



# St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

*welcome home*



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## ***From the Rector's Desk...***

Happy New Year! As we continue in our centennial year as a parish, I'm regularly reminded just how important the ministry of the laity is and has been at St. Elizabeth's. Our Book of Common Prayer says that the ministers of the Church are "lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons (p. 855)." Two things are important to note about that line from the prayer book. First, it reminds us that all members of the Church are ministers. The ministers of the church are not just those who wear white, plastic bands around our necks. We are ALL ministers by virtue of our baptism. Yes, even you!

The second important thing to note about that definition from above is the order in which the ministers are listed. I hope you noticed that lay persons are listed first—even before the bishop! A wise priest once told me that the reason for that particular order is because the clergy (bishops, priests, and deacons) are useless without the lay people. To say it another way: the Church needs you and cannot be the Church without you.

I'm confident that the reason St. Elizabeth's is such a vibrant parish is because the lay ministers of this parish have made a commitment for 100 years to serving in a variety of different ministries within and outside our local church.

In this special year, we are remembering our past and all those who have served here over the course of our history. But we're also thinking about the future and how we might be Christ's ministers today. I want to invite you, therefore, to spend some time prayerfully considering how you might serve God and your neighbor at St. Elizabeth's in this new year. You can read about many of our ministries on the [Time and Talent page of our website](#), and even sign up for a ministry if you are so led. If you have questions about a particular ministry, you can find contact information for ministry leaders within the Time and Talent booklet. Or reach out to me. I'd be glad to help you find "your" ministry at St. Elizabeth's. We're all ministers, remember.

Another way that we will highlight our many lay ministries is to begin having a **Monthly Ministry Minute** at our 10:00 a.m. service. Once a month, we will invite one of our ministry leaders to speak briefly about their ministry so that the parish can learn more about the

different ways to serve. Pay attention to our weekly e-News for more information about these ministry minutes.

We are a strong parish because of our faith in Jesus Christ and our commitment to loving and serving our neighbors as ministers. That is our work; that is our calling as Christians. What will your ministry be in 2023?

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Andy+

### ***Associate Rector for Church Growth***

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope that each of you here at St. Elizabeth's had a wonderful holiday season. I'm grateful for the joy that has come during my first Advent and Christmas celebrations here at St. E's. We were all blessed with an amazing Christmas Pageant followed by joyous Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services. It was truly a holy season here at St. Elizabeth's!

The week before Christmas, my 3-week series on journeying through Advent concluded. I'm thankful for all those who helped out and for everyone who participated in the series both in person and online through the videos! I am beginning to plan and develop another video series for the Lenten season. I hope to offer an engaging and thoughtful series of videos that can be watched at one's own convenience while still creating a point of connection between all those at St. E's who are participating in the series. Please be on the lookout for more information about the series that will be coming soon in the E-news and weekly bulletins.

With the start of the new year, we will begin to have acolytes serving more frequently at our services. Information about scheduling for worship services and training related to the acolyte ministry has been sent out to those who have requested it and to all parishioners who have children in Grades 4 through 12. If you are interested in learning more about the acolyte ministry or helping out in any way, please feel free to contact me! It is wonderful to have those of all ages included in worship here at St. E's, and the acolyte ministry is one of the central ways we provide our youth with opportunities to be involved!

I'm looking forward to journeying alongside each of you in 2023, and I'm excited for all the wonderful things that will come about here at St. Elizabeth's this year.

The Rev. Billy Adams  
*Associate Rector for Church Growth*

## ***Annual Report Articles due January 15***

Articles for the 2022 Annual Report from heads of parish committees and organizations are due in the office by **Friday, January 15**. Additional copies of last year's report are available in the office. If you have any questions about the Annual Report or any of its contents, please call Ann Dowling in the Parish Office (201-444-2299).

## ***Annual Meeting on January 29***

On Sunday, January 29, as part of the 10:00 a.m. service, we will conduct our Annual Meeting for Warden and Vestry elections, to receive the Treasurer's financial report for 2022 and hear his presentation of the 2023 budget, and to hear reports from the Wardens and Rector. The meeting will take place in the nave of the church and will be live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel. We will finish by noon and hope that every member of the parish will join us.

## ***Nominating Committee***

The Nominating Committee for St. Elizabeth's Church for the year 2023 consisted of the four retiring Vestry members, Jim Alimena, Ed Ferara, Karina Ferrales, and Marnie Price, along with the two Wardens, Peter Angelica and Buffy McKay.

After careful consideration of all the recommendations and suggestions, the Committee submits the following candidates for the year 2023:

Vestry (three-year terms, Feb. 2023 – Jan. 2026): Bruce Firkins  
Mike Gabera  
Sheryl Jordan  
Emma Reichert

Vestry (two-year term, Feb. 2023 – Jan. 2025)\*: Gaye Thurston \*

Warden (two-year term, Feb. 2023 – Jan. 2025): Peter M. Angelica

\*In February 2022, the Vestry elected Gaye Thurston for a one-year term to fill an open position on the Vestry. This election by the parish will complete her three-year term.

In addition, the Vestry submits the following candidates to be our delegates at the Convention of the Diocese of Newark in 2024:

Convention Delegates for the 2024 Convention: Peter Angelica  
Buffy McKay  
Mary Hayes

Alternate Delegate for the 2024 Convention: Don Taylor

Peter M. Angelica  
*Chair, Nominating Committee*

**Peter Angelica** Because state law requires an election for a warden every year, and because St. Elizabeth's practice had been to elect wardens every *other* year, to get in compliance Peter is standing for a final term of 2 years, having served 3 years already. During that time he has worked with the Vestry and Rector to obtain and implement a grant from the NJ Office of Homeland Security to install security systems at the church. Prior to becoming Warden, Peter served as Vice Chair of the Rector Search Committee and was the Chair of the Discernment Committee. He served 5 years on the Vestry beginning in 1999, completing both a partial term for a departing member and a full 3-year term. In 2001 he headed the Annual Stewardship Committee, and in 2004 he served on the interview team for the Music Director. A Church School teacher for 8 years, he now sings in the Adult Choir on most Sundays. Together with his wife Caroline and children Nancy and Peter, he has been a member of St. Elizabeth's since 1994. He is now retired after a career in both corporate and private banking.

**Bruce Firkins** and his wife, Diane, have lived in Allendale for 37 years and have been members of St. Elizabeth's for the past four years. Prior to that, they were members of Church of the Epiphany (Allendale) for 26 years where Bruce served on the Vestry and was Senior Warden, and Holy Trinity Church (Hillsdale) for six years where Bruce was a member of the Vestry. Bruce has served on St. Elizabeth's Outreach Committee for the last three years.

Bruce and Diane's son, Andrew and wife Kimberlee, reside in Knoxville TN with their two sons. Their daughter, Katie Teague, and her husband, Ben, are members of St. Elizabeth's. Katie and Ben also have two sons.

Bruce is a retired marketing executive. having worked for 37 years for several Fortune 100 companies in the banking, food, textile, and oil industries. In retirement, Bruce has been enjoying his grandchildren, traveling, golfing, and playing saxophone in Allendale's Mid-Life Crisis Band.

**Maikel (Mike) Gabera** was born in Egypt and baptized as Coptic Orthodox. He started regularly attending St. Elizabeth's in late 2019 after moving to Ridgewood with his wife Meriam and their two children, Gabriella (10) and Jayden (9). They first came to learn about St. Elizabeth's through the annual Advent Concert and have since been drawn to its vibrant parish and felt immediately at home. Both his children have been regularly attending Church School, participating in the annual Christmas Pageant, and have more recently joined the Children's Choir. A graduate of the New Jersey Institute of Technology (BS & MS) and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (MBA), Mike leads strategy and business development for the Ultrasound division of Siemens Healthineers.

**Sheryl Jordan** is a lifelong Episcopalian, having grown up in various parishes in Washington State, North Texas, New York, and now New Jersey. She dedicated much time in high school on Diocesan Youth Council, Happening staff and steering committee, and as a counselor and staff at Camp Crucis in Granbury, Texas where she and her husband Peter first met at the age of 15. In college she served on Altar Guild and founded the Canterbury Club at the Church of the Holy Spirit (Bruton Parish) on the campus of Kenyon College in Ohio. More recently she served on the Vestry of St. Paul's Carroll Street in Brooklyn, leading a kitchen renovation project and a parents' group.

A passion for liturgical art and sacred spaces has always been a driving force in her life and career path. After college Sheryl worked for a few years as a stained glass fabricator and

designer at Smith Studios in Fort Worth, Texas, having focused on liturgical art for her undergraduate art thesis. Now licensed as an architect, she designed the storefront space for St. Lydia's Dinner Church as well as a renovation of the undercroft youth spaces for All Saints Episcopal Church, both in Brooklyn.

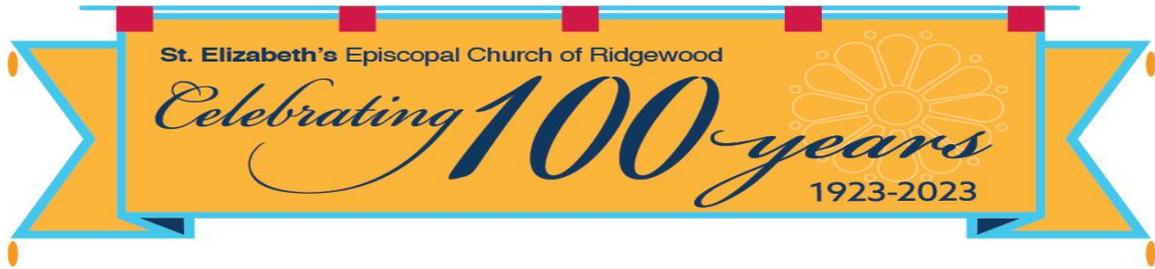
Sheryl, Peter, and daughters Edith (9) and Anne (6) have attended St. Elizabeth's since moving to Upper Saddle River in 2018, and feel blessed to call this community home.

**Emma Reichert-Pasterick** has been a member of St. Elizabeth's Church since 2009. "I came in the back door, so to speak." After having collaborated on a fundraiser for the Ridgewood Art Institute a few years prior, parishioners Debra Anderson and Gigo Taylor asked Emma to help design the For All the Saints capital campaign in 2008. "After presenting my design suggestions, I thought that I should probably attend a service if I'm going to work on this project. So I arrived at St. Elizabeth's early one Sunday morning and was greeted with several buses in the parking lot. That particular Sunday happened to be the annual trip to St. Paul's in Paterson to celebrate the Three Kings Day service! So I got on the bus... and found my community with St. Elizabeth's." Since then, Emma has worked on numerous design projects for St. Elizabeth's, including the cookbook "After the Grace" with watercolor paintings and graphic design, collaborated with the team to develop and design St. Elizabeth's new brand identity, and most recently, designed the 100 year celebration banners. "It's a pleasure to use my design skills to honor St. Elizabeth's heritage and spiritual work within the church and its outreach to the surrounding community."

This past June, Emma and Steven Pasterick were married at St. Elizabeth's. "It was an absolutely perfect day and such a beautiful service! It was wonderful to be able to share how special St. E's is with all our friends and family."

Emma is an Art Director for Maven Communications, and has worked in the medical device and pharmaceutical industry for over 20 years. Steve is a Doctor of Physical Therapy at Pillar Elementary—a school for children with severe special needs. They live in Westwood, New Jersey and enjoy renovating their 1926 bungalow, art shows, cooking, travel, gardening, and taking their lively rescue dog, Betsy, out for hikes.

**Gaye Thurston** and her family joined St Elizabeth's in 2000 when they moved from Philadelphia. Gaye, David, and their two children (Perry and Collin) have been active members, participating in fellowship, teen fellowship, acolyting, and as Sunday School teachers. Gaye previously served on the Vestry from 2009-2012, was an active member of the Dickinson Fund Discernment Committee, and subsequently was a member of the Philip's Academy start-up committee. She enjoys her 3-year reading buddy relationship with a current 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Philip's Academy. Gaye has 25+ years HR experience and is currently employed at Prudential as an Employee Relations Manager.



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Or reserve through our pre-pay portal [here](http://www.stesridgewood.org) at  
[www.stesridgewood.org](http://www.stesridgewood.org)

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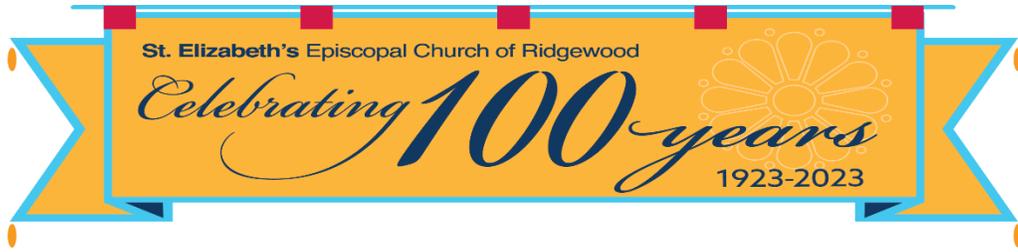
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**Need a list of babysitters?** Contact the Church Office (201-444-2299)  
or Beth VanEmburch ([bvanemburch@stesridgewood.org](mailto:bvanemburch@stesridgewood.org))

**Make Checks Payable to St. Elizabeth's Church**  
**Memo Line: Cocktail Party**



## WE ARE TURNING 100

Our historic church, affectionately known as “the church on the hill” from the day we opened our doors, is turning 100. We are celebrating our centennial anniversary in a variety of ways through June of 2023, and we invite you to participate in all the festivities.

### CENTENNIAL GUEST PREACHER SERIES

Please plan to join us at 10 a.m. on these upcoming Sundays when we will highlight and honor St. Elizabeth’s longstanding tradition of excellence in preaching.

Featuring these eminent preachers:

February 12: The Rev. Canon John G. Hartnett  
*Fifth Rector of St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church of Ridgewood*

March 12: The Rev. Nolan Palsma  
*Pastor of Upper Ridgewood Community Church*

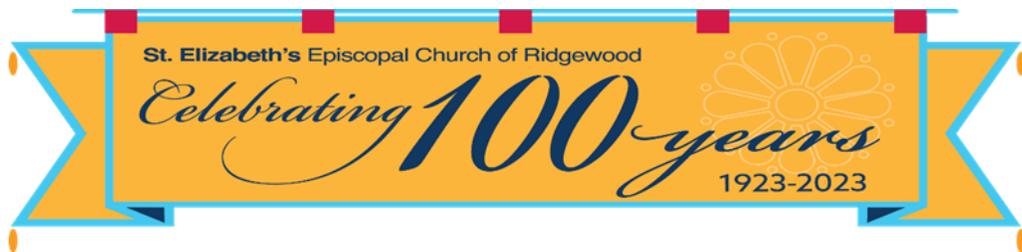
April 16: The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes  
*Bishop of the Diocese of Newark*

April 30: The Rev. Dr. Robert MacSwain  
*Associate Professor of Theology at the School of Theology at Sewanee*

Happy Birthday, St. Elizabeth’s

All-Parish  
Worship Service and Celebration  
Sunday, June 25  
at 10 a.m.

*Commemorating the first worship service on June 23, 1923  
and concluding our centennial observances*



**ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH CENTENNIAL MEDALLION  
JUST A FEW LEFT**



This beautiful memento of St. Elizabeth's Rose Window can be displayed in a window year-round. A great gift idea, too!

Specifications: 3.5 inch glass crystal

Price: \$26

To place your pre-paid order:

Pre-pay by credit card [here](#)

or

Download and return [this form](#) with your cash or check to the Church Office

## **Children's Music**

**Thank You for a Wonderful Advent Concert!** Many, many thanks to all of our singers who gave their hearts, voices, and lots of extra hours to prepare an absolutely beautiful concert performance with the Senior Choir on December 11. More thanks as well go to our wonderful soloists and adult choir members who provide such loving musical leadership for our kids, and to Garah for his mentorship and for giving us the opportunity to sing with this fine group of musicians. Finally, thank you to the parents and grandparents who juggle kids' schedules, negotiate complicated drop-offs, and wait patiently at rehearsals when we go overtime—you make it possible for us to do extraordinary work that we will always remember, and we are grateful! Thank you!

**Next Rehearsal Date: Wednesday, January 4**

**Next Singing Date: Sunday, February 5**

Catherine Hostetler  
*Associate Choirmaster*

## **Children, Youth, and Families Ministries**

Dear St. Elizabeth's families,

What a year! Forget that, WHAT A MONTH!!! I feel like time has flown by since November 20<sup>th</sup>! Our Church School families have been very busy with outreach, music, fellowship, and an amazing pageant. I continue to feel in awe of this very special faith community, and I hope that you get the same sense of how amazing St. Elizabeth's is. Thank you for all you do for the Church School and our missions within the walls of St. Elizabeth's and out in our community.

I wish I had something deep and meaningful to share as we begin a new year. I've wracked my brain for weeks for some morsel of wisdom, but came up short. So instead I'd like to share some things I've come across that resonated with me. I follow "Liturgies for Parents" on Instagram, and they shared this Prayer for Endings and Beginnings:

*"May the Creator of time & Keeper of Seasons give you space to process the paths that got you here so that you may have vision for what lies ahead. In the coming year, may you remember that you are held, known, and loved by a God of fresh starts and clean slates. May you and your family receive the gift of mercies new each morning, and as you approach 2023, may you know deep within your soul that you don't have to wait for a new year to begin again. In this new year, may the Lord bless you and keep you. And may all your life, your fantastic, dirty, messy, holy life, be a prayer."*

Amen!

Yours in Christ,

Beth Van Emburgh  
*Associate for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries*  
[bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org](mailto:bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org)

## January Church School and Chapel Schedule

- January 1 – Christmas 2     ***No Chapel or Church School***
- January 8 – Epiphany 1     ***Family Service***  
**Church School:** Epiphany: Coming of the Wise Men
- January 15 – Epiphany 2     **Chapel:** Jesus Heals!  
**Church School:** The First People in Jesus' Ministry
- January 22 – Epiphany 3     **Chapel:** The Disciples  
**Church School:** Jesus Calls His Disciples
- January 29 – Epiphany 4     **Chapel:** Jesus' Teachings  
**Church School:** Sermon on the Mount – “ANIMAL” Meeting  
and Church School Outreach Project  
*(Extended Class Time due to Annual Meeting)*

## Christmas Pageant

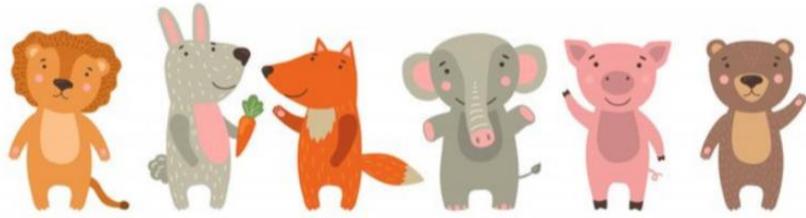
Many thanks to Christmas Pageant Co-coordinators Stephanie Ohnegian and Deanna Hoffman, Costume Specialist and Director June Bové, Assistant Director Ann Marie Snyder, Associate Choirmaster Catherine Hostetler, all the children who volunteered to be stars, sheep, shepherds, camels, and so many other parts in the Pageant, Church School teachers, the clergy, parents, and all other volunteers who helped in the preparation of the Pageant. Our Christmas Pageant is such a gift every year, and it is only possible because all of you invested your time and energy, and shared your love for our parish. The kids did an amazing job this year – thank you to all of them for being patient, flexible, and often willing to step out of their comfort zones!







## Second Annual ANIMAL Meeting



# ~~ANIMAL~~ Meeting

On January 29th while the adults conduct the business of our Annual Meeting, the Church School will be holding our 2nd Annual ANIMAL Meeting. Children are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal from home to conduct some business, which involves a snack and a service project.

## Teen Outreach

Teen Outreach was busy in December! They organized a sock drive that provided fuzzy socks for our Angel Tree recipients. They had parishioners help wrap them and put Christmas cards on them for distribution. It was a really fun way to involve the entire congregation in their project!



They also hosted our Tree Lighting! They provided cheer, leadership in singing carols, and entertainment as they competed to give out the most donuts.



Please join Teen Outreach this January as we make blankets for Project Linus, an organization which distributes homemade blankets to children in hospitals, shelters, social service agencies, or “anywhere a child may need a big hug.” To read more about Project Linus, please click [here](http://projectlinus.org) or go to [projectlinus.org](http://projectlinus.org). Dates in January TBA soon.

## Confirmation 2022-2023 News

The Youth Confirmation Class meets on the first and third Sundays of most months through May at 11:30 am. If you have questions about the class, please contact the Rev. Billy Adams for more information. ***For January Confirmation Classes, please check your emails from Rev. Billy for the dates.***

### ***Prayers for the Confirmation Class***

Confirmation for young people, in the Episcopal Church, begins with the personal and mature affirmation by the candidates of the promises which had been made on their behalf by sponsors and parents when they were baptized. This year we are asking all parents and sponsors of Confirmation candidates to pray for them regularly throughout each month with a prayer which focuses on one of the questions they will be asked in the Confirmation liturgy. We will publish these prayers each month.

Each of these monthly prayers is offered in dialogue with one of the questions asked of candidates in the Confirmation service, questions which are as lively for adults as they are for young people.

### ***The question: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?***

The prayer: *Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon N your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her/him to the new life of grace. Sustain N, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give N an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen. [Adapted from a prayer near the end of the service of Holy Baptism, BCP, p. 308]*

## **YPF (Young People's Fellowship)**

**THIS MONTH, ST. E's YPFers CELEBRATE THE START OF THIS NEW YEAR AT THEIR COVID-FREE '23 PARTY!** Hooray! With the worst of COVID behind us, YPF parties are back in the Parish Hall featuring kid-friendly food and the kind of un-masked active games that kids like to play. Fun-loving Partymasters Katie and Anna Dickson invite all 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders to the first YPF Party of the New Year, enthusiastically named the **COVID-FREE '23 PARTY**. Date, time and place? **Sunday, January 22 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** happily in the Parish Hall—hooray, hooray!!! And one of the games will be COVID BASH!!! Flyers with details will be emailed to YPF families. Acceptances required to [batt@optonline.net](mailto:batt@optonline.net) by Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **St. Elizabeth's Welcomes Newcomers**

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

## **Online Directory**

For your convenience, an Online Directory has been created. It can be accessed on our home page ([www.stesridgewood.org](http://www.stesridgewood.org)) under the Fellowship Tab. The directory is password protected. Please contact the parish office to obtain the password. For us to get to know one another better, all parishioners are encouraged to share a photo. You can email your photo, in pdf or jpeg format, to Ryan Pettit at [rpettit@stesridgewood.org](mailto:rpettit@stesridgewood.org). Ryan will upload your pictures to the directory. In addition, if you'd like, Dick Davies will take photos at the church and supply them to Ryan. Dick is often at the church with his camera. However, if you don't see him there, please contact Susan Munhall at (201) 370-4102 or [skm914@optonline.net](mailto:skm914@optonline.net), and she will happily coordinate a photo shoot and help with any questions about our new ONLINE DIRECTORY\*. Should your contact information be incorrect or incomplete, or you'd prefer not to be listed in the Online Directory, please contact the Parish Office.

*\*Our parishioners' privacy is important. Contact information is for church-related activities only. The use of any information contained in our ONLINE DIRECTORY for any business, commercial, or solicitation purpose is not permitted. Parishioners may not make the ONLINE DIRECTORY available outside of the parish.*

## **ECW News**

### **Thank You for Supporting the ECW Greens Sale!**

Thank you to everyone who purchased their Christmas greens and trimmings at Goffle Brook Nursery.

Our proceeds from the greens sale will help to support programs for women and children.

Caroline Angelica

### **Friday Morning Book Group**

The Women's Friday Morning Book Group has chosen *The Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson for its January read.

January 6: The Man Behind the Curtain and Parts I and II (through Chapter 10)

January 13: Parts III and IV (through Chapter 27)

January 20: Parts V and VI (through Chapter 46)

January 27: Part VII, Epilogue, and Coda

We meet on Zoom Friday mornings from 10:00 until 11:30, first, for conversation and prayer, then for book talk. Please join us! Your presence will enrich our group. Please contact Chrys Hahn at [cchrzhahn@gmail.com](mailto:cchrzhahn@gmail.com) for more information.

**Meeting ID: 832 8050 3238**

**Password: Book**

**Or click the Zoom Link in the Friday St. E-News**

For help with getting onto the Zoom link, please contact Alyce Ann Myers either by email ([aamfoodtra@aol.com](mailto:aamfoodtra@aol.com)) or by phone (973-229-4239)

### **Thrift Shop**

St. Elizabeth's dates to volunteer at the Midland Park Thrift Store are **Tuesday, March 21 and Thursday, March 23**. We need volunteers both in the morning from 10:00 am–12:00 noon and in the afternoon from 1:00–3:00 pm.

St Elizabeth's receives funding from this shop to help sponsor our outreach programs. We are asked to volunteer at the store only once a year, but we need to donate clothes and small household articles throughout the year. Be sure your donation is tagged with **#4** for St. Elizabeth's.

Please contact Ann Dowling at [adowling@stesridgewood.org](mailto:adowling@stesridgewood.org) or 201-444-2299 if you can volunteer.

## ***Coming Soon: A Second Offering of the Sacred Ground Dialogue Series on Exploring Faith and Race***

We are planning to hold the Sacred Ground discussion series again starting in January 2023. We anticipate sessions will meet once every two weeks virtually with the possibility of occasional in-person meetings depending on the interests and availability of our group. I participated in Sacred Ground last year and found it to be one of the most informative and important and life altering dialogues/courses I have ever been involved in. And this is coming from someone who has spent the better part of his life in school or taking courses!

From the website [Episcopalchurch.org](http://Episcopalchurch.org): *Sacred Ground* is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The 11-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. *Sacred Ground* is part of *Becoming Beloved Community*, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Sandy Sullivan at [ssullivan6@gmail.com](mailto:ssullivan6@gmail.com).

John Poole ([jpoolemd@gmail.com](mailto:jpoolemd@gmail.com)) or 201-230-8753

## ***Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration***

The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Celebration is the longest running celebration in the State of NJ that honors The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The weekend program is a yearlong planning project of Clergy and Community Members from within our environs.

In conjunction with the Ridgewood Library, the weekend celebration kicks off on Friday, January 13, 2023 (7:00 p.m.) at the Ridgewood Public Library with a screening of the documentary, "The March on Washington, Keepers of the Dream." The film traces the Civil Rights Movement from the 1963 March on Washington to the summer of 2020, focusing on anti-Black violence that motivated decades of activism.

In addition to the Rev. Mack Brandon, Pastor, A.M.E. Zion Church, Ridgewood and Friend/Quaker Walter Naegle, Partner of the late Bayard Rustin, Board Member Emeritus, Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice, and a Civil Rights Activist, will provide commentary after the film.

A Day of Service will take place Saturday, January 14, 2023 from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon; members from the Ridgecrest Student Volunteer Ambassador Team will be onsite, 7-11 Ridge Road, Ridgewood, to collect food/pantry and toiletries donations. In addition, this year's MLK Planning Committee is excited to partner with the Bergen County NAACP for a Food Drive at the Shiloh A.M.E. Zion Church, 129 William Street, Englewood, from 12:00 PM–2:00 PM.

The January 16, 2023 annual interfaith service, will take place at 10:00 a.m. at the Ridgewood United Methodist Church, 100 Dayton Street, Ridgewood. Rev. Nicole Charles of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion denomination will provide a timely/relevant sermon.

### ***From the Outreach Committee***

The Outreach Committee will meet on **Wednesday, February 1 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Committee Room. This is our first meeting for 2023 and anyone interested in finding out more about Outreach is welcome to join the committee at this meeting. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month from February through June and September through November.

### **Meals at St. Paul's CDC Men's Homeless Shelter**

The Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to prepare and serve dinner to 27 homeless men residing at the St. Paul's CDC Men's Shelter. These men are trying to rebuild their lives after having lost all that is important to them. St. Elizabeth's provides meals on the third Monday of the month. Dinners include a main meal and side dishes (example: lasagna, salad and bread), dessert, 2 gallons of milk for breakfast, bagels, cereal, and fruit. The men rely on these donated meals for their nutrition, and that has often been impacted by their homelessness. Meals can be ordered from Wilkes or Parkwood Deli or any other place that you like. Meals can also be prepared by you and your family or friend group. Your family or group can be reimbursed up to \$300.00 for the expenses of the shelter meal whether it is catered or prepared by you.

There is a new schedule for 2023 and it is posted on the bulletin board across from the office. There are many opportunities to help. The dates to serve these worthy men are: **February 20, March 20, April 17 (taken), May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 18.** This is a wonderful opportunity for teens, families, confirmants, and sponsors. Please contact Denise Vollkommer via cell phone at 201-637-1536 or via email at [denise.vollkommer@gmail.com](mailto:denise.vollkommer@gmail.com). Thank you for considering this outreach opportunity!

Denise Vollkommer, *Chair*  
The Outreach Committee

## ***Looking Ahead...***

Sun., Jan. 1	No 8:00 service 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (II)
Wed., Jan. 4	12:00 noon Holy Eucharist (I)
Sun., Jan. 8	8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Family Eucharist (II)
Sun., Jan. 15	8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (II) <b><i>2022 Annual Report articles due</i></b>
Mon., Jan. 16	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> 10:00 MLK Jr. Day Service – United Methodist Church
Wed., Jan. 18	12:00 noon Holy Eucharist (I)
Fri., Jan. 20	February <i>Tower</i> Deadline
Sun., Jan. 22	8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (II)
Sun., Jan. 29	8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (II) & Annual Meeting
Wed., Feb 1	12:00 noon Holy Eucharist (I)
Thu., Feb. 2	<b>Feast of the Presentation</b>
Sun., Feb.5	8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Family Eucharist (II)
Sun., Feb. 12	8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (II)
Wed., Feb. 15	12:00 noon Holy Eucharist (I)
Sun., Feb. 19	8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (II) & Baptism
Mon., Feb. 20	<b>Presidents' Day [Office Closed]</b>
Sun., Feb. 26	8:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (I) & The Great Litany



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