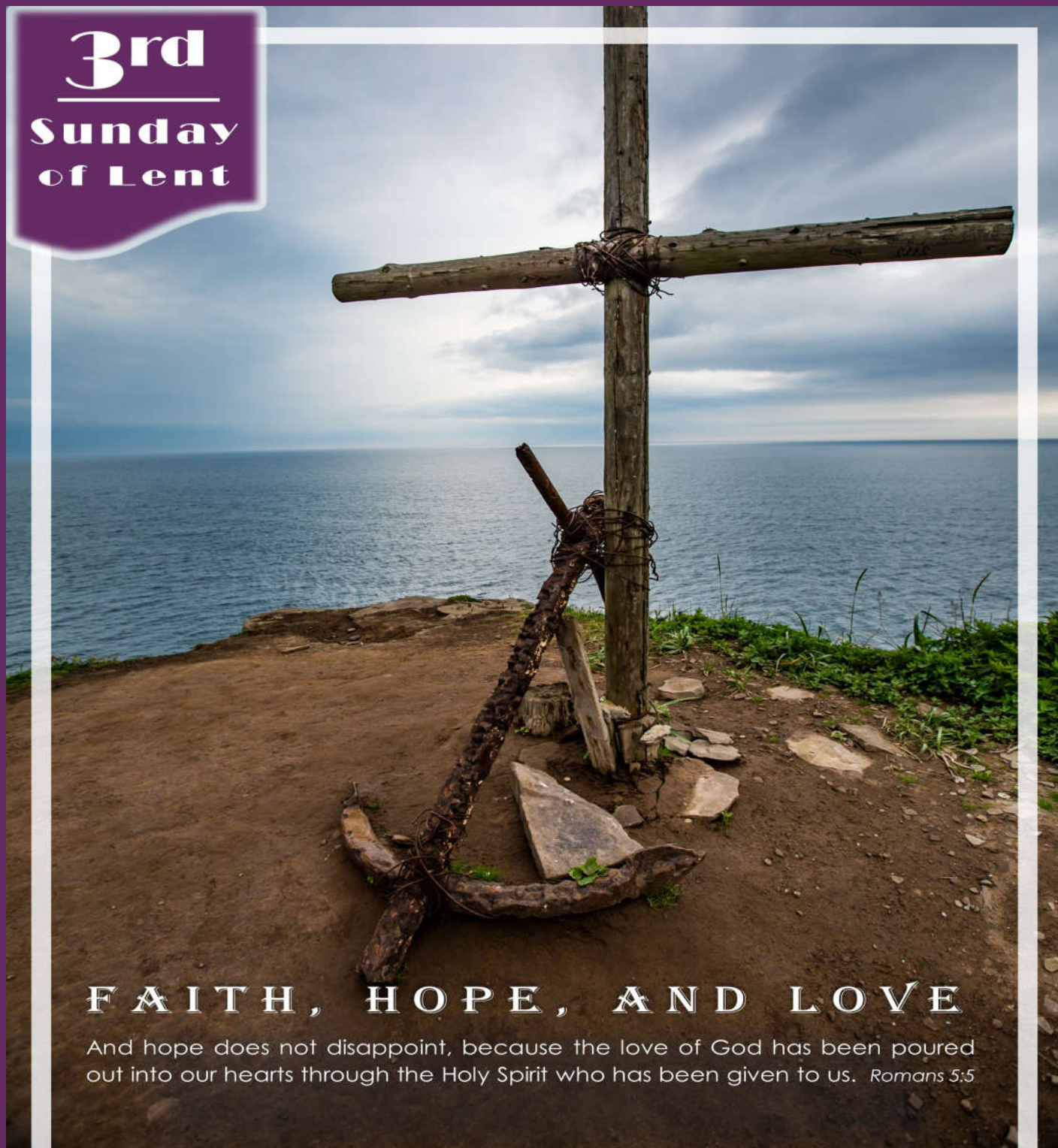


**3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
**of Lent**



**F A I T H , H O P E , A N D L O V E**

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. *Romans 5:5*

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

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



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## This is OUR CHURCH



Today in every parish across the Archdiocese, Cardinal Seán calls on us to support the annual Catholic Appeal. The success of the Appeal is vital in funding the 51 central ministries that provide assistance to our parishes, schools, and communities in a variety of ways. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. Your participation in this weekend's campaign is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries. Thank you for your generosity and support of the 2020 Catholic Appeal this weekend.

### **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](mailto:Barbara@applevalleycatholic.org).

### **Third Week of Lent—Meet Yvone**



Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams. How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

### **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 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.

### **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](mailto:sjryan@applevalleycatholic.org)

### **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](mailto:judy@applevalleycatholic.org); **no later than March 21**. Contact Diahne Goodwin with other questions [diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org).

**Holy Thursday—April 9, St. Elizabeth**

Holy Thursday Mass, 7:30 p.m.  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11:40 p.m. Night Prayer, Parish Center

**Good Friday—April 10, St. Isidore**

Liturgy of the Hours, 9:00 a.m.  
3:00 p.m.—Stations of the Cross  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:30 p.m.

**Holy Saturday—April 11, St. Elizabeth**

Liturgy of the Hours, 9:00 a.m.  
With blessing of Easter Food  
(No confessions today)

**Easter Masses—April 12**

8:45 a.m.—**St. Isidore**  
10:15 a.m.—**St. Elizabeth**  
Noon—**St. Elizabeth**

**Collaborative Music News**

Teen Ensemble PPP 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.

**Eucharist To The Homebound**

If you are Homebound due to any disability and would like a Eucharist Minister to bring you the Eucharist and prayer to you home on a weekly basis for any length of time please contact us.

Andrea Crowley, [acski0800@gmail.com](mailto:acski0800@gmail.com),  
617-694-1662 or

Diahne Goodwin, [diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org)

**Lector News**

Enrichment meetings for lectors will be held at the following dates and times. Plan to attend one of the following sessions:

Tues., March 17 at St. Isidore - 7:30 p.m.  
Sat., March 21 at St. Isidore - 3:15 p.m.  
Sun., March 22 at St. Elizabeth – 6 p.m.  
Tues., March 24 at St. Elizabeth – 7:30 p.m.

Reserve your space by contacting Andrea Goodrich, [andreag@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:andreag@applevalleycatholic.org)

**Adult Christian Service Ministry  
Upcoming Events**

Acton Community Supper—March 18. Contact John Covert [covert@covert.org](mailto:covert@covert.org) if interested in assisting.



Thanks to all who have helped with the Lenten food drive so far. If you forgot to bring back bags of food this week you can still bring them next week March 14-15.

We still could use more drivers to help drive food to Martha's food Pantry in Lawrence, **meeting at St. Elizabeth's at 1:30 p.m. on March 22, leaving for Lawrence at 2 p.m.** If you are able to help, contact Mary at [amato.mg@gmail.com](mailto:amato.mg@gmail.com).

## Young Family Ministry News



### ***The Doucette Family leads the children in the Prayers of The Faithful.***

We are most grateful to Sam Doucette who lead the children in the CLOW Gospel lesson about the “Transfiguration of Jesus” at St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Thank you to Barbara Dane and the Confirmation teens from Mrs. Gusildi’s group that prepared and lead an engaging lesson for the children at St. Isidore. Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is offered during our Sunday Morning Masses, 8:45am at St. Isidore and 10:45am at St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Our CLOW ministry is led by a team of parish volunteers, and is open to children of all ages in our parish collaborative. We invite our youngest participants to bring a parent with them. Please contact Joan Mattila, Coordinator of Young Family Ministries, if you would like to join this ministry or with any questions: [Joan@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:Joan@applevalleycatholic.org).

### **First Communion Mini-Lesson #4 – Sunday, March 22, 10:00 a.m. in St. Elizabeth Church Hall**

Children and their parent(s) will gather for our third mini-lesson as we prepare for the Sacrament of First Communion. Children and parent(s) should review Chapters 9 & 10 in their “Go Seek Find”, and bring their backpacks!

### **Male Chaperones Needed**

Looking for a great adult service opportunity?

We are looking for a couple of male chaperones for our Hartford trip, July 5-10. It is going to be an amazing experience of working hard, playing hard and praying hard. Interested?

Contact Kayla at [kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org)

## St. Elizabeth Easter Flower Fund

Your contribution helps decorate our church with flowers and plants for the entire Easter Season. If you wish to donate, please complete the form below and mail it to the parish office at 89 Arlington St. Acton MA 01720 Attn: Mary Ryan. You may also put it in an envelope marked ‘SEoH Flower Fund’ and place it in the collection basket at either parish. If your donation is made in memory of a deceased loved and you would like his/her name included in our bulletin on the Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter Season, please check off the appropriate box on the form below. Contact: Mary Ryan at [mgr@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:mgr@applevalleycatholic.org); 978-263-4305 X35.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount: \_\_\_\_\_.

My donation is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_.

(please print clearly)

I would like the above name to be published in the bulletin on the Feast of Pentecost. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_.

Please check here if you would like your donation to be made anonymously. \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Scripture for the week of March 15, 2020***

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| 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               |
| 16 | Mon | 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30   |
| 17 | Tue | Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35   |
| 18 | Wed | Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19   |
| 19 | Thu | 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a |
| 20 | Fri | Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34  |
| 21 | Sat | Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14   |

### **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.

**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](mailto: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

*Maps Intentions*

**St. Isidore**

Saturday, March 14, 5:00 p.m.  
For All Souls

Sunday, March 15, 8:45 a.m.  
Maureen T. Beime Streff, Memorial Mass

**St. Elizabeth**

Sunday, March 15, 10:45 a.m.  
Bethany Whiffin, Memorial Mass

**Holy Week And Collaborative Triduum at St. Elizabeth**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

To prepare the Church environment for Palm Sunday—On Saturday, April 4 at 9:30 a.m.

To prepare the Church environment for the Easter Vigil—On Saturday, April 11 at 9:45 a.m. after Morning Prayer.

To serve as gift bearer, usher, or greeter on Holy Thursday, at the Easter Vigil, and/or at Easter Sunday Masses.

Preparing the environment involves tasks such as light housekeeping and preparing plant pots.

If you can help at any of the times listed above; at the foot washing on Holy Thursday; or by taking home towels to launder after the Mass. Please sign up in in the gathering space at the back of the church after Mass or contact Mary Ryan at [mgr@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:mgr@applevalleycatholic.org).

**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](mailto:applevalleyvbs@gmail.com) with 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](mailto:kaylad@applevalleycatholic.org)

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

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**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**

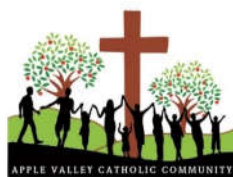
First Wednesday of each month  
5:00—7:00 p.m.—St. Elizabeth

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

**St. Elizabeth:**

Christopher Brolin - Vice-Chair  
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Don Armstrong  
Mary Amato

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week ending 3/1/20:**

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 3,565
Mailbacks:	1,929
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,117</u>
Total Parish Support:	7,611

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 459,290
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	477,714
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(18,424)

St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 94
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**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ISIDORE**

**For the week ending 3/1/20:**

Mass Offertory collections:	\$ 2,434
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	<u>2,051</u>
Total Parish Support:	4,485

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$172,880
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	<u>180,626</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	(7,746)

Grand Annual (66% of 65K goal)	\$ 42,741
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St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 80
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