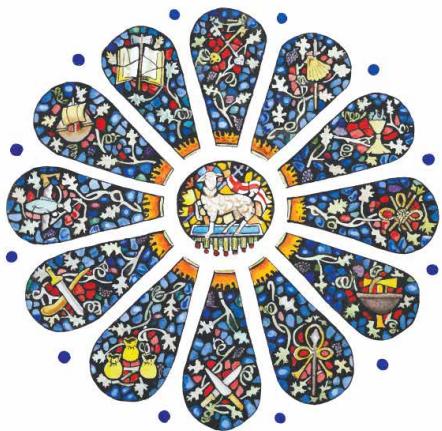


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



St. Elizabeth's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 6

Sunday

9:30 am Church School & Children's Chapel
10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (Church)
11:00 am Annual Meeting (Church)
11:00 am Animal Meeting (Conference Room)
11:40 am Children's Choir Rehearsal (Chapel)
12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Monday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Tuesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
12:00 pm Before Lunch Book Group (Garden Room)

Wednesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
12:00 pm Midweek Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
7:30 pm Evening Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

Thursday

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

Friday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Morning Prayer is on Zoom only, Monday through Friday

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-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 Children's Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 1 at 11:40am
(Chapel)

TODAY Annual Meeting

On Sunday, February 1, during the 10:00 a.m. service we will have our Annual meeting in the Nave. It will be live-streamed on YouTube as well. The agenda includes Warden and Vestry elections, the 2025 Financial Report, the 2026 Operating Budget, and updates from the Wardens and Rector. The meeting will conclude by noon. All parish members are encouraged to attend.

TODAY Animal Meeting

On Sunday, February 1, while the adults are gathered for the Annual Meeting, the kids will meet upstairs with their favorite stuffed animals for the annual ANIMAL meeting. This is their opportunity to make suggestions and talk about the highs and lows about their programs at St. Elizabeth's. There will be a snack and an outreach project. Come in cozy pajamas and don't forget your stuffed pal!

Before Lunch Book Group

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

Join us to discuss *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* by Muriel Spark, moderated by Anita Kusy.

Contemplative Holy Eucharist

February 8 & 22 at 5pm
2nd & 4th Sundays of the month
in the Chapel

Souper Bowl of Caring

February 8, 2026 "What if everyone watching the Big Game gave just one dollar or item to make sure no one goes without a bowl of soup to eat?"

Midweek Recharge: Embracing Our Creativity

Thursday, February 12, 12 noon - 2pm
Join us for a fun, interactive, and engaging experience as we explore creativity and wellness together. A light meal will be provided. Speakers: Emma Reichert, Karina Ferrales, and Carolina Pedraza.

RSVP <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49ADA72AA3FFC07-61511126-midweek>

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

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/>

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.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Nocturne in Eb Major, Op. 9, No. 2*

Frédéric Chopin
(1810-1849)

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 135 “Songs of thankfulness and praise”

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

A SONG TO THE LAMB, Hymnal S-266

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 215

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.
5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,
"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 605 “What does the Lord require”

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HYMN 605 “What does the Lord require”

Verses 3-4

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 387

THE CONFESSION

BCP 360

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

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 online.

THE OFFERTORY *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*
Poem by John Whittier (1807-1892)

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry
(1848-1918)

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives, Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.*

*In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.*

*Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.*

*Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.*

DOXOLOGY, HYMN 380, stanza 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

EUCARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

PROPER PREFACE OF THE EPIPHANY

BCP 378

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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

BCP 364

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 593 "Lord, make us servants of your peace"

HYMN 336 "Come with us, O blessed Jesus"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Please remain in the church if you are attending the Annual Meeting. Children are dismissed to their Annual Meeting upstairs in the Conference Room

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

CLOSING HYMN 525 "The Church's one foundation"

THE DISMISSAL

Response: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Doppelfuge*

*Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Don Taylor

Lectors: Mary Wynn Seiter, Denise Vollkommer

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Cooke, Don Taylor

Ushers: David Jones, Tim Graham

Altar Guild: Debra Anderson, Gigo Lee-Taylor, Sue Reid

Coffee Hour:

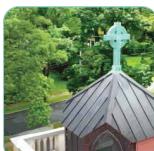
Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

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.



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.



Prepare^{the}Way
Caring For Our Sacred Space



ST. ELIZABETH'S
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Kris' father, Marlow Forrest Brown, and all departed members of the Brown and Hermance families by Kris Hermance and family.

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

We remember also those who have died, especially Girard Kwan, Max "Duke" Habernickel, Jonathan Boley, Allen Malony, Ronald Sinkovitz, Jaylin Rainford, Chiemelie Okonkwo, and Charles Colton

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

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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 '26, Mike Dickson '27

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Steve Gorey

Assistant Treasurer

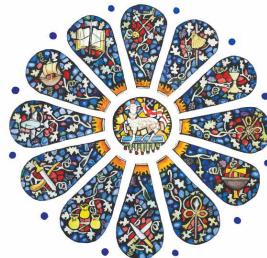
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Catherine Carter

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Bruce Firkins '26	Steve Anderson '28
Sheryl Jordan '26	Joan Cooke '28
Emma Reichert-Pasterick '26	Jeremy Sabella '28
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