

**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.

**THE ORIGINAL IMAGE OF
THE DEVINE MERCY**

On April 2nd, the eleventh anniversary of the death of St. John Paul II, the film, *The Original Image of the Divine Mercy* will be shown at 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church (160 Concord Road, Sudbury). The film's director, David diSilva will be present and he will expound upon the film's content and meaning, which is especially relevant in this *Year of Mercy*. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be prayed. Hospitality will follow, with the opportunity to talk with Mr. diSilva. A trailer for this film can also be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSB7uiE7sTA>. For more information contact Clare Korzeniowski at clarekorzen@aol.com.

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.

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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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent—March 13, 2016

Jesus does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.



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 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. Please email Cathy Griffin at cathleengriffin@comcast.net— We would love for you to join us! And, if you need a prayer, you can use the same email. We only use first names, or no name, to protect your privacy.

**HOLY THURSDAY SUPPER
AT ST. ELIZABETH'S
TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND!**

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 for a family of 4 or more, children under 5 free. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend and next.

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. Thank you!

**ST. ELIZABETH
CATHOLIC APPEAL STATUS**

For all of you who participated in the Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend last week at Saint Elizabeth's,
THANK YOU!

As of March 8 we have pledges of \$14,275! We have a goal of \$58,175, so we are off to a very good start. Thank you to all who have pledged so far. Not yet included in the pledge totals are the pledges many of you submitted last weekend using the blue pledge cards. If you have not yet submitted your **blue** 2016 Pledge Card, you can get one at the entrances to the church. Please complete the card and place it in next week's collection basket. You can also make your pledge online by simply clicking on the DONATE NOW button at the top of the page at <http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/>

This year we are asking all parishioners to complete a pledge card, even if you have pledged online. There is a check box on the blue form that indicates "I have already given to the Catholic Appeal." Simply fill out the form down to that line, tear off the card, seal it in the envelope and place it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you!"

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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)

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY (Cycle C)

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11

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.

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!

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/

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 3/6/16:	\$ 5,282
Mail backs for Week Ending 3/5/16:	\$ 650
EFT for Week Ending 3/5/16:	\$ 731
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 3/5/16:	\$ 6,663
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ 507,545
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ 494,610
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2015:	\$ 12,935

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

Thank you very much!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday March 12, 5:00 p.m.—
The Magda Family

Sunday, March 13, 8:00 a.m.—
For All People

Sunday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.—
George Del Rossi

Wednesday, March 16, 9:00 a.m.—
Helen Kealy

St. Elizabeth:

Wednesday, March 16, 9:15 a.m.—
Norman Houle, Memorial Mass

Thursday, March 17, 9:15 a.m.—
Frances Cotton, Anniversary Mass

Prayers for the Departed:
Daniel Sandman, Sr.
Claire Duffy

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



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory last Sunday 3/6/16:	\$ 3,176
Total EFT for week ending 3/6/16 :	\$ 1,977
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 3/6/16:	\$ 5,153
Total Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$ 160,261
Target Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$ 165,600
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/15	(\$5,339)

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

St. Vincent DePaul collection: \$ 42

Thank you for your generous support!



**SCHEDULE FOR PALM SUNDAY
AND THE SACRED TRIDUUM
ST. ELIZABETH:**

Palm Sunday

5 p.m. Mass, March 19

Begins outside with the blessing of palms, reading of the Gospel, and procession into the church (weather permitting).

March 20, Masses—8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday—March 24

7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper After Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Parish Center Chapel until 11:40 p.m., when Night Prayer begins.

Good Friday—March 25

9:15 a.m.—Morning Prayer

12 Noon—Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday—March 26

No confessions today

9:15 a.m.—Morning Prayer with Blessing of Easter Food

8:00 p.m.—Easter Vigil

(Please assemble in the parking lot for the lighting of the Paschal Candle.)

Easter Sunday—March 27 (Special Schedule)

Masses—8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon



THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Monday, March 14

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

Youth Ministry Auction Planning Meeting
7:00 p.m., Parish Center, Room 1

Tuesday, March 15

Building and Grounds Meeting
7:00 p.m., Parish Center

Wednesday, March 16

Children's Choir Rehearsal
6:00-6:45 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Music Ministry Dress Rehearsal
7:30-9:00 p.m., Church

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 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.

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 7th and 8th 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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
HUNGERING TO GROW A NEW TOMORROW

This week's CRS Rice Bowl country is the island nation of Madagascar, where we're reminded of the important role farmers play in caring for God's creation. As we prepare our meals throughout the week, let us reflect on where our food comes from—and what role we can play in caring for our environment. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



AUCION TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASS TODAY!

The auction is a fun night out for adults with a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts. See your friends, meet some new ones, bid on terrific items and support our youth.

Event ticket: \$25/person
Raffle tickets: \$5/1 ticket, \$10/3 tickets, \$20/8 tickets

Sponsor an ad: \$50/quarter page, \$100/half page, or \$150/full page

Donating an item: Vacation homes, tickets to a sporting event, gift certificates to a local restaurant, homemade items, a ride on your boat, etc.

For more information, contact Jo Jo Holton,
jholton390@gmail.com
or Jim Flanagan
jim@applevalleycatholic.org

We hope to see you on April 2nd!

ST. ELIZABETH LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Upcoming dates at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass:
March 20, April 1

SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM ST. ISIDORE:

Holy Thursday—March 24
7:30 p.m. *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*
After Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 p.m., when Night Prayer begins.

Good Friday—March 25
9:00 a.m.—*Morning Prayer*
7:30 p.m., *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

Holy Saturday—March 26
9:00 a.m.—*Morning Prayer*
8:00 p.m.—*Easter Vigil*

Easter Sunday—March 27
Masses—8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

ST. ISIDORE EASTER MEMORIAL DONATION



Envelopes are available at the church entrances or cut out this form for all who wish to make a donation for Easter flowers as a memorial for a loved one. All memorial forms MUST be received by March 20.

Flower Memorial requested by:

In Memory of:

There are flower envelopes also available at all church entrances.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORES

Tuesday, March 15
Choir Practice
6:00 p.m., Church

Wednesday, March 16
Building and Grounds Meeting
7:00 p.m., Rectory

Saturday, March 16
St. Patrick's Dinner
6:00 p.m.

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 your 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 with questions.

Hope to see you there!



SUNDAY 5:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 20
ST. ISIDORE'S
ALL ARE WELCOME!