

**OUR PARISHES:**

<b>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</b> 89 Arlington St. Acton, MA 01720 Phone (978) 263-4305 Fax: (978) 263-9014	<b>St. Isidore</b> 429 Great Rd. Stow, MA 01775 Phone (978) 897-2710 Fax: (978) 461-0577
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**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

St. Elizabeth Parish:  
Vigil Mass: Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

St. Isidore Parish:  
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

**Daily Eucharist this week:**  
St. Isidore—9:00 a.m., Tuesday, Thursday

St. Elizabeth—9:00 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
3:00-3:30 p.m.—St. Elizabeth  
4:00-4:30 p.m.—St. Isidore

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

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT  
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Sunday 12/18/16:	\$	2,484
Total EFT for Week Ending 12/18/16:	\$	2,036
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 12/18/16:	\$	4,520
Total Offertory Sunday 12/25/16:	\$	493
Total EFT for Week Ending 12/25/16:	\$	2,036
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 12/25/16:	\$	2,529
Total Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$	120,499
Target Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$	124,200
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/16:	\$	( 3,701)
St. Vincent DePaul Collection: 12/18/16	\$	64
St. Vincent DePaul Collection: 12/25/16	\$	261
Grand Annual (92% of goal)	\$	35,465

Thank you for your generosity.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT FOR ST. ELIZABETH  
WILL BE POSTED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

**OUR COLLABORATIVE STAFF:**

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**ST. ISIDORE CHRISTMAS FLOWER  
MEMORIALS**

Additional Christmas Flower Memorials were made for the Miano, Murphy, McPhail and Horgan Families.

**READINGS THIS SUNDAY— Jan. 1  
(Cycle A)**

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— Jan. 8  
(Cycle A)**

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

*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.*



*Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
January 1, 2017*

*May God bless us in His mercy.*



**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).

Dear Parishioners,



As our Christmas celebrations continue in our memories and hearts, I rejoice at seeing so many people with us in church: our parishioners, our visitors, and the multitude of young adults who came home for Christmas and joined us at Mass. I also carry a heart full of gratitude for you and for so many blessings in the Lord who was born as one like us. In particular, I want to thank everyone who prepared our churches, which looked just wonderful inside and out. Thanks also to the many who prepared or helped us celebrate the many liturgies of Advent and Christmas. I am grateful to all who contributed to the Christmas collection, whose proceeds are used exclusively for the health and retirement needs of the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. May our Lord bless you and your families abundantly during this Christmas season and throughout 2017.

Fr. Walter

### GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (GIFT)

#### A Very Special Presentation with ValLimar Jansen

Saturday, January 7, 6:15 p.m.—St. Isidore Hall  
Sunday, January 8, 11:45 a.m. - St. Elizabeth Church Hall

*\* Please note. There will not be a Sunday 6:15 p.m. session at St. Elizabeth this weekend. Participants for that session are welcome to attend one of the other two sessions.*

#### ALPHA IS COMING!

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian Faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. NO pressure. NO judgment. NO charge.



Alpha will begin on Thursday evenings in March and run about 10 weeks and includes a meal, a short talk, and time at the end of the talk where people can share their thoughts.

We are forming a team of people to share their gifts and talents to make this possible – from prayers, to meal team to table helpers. If you think you may be called to support this effort, please contact Diahne Goodwin, [diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org) or Dave Sacra, [dsacra@verizon.net](mailto:dsacra@verizon.net) to talk about possibilities.

#### CANCELLATION OF MASS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

If you don't have internet access, closings can be found on TV on Channel 4, WBZ. The names of closed institutions scroll continuously across the screen. Cancellation of Masses on Saturday evening or Sunday will be posted on the home page of the parish web site:

<http://www.seoh.org/> or  
<http://www.stisidorestow.org/>

at least one hour before Mass is scheduled to begin.

Weekday morning Masses are canceled whenever the local high school cancels class or has a delayed opening. St. Isidore follows NRHS and St. Elizabeth follows ABRHS.

#### COLLABORATIVE MUSIC CALENDAR

*Wednesday, January 4:*

7:00-7:30 p.m. - Collaborative Cantor Rehearsal, St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Collaborative Music Ministry Rehearsal, St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

*Thursday, January 5:*

5:45 –6:30 p.m. - St. Elizabeth Children's Choir Rehearsal, St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Room 1

7:00-8:15 p.m.– Collaborative Teen Choir Rehearsal, St. Elizabeth Church

#### SAVE THE DATE!

**Collaborative  
Annual Youth Ministry Auction**  
Saturday, March 25  
6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Our youth mission trips are not possible without the support of our community, our volunteers and the funds raised at our auction. We need help from both St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth of Hungary communities to prepare for the auction and provide donation items. Please let Jo Jo Holton ([jholton390@gmail.com](mailto:jholton390@gmail.com)) or Cathy Rudolph ([rudolphcl@gmail.com](mailto:rudolphcl@gmail.com)) know of your interest.

*We can't wait to see you there.*

#### FORMING DISCIPLES IN MISSION

**A workshop in Parish-Based Evangelization  
coming to our collaborative!**

If you have not yet attended this workshop, please consider participating in the upcoming two-evening workshop: **Tuesday, January 31-Wednesday, February 1 from 5:30-9:00 p.m.** at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. **Dinner will be included.**

Register for this or other locations at:  
<http://disciplesinmission.com/formingdisciples>.

#### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

**St. Isidore:**  
Wednesday, January 4, 9:00 a.m.  
Michael P. McGonegal, Memorial Mass

**St. Elizabeth:**  
Wednesday, January 4, 9:00 a.m.  
Melinda Samperi, Anniversary Mass

Prayers for the Deceased:  
Brenda Ann Conroy

#### LEARN HOW TO STUDY AND PRAY WITH THE BIBLE

Collaboratively, we will hold an "Introduction to the Bible" study starting January 31. You will gain comfort in finding your way around the Bible, develop a better understanding of its themes and writing styles, and gain insights about Catholic use and interpretation of the Bible. The study covers seven Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00. Please let me know if you are interested before January 19th so there will time enough to order materials. Contact Steve Ryan with questions or to sign up [sjryan@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:sjryan@applevalleycatholic.org).

#### JANUARY BOOK DISCUSSION

**"The Good Life: Where Morality and  
Spirituality Converge"**  
By Richard M. Gula S.S.

Come join us as we explore this introduction to the Christian moral life. Gula invites us to consider the kind of persons we ought to be and the kind of life we ought to live by virtue of our commitment to God in Christ and through the Spirit. There will be two collaborative discussions:

- Monday mornings, 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. beginning January 9 at St. Elizabeth Parish Center.
- Thursday mornings, 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. beginning January 12 at St. Isidore Rectory.

All are welcome! Please contact Diahne Goodwin with questions: [diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org).

Participants are responsible for acquiring their own copies.

## CELEBRATE EPIPHANY!

With ValLimar Jansen



**Saturday, Jan. 7, 7:00 p.m.**  
**St. Isidore Church**  
**Stow, MA**

**Sunday, Jan. 8, 12:30 p.m.**  
**St. Elizabeth Church**  
**Acton, MA**

ValLimar Jansen will lead us in song, prayer, and story to celebrate Epiphany. She is an inter-national recording artist, inspirational speaker, composer, artist, author and professor who brings it all together in her inspiring performance.

ValLimar's presentation is great for all ages.

**Everyone is invited!**  
**Come and bring a friend!**