



*2nd
Sunday of Lent*

*"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."*

Matthew 17:5

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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



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(978) 897-2710/Fax (978) 461-0577
Office Hours: Sunday 10:00 a.m.—Noon
Monday: 9:00 –3:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Visit us at <https://applevalleycatholic.org/>

Office of Risk Management RISK ALERT: Coronavirus

The Archdiocese of Boston, through the Office of Risk Management, is monitoring the situation related to the coronavirus outbreak and updating relevant planning guides should the situation warrant in the Commonwealth.

Coronavirus update

As of February 26, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that the virus is NOT currently spreading in the US, although they indicate that we need to be prepared as it is likely to become widespread. As for the Commonwealth, the first case in Massachusetts was confirmed in Boston on January 31, but the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) reports that, at this time, the **risk to the public remains low**.

Please keep in mind, however, that this is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation and CDC will provide updated information as it becomes available, in addition to updated guidance. Keeping up with information issued from the CDC, the MDPH and Boston Children's Hospital (BCH) is critical. The MDPH launched a [website](#) with up to date information for the public. CDC also maintains a [website](#) with up to date info on coronavirus. BCH's information is available [here](#).

Archdiocesan webpage

The Archdiocese is posting information on the homepage (www.bostoncatholic.org) including links to various websites and public information. An email for parishes, schools and ministries to seek additional information or to make inquiries for further guidance will be made available on the homepage in the coming days.

Liturgical Directives

These directives are effective **Saturday, February 29, 2020** until determined otherwise by the Archbishop. The Office of Worship, in consultation with local health authorities and the Archdiocesan Office of Risk Management, continues to encourage the clergy and faithful to observe necessary standard precautions to protect the health of others during this time. The best way to prevent the spread of contagious disease is to practice good hygiene.

In addition to practicing good hygiene, the Archbishop directs the following for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and for flu prevention:

- The Holy Water fonts are to be drained and cleaned with a disinfecting soap on a regular basis. Please note that old Holy Water should be disposed of in the sacarium.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful is suspended, save for those who must receive from the cup due to severe cases of celiac disease. The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.
- The exchange of the sign of peace is to be offered without any physical contact. If the priest celebrant chooses to extend the invitation for the sign of peace, the faithful, instead of a handshake, may bow to the persons nearby.



Next weekend, the Catholic Appeal will be launched in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. In preparation, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift that will benefit both our parish and the many ministries that serve the 283 parishes, 110 schools, and 144 communities throughout the Archdiocese. Please take a moment today to look through the Catholic Appeal insert to learn more about the meaningful impact your gift will have. This is our Church, and when you support the Appeal, you support us.

To learn more about the Catholic Appeal, or to make your gift online, please visit the new Appeal website at bostoncatholicappeal.org, where you can also view the 2020 Catholic Appeal video that was shown at Masses this weekend.

Living Stations of the Cross For Children & Their Families

Friday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Isidore Church



Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative is offering a very special Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 13 at St. Isidore Church in Stow. The Stations will be presented by middle school students and geared towards younger children and families. Please feel free to bring your friends and relatives.

The **Stations of the Cross** represent of the path Jesus bore on his way to the crucifixion and how these experiences relate to our lives today. They show Jesus suffering and tender moments of support. They show us how much Jesus loved us and was willing to sacrifice.

Little Rock Scripture Study

A seven-week study begins on the evening of Tuesday, April 14. The study will focus on the spirituality of the Gospels and Jesus as a model for the transformation of our own spiritual lives. Cost will be about \$20. Enroll by March 24 via email to Steve Ryan: sjryan@applevalleycatholic.org

The Light Is On

Last year we celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation during Lent "The Light is on for You" at St. Isidore from 5:30—7:00 p.m. This year the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at St. Elizabeth from 5:30—7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

March 11: Confessions 5:30—7:00 p.m.

March 25: Confession 5:30—7:00 p.m.

April 1: Eucharistic Adoration 5:00—7:00 p.m. and Confessions 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Lenten Evening with the Lord Friday, March 20, 6:00—9:00 p.m. St. Isidore Church, Stow

Gather for a Light Lenten Supper: 6:00 p.m.
Taizé Prayer begins in the church at 7:00 p.m.

Taizé Prayer evening includes song, silence and quiet reflection. Individual Prayer Ministry will also be available. The evening will close with Liturgy of the Hours Night Prayer.

All are welcome to join us for all or part of the evening!

Please RSVP to Barbara if you will be joining us for dinner, Barbara@applevalleycatholic.org.



Formed—Christ's love for you is bursting forth. Embrace him and let his mercy pierce your heart during this Lenten season. Join in on a 40-day journey of welcoming his tender love, beginning with these short daily videos from Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray. Live in Christ's love and let him transform your life. Sign up to receive these reflections straight to your inbox every morning: <https://formed.org/lent>.

Also check out on **Formed** other Lenten offerings such as audio books and movies for all ages! Go to <https://formed.org/signup> and put in: Apple Valley Catholic Community where it asks you to find your Parish then enter your email address.

Lenten Retreat Who do you say that I am: The Great Story of Jesus



**Saturday, April 4, 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center**

Take a sacred pause in your Lenten journey to reflect on the Great Story of Jesus: why he came, how he came, his life, his death, his resurrection and ascension, and his invitation for each and every man and woman to encounter him in order to make the choice to follow him in the midst of his Church. This is an awesome way to move into Holy Week! Cost: \$25 covers retreat booklet/materials morning refreshments and lunch. Register with Judy, judy@applevalleycatholic.org; **no later than March 21**. Contact Diahne Goodwin with other questions diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org.



Todd Matta will be received into the full Communion of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on April 11. On March 1st, we affirmed Todd's desire and readiness and sent him, along with many others throughout the archdiocese, to celebrate his call to continuing conversion and receive a blessing from Cardinal O'Malley. Thank you for keeping Todd, and his sponsor, Theresa, in prayer during these final weeks of preparation.



Trinh's family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened?

How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

Young Family Ministry News



Confirmation teens engage the children in the CLOW Gospel lesson about the “Temptation of Jesus”. We are most grateful to the teens, to Kim Gusuldi and Jillian Smith, their Adult Confirmation Leaders, and to Barbara Dane for preparing and leading this wonderful Children’s Liturgy!

Collaborative Music News

Teen Ensemble will rehearse on Monday, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church.

Children’s Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

Music Ministry Choirs will rehearse on Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Isidore

Please join us for the next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting, Monday March 9 at 7:00 p.m. upstairs in the rectory.

Social Justice Ecumenical Anti-Gun Violence Peace Vigil

Looking for a Lenten project? On the pathway to Christ, during this season especially, promoting social justice is one footstep along the way. Join up with the South Acton Congregational Church at School St. for an ecumenical anti-gun violence peace vigil.

Meet at the S. Acton Congregational Church every Wednesday (or when you are available) during Lent at 4:30 p.m. Pick up a poster (or bring your own) promoting sensible gun control policy and walk to nearby S. Acton bridge, where the vigil happens until 5:30 p.m.

Help keep this important issue front and center before the public. For more information, call Linda Blanco, 978-263-7169.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

August 10-14, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Come find out how “Jesus’ power pulls us through” with all your friends at the Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative Vacation Bible School this summer. We are looking for teen and adult volunteers and lots of excited kids to gather at St. Elizabeth’s for games, adventures, and songs teaching us about Jesus’s love for all of us. Registration and volunteer forms can be found on our website. Contact Sarah Burianek at: applevalleyvbs@gmail.com with questions.

Symbolon

Symbolon—The Catholic Faith Explained is a stunning video series that systematically presents the BIG picture of the Catholic Faith. Filmed on location in Rome, the Holy Land, Calcutta, and in the Augustine Institute studios in Denver, dozens of nationally-known teachers clearly present the beauty and brilliance of Catholicism. The next discussion will be on Wednesday, March 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Topic: The Mass. All are welcome! Preview video on Formed!

Adult Christian Service Ministry Upcoming Events

Habitat for Humanity in Ashburnham. No experience necessary- March 14, 8:30-4:00 p.m. Contact Maura Pavao mcpavao@yahoo.com

Acton Community Supper- March 18. Contact John Covert covert@covert.org

Lenten Food Drive through March 22. **Lots of drivers needed!** Contact Mary Amato amato.mg@gmail.com if you can help.

Scripture for the week of March 8, 2020

- 8 SUN Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
- 9 Mon Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
- 10 Tue Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
- 11 Wed Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
- 12 Thu Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
- 13 Fri Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- 14 Sat Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- 15 SUN Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Annual Youth Ministry Auction!
“Welcome to the New Roaring 20’s!”

March 28, 6:30 p.m. in
St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall



Adult and teen help needed.
Donations welcome!

How to get involved/Donate:

Please contact Kayla Dee at:
kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org

Committee Meeting Dates:
February 27 and March 19 at 7 p.m.
Tickets will be sold after Masses on:
March 7/8, 14/15, 21/22

Mass Intentions

St. Isidore

Saturday, March 7, 5:00 p.m.
Stephen Orsatti , Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 8, 8:45 a.m.
Eileen Canavan, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth

Sunday, March 8, 10:45 a.m.
Donald Sherwood, Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 8, 5:00 p.m.
Keith O'Donnell, Memorial Mass

Year End Contribution Statements
St. Elizabeth

For tax purposes, parishioners often seek to document their contributions to St. Elizabeth. Your bank statement constitutes acceptable IRS documentation for donations by check or EFT. The parish can also supply a statement, provided they were made by means of donation envelopes, EFT or contributions of \$250 or more on a single day. If you would like a statement, please fill out the form below and return it by mail or the collection basket. Thank you, as always, for your support of St. Elizabeth and its mission.

You also have the opportunity to download and print your year-end 2019 contribution statement. This is a new process. We hope you find the following links and instructions helpful. Know that this year-end statement is part of the parish and diocesan database called Connect Now Family Suites: My Own Church. You will find instructions on our website: <https://22049.sites.ecatholic.com/register>

Name: _____
(please print)
Address: _____
Telephone or email (in case we have questions)

Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry
Serving Youth in Acton, Boxborough, Stow and Beyond

2020 Auction Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____

Description of Donation: _____

Estimated Value of the Donation: _____

Please deliver or have picked up all donations to the
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Center
by Friday March 27 with this donation form

All Items can be delivered to the Youth Ministry office (upstairs in the Parish Center) at St. Elizabeth’s of Hungary or can be picked up by Kayla Dee,
kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org

Advertisement in Program Booklet

_____ \$75.00 Quarter Page _____ \$100.00 Half Page
_____ \$175.00 Full Page _____ \$250.00 Back of Booklet

For additional information contact:
Michelle McMahon at m_allardmcmahon@hotmail.com or
Phil Landry at plandry125@gmail.com

Checks can be made payable to:
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
Please attach your business card or camera-ready ad.

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Timothy Duff - (978) 287-3015

St. Elizabeth's St. Vincent DePaul: (978) 263-4305 ext. 14

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
Glen Bunnell
Rosario Rizzo
Tom Moroney

St. Elizabeth:

Christopher Brolin - Vice-Chair
Dawn Gomez
Don Armstrong
Mary Amato

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

For the week ending 3/1/20:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 3,468
Mailbacks:	2,892
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>776</u>
Total Parish Support:	7,136

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 451,679
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	469,000
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(17,321)

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 66
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**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

For the week ending 3/1/20:

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,795
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,051</u>
Total Parish Support:	4,846

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$168,395
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	<u>175,929</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(7,534)

Ash Wednesday Collection	\$ 367
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Grand Annual (63% of 65K goal)	\$ 41,741
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St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 147
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