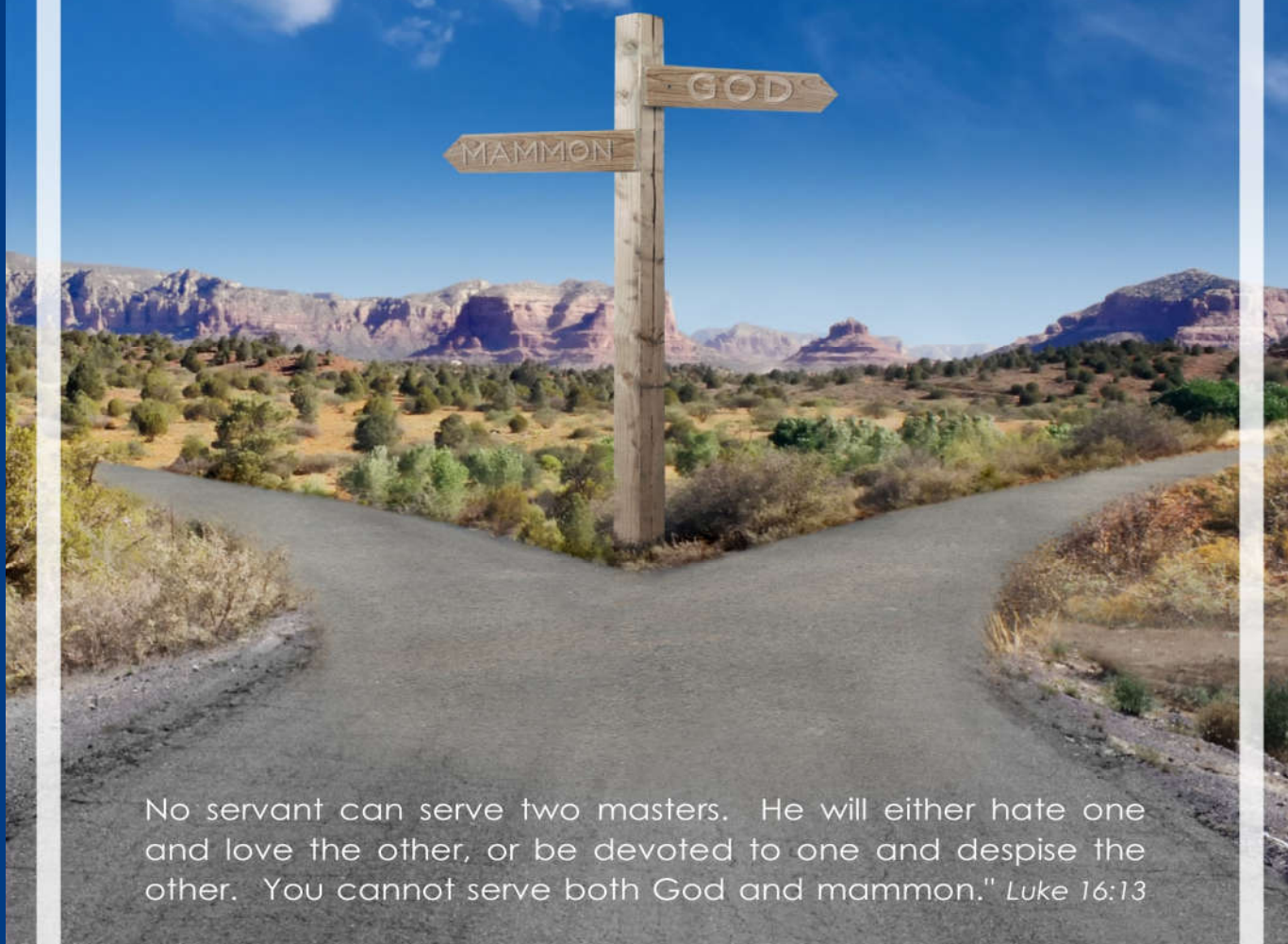


25th
Sunday
in Ordinary Time



No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." Luke 16:13

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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Please Join Us as We Say Farewell to Jim Flanagan

We are gathering to say goodbye to our beloved youth minister, cherished friend, and blessed co-worker, Jim Flanagan. We wish him the absolute best in his new job. Jim has led us, inspired us, and prayed with us for many years. Jim has made us laugh and has been there when we cried. He has taught us how to love and serve the Lord. And he will be deeply missed.

Please join us for an evening of food, sharing stories, and sending Jim off with our love and prayers.



When: Tuesday, October 8
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Place: Parish Center Hall
St. Elizabeth

Potluck Dinner.
Please bring an entree, salad, or dessert.
Please rsvp to:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4FAEA62AA0FA7-please>

Baptisms This Weekend At Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative

We welcome two new members to our Christian community in the sacrament of baptism:

Eleanor Rose Knott, daughter of Jason and Elizabeth Knott;
and Julianna Christine Mecca, daughter of Vito and Deborah Mecca.

Please join us in holding Eleanor and Julianna, their parents and godparents in prayer as they continue to grow in faith together.



Growing in Faith Together Register Now!

Information and registration forms are available in both churches, parish offices and online at: <http://www.seoh.org/images/ParishBulletinsEtc/GIFT%20Registration%202019-2020.pdf>. If you have any questions, please to contact us by email, phone, or in person at the Faith Formation Office at St. Elizabeth's. GIFT is for all ages.

Confirmation Preparation Program

Opening Session
Monday, September 30, 7:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

Letters and registration forms for the Confirmation Preparation Program were sent to every 10th grader in our data base for both parishes. Please register for both GIFT and the Confirmation Preparation Program as soon as possible.



On Sunday, 4 new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were commissioned at the 10:45 Mass: Joseph Maffa, Sandra Fallica, Valerie Fallica and Joseph Fallica. Congratulations!



Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative Moms Group

Please consider joining recently formed Moms group in the collaborative. We gather each month for an evening of faith sharing and discussion as we journey together in raising our families in the Catholic community.

Our first meeting this fall will be held September 30, 7:30 p.m. at 14 Windemere Drive, Acton. Contact Virginia Tawa at virginia.tawa@gmail.com for more information!

Prayer Line

Prayer makes a difference!

Can you take a few minutes each week to pray for others?

Do you need prayers yourself?

Connect with our email prayer group! To join the group or to request prayers, please send an email to Cathy Griffin, nushamrockgirl@gmail.com.

For requests, to protect privacy, we only use first names or no name.

Young Family Ministry News

First Communion Preparation

Complete the Apple Valley Catholic Faith Formation Family Registration form. Information and registration forms are available in both churches and parish offices and online at:



<http://www.seoh.org/images/ParishBulletinsEtc/GIFT%20Registration%202019-2020.pdf>. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Mattila by email at: Joan@applevalleycatholic.org, phone: 978 263-4305, ext. 17, or in person at the Faith Formation Office at St. Elizabeth.

- o **Parent Information Session** - If you missed the parent meeting or have further questions about our sacramental preparation program, please contact Joan Mattila.
- o **Attend monthly GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) Sessions** - Parent(s) and First Communion children and their families will gather for our first monthly GIFT session starting this month on Wednesday and Sunday, September 18 and 22.
- o **Attend First Communion Parent and Child Kick-Off on Sunday, October 6, at 11:45 a.m. at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church Hall** - parent(s) and First Communion children will gather after the 10:45 a.m. Mass for pizza and our opening session. *Please note: each family must be pre-registered for Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) and First Communion sacramental preparation prior to the kick-off.*

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

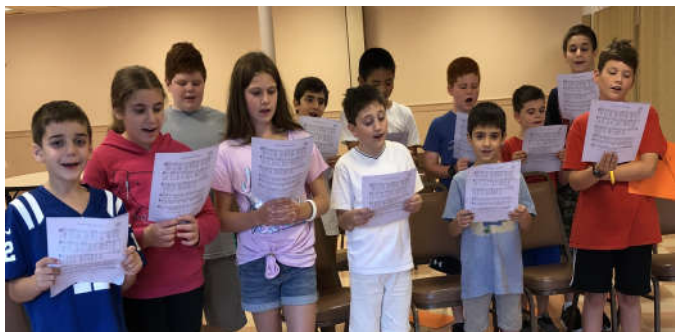
CLOW is offered for children during our Sunday morning Masses at both parishes: St. Isidore - 8:45 a.m. and St. Elizabeth - 10:45 a.m.. Children in Grades K-6 are accompanied by our CLOW team to the church hall following the opening prayers and then return to Mass prior to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Parents are always welcome, and are asked to accompany their young children. If you have any questions about CLOW, or would like to join our ministry team, please contact Joan Mattila, Coordinator of Young Family Ministries at:

Joan@applevalleycatholic.org.

Collaborative Music News

Teen Ensemble rehearsal is Monday from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in St. Elizabeth's Church. All singers and instrumentalists in grades 7 – 12 are welcome!

It's not too late to join the Children's Choir! Rehearsal is Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in St. Elizabeth's Parish Center Hall.



Adult choir rehearsal is Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth's Parish Center Hall.

For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich: 978-263-4305, ext.12. or andreag@applevalleycatholic.org.

We hope you can join us!

Adult Christian Service Ministry ~ Upcoming Events

Archdiocesan Justice Convocation
Sat. Oct. 5, Boston College HS

Habitat for Humanity Service
Sat., Nov. 2, Ashburnham.
Six more volunteers are needed.

Please contact Mary Amato at: amato.mg@gmail.com for the October 5 and November 2 opportunities.

*To ensure the safety of all children, we ask that parents accompany their children who go to the restrooms during Mass. The parish hall is used by the community at large and the doors are open during Mass.
Thank you.*

Mass Intentions

St. Isidore

Saturday, September 21, 5:00 p.m.
Bruno Kansanniva, Memorial Mass

Saturday, September 28, 5:00 p.m.
Robert Malinowski, Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 29, 8:45 a.m.
Robert Kustom, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth

Sunday, September 22, 10:45 a.m.
Gregory Graziano, 1st Anniversary Mass

Sunday, September 22, 5:00 p.m.
Regina Johnson, Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 29, 10:45 a.m.
Loretta Davis, Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 29, 5:00 p.m.
Hilli Houle, Month's Mind Mass

Virtus Training

Tuesday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.
Upstairs Rectory, St. Isidore

Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 p.m.
Upstairs Rectory, St. Isidore

Child Abuse protection (Virtus) training is a one-time course required for all collaborative volunteers who work with or who have the potential to be alone with children, teens, and/or vulnerable adults. At this time of year, we ask that everyone who will be working with Children's Liturgy, Confirmation, or Teen Alpha be certified as soon as possible. Please enter the Rectory at the front door. Register at: barbara@applevalleycatholic.org

Wondering about Serving the Church as a Deacon?

If you are single or sacramentally married, and discerning God's possible call to serve the Church as a minister of Charity, Word, and Sacrament as an ordained deacon in the Archdiocese of Boston you and your wife (for those who are married) are invited to take part in the upcoming Inquirer Program.

The program consists of 3 meetings, is four years in length, and is open to single and sacramentally married men who will be between the ages of 35-65 at the time of ordination. Email Deacon Christopher Connelly at deacon_vocations@rcab.org to sign up or to receive more information, or call the office at 617-746-5649. The next group to be admitted into formation will begin classes in Sept. 2020.

BSA Programs at St. Elizabeth

St. Elizabeth sponsors a Cub Scout Pack and two Scouts BSA Troops. For information on joining, please email the contact for that group:

- Pack 32 for boys and girls in grades K-5; eugene.h.cook@gmail.com
- Troop 12 for girls 11-17 years old; info@troop12acton.org
- Troop 32 for boys 11-17 years old; info.troop32acton@gmail.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

God has entrusted your spouse to your care. Show that you are trustworthy in that care by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct 18-20, 2019 in LACONIA, NH and Dec 13-15, 2019 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Inspirational One-Day Women's Retreat

Saturday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Holy Family, Concord

Join us as we hear author, Laura Phelps, discuss the everyday battles we face and how we can better handle them using the scriptures as a guide. Sponsored by Walking With Purpose Concord, a women's ministry and bible study program. Please visit us at WWP Concord or email wwpconcord@gmail.com for more information. Fee for the Retreat is \$35 and includes lunch. Please contact rstanianar@gmail.com with any questions. (Optional Confession and Evening Mass to follow retreat).

St. Vincent de Paul Conferences

In today's Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.

We are so fortunate to serve God and our neighbors with our very own local conferences, one at St. Isidore and one at St. Elizabeth. Donation envelopes can be found in the gathering area at both parishes to help support these conferences.

Scripture for the week of September 22, 2019

22	SUN	Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
23	Mon	Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
24	Tue	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
25	Wed	Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
26	Thu	Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
27	Fri	Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
28	Sat	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45
29	SUN	Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

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Apple Valley Catholic Community Office Hours

St. Isidore
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.—Noon
Monday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.—Noon

St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Sunday: Noon—4:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Collaborative Worship Schedule

Saturday
5:00 p.m.—St. Isidore

Sunday
8:45 a.m.—St. Isidore
10:45 a.m.—St. Elizabeth
5:00 p.m.—St. Elizabeth

Daily Eucharist
Mon., 9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore
Tues., 9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore
Wed., 9:00 a.m.—St. Elizabeth

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Wednesday of each month
5:00—7:00 p.m.—St. Elizabeth

Sacrament of Reconciliation
St. Isidore
Saturdays, 4:00—4:45 p.m.

St. Elizabeth
First Wednesday of each month, 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Collaborative Pastoral Council:

Edward Kelly
Maria Mpelkas
Hayley Reynolds
Valerie Pietry
David Winders
Steve Ryan
Diahne Goodwin - ex officio
Deacon Charlie Cornell - ex officio
Fr. Jeffrey Archer - ex officio

Parish Finance Council:
Annmarie Mazzucotelli - ex officio
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St. Isidore:

Bill Oberlies - Vice-Chair
Charlie Corley
Dave Goulet
Glenn Brunnell
Rosario Rizzo
Tom Moroney

St. Elizabeth:

Christopher Brolin - Vice-Chair
Dawn Gomez
Don Armstrong



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

For the week ending 9/15/2019:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 3,029
Mailbacks:	2,164
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>753</u>
Total Parish Support:	5,946
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$114,626

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 9/15/2019:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 1,970
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,046</u>
Total Parish Support:	4,016
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$49,942
Clergy Health & Retirement Collection:	1,242
St. Vincent DePaul Collection:	\$ 303