

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: We enter life to the full through Christ.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's 2nd Reading from Peter.

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear the words of Peter in this reading, what line or phrase strikes you most powerfully?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: How is Jesus your example when others don't like you?

Question for Youth: Sheep know their shepherd and follow his voice. How hard is it for you to recognize the voice of God in your own life? Who has helped you hear God's voice?

Question for Adults: In what specific ways is Christ an example which you follow when dealing with others, especially with the ones against whom you hold a grudge or those who dislike you?

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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 Easter

May 7, 2017

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



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).

IMPORTANT MASS TIME NOTICE:

**No Sunday 5:00 p.m. Masses
at St. Elizabeth on May 7 and May 21**

In light of the 2:00 p.m. celebration of Confirmation Masses, there will be no Sunday 5:00 p.m. Masses at St. Elizabeth on May 7 & May 21. This will relieve additional stress on the presiders and ministers needed. Thank you for your understanding and patience with any inconvenience!

CONFIRMATIONS:



May 7, 2:00 p.m., St. Isidore
May 21, 2:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth

There will be no Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass this weekend or on May 21 at St. Elizabeth.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

FIRST COMMUNIONS:

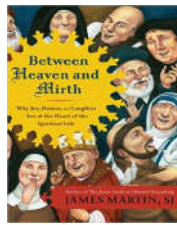
May 6, 5:00 p.m., St. Isidore
May 7, 10:30 a.m., St. Elizabeth
May 13, 4:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth
May 14, 9:00 a.m., St. Isidore



SPRING BOOK DISCUSSION

Between Heaven and Mirth

By Fr. James Martin, SJ



Mondays at 9:45 a.m., St. Elizabeth Parish
Center Hall (May 8,15,22, June 5, 12,19)

Thursdays at 9:45 a.m., St. Isidore Rectory
May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15)

Father Martin reminds us that happiness is God's own goal for us. His book takes a look at how joy, humor, and laughter can change our lives and save our spirits. See Diahne Goodwin with Questions. All are welcome.

gospel focus

Life to the Full

John 10:10 is a very famous quote from this gospel passage. Having life to the full does not imply life filled with every convenience, comfort and wealth. Rather, it is about living a life filled with purpose and intent. If we fail to live with purpose and meaning then our life is a hollow shell of what it could be. Jesus came that we may have life – a life that is at its fullest when it is lived in such a way as to be an expression of what Jesus taught and lived.

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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.



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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, 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— May 7
(Cycle A)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— May 14
(Cycle A)

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Celebrate God's love and mercy for each other by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are June 10-11 and September 16-17 in Medway. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-or visit us at www.WWME.org.

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. 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.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH

Total Offertory Sunday 4/30/17:	\$ 3,557
Mailbacks for Week Ending 4/29/17:	\$ 1,218
Total EFT for Week Ending 4/29/17:	\$ 671
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 4/29/17:	\$ 5,446
Total Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 592,343
Target Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 608,492
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/16:	\$ (16,149)

Parishioners donated \$1,993 for the Combined Missions, being: Military Archdiocese, Home Missions and Black & Native Americans. Military provides catholic chaplains; Home supports the evangelization of mission dioceses.; and Black & Native supports evangelization and outreach programs in the US.

Thank you for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday, May 6, 5:00 p.m.
George Keller, Memorial Mass

Sunday, May 7, 9:00 a.m.
Bruce Harris, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:

Monday, May 8, 9:00 a.m.
Jim Canty, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, May 10, 9:00 a.m.
Kathleen M. Conley, 2nd Anniversary Mass

Friday, May 12, 9:00 a.m.
Mary Ann Gilbert, 5th Anniversary Mass



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 4/30/17:	\$ 1,723
EFT for Week Ending 4/30/17:	\$ 1,665
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 4/30/17:	\$ 3,388
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$ 200,719
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$ 202,400
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2016:	\$ (1,681)
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 31
Grant Annual (128% of goal)	\$ 43,782

Thank you very much!

COLLABORATIVE WELCOME MINISTRY

Last spring a group of parishioners from both parishes attended a workshop on welcome and hospitality, "Entertaining Angels." Through that those participating have been inspired to do things, both on a personal level and programmatic level, to help our collaborative become an even more inviting and welcoming community. To that end we have recently formed a Welcome Ministry whose goal is to welcome new people both initially and in an ongoing manner. In this ministry current parishioners will act as welcome ambassadors to new members, personally reaching out to them, inviting them to participate in various activities and connecting them with the parish community. This ministry will also host new member coffees/socials where new and not so new parishioners can meet and get to know each other.

Could this be a ministry you are called to? We are seeking people to work on the core team to help plan and run social events and act as ambassadors as well as parishioners who may not have time for the core team, but could be available to help welcome a person or family as an ambassador. Commitment for a welcome ambassador involves a training and then the time it takes to reach out and connect with the new person/family periodically throughout the year. Core team members would have periodic meetings and also be involved in organizing the welcome social events.

Diane Hoff from St. Elizabeth, and Lauren DeBeneditto from St. Isidore have offered to help coordinate this ministry, but cannot do it alone – both need co-coordinators to step up. If you love people and love sharing the wonderful things about our faith and community, this may be the perfect ministry for you! Please contact Diane, diane.hoff@verizon.net, Lauren, debenedetto6@gmail.com, or Diahne Goodwin, diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org, if you have questions or feel called to this ministry in any capacity. We need co-coordinators, core team members and ambassadors from both parishes. Thank you!



ANOTHER SURPRISE FROM POPE FRANCIS

The recent TED Conference in Vancouver included a surprise presenter: Pope Francis. His TED talk is not to be missed. You can search for it yourself online, or use the link provided on our parish web sites.

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
(except GIFT weekends)

SAVE THE DATE! Apple Valley Catholic Community Vacation Bible School

August 7-11, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Church

Closing service and ice cream social
August 10, 6:30 p.m., St. Isidore
Church



For children age 4 by Sept. 1, 2017 through entering 6th grade. Volunteers welcomed: teens entering 7th grade up to adult. Questions? Contact Co-Directors Lisa Lapinski (lisalapinski@verizon.net) or Sarah Burianek (sarahburianek@msn.com)

COLLABORATIVE MUSIC CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 10

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

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

Thursday, May 11

St. Elizabeth Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:45—6:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church

Collaborative Teen Choir
Pizza Prayer and Practice
7:00—8:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

**SUMMER PROGRAM
AT NORTHEAST CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

Once again, Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH is pleased to announce the dates for its Summer Program for high school students. The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2017. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from Sunday, July 23 – Saturday, August 5, 2017. Register today at www.NortheastCatholic.edu! For more information, contact the admissions office at admissions@northeastcatholic.edu or 603-456-2656.

**ST. ELIZABETH
EASTER SEASON FLOWER FUND**

We welcome your contribution towards the flowers and decorations that will adorn our church for the Easter Season. Please complete the form below and mail it to the parish office at 89 Arlington St. Acton MA 01720 Attn: John Morris or put it in an envelope marked 'Flower Fund' and place it in the collection basket.



If you are making your donation in memory of a deceased loved one and 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@seoh.org or at 978-263-4305 X35 if you have any questions.

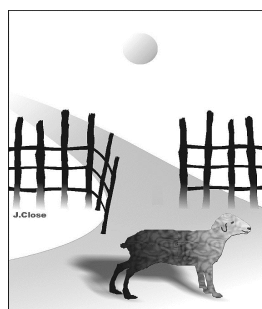
Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____
towards the Easter Season Flower Fund.
I am making this donation in memory of

(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.



THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH

Sunday, May 7

Gospel Scripture Reflection
9:15—10:15 a.m., Parish Center, Room 4

Monday, May 8

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

Alabama Mission Trip Gathering
7:00—8:30 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Wednesday, May 10

New Jersey Mission Trip Meeting
7:00—8:30 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Thursday, May 11

ALPHA
6:30 –8:30 p.m., Parish Center Hall

Friday, May 12

Prayer Shawl Ministry
10:00—11:30 a.m., Parish Center Room 4

**PARABLES & GIFTS FROM THE SEA—
A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN**

All women are invited to attend a special day of reflection on Saturday, May 13 from 9:30 am. to 3:00 pm. at St. Catherine Church in Westford. Using Anne Morrow Lindbergh's classic book, *Gift from the Sea*, we will explore and discover insights about remaining whole in the midst of distractions, and becoming free for growth of mind and heart. There will be presentations by Jerri Lou Buffo and Sharon Laronga, with time allowed for reflection and discussion. Morning refreshments and drinks will be provided. Participants should bring a bag lunch. A \$15 donation is suggested. Proceeds will be used for programs at St. Catherine's. Call to pre-register at 978-692-5435.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ISIDORE

Monday, May 8

Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m., Upstairs in Rectory

Wednesday, May 10

Collaborative Pastoral Council
7:00 p.m., Upper Room Rectory

ST. ISIDORE BAPTISM

Last weekend we welcomed Owen Dale Hovagimian, son of Harold & Cristina in the sacrament of Baptism. Please join us in keeping him in prayer as well as his parents and godparents as they continue to nurture him in a life of faith.



Monday, May 8

St. Isidore Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m., Upstairs in the Rectory

Friday, May 12

St. Elizabeth Prayer Shawl Ministry
10:00—11:30 a.m., St. Elizabeth
Parish Center, Room 4

We invite knitters and crocheters of all levels of ability. Please join us!

