

## CALLING ON YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR 20's and 30's...

A Night of Food, Friends and Faith  
Wednesday, March 9  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Rapsallions Table and Tap  
5 Strawberry Hill Road in Acton

Come join us for dinner, beverages, reflection and discussion. (pay your own way)  
Jackie Baldino - Coordinator of Faith Formation at Holy Family in Concord will be our presenter.

For more information - please contact Jim Flanagan at [jim@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:jim@applevalleycatholic.org) or  
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Sponsored by the Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult Community.



# Food, Friends, Faith

Also, join us after the first and third Sunday 5:00 p.m. Masses at St. Isidore's or St. Elizabeth's for dinner and informal scripture study based on the readings from the Mass that week.

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St. Isidore Parish, Stow  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Acton & Boxborough

*Celebrating God's love in Jesus Christ. Going forth to share it with all.*



*Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 6, 2016*

*Jesus teaches about forgiveness  
in the parable of the Prodigal Son.*



A warm welcome to our visitors.  
We are glad to have you among us!

If you are new to the parish, please let us know so that we can  
welcome you personally!

The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach (Pope Francis, *Joy of the Gospel*, 28).

**HOLY WEEK AND TRIDUUM 2016  
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED  
AT ST. ELIZABETH'S**

- I. Preparing the Church environment for Palm Sunday :
- On Saturday, March 19 at 9:30 a.m.
- II. Preparing the Church environment\* for our Triduum celebrations:
- After the Holy Thursday Mass to prepare for Good Friday
  - After the Good Friday liturgy to prepare for Holy Saturday
  - On Saturday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m. after Morning Prayer to prepare for Easter
- III. Serving at Palm Sunday and Triduum liturgies
- Volunteer to be cross bearer, gift bearer, usher, greeter, or Gospel book bearer.
  - Help at foot washing stations on Holy Thursday and laundering towels after the Mass.
  - Readers during Adoration on Holy Thursday night from 9:40 to 11:40 p.m.

\*Preparing the environment involves tasks such as light housekeeping, preparing plant pots, and moving furniture.

For more details or to sign up to help, please refer to the Ministry Sign-Up book in the gathering space at the back of the church after Mass or contact Mary Ryan at [mgr@applevalleycollaborative.org](mailto:mgr@applevalleycollaborative.org) or 978 263-4305 x35.

**ST. ELIZABETH'S PRAYER LINE/  
EMERGENCY PRAYER LINE**

Are you looking for a way to give back? Do you have 10-15 minutes a week to pray? We have an email prayer line that generates a few emails per week that are requests for prayer. It is amazingly comforting to know that a group of people are praying for you. We would love for you to join us; please email Cathy Griffin at [cathleengriffin@comcast.net](mailto:cathleengriffin@comcast.net). And, if you need a prayer, you can use the same email. We only use first names, or no name, to protect your privacy.



**ST. ELIZABETH'S EASTER FLOWER FUND**

We welcome your contribution toward the flowers and decorations that will adorn our church for the entire Easter Season. If you wish to help, please indicate on the appropriate line if you are making your donation in memory of a deceased loved one. If you wish to have your loved one's name/s published in our bulletin on the Feast of Pentecost, the end of the Easter Season, please check off the appropriate box on the form below. If you have any questions please contact Mary Ryan at [mgr@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:mgr@applevalleycatholic.org) or at 978-263-4305 X35.

Enclosed is my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ towards the 2016 Easter Season Flower Fund. I am making this donation in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

*(please print clearly)*

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

My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

Check here to donate anonymously\_\_.

Mail to: John Morris, 89 Arlington St., Acton, MA. Or, put it in an envelope marked 'Flower Fund' and place it in the collection basket.

**WHY BOTHER PRAYING?  
Book Discussion**

Mondays March 7—April 11, 10:00 -11:30 a.m.  
St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

Written by the bestselling author Richard Leonard, SJ, this accessible book is for everyone who wonders how to pray, everyone who wonders what happens when you pray, and everyone who wonders if God hears our prayers. This book is less about how to pray, and more about why we pray and what it does for us, for God, and for the world. Richard Leonard SJ is a visiting professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, and directs the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting. Sign up with Diahne Goodwin, [diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org). Copies are available on Amazon and Paulist Press.

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**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

St. Elizabeth Parish:  
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m.  
Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
First Sunday of the Month 5 p.m. (Oct-March)

St. Isidore Parish:  
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m.  
Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Third Sunday of the Month 5 p.m. (Oct-March)

**Daily Eucharist this week:**  
St. Isidore—9:00 a.m., Wednesday-Friday.  
St. Elizabeth—9:15 a.m., Wednesday-Friday.

For current information check the parish website or call the parish telephone number .

Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Wednesdays during lent, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, 4:00-4:30 (both parishes)

**READINGS THIS SUNDAY (Cycle C)**  
Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**READINGS NEXT SUNDAY (Cycle C)**  
Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

**ST. ELIZABETH**

Hearing Loop Receivers are available for those who wish to listen through the Hearing Loop. Please see Mary Ryan before Mass, if you would like to try one.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ARE  
NEEDED AT THE EMERSON HOSPITAL**

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to bring communion to the sick and recovering at the Emerson Hospital. The candidate does not have to be a Eucharistic Minister in a parish. We ask for a 2 hour commitment approximately once a month during weekday mornings. Communion is provided from the hospital chapel, and two ministers are scheduled each day. Timothy Duff, Catholic Chaplain at the Hospital, offers ongoing training and direction as well as a yearly dinner and retreat for all ministers. If you are interested in this ministry or need additional information please call Tim at (978) 287-3015 or email him [tduff@emersonhosp.org](mailto:tduff@emersonhosp.org).

**ST. ELIZABETH BLOOD DRIVE**

The Red Cross will run a blood drive this Thursday, March 10, from 2-7 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall. To participate, please call **1-800-RED CROSS** or visit their website at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Walk-ins are welcome also. St. Elizabeth's, the Red Cross and people in need thank you for your donation.



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 2/28/16:	\$ 6,154
Mail backs for Week Ending 2/27/16:	\$ 1,624
EFT for Week Ending 2/27/16:	\$ 23,702
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 2/27/16:	\$ 31,480
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ 500,882
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ 487,815
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2015:	\$ 13,067

\*Target is \$705,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

Thank you very much!

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:**

**St. Isidore:**  
Saturday March 5, 5:00 p.m.—  
Laura King

Sunday, March 6, 8:00 a.m.—  
For All People

Sunday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.—  
Stephen Orsatti

Wednesday, March 9, 9:00 a.m.—  
Baby Lolo Elizabeth and Parents

Thursday, March 10, 9:00 a.m.—  
MaryAnna Lopez

**St. Elizabeth:**  
Wednesday, March 9, 9:15 a.m.—  
Megan Durand, Memorial Mass

Friday, March 11, 9:15 a.m.—  
Norman Houle, Memorial Mass

If you would like to have our weekly bulletin electronically sent to you, please email your request to: [janice@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:janice@applevalleycatholic.org)

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory last Sunday 2/28/16:	\$ 2,794
Total EFT for week ending 2/28/16:	\$ 1,977
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 2/28/16:	\$ 4,770
Total Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$ 155,108
Target Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$ 161,000
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/15	(\$5,892)

Grand Annual  
(122% of \$30,000 goal from 76 parish families): \$ 36,481

St. Vincent DePaul collection: \$ 32

Thank you for your generous support!

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH**

**Sunday, March 6**  
Confirmation Workshop  
1:00-5:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Youth Ministry Event  
6:00-8:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

**Monday, March 7**  
Book Discussion Group  
9:45-11:30 a.m., Parish Center Hall

Liturgy Committee Meeting  
7:15-9:30 p.m., Parish Center, Room 3

**Tuesday, March 8**  
Writing in Faith Group  
10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., Parish Center, Room 2

**Wednesday, March 9**  
Children's Choir Rehearsal  
5:45-6:30 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Music Ministry Rehearsal  
7:30-9:00 p.m., Parish Center Hall

**Thursday, March 10**  
Youth Choir- Pizza, Prayer and Practice  
7:00-8:30 p.m., Parish Center, Room 1

**Friday, March 11**  
Prayer Shawl Meeting  
10:00-11:30 a.m., Parish Center, Room 4

**Saturday, March 12**  
First Eucharist Retreat  
1:30-4:00 p.m., Church Hall

**SUNDAY 5:00 P.M. MASS**

**THIS WEEKEND AT ST. ELIZABETH'S  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**HOLY THURSDAY SUPPER  
AT ST. ELIZABETH'S**

Please join us for Our Annual Holy Thursday Supper which provides the opportunity for all to come together to begin these most important days of the church year. The dinner will be served in the parish center hall from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24 followed by the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. The full buffet meal will include ziti and meatballs, salad, bread, desserts and beverages.

The cost of the tickets will be \$8.00/person, with a cap of \$30 family of 4 or more, children under 5 free. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on March 12/13, 19 & 20 or in the parish office during the week.

**We are still in need of people to help sell tickets after Masses on March 12/13, 19 & 20 and serve dinner and clean-up that evening. Please contact Cathy at [cathleengriffin@comcast.net](mailto:cathleengriffin@comcast.net). Thank you!**



**ST. ELIZABETH  
WELCOME & INFORMATION CENTER**

Stop in at our Welcome and Resource center, located to the right of St. Elizabeth Church in the old rectory. It is a staffed place to be after Masses to stay connected, sign up for events, get Mass Cards, find a good book, etc.

**ST. ELIZABETH'S  
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The next Prayer Shawl Meeting will be on Friday, March 11 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. in Room 4 of the Parish Center. Shawls are distributed to members of our community in need of comfort and solace. We also knit or crochet hats and scarves for distribution to those in need. New members are most welcome. If you aren't able to join us on Friday mornings, contact Andrea Goodrich at [andreaag@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:andreaag@applevalleycatholic.org) or at 978-263-4305, ext.12 for prayer shawl patterns you can knit or crochet at home, and then bring them in when they are complete.

**MISSION TRIPS— SUMMER OF 2016**

**Olancho Aid Foundation**  
**Juticalpa, Olancho – Honduras**  
June 13 to June 21  
Cost - \$1200

Open to all graduating high school seniors, college young people and young adults.

**Our Own Mission Trip Co-Sponsored with Young Neighbors in Action**  
**Omaha, Nebraska**  
June 26 to July 2  
Cost - \$850

Open to all young people presently in high school.

**Catholic Heart Workcamp – Next Level**  
**Champaign, Illinois**  
July 3 to July 9  
Cost - \$850

Open to all young people entering high school or older in the Fall of 2016.

**Just5Days – Center for Ministry Development**  
**Springfield, Massachusetts**  
July 18 to July 22  
Cost - \$400

Open to all young people presently in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Catholic Heart Workcamp (Full)**  
**N. Arlington, New Jersey**  
July 24 to July 30  
Cost - \$650

Open to all young people entering high school or older in the Fall of 2016.

**Be in the Winner's Circle at The Kentucky Derby!**



**Youth Ministry Auction**  
**Saturday, April 2**  
**6–10 p.m.**  
**St. Elizabeth's Parish**  
**Center Hall**

**2016 CATHOLIC APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

This week, Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to pledge their support to the ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal. If you were unable to make your pledge at Mass, please take a pledge form from the back of the church or pledge online at [bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://bostoncatholicappeal.org). Thank you for your prayers for a successful Catholic Appeal.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL**

**FOURTH WEEK OF LENT HUNGERING TO LEARN**



We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

**HELP FOR STRUGGLING MARRIAGES**

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. The upcoming New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekends in 2016 will be held on April 8-10, 2016 and Sep 16-18 2016. To register for the weekend or for more information, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**DONATIONS NEEDED AT HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

*"Your extra is somebody's only"*

Household Goods is currently in need of donations, especially blankets, comforters, pillows, sets of silverware, coffee tables, end tables, They are located at 530 Main St., Acton. Donations are gratefully accepted on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. To noon. Visit their website for more information: [www.householdgoods.org/](http://www.householdgoods.org/)



**ST. ISIDORE ST. PATRICK'S DINNER MARCH 19**

Bring your family, invite your friends for a fun-filled night of fellowship with your parish family! Mark you calendars for Saturday, March 19 from 6-9 p.m. for a traditional Irish dinner (your choice of roast beef, corned beef or vegetarian) along with music from our friend and bagpiper Douglas Moffat. There will also be our IRISH SO-DA BREAD CONTEST which results in some truly amazing breads. We hope you will share yours with us! Irish trivia and music will be played all evening.

Reservations will go on sale beginning February 27 following all weekend Masses at St. Isidore's through Sunday, March 13. Reservations are \$13.00 each • Adult Couple is \$25.00 • Senior Citizen (over 60) is \$12.00 each • Children 5 & under are free • Family maximum is \$45.00. Please email [socialcommittee@stisidorestow.org](mailto:socialcommittee@stisidorestow.org) with questions.

Hope to see you there!

**CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!**

If you have always wanted to sing during Holy Week services and/or Easter Sunday, it is not too late to join the music ministries at St. Elizabeth and St. Isidore Parishes. Please join us during the following times:

Rehearsals at St. Elizabeth's will be on Wednesdays, March 9 and 16 in the Parish Center Hall, and Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

Rehearsals at St. Isidore's will be on Monday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, March 13 at 9:15 a.m. (after 8:00 Mass), Sunday, March 20 at 11:30 a.m. (after 10:30 Mass) and if needed, Monday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. All rehearsals will be in the Church.

Please contact Andrea Goodrich, Music Director for the Apple Valley Collaborative for more information: [andreag@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:andreag@applevalleycatholic.org) or 978-263-4305, ext.12.

**SUNDAY HOSPITALITY ST. ISIDORE**



Come join us for coffee & donuts, March 6 following the 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

**ST. ISIDORE'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry held at St. Isidore's will be on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. All are welcome to attend.

**THANK YOU!**



Many thanks to everyone who helped organize and who donated to the Food Pantry drives in both parishes. We collected over 400 bags of food and personal care items. These are all being delivered this weekend as part of the 24 Hours for the Lord project as an act of mercy. We are very grateful for the incredible generosity of this collaborative community.

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!**

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Boston Archdiocese will have confessions available every Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and his Church. Haven't been to confession in a while? Interested, but worry you don't remember how to give a good confession? No problem. A simple guide is available on the back cover of our Lenten 24 Hours for the Lord guide or at <http://www.bustedhalo.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/how-to-confess.pdf> And, our priests are always happy to gently guide you through the experience. Come experience the joy of our Lord's mercy!