



# FAITH

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." Luke 17:6

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION**

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[www.seoh.org](http://www.seoh.org)

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[www.stisidorestow.org](http://www.stisidorestow.org)

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Last week I announced that Sheila Bauer has accepted the position of Interim Coordinator of High School Youth Formation. This week, I am pleased to announce that Kayla Dee has accepted the position of Interim Coordinator of High School Youth Ministry. In this role, Kayla will be responsible for Youth Ministry, mission trips and Alpha.

Kayla brings a wealth of knowledge to the Interim Coordinator of High School Youth Ministry position. She has been an active member of our Apple Valley Catholic Community for the five years we have been a collaborative, and she has been a member of St. Elizabeth of Hungary parish along with her family for many years. She has volunteered many hours over the years to Youth Ministry and mission trips, working closely with Jim Flanagan and other staff members. Kayla also did several internships for our Apple Valley Community while in High School and College.

Please join me in welcoming Kayla.

Be assured of my prayers.

In am yours in Christ,  
Fr. Jeff



*Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs.  
Kerry (Sullivan) and Korey Bailey  
who were united in the Sacrament of  
Matrimony at St. Elizabeth of  
Hungary Church on October 1<sup>st</sup>.  
May their lives be blessed  
with many years  
of happiness as husband and wife.*

## Book Discussion is Back!

Starting Monday, October 21  
(running for 5 weeks)  
Coffee time 9:30—10:00 a.m.  
Discussion 10:00 —11:30 a.m.  
St. Isidore Work Sacristy

The book is: *My Sister, My Brother: Life Together in Christ* by Henri Nouwen. The page long quotes from his many books are ideal for faith sharing. Book cost is \$5.00. If you need a book and register by October 14, we'll order the book for you.

Email Terry at [teresajh@aol.com](mailto:teresajh@aol.com) or call Anita at 978-263-0452.

## Virtus Training

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

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

Register at:  
[barbara@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:barbara@applevalleycatholic.org)

## Collaborative Music News

**Teen Ensemble** will meet for Pizza, Prayer and Practice on Monday from 6:30—7:45 p.m. in Room 1 at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. All singers and instrumentalists in grades 7 – 12 are welcome!

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

**Adult Choir Rehearsal** is Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Isidore Church Hall.

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

## 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 p.m.

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>

## Brews and Good News

Isn't being good, good enough?  
Why do I need religion?

Thursday, October 24, 7:00—9:00 p.m.



### Free Food and Drinks

Enjoy an hour of drinks, appetizers and deserts followed by an hour of discussion lead by Deacon Charlie.

**What:** A gathering for people who would like to come and socialize, and also have a discussion on the topic.

**Where:** Red Raven Restaurant, 3 Nagog Park, Acton (Private space).

RSVP at [bagn@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:bagn@applevalleycatholic.org). Please let us know how many people are coming with you!

## Special Collection Next Week

Next week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection will also provide support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests and lay people for ministry and for the Inner City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad. For information on these Collections, go to:

1. [www.usccb.org/ppc](http://www.usccb.org/ppc)
2. [www.cua.edu](http://www.cua.edu)
3. [www.BostonCatholic.org](http://www.BostonCatholic.org)



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:joan@applevalleycatholic.org).

## Mass Intentions

### St. Isidore

Saturday, October 5, 5:00 p.m.  
David Lewis, Kevin Lewis and Diane Walsh

Sunday, October 6, 8:45 a.m.  
Katherine Carmichael, Memorial Mass

### St. Elizabeth

Sunday, October 6, 10:45 a.m.  
Donald Wilkes, Anniversary Mass

## Apple Valley Adult Christian Service Ministry Upcoming Events

**October 5** The 11th Annual Archdiocesan Justice Convocation at Boston College High School.

**Early October** (date to be determined) Cor Unum Dinner Assistance. Contact Melissa Hatanaka [melissahatanaka@gmail.com](mailto:melissahatanaka@gmail.com)

**November 2** Habitat for Humanity Service for house in Ashburnham. In addition, an early December date is being scheduled.

**November 20** Acton Community Supper 4:30-6:00p.m. Contact John Covert [covert@covert.org](mailto:covert@covert.org)

Please Contact Mary Amato at [amato.mg@gmail.com](mailto:amato.mg@gmail.com) for more information about our ministry or to add your name to the mailing list. If you volunteer for any of these opportunities, you are under no obligation for any long-term commitments. All are welcome to volunteer according to their own schedules and interests. Please follow AVCC Adult Christian Service Ministry on Facebook.

## Keep Connected Program for Middle School Families

After a summer of training, meeting and preparing, Keep Connected, a new Middle School Program for parents and kids, launched last weekend. Keep Connected is a program designed to help families develop communication, decision-making and problem solving strategies that enable families to “grow together instead of growing apart” during the teen years. It has been used for many years in secular settings such as schools, community agencies and therapeutic facilities.

Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative is honored to be one of five churches in the country chosen by Vibrant Faith Ministries to pilot a faith based version of Keep Connected. AVCC received a grant to cover all the training and materials. Two of our very capable young adult leaders, Laura and Alicia Giannotti are serving on the leadership team with Barbara Dane.



Our first Keep Connected session focused on the power of relationships. Parents and kids then discussed how family relationships are changing as children grow older. They were introduced to the five key areas that will be discussed during the course to help navigate those changes together: expressing care, sharing power, challenging growth, providing support, and expanding possibilities.

Everyone left with the insight that the work of keeping these relationships strong needs to be a partnership: our kids and parents are ready to step up to that challenge! But we ask for your prayers to help this program be a success for our families. Thank you!!!

## Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Isidore

Saturday, October 26 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter 1515 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

\*\*Please note that due to recent Red Cross changes this will be the last drive at St. Isidore and possibly in this community. Beginning on November, all future Red Cross blood drives will be held at Red Cross donor sites in Worcester and Springfield.

*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.*

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.

Due to the Columbus Day holiday the Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting has been moved to Tuesday night (for this month only) upstairs in the rectory.

We hope you will join us.

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Scripture for the week of October 6, 2019

- 6 SUN Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
- 7 Mon Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
- 8 Tue Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
- 9 Wed Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
- 10 Thu Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
- 11 Fri Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
- 12 Sat Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
- 13 SUN 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

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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.

**Bulletin submissions:**

[avccbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:avccbulletin@gmail.com)  
*Deadline is Monday at noon*

**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

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Charlie Corley  
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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 9/29/2019:**

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 4,168
Mailbacks:	1,631
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>753</u>
Total Parish Support:	6,552
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$151,562
Bahama Hurricane aid collection	\$ 1,759

Thank you for all your support!

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ISIDORE**

**For the week ending 9/29/2019:**

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,771
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,046</u>
Total Parish Support:	4,817
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$58,966
Clergy Health & Retirement Collection:	5
Bahama Hurricane aid collection	15
St. Vincent DePaul Collection:	\$ 107

Thank you for all your support!