



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

*The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of our Lord*

Sunday, January 12, 2025

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



✠ Welcome home! ✠

We are delighted you are worshipping with us today.
If you are a guest or visitor, you are always welcome at St. Elizabeth's.
If you'd like to learn more about this parish, please take one of the Welcome Cards from the pews, or visit stesridgewood.org/i-m-new for more information.

We're glad you are here!

Weekly Services & Meetings

Sunday Services // 10:00 am **Church School // 9:30 am**

Monday

Morning Prayer* // 8:30 am

Thursday

Morning Prayer // 8:30 am
Needlecrafters // 10:00 am

Tuesday

Morning Prayer // 8:30 am
Staff Meeting // 10:00 am

Friday

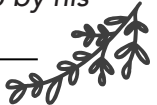
Morning Prayer* // 8:30 am

Wednesday

Morning Prayer // 8:30 am
✠ Holy Eucharist: Rite I* // 12:00 pm ✠
Joyful Noise (Gr. K-2) // 4:30 pm
Cantare (Gr. 3-8) // 5:30 pm



The Flowers on the Altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Franzetti by Beth Franzetti; and in loving memory of A.A. and Edna Franzetti by Beth Franzetti and Kate Clifford; and in loving memory of Marshall Clapp by his wife Pat and family.



Coffee Hour

Today, coffee hour is hosted by Chris & Veronica Aquilino immediately following the service in the Parish Hall.

*Wednesday Eucharist is offered on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

*Morning Prayer is only on Zoom on Monday and Friday.

Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning

Upcoming Events

Contemplative Evening Worship Service January 12 @ 5:00 pm

We will be offering a quiet candlelight service once or twice a month. Come to hear a short meditation, light a candle, pray for loved ones, and share the Eucharist.

Embracing Evangelism January 16 @ 6:30 pm

As Episcopalians, our Baptismal Covenant calls us to proclaim the Good News by word and example. Join us for Embracing Evangelism, a six-part digital course exploring how to seek, name, and celebrate Jesus' presence in all stories. Sessions include teachings on Episcopal evangelism, group discussions, and practical exercises. Questions? Contact Rev. Melina

2024-2025 Church School Year:

The St. Elizabeth's Church School program is open to children aged 4 through the 7th grade. Classes take place from September through May and will resume on January 26.

Classes start at 9:30 am. Please contact Beth Van Emburgh with any questions about Church School and Youth Programs.

Youth Confirmation

The next Confirmation Class is being held today, January 12 at 11:45 am. The next class will be on January 26.

Upcoming Baptism Dates

The next dates for Baptism are:

**February 16, March 2,
April 27, May 25, June 8**

If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact the Rev. Andy Olivo for more information.

Wednesday Rite I Holy Eucharist services at 12:00 pm this month:

January 15

Parents of Young Children Welcome!

"Pew bags" with quiet activities for young children are available outside the Narthex, along with Children's Worship info and activities related to today's readings. If you need to step out, a staffed nursery (**infants-5 years**) is open upstairs on the second floor, and changing tables are in all restrooms.

The 2025 Annual Parish Meeting

On Sunday, February 2, 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 2024 Financial Report, the 2025 Operating Budget, and updates from the Wardens and Rector. The meeting will conclude by noon. All parish members are encouraged to attend.

Funeral for the Rev. Richard B. Andersen

A funeral for Dick Andersen, the 4th Rector of St. Elizabeth's, will take place on Saturday, **January 25 at 11:00 am** with a reception immediately following the service in the Parish Hall. Notes of condolence for the family can be mailed to St. Elizabeth's at 169 Fairmount Road, Ridgewood, NJ 07450.

The Order of Service

The Call to Worship

Prelude - *Sonata in C Major, K. 309*

Domenico Scarlatti
(1685-1757)

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

Hymn 7 "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

The Opening Acclamation

Prayer Book, p. 355

The Collect for Purity

p. 355

The Gloria, S-280

The Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The First Lesson Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 121 "Christ, when for us you were baptized"

Verses 1-2

The Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were

baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Hymn 121 "Christ, when for us you were baptized"	Verses 3-4
The Homily	<i>The Rev. Melina Dezhbod</i>
The Nicene Creed	p. 358
The Prayers of the People, Form III	p. 387
The Confession & Absolution	p. 360
The Peace (standing)	p. 360

The Holy Communion

The Offertory - <i>We are climbing Jacob's ladder</i>	<i>African-American Spiritual</i> <i>Arranged by Joe Cox (b.1954)</i>
	<i>Joyful Noise and Cantare</i> <i>Anastasia Swope and Alicia Luick</i>
	<i>(See text on page 11)</i>



A collection 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.

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

Eucharistic Prayer B p. 367

The Proper Preface for Epiphany

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

p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Prayer of Humble Access

p. 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 by the Congregation and Choir 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 133 "O Light of Light, Love given birth"

Hymn 117 "Brightest and best of the stars of the morning"

Postcommunion Prayer

p. 365

The Blessing

p. 366

Hymn 637 "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord"

The Dismissal

*Response: **Thanks be to God.***

Postlude - *The Heavens Declare*

*Benedetto Marcello
(1686-1739)*

Those Assisting at Today's Service

Lector:	Debra Anderson
Eucharistic Ministers:	Debra Anderson, Catherine Carter
Processional Crucifer:	Thayer Wilson
Ushers:	Don Chappell, Chris Walsh
Coffee Hour:	Chris & Veronica Aquilino
Altar Guild:	Debra Anderson
Nursery Attendant:	Gabriella Ragazzo
Livestream Guild:	Ryan Pettit

Additional Announcements

Stewardship Update: We are into our 13th week of our fall Stewardship season. Thank you to those who have already made their pledge for 2025. **To date we have received 134 pledges, totaling \$1,036,705 pledged for 2025's budget.** Additional Pledge cards can be found in the Narthex and outside the Parish Office. Alternatively, you can scan the following code to send in your pledge electronically.



2025 Pledge Meter



**Currently: 134 Pledges
\$1,036,705**

Adult Confirmation and Reception into the Episcopal Church: For those who may be new to The Episcopal Church, a vital aspect of our life is the Sacrament of Confirmation. While "being confirmed" is not necessary to join the Episcopal Church, it is strongly recommend as it gives you an opportunity to grow deeper in your faith. For those who may have been confirmed in another denomination (Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran, etc.) the Prayer Book provides for Reception, whereby one is formally received into The Episcopal Church, honoring the commitment one made in their previous denomination. Any adults interested in being confirmed or received in the spring of 2025, will be asked to take part in two Saturday morning classes (March 8 and 22). To sign up or to learn more, contact the Rev. Andy Olivo at aolivo@stesridgewood.org.

Church School: Save the Date for our ANIMAL Meeting! While the grownups have the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 2nd, the Church School Children will meet in the Conference Room with their favorite stuffed animal from home to discuss their own important business. We'll talk about the fun we had this past year and share what each of us would LIKE to see for the kids of St. Elizabeth's. We will have snacks and work on a community service project. Any members of Teen Outreach who would like to help during this will earn service hours for their participation.

Children's Choir meets on Wednesdays. Joyful Noise (Gr. K-2) meets from 4:30-5:00, and Cantare (Gr. 3-8) meets from 5:30-6:30. All children are invited to join our Choirs, it's a great way to make friends, learn musical skills, and develop a deeper spiritual understanding of God's love for us. For more information, contact Catherine Hostetler at chostetler@stesridgewood.org, or call or text (551) 804-7754.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed: Join us after the 10:00 am service for fellowship in the Parish Hall! Volunteers are needed to provide light refreshments and help with setup and cleanup. Instructions and a sign-up form are available in the Parish Hall and eNews. New to hosting? Contact Sandy Sullivan (sullivansandy6@gmail.com) to pair with an experienced host.

Calling all knitters and crocheters! Join our Needlecrafters group for a cozy time of crafting and community. **We meet on Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.** Whether you're a pro or a beginner, there's a place for you here! Bring your projects, share techniques, and enjoy fellowship with others who share your love for needlecrafts. Come stitch with us and make something beautiful together!

Join our Before Lunch Book Talk Dive into engaging reads and lively discussions with fellow book lovers **every second Tuesday of the month at 12:00 PM.** Bring your lunch and stay to enjoy a meal together afterward! Whether you're a literary aficionado or just love a good story, come connect, share, and explore together. All are welcome! **We will not be meeting in January, we also will be shifting to the first Tuesday of every month starting in April.**

Speaker Series 2025

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Newark

Four consecutive Tuesday evenings at 7 PM



JAN 21
The Rev. Dr.
Amy Peeler
via Zoom



JAN 28
The Rt. Rev.
Rose Hudson-Wilkin
via Zoom



FEB 4
The Rev. Dr.
Kelly Brown Douglas
at the Cathedral



FEB 11
Ray Suarez
*at St. Elizabeth's,
Ridgewood*

Register online:

dioceseofnewark.org/speaker-series-2025



Diocese of Newark
YESTERDAY, TODAY & FOREVER
SERVING NORTHERN NEW JERSEY SINCE 1874

Parish Prayer List for January 12, 2025

Miles Falck
Michael Dudzik
Diane Barletta
Tom Boylan
Bill Brancato
Peter Flannery
Sr. Maureen Mitten
Gina LaFurn
Ken & Jo-Anne Morgan
Grace Hickey
Jane Winer
Dorothea Hickey
Juan
Christina Olkowski
Julia Olkowski
Frankye Crump
Kacey
Catherine
Christian
Ruth
Pat
Linda
Bob
Sybil
Alice
Claudia O'Bosky
The King Family
Bruce
George
Norma Hensler
Chrys Hahn
Alex Casazza
Marty Melamed
Elizabeth Sofia
Vincent DeSimone
Harvey Auger
Catherine O'Connell

David Barrand
Tom Hogan
Peter Angelica
Sarah
Don Schink
Rochelle & George Mackey
Jim & Julie Robertson
Ellen Weber
Mary
Susan
Anna
Molly Goodman
Miriam Gonzalez
Adam
Mary Erin
Scorro Challinor
Jerry Graziano
Jamie Whaley
The Muñoz-Perdomo Family
Effie
June Bové
John Mills
Joan H. Bové
Frank Archer
Robert Burgess
The Thomas Family
Chris Talarico & Family
Cynthia Winick
The Mazzella Family
The LoPresti Family
I.T.
Thomas Leahy
Andrew
Jim Powers
Allie
Beverly
Nicole

***We remember also those who have died, especially
Former President Jimmy Carter, Paul Cronin, Carol Outten***

Choral Anthem
We are climbing Jacob's ladder

Traditional African-American Spiritual
arr. by Joe Cox (b. 1954)

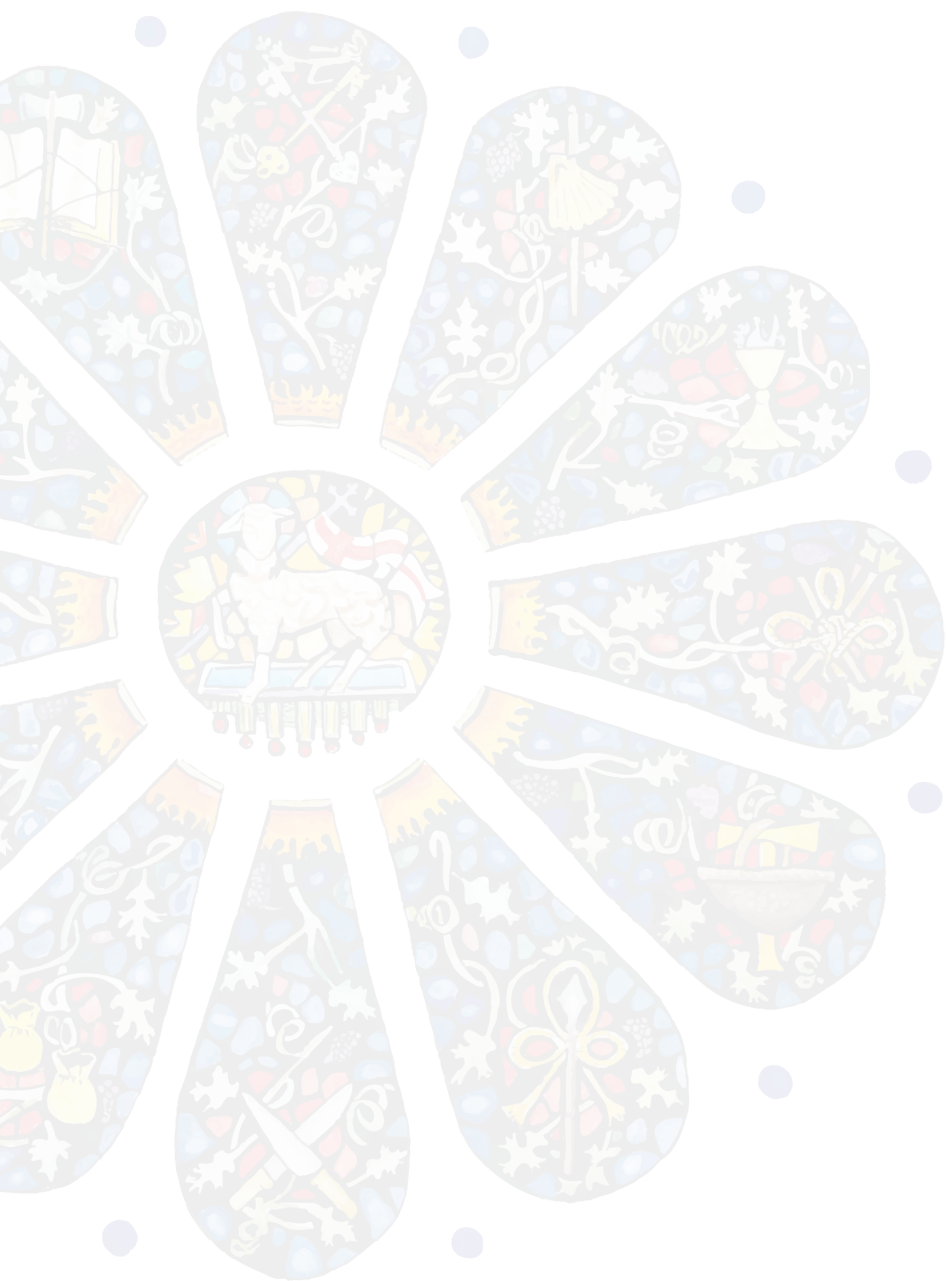
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Followers of the cross.

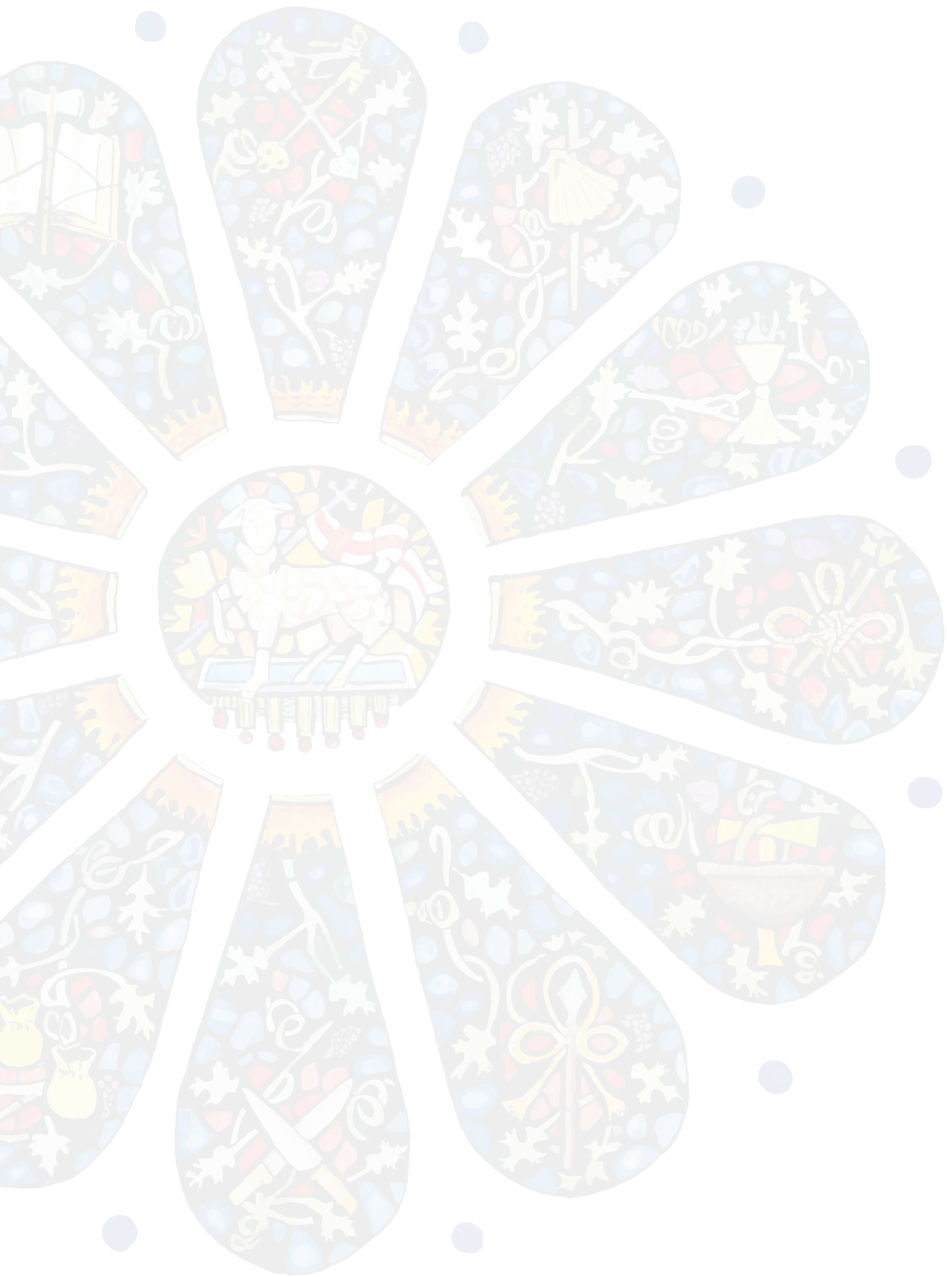
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher,
Followers of the cross.

Children, do you love my Jesus?
Children, do you love my Jesus?
Children, do you love my Jesus?
Followers of the cross.

If you love Him, why not serve Him?
If you love Him, why not serve Him?
If you love Him, why not serve Him?
Followers of the cross.

We are climbing higher, higher
We are climbing higher and higher
We are climbing higher, higher
Followers of the cross.





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

Catherine Hostetler

Associate for Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Beth Van Emburgh

Director of Finance & Administration

Grace Arcscott

Communications & Facilities Coordinator

Ryan Pettit

Sexton

Fredy Reyes

Soloists

Anthony Alberti, Jeffrey Castellano, Alicia Luick, Anastasia Swope

Wardens

Peter Angelica '25

Sandy Sullivan '26

Treasurer

Mike Dickson

Vestry

Bruce Firkins '26

Emma Reichert-Pasterick '26

Todd Hoffman '25

Gigo Lee-Taylor '25

Moe Ismael '25

Gaye Thurston '25

Sheryl Jordan '26

Catherine Cardew '27

Denise Barrand '27

Catherine Carter '26

Steve Gorey '27

Andy Hoy '27



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