and this past summer I finally found one. Our bell is cast bronze and was made at a small foundry called U.S. Bells in Prospect Harbor, Maine. When I heard it ring, I thought it sounded lovely. But when the bell-founder told me that he calls this type of bell a “dinner bell,” I knew it was the right one for us. Just as a family might use a bell like this to let everyone know that dinner is ready, we will use this bell to tell our parish family that God welcomes us all at his table for the Lord's Supper.

The opening words of Psalm 122:1 are *Laetatus sum*, which is Latin for “I was glad.” The full verse is one that many of us know well: “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.” I pray this Sanctuary Bell will remind us all of the great blessing it is that we are able to gather in this beautiful house of the Lord.





Prepare^{the}Way

Caring For Our Sacred Space



ST. ELIZABETH'S PROJECT UPDATES

A New Chapter for Our Sanctuary

As we approach October, work on our sanctuary project will begin, and worship at St. Elizabeth's will look a little different for a time. Our project manager has extensive experience managing large church projects and is deeply mindful of keeping our space safe and minimizing disruption to worship and parish life.

Even with careful planning, we as a parish will need to be flexible as we adjust to changes along the way—from enjoying our music with piano rather than the organ to the inevitable signs of construction in progress. The Vestry and lay project leaders are working closely with the project team to keep worship as steady as possible, especially during the upcoming Advent season.

We will keep you updated regularly as we learn the specifics of the construction schedule. Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and good spirit as this important work gets underway. Please feel free to reach out to Wardens Mike Dickson and Sandy Sullivan with any questions.

**Use the QR Code to make a
payment towards your pledge.**



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karen's mother, Evelyn Sergeant, by Karen, Andy, Isabella, Nicholas and Victoria Hoy.

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

We remember those who have died, especially Beverly Hennemuth, Maritza Macdonald, Laura McGowan, Christi Pope Merrell, Sara Fitzmaurice, 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

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Denise Barrand

Clerk

Catherine Carter

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Denise Barrand '27

Catherine Cardew '27

Bruce Firkins '27

Steve Gorey '27

Steve Anderson '28

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Jeremy Sabella '28

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Christopher Aquilino '29

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Stacy Wilson '29

Lauren Winter '29



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