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Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'

Luke 16:31

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ;

Over the past few weeks I have worked with my Leadership Team and Staff to find an *Interim Coordinator of High School Youth Formation* with a concentration on the *Confirmation & Gift* programs. I am pleased to announce that Shelia Bauer has been selected to fill this role. In this position Shelia will coordinate all Confirmation related events and programs, Confirmation training, Confirmation rehearsals, and the Confirmation Masses scheduled for May of 2020. Shelia will also work with the staff on this year's Gifts sessions coordinating and participating in the teen Gift breakout sessions. Shelia will work closely with Jim until his departure date in mid-October.

Shelia brings a wealth of knowledge to the *Interim Coordinator of High School Youth Formation* position. She has been an active member of our Apple Valley Catholic Community for the 5-years we have been a collaborative and a member of St. Elizabeth of Hungary for many years. She has volunteered many hours over the years to Youth Ministry, mission trips and most recently Confirmation. Please help me in welcoming Shelia to her new position.

I continue to work with my Leadership Team and Staff to find an *Interim Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Mission Trips*. This person will be responsible for all Youth Ministry programs including ALPHA, service and social events plus all mission trips planned for 2020. Until we hire this person, I am pleased to announce that Barbara Dane, working alongside Diahne Goodwin, Jim Flanagan and myself, is helping to plan the 2020 mission trips. More to follow on these trips in the upcoming weeks and months.

Should you have any questions please reach out to me.

Be assured of my prayers.

In am yours in Christ,
Fr. Jeff

ALPHA

It's not too late to join this fall's session!
Come tonight's, Sun., Sept. 29
6:15-8:45, St. Elizabeth parish center hall.
Dinner included!

All Teens & Adults Welcomed!



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!

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.

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.

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>

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

On the First Wednesday of each month:
Wednesday, October 2

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from
5:00-7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church

Confessions from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth, Old Rectory
(Building to the right of the Church)

Confession is also offered at St. Isidore every Saturday from 4:00—4:45 p.m.

Collaborative Music News

It is not too late to join the music groups!

Teen Ensemble will meet on Monday from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. for a rehearsal, dinner, and mini retreat in St. Elizabeth's Parish Center Hall. All singers and instrumentalists in grades 7 – 12 are welcome!

Children's Choir rehearsal is Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in St. Isidore's Church Hall.

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

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

We hope you can join us!

The holy eucharist among the Christian sacraments is par excellence a great social sacrament, the symbol of true social unity in the Mystical Body of Christ and the pledge of that unity to all people of good will. The eucharist is the source of social unity in Christ's plan. It is the food which nourishes, invigorates, and preserves the life of the church, Christ's Mystical Body, his basic social plan. - *Cardinal Suenes*



Young Family Ministry News

First Communion Preparation

Registration - Please 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.

Parent Meeting – If you missed our parent meeting or have further questions about our sacramental preparation program, please contact Joan.

First Communion Parent and Child Kick-Off on Sunday, October 6 at 11:45 a.m. at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church Hall – please RSVP. Parent(s) and First Communion children will gather after the 10:45 a.m. Mass for pizza and our sacramental preparation 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.

Mass Intentions

St. Isidore

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

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

St. Elizabeth

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

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Due to the Columbus day holiday the October Prayer Shawl meeting will be held on Tuesday night, October 15, 7 p.m. upstairs in the St. Isidore rectory. Please join us!



Our new CLOW leader, Lucienne Schmidt, sharing the joy of our Gospel message with the children.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Conferences

On September 27, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the people in need." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parishes.

Thank you for the gifts that you have already given!

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 boxes can be found in the gathering area at both parishes to help support these conferences.

ULTREYA

Our next session will take place on Friday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish Center Room 4.

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/>.

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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture for the week of September 29, 2019

29	SUN	Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
30	Mon	Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
1	Tue	Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
2	Wed	Neh 2:1-8/Mt 18:1-5
3	Thu	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
4	Fri	Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
5	Sat	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
6	SUN	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

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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
Fr. Jeffrey Archer - ex officio

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 9/22/2019:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 3,057
Mailbacks:	992
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>26,335</u>
Total Parish Support:	30,384
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$145,010
Clergy Health & Retirement Collection	\$ 2,197

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 9/22/2019:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,161
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,046</u>
Total Parish Support:	4,207
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$54,149
Clergy Health & Retirement Collection:	1,581
St. Vincent DePaul Collection:	\$ 84