

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: God's breath – the Holy Spirit – gives us true life and peace.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?
What lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Jesus tells us that we need to forgive to have peace. Name one way that you can forgive a friend or classmate.

Question for Youth: St. Paul tells us that we all have unique gifts for the good of others. What is special about you? How can you use those gifts to help others – friends, family, strangers?

Question for Adults: Even as working disciples of Christ, we are given the gift of peace. How do you experience this gift, and how do you share it with others?

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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.



Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*



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).

Pastor's Corner



Today I would like to discuss our Saturday evening and Sunday Mass schedules.

As everyone knows, our two parishes follow exactly the same Mass schedule on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. These schedules were instituted in another era, when participation at Mass was much higher and well before parishes were called upon to work together, as is now the case for St. Isidore's and St. Elizabeth's. It is no wonder, then, that parishioners and staff members have noticed problems with our current schedule and suggested new ways to think about and structure it. The collaborative staff, the pastoral council, and other groups have discussed the Mass schedule in some detail. I too have been giving it a great deal of thought.

I believe that the time has come to reconsider and revise the weekend Mass schedule in the two parishes. This is called for in light of the today's circumstances and to assure that our celebrations of the Sunday Eucharist are, as much as possible, the source and summit of our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. Current circumstances include the collaborative relationship between the two parishes (and what experience so far has taught us), the friendships and familiarity that have been developing among members of both parishes, current attendance levels, the resources it takes to celebrate Eucharist well, and the impact of the liturgical schedule on persons and programs, e.g., GIFT, music and youth ministries, and RCIA.

Next weekend's bulletin will carry a rough outline of what a new collaborative Mass schedule might look like, and include pertinent details about criteria, goals, pros and cons, and when decision and implementation would occur.

In the meantime, we've scheduled a town hall-style meeting for parishioners to learn more about and discuss this important initiative. It'll be on Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. at St. E's. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Fr. Walter

ST. ELIZABETH'S EASTER FLOWER FUND

Many thanks to all of you who made a contribution to our Easter Flower Fund this year. Your help made it possible for us to have a wonderful assortment of flowers and plants through the church from the Easter Vigil celebration through this weekend and hopefully, some plants will continue to enhance our worship space through the summer season. Listed below are the names in whose memory a contribution was made.



- Monica Heffernan, Mary & Joe Witek, Matthew James Romano, Betty Saganich, Louise & Arnold Sarnelli, Mary M. Gallagher, Jennifer Anne Zupicich, Ross Musick, Henry Bassett, Glenn Kelly Dufresne, Lia DiFronzo, Marion & Harry Hogan, Nancy Britting, Americo R. DiFronzo, Americo & Florence DiFronzo, Mary LoPilato, Gloria Malloy, Concetta Iacozzi, Victor Iacozzi, Jenny Iacozzi, Kevin Melia, Anthony & Lillian Krol, Joseph Lukose, Robert R. Duhamel, Edward J. Magee, Jean C. Nickerson, Donald A. Wilks, Frances Kelly, Virginia, John, Gail Egan, Brandon M. Reis

KIDS AND TEENS: COME HANG OUT AT VBS! CaveQuest 2016



Save the date: August 8-12, 2016 Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church and Parish Center Games, Bible drama, music and dancing science fun - we've got it all!

For kids age 4 by September 1, through 6th grade. Teens entering 7th grade through adults are invited to help our junior spelunkers have fun and meet Jesus in their lives! Registration and Volunteer Forms are available on our website seoh.org, or in the St. Elizabeth Welcome Center, outside of the Religious Education office at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center, or at St. Isidore's Parish Office. For more information, contact Lisa Lapinski, lisa-lapinski@verizon.net.

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St. Elizabeth Parish:

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.

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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 at 5 p.m. (Oct-April)

St. Isidore Parish: Vigil Mass: Saturday 5 p.m. Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Third Sunday of the Month at 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: Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m. (both parishes)

CONGRATULATIONS

Warmest congratulations to the children who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time this weekend and to their families!



READINGS THIS SUNDAY—May 15 (Cycle C) Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7; 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— May 22 (Cycle C) Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

ST. ELIZABETH 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 requesting prayer. It is amazingly comforting to know that a group of people are praying for you. 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. Please email Cathy Griffin at cathleengriffin@comcast.net.



**ST. ELIZABETH & ST. ISIDORE
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Our parishes St. Vincent de Paul Conference assists needy persons in our community by providing food vouchers, household goods, or other necessary help. The local Conference has been able to carry out its work of person-to-person charitable assistance only because of your generous support and it is more grateful for it. You can continue to help by placing your donations in the SVDP Offering box at the rear of the church, or sending them to the parish office.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 5/8/16:	\$ 4,751
Mail backs for Week Ending 5/7/16:	\$ 1,178
EFT for Week Ending 5/7/16:	\$ <u>4,952</u>
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 5/7/16:	\$ 10,882
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ 624,613
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2015:	\$ <u>611,003</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2015:	\$ 13,609

Last week parishioners also gave \$1,107 to the Catholic Communication Campaign and \$490 at Ascension Thursday masses going towards helping local people and families in need. Thank you all for your support of these efforts.

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Sunday, May 15, 8:00 a.m.
For All Parishioners of the Collaborative

Sunday, May 15, 10:30 a.m.
David Jodka, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, May 18, 9:00 a.m.
Rosemary and Heather Collins, Memorial Mass

Friday, May 20, 9:00 a.m.
Millie Oster, Months-Mind Mass

St. Elizabeth:
Wednesday, May 18, 9:15 a.m.
Louisa Michalowicz, Memorial Mass

Thursday, May 19, 9:15 a.m.
Frances Guarino, Memorial Mass

Friday, May 20, 9:15 a.m.
Norman Houle, Memorial Mass

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday 5/8/16:	\$ 2,299
Total EFT for Week Ending 5/8/16:	\$ <u>1,586</u>
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 5/8/16:	\$ 3,885
Total Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$ 200,873
Target Parish Support since 7/1/15:	\$ <u>207,000</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/15:	\$ (6,127)
Ascension Thursday Collection:	\$ 264
Ecuador Aid Collection:	\$ 20
St. Vincent DePaul Collection:	\$ 68

Thank you for your generosity for others in need.

**TROOP AND PACK 32-
They came, they saw, they spruced the place up:**

To the scouts and: moms, dads, leaders, brothers, sisters or friends and Father Paul, who helped clean up the St. Elizabeth's grounds on Saturday, April 30: Thank you for your good service. Our parishioners appreciate what you did to tidy up the place. You cleared winter tree debris and trash, fixed snowplow damage, pulled weeds, spread mulch and more. The place looks much cleaner. You should be proud of your good work. We are all thankful for your service to our community.

**UPCOMING SACRAMENTS
OF INITIATION AT ST. ELIZABETH'S**

Saturday, May 21, 5:00 p.m. – Baptism
Sunday, May 22, 2:00 p.m. – Confirmation
Sunday, June 12, 10:30 a.m. – Baptism

**SUMMER ENRICHMENT EVENTS
FOR ADULTS
It's Movie Time!**

Escape the heat and join us for two evenings or mornings to watch and chat about two great movies. Come 15 minutes early to socialize etc. Bring your favorite movie snack to share!

The Way
Wednesday, June 22
10:00 a.m., St. Isidore Church Hall

Friday, June 24
7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Babette's Feast
Wednesday, August 3
10:00 a.m., St. Isidore Church Hall

Friday, August 5
7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center

You will find synopses at the Internet Movie Database: <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1441912/> and <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0092603/> See Steve Ryan or Diahne Goodwin for questions.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH:

Monday, May 16
Nebraska Mission Trip Gathering
7:00-8:30 p.m., Church Hall

Wednesday, May 18
Music Ministry Rehearsal
7:30-9:00 p.m., Church

Thursday, May 19
Youth Choir Pizza , Prayer and Practice
7:00-8:30 p.m., Parish Center Room 4



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

UPCOMING VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

Virtus is a one time course that must be completed by all volunteers who minister directly to or have the potential for interaction with children and youth under age 18. All mission trip chaperones and VBS volunteers must be Virtus-certified. Please register at capteam@applevalleycatholic.org. Child Abuse Protection (Virtus) training will be offered at St. Elizabeth at the following times:

Wednesday, May 25
7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth's Parish Center Hall,
Room 3, Jim Flanagan

Thursday, June 16
7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth's Parish Center Hall,
Room 3, Judith Andrade

THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORE:

Tuesday, May 17

Choir Practice
6:30 p.m., Church

Thursday, May 19

Rehearsal for May 21st First Communion
5:00 p.m., Church

Friday, May 20

6:00 p.m., Church Hall
Rehearsal for May 22nd First Communion

UPCOMING SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AT ST. ISIDORE

Saturday, May 21, 5:00 p.m.—First Eucharist
Sunday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.—First Eucharist

CALLING ALL YOUTH! ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED AT BOTH PARISHES

A lot happens to help our worship during Mass. The service provided by altar servers contributes to this greatly. We often don't notice their impact unless they are not there! Thank you to our faithful and dedicated servers! Let us show our appreciation to them and commitment to our community by adding to their numbers! We invite youth age 10 and up to consider participating in this wonderful ministry. It is a great way to learn about and get more from liturgy, to get involved, share your gifts with the community and have some fun! Hey, you're coming to Mass anyway, why not make the most of it and get involved! The more we have the less of a burden of commitment it is for everyone! Parents, talk to you kids about this – it is a great way to grow caring, committed, responsible and faith-filled young people! Please talk to Diahne Goodwin, Fr. Walter, Fr. Paul or Deacon Charlie for more information. We'd love to get a few on board soon so that we can hold a training before the end of the school year.

FEAST OF ST. ISIDORE Sunday, May 15



St. Isidore was born in Madrid, Spain and for the greater part of his life he was employed as a laborer on a farm outside the city. Many marvelous happenings accompanied his lifelong work in the fields and continued long after his holy death. He was favored with celestial visions and it is said the angels sometimes helped him in his work in the fields. St. Isidore was canonized in 1622. In 1947 he was proclaimed the patron on the National Rural Conference in the United States. He is the patron of farmers and his feast day is May 15th.

Prayer: God, through the intercession of St. Isidore, the holy Farmer, grant that we may overcome all feelings of pride. May we always serve You with that humility which pleases You, through his merits

THE COLLABORATIVE PASTORAL COUNCIL

At this time we need to replenish the membership of our collaborative pastoral council (CPC). The principal tasks of the CPC are to enhance communication and make suggestions concerning pastoral work; review the draft collaborative pastoral plan and assist with a reconsideration of parish activities in light of the pastoral plan once it becomes official. The normal term of service is 3 years, but a shorter period is possible. Please speak to Deacon Charlie, Diahne Goodwin, or Fr. Walter if you have questions or wish to serve on the council.

To ensure the safety of all children, we ask that parents accompany their children who go to the restrooms during Mass. The parish hall is used by the community at large and the doors are open during Mass. Thank you.

USHERS NEEDED AT ST. ISIDORE

Ushers are needed for the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m. Sunday masses. If you can help please call Robin in the office 978-897-2710.

YOUTH MINISTRY APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

JOIN US!

Saturday, May 14

Sky Zone, Westboro

Wednesday, June 1

Baccalaureate Brunch for Senior Class

Thursday, June 2

8th Grade Pizza, Sundaes and Tye-Dye

Sunday, June 12

Teen Leadership Committee Meeting

June 13-June 21

Honduras Mission Trip

Thursday, June 23

Kimballs's for Mini-Golf and Ice Cream

June 26-July 2

Nebraska Mission Trip

July 3-9

Illinois Mission Trip

Wednesday, July 13

Hampton Beach Fireworks

July 18-22

Just5Days Mission Trip
(Jr. High)

Tuesday, July 19

Red Sox Game

July 24-30

New Jersey Mission Trip

Monday, August 1

Day in Boston

Wednesday, August 3

Service Wednesday

Sunday, August 3

“Whatever” Night

August 8-12

Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, August 16

Six Flags New England

Sunday, August 28

Back to School Cook-Out

Sunday, September 4

Teen Leadership Retreat



YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR 20'S & 30'S A NIGHT OF FOOD, FAITH AND FRIENDS

Wednesday, May 18
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Red Raven Gastropub, 3 Nagog Park, Acton

Come join us for dinner, beverages, reflection and discussion. (pay your own way)
Margo Morin, Pastoral Ministry Manager from the Salem Catholic Community will be presenting a reflection.

For more information – please contact Jim Flanagan at jim@applevalleycatholic.org or Alicia Giannotti at Alicia.giannotti@verizon.net

Sponsored by the Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult Community.

Food, Friends, Faith