

# 6th Sunday of Easter

*“This is my commandment:  
love one another as I love  
you.” (Jn 15: 12)*



## APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish**  
89 Arlington Street, Acton, MA 01720



**St. Isidore Parish**  
429 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775

**Welcome!**

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**Office Hours: Closed due to the pandemic. Reach out to staff by phone or email.**  
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## The Ascension Of The Lord

Mass—Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 p.m.,  
St. Elizabeth

Mass will also be live streamed.  
Join us on our YouTube channel:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCc\\_NMgiWv6jLws6XgHA1\\_HQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc_NMgiWv6jLws6XgHA1_HQ)

Or on our website:  
[Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative](https://www.applevalleycatholic.com)

Don't Forget to [Register for Mass!](#)

*Please make sure to register in advance!  
Walk-ins are welcome if there is room, but are  
not guaranteed a seat and may have to wait  
until all those pre-registered are checked in to be  
seated. Detailed instructions are available  
on our website.*

## Lord, Thank You For All Mothers

*For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms. For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life. For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children. For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their pre-teens. For the persistent ones, who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini-adults. For the mother aunts, who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews. For all grandmas, who love and support their precious grandchildren. For the foster moms that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones. For the Sunday moms who care for our children and lead them in faith. For the moms who give far beyond their own resources, who overcome disability to cherish and love.*

*Thank you Lord for all our beautiful mothers. Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers. May you bless them now on this their special day.*

*Amen.*



## Mass Intentions

May 9, 8:45 a.m. Mass  
Frank & Dorothy Hill, Memorial Mass

May 9, 10:45 a.m. Mass  
Gertrude Caton, Memorial Mass

## Collaborative Bible Study In June

A four-week study will begin on June 9 at 7:30 p.m. over Zoom. This is a Little Rock Scripture Study on *Dei Verbum*, one of the most significant documents to come from Vatican II. The topic clarifies the place of scripture in the liturgical life of the Church and encourages our access to the Bible for study. It is more a study ABOUT the Bible than a study OF the Bible. A small text must be ordered for study ahead of the first session. Details will be sent on enrollment. Enroll via email **by May 17** to Steve Ryan, [sjryan01@verizon.net](mailto:sjryan01@verizon.net)

## 2021 Catholic Appeal Update

Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. Whether you are attending Mass in person or watching from home, I invite you to join me in supporting the Catholic Appeal. Donations can be made on line at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org)

St. Elizabeth has raised \$33,830 toward the 2021 Catholic Appeal goal of \$55,677.55. St. Isidore has raised \$8,980 toward the 2021 Catholic Appeal of \$23,883.48. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. Your participation in our Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries.

## May 9 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's Scriptures speaks loud and clear: "Let us love one another. . ." and "This is my commandment, love one another." The love that we share is not our own, but rather it is the love God has for us. Love is a powerful means of evangelization. The love of a faithful disciple shows no partiality and draws people to Jesus Christ. So, take the scripture to heart this week – keep your eyes open and your spirit alert for the grace to be an expression of God's love wherever it is needed the most.



**Buckle Up! The Youth Ministry Auction Is Almost Here!  
Online Bidding Will Be Available May 15 - 23**

If you are like everybody else, you are probably looking for a little (or a lot of) excitement in your life these days. We have just the answer. The Apple Valley Youth Ministry Auction is right around the corner.

Look at just some of all the amazing things you could be doing this summer!  
Tired of your couch?



How about a weekend away at a beautiful private home in Brattleboro, Vermont?



Hungry? How about...

Dinner with Fr. Jeff ?

or

An authentic German dinner party?

Looking for some things to do with the kids? Check these out!

Private tennis lessons for 2 kids  
Family Photo Shoot



(All dates to be agreed upon mutually between the donor and bidder.)  
These are just a few of the many great things we will be offering. Don't miss out!!!

Please join us for the 2021 Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry Auction

Online bidding will be available May 15 - 23.

The link will be available by May 10 to preview the items.

To donate, please contact Sheila Bauer, [sheilab@avcatholic.org](mailto:sheilab@avcatholic.org)

### Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. Live Stream/Recorded Mass from St. Elizabeth

Sunday - 8:45 a.m. Mass at St. Isidore

Sunday - 10:45 a. m. Mass St. Elizabeth

Sunday - 5:00 p.m. Mass St. Elizabeth

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Please make sure to register in advance! Walk-ins are welcome if there is room, but are not guaranteed a seat and may have to wait until all those pre-registered are checked in to be seated. Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday and closes at noon on Saturday, or when full. An Eventbrite invitation, and detailed instructions, are available on our website.

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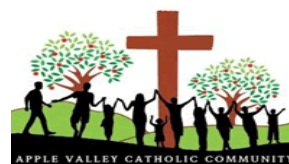
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**Did You Miss A Live Stream Taizé Prayer Or A Mass?**

You can access Masses that were live streamed and past Taizé prayer services on our You Tube channel. Click the link for our Apple Valley Catholic You Tube Channel [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc\\_NMgiWv6jLws6XgHA1\\_HQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc_NMgiWv6jLws6XgHA1_HQ) to view past Taizé services or Masses. Subscribe to the channel to be notified of new live streams.

**Thank You**

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” - Mark 16:15

Thank You for your continued support of our Collaborative, as a witness to the spirit of God within you and the Kingdom of God in our world today.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ELIZABETH**

**For the week ending 4/25/21**

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 3,944
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ <u>7,960</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 11,904

Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 521,418
Total Revised budgeted offertory:	\$ <u>516,403</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ 5,015

Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021:	\$ 63,602
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1/2020	\$ <u>5,015</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 68,617

St. Vincent de Paul collection: \$ 100

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ISIDORE**

**For the week ending 4/25/21**

Cash & Check Offertory	\$ 912
Electronic Offertory (EFT & Online):	\$ <u>3,135</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 4,047

Offertory since 7/1/2020:	
Total Collected Offertory:	\$ 180,050
Total Revised budgeted offertory:	\$ <u>177,674</u>
Over (Under) Revised Budget	\$ 2,376

Revised budgeted net income	
for the year ended 6/30/2021:	\$ 9,466
Offertory Over (under) Revised Budget since 7/1 /2020	\$ 2,376
Grand Annual over revised budget since 7/1/2020	\$ <u>5,167</u>
Projected net income for the year ended 6/30/2021	\$ 17,009

Grand Annual collection (113% of revised goal of \$32,560) \$ 37,727  
St. Vincent de Paul collection \$ 5