

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** Everyone who believes in the Son will have eternal life and I shall raise them up on the last day.

### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel from John

### Step One: Listen to the Word

As you listen to this Scripture story today, what is one word or thought that really struck you? What image do you take away from this reading?

### Step Two: Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** How did Jesus do God's will?

**Question for Youth:** Why did Jesus come down from Heaven?

**Question for Adults:** How have your thoughts about death and eternal life developed over time?

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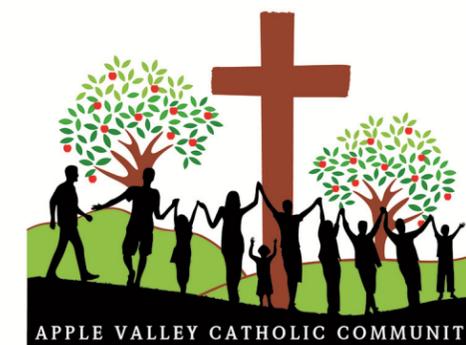
*St. Isidore Parish, Stow  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Acton & Boxborough*

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



*Third Sunday of Easter  
April 15, 2018*

*Lord, let your face shine on us;  
Lord, let your face shine on us.*



**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).

## UPCOMING COLLABORATIVE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

### Confirmations:

May 13, 2:00 p.m. – St. Elizabeth

### Baptisms:

June 17 – St. Isidore  
June 23 – St. Elizabeth  
June 24 – St. Elizabeth

### First Eucharist:

April 29 – St. Elizabeth  
May 6 – St. Isidore  
May 12 – St. Elizabeth  
May 27 – St. Isidore  
June 3 – St. Elizabeth



## FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILY NEWS

### First Eucharist Workshop a Success!

Thank you to all of the children and parents who attended last Sunday's First Eucharist Lunch and Workshop! One of the highlights was the Q&A with Father Walter, and he was so very appreciative of the heartfelt cards that the children and parents presented to him. I am most grateful to all those who assisted me with this event, especially: Marcia Malone, Carmen Giannotti, Nina Fernandez, Claire Abely, and Jennifer Barrett.

### First Eucharist Workshop Make-Up and Banner Making on Sunday, April 22 at 11:30 in the Parish Center Hall.

This will be a make-up workshop for those who either missed the entire event or who had to leave early and couldn't complete their child's First Eucharist pew banner. If you cannot make this date, please contact Joan Mattila.

## EMMAUS WALK Sunday, April 22



Easter Greetings! May the peace of Christ be with you during this beautiful season! You may remember that we had to cancel the Emmaus Walk as part of the 24 Hours for the Lord event due to storm damage. We are happy to announce that the Emmaus Walk has been re-scheduled to a new date and location!

Date: Sunday, April 22, 3:30 p.m.  
Location: Acton Arboretum  
10 Taylor Rd., Acton  
Light refreshments 4:15 p.m.  
Mass at 5:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth

Parking is available at the site and across the street at the Acton Library. There is a shorter, accessible route suitable for wheelchairs and strollers--so everyone can participate! Find out more about the Acton Arboretum at: <http://www.actonarboratum.org/> For more information, please contact Barbara Dane at: [barbara@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:barbara@applevalleycatholic.org).

## 2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL August 13-17, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Check upcoming bulletins for further information on volunteering and registration.



GROUP VBS 2018:  
**SHIPWRECKED**  
RESCUED BY JESUS

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 remain open during Mass.

## OUR COLLABORATIVE STAFF:

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Timothy Duff - 978-287-3015

## ST. ELIZABETH HEARING LOOP

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.



## OUR PARISHES:

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429 Great Rd.  
Stow, MA 01775  
Phone (978) 897-2710  
Fax: (978) 461-0577  
[www.stisidorestow.org](http://www.stisidorestow.org)

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Elizabeth  
Saturdays, 3:00—3:30 p.m.

St. Isidore  
Saturdays, 4:00—4:30 p.m.

For current information, check the Parish website or call the Parish telephone number.



## READINGS THIS SUNDAY— APRIL 15 (Cycle B)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— APRIL 22 (Cycle B)

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

**FREE PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AT BOSTON COLLEGE**

More information and registration at [www.bc.edu/stmce](http://www.bc.edu/stmce).  
Free of Charge

**Liturgy and Solidarity: Beyond Frontiers  
Thursday, April 19, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Presenters: Marcus Mescher and Susan Reynolds  
Location: Corcoran Commons, Heights Room, Boston College Chestnut Hill Campus

Pope Francis has been calling for the Church to go to the frontiers to accompany those on the margins with mercy, solidarity, and hope. This joint presentation explores the chief obstacles to overcome and opportunities to embrace in order for liturgy to share in this vision of the Church to be more of a “field hospital” than a laboratory in loving God and neighbor.

**The Spirituals: An African American Music Idiom and Its Relevance to Our Lives Today  
Thursday, May 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

Presenters: Meyer Chambers and Rev. Oscar Pratt  
Cadigan Alumni Center Atrium, Boston College Brighton Campus

Whether sung liturgically, privately, or performed in concert, the Spirituals are a truly unique American music genre, steeped and founded in the Black Church experience with longevity and relevance for our lives today. This Evening of Word and Song will take a brief look at the history, development, and praxis of the Spirituals—oh, and have a little church in the process!

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT:  
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Sunday 4/8/18:	\$ 4,352
Mailbacks for Week Ending 4/8/18:	\$ 2,622
Total EFT for Week Ending 4/7/18:	\$ 4,261
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 4/7/18:	\$ 11,235
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 586,813
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 581,688
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ 5,125

Thank you very much!

During Triduum, we collected \$14,129 on Easter towards the Clergy Benefit Trust; \$625 on Good Friday towards the maintenance of Holy Land Shrines; \$3,396 on Holy Thursday in the Rice Bowl collection, going towards poverty, hunger, disease and emergency relief.

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:**

**St. Elizabeth:**

Monday, April 16, 9:00 a.m.  
Elizabeth Dunne, 13th Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, April 18, 9:00 a.m.  
Alba and Jeremiah Bullock, Memorial Mass

Friday, April 20, 9:00 a.m.  
Norma Bretton, Memorial Mass

**St. Isidore:**

Wednesday, April 18, 9:00 a.m.  
Bob and Ginny Taylor, Memorial Mass

Saturday, April 21, 5:00 p.m.  
The Magda Family, Memorial Mass

**ELECTRONIC BULLETIN**

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**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT:  
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Sunday 4/8/18:	\$ 4,166
Total EFT for Week Ending 4/8/18:	\$ 1,922
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 4/8/18:	\$ 6,088
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 194,240
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 210,500
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	(\$ 16,260)
St. Vincent DePaul Collection:	\$ 143

Thank you very much!

**SUNDAY CAFÉ NEEDS YOU!**

It is wonderful to have the opportunity to gather after Mass as a community to socialize and get to know each other better! Thank you to all who have made this possible! Can you shop? Can you make coffee and set up refreshments? Can you tidy up? Are you looking for a simple way to get involved in the community? It does not take too much to make any particular Sunday Café possible. However, it takes a team of people committed to helping to sustain it every week. Family groups, friends and individuals can sign up to help with any or all parts of Sunday Café. Many hands make light work. The more teams we have the fewer times each team needs to be assigned! Please contact the following coordinators if you would like to join these awesome groups!

For St. Isidore: Jill Smith:  
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For St. Elizabeth:  
Carol Guerrero:  
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Thank you!!

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are May 19-20, in Warner, NH and June 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

**ARCHDIOCESAN CURSILLO  
Men's Weekend  
April 26—29**

An Opportunity to Deepen Your Faith! Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world. The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Champion Center in Weston MA. For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo Website: [www.bostoncursillo.org](http://www.bostoncursillo.org) or call Chris Graf at 617-332-5548 or email at [cmg829@comcast.net](mailto:cmg829@comcast.net).

**ST. ANDREW DINNER**

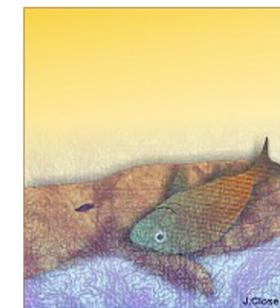
**All High School Age Young Men Invited  
May 24, St. Edith Stein Parish, Brockton  
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

For more information: [vocationsboston.org](http://vocationsboston.org)  
Fr. Eric Cadin [ecadin@rcab.org](mailto:ecadin@rcab.org) 617-746-5947

The Vocation Office invites you to join us for an evening of prayer, food, and conversation. Following Evening Prayer and dinner, you and your parents, youth ministers, priests, and chaperones will be welcomed to a casual discussion with Cardinal Seán about vocations, prayer, and the call to holiness that God places on each of our hearts. Each young man will have the chance to meet Cardinal Seán.

**PARISH AND COLLABORATIVE VOCATION  
Team Seminar  
April 28, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

All are invited to participate! The Vocation Office for the Archdiocese of Boston invites you to a morning seminar, April 28, on parish vocation ministry and the Life of a seminarian. We will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a light continental breakfast and exciting and compelling witness talks by seminarians and parents of future priests. The seminar will be finished by 12:00 noon. Come and join us as we explore how we can foster a culture of all vocations and vocations to the priesthood at our parishes. Questions? – Please contact Mary Jo Kriz at [mkriz@rcab.org](mailto:mkriz@rcab.org). To register please visit [vocationsboston.org](http://vocationsboston.org).



**SUNDAY CAFÉ**

Please join us every Sunday for coffee and refreshments, time to catch up with friends & meet new friends!

**St. Isidore** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass  
**St. Elizabeth** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

**Monday, April 16**

Book Discussion

9:45—11:15 a.m., Parish Center Hall

**Wednesday, April 18**

Teen Alpha

6:30-8:00, Parish Center Hall

### THANK YOU TO TROOP 32 AND PACK 32 FOR LAST WEEKEND'S OUTDOOR SPRING CLEANING AT ST. ELIZABETH

To the scouts and: moms, dads, leaders, brothers, sisters or friends who helped clean up St. Elizabeth's grounds on a cool, 'I'd rather be home with my coffee or hot chocolate and muffin' morning last Saturday: Thank you for your good service. Our staff, parishioners, priests and volunteer gardeners appreciate what you did to tidy up the place. You cleared debris, spread mulch, cleaned up plenty of storm damage sticks and branches 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.

### JOIN CUB SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS!

Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting want you! Now is the time to join the fun and excitement of America's foremost youth program for boys— Scouting. Designed for boys in grades K-5 (Cub Scouts) and 6-12 (Boy Scouts), scouting combines outdoor activities, sports, academics and more in a fun and exciting program that helps families teach ideals such as honesty, good citizenship, and respect. Boys experience adventure they never thought possible!

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts meet right here, at your church! For more information, please contact:

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## ST. ELIZABETH EASTER FLOWERS

Your contribution helps us provide the flowers and decorations that will adorn St. Elizabeth church for the *entire* Easter Season. Please complete the form below and mail it to the parish office at 89 Arlington St. Acton MA 01720 Attn: John Morris. You may also put it in an envelope marked 'SEOH Flower Fund' and place it in the collection basket at either parish. If your donation is in memory of a deceased loved one and you wish to have his/her name 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. Contact Mary Ryan at [mgr@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:mgr@applevalleycatholic.org) or at 978-263-4305 X35 if you have any questions.

### St. Elizabeth Flower Fund Donation

Enclosed is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you would like your donation to be made anonymously. \_\_\_

## 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 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](mailto: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.

## ROSARY AND COMMUNION VISITS TO THE NURSING HOMES

A very small team of very dedicated volunteers visit the residents at Life Care Center of Acton on the first and third Wednesday mornings of each a month and Robbins Brook on the third Tuesday morning of each month. During the visit, volunteers begin with leading residents in praying the Rosary. This is then followed by a Communion Service, led by trained Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. After that, the EMs visit those residents who are unable to attend the gathering to provide them with Holy Communion (room visits occur at Life Care Center only). The volunteer ministers are sent forth from weekday morning Mass, just as the Homebound ministers are sent forth from Mass.

For many who benefit from these visits, it is their only connection with the church and church community. The chance to pray and receive the Eucharist brings great comfort and peace. For those who have been visiting, often for many years, find the bonds and community shared truly a gift! This ministry is at risk of ending unless we get more volunteers - both Rosary leaders and Eucharistic Ministers. Our current team is small and is often challenged with scheduling issues related to illness, retirement, and other life commitments that pop up.

Please prayerfully consider the possibility. Could you spare 30 - 60 minutes once a month to share your faith and prayers with these often forgotten members of our community?? We are looking for people to serve as Eucharistic Ministers or Rosary leaders (or both!). Please contact Diahne Goodwin if you have questions or you think you may be called to this beautiful ministry. We can also arrange a "job shadow" - you can come observe without commitment.



## ST. ELIZABETH MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Almost every week we hear about one of our fellow parishioners who is not able to get to Mass due to temporary or long-term physical limitations. We miss them and they miss us! They also miss the opportunity to receive Christ in the Eucharist. We have a dedicated group of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who, in teams that rotate, are sent forth from Mass to visit the homebound, sharing the Word, prayers and bringing them Holy Communion. The requests are increasing, but the number of visitors hasn't been able to keep up with demand.

We invite all who are curious about his ministry to be in touch with Mary Parrella, the coordinator, at [vparrella@comcast.net](mailto:vparrella@comcast.net). A great way to explore this ministry is to accompany a current minister on some visits to get a sense of what happens and to discern if you may be called to this ministry. We make visits after weekend Masses and also after weekday morning Masses. All Eucharistic Ministers need to be affirmed and commissioned by the pastor, but anyone can accompany a minister on a visit. Just 45 minutes of time can make a huge and positive difference in someone's week.

## EXTRA PARKING FOR ST. ISIDORE

Please note that there is extra parking space at the Center Elementary School (2 doors east of St. Isidore on Rt. 117). If all spaces are taken in the St. Isidore parking lot and on the street, please park at Center Elementary. We ask that you do not park on the grass or block the driveway and fire lanes in front of the church. - Thank you.

## CORI—ST. ISIDORE

All volunteers at St. Isidore must have a current CORI. For the month of April, after all Masses, volunteers can fill out new or renewed CORI forms in the Work Sacristy on Saturdays and the Church Hall on Sundays.

## BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND AT ST. ISIDORE

We welcome two new members to our Christian community in the sacrament of baptism: **Jonah Michael**, son of Joshua and Alicia Frigon; and **Samuel Francisco**, son of Luis and Kristen Rosero. Please join us in holding Jonah and Samuel, their parents and godparents in prayer as they continue to grow in faith together.