

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH

Total Offertory Sunday 8/6/17:	\$ 2,930
Mailbacks for Week Ending 8/5/17:	\$ 677
Total EFT for Week Ending 8/5/17:	\$ 4,569
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 8/5/17:	\$ 8,176
Total Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 62,448
Target Parish Support since 7/1/17:	\$ 70,115
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/17:	\$ (7,668)

Thank you very much!

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., Wednesday, Friday

Funeral Mass for DeWitt Clinton (Clint) Seward, III—Monday,
August 14, 10:00 a.m.

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 Last Sunday: 8/6/17:	\$ 2,418
EFT for Week Ending 8/6/17:	\$ 2,100
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 8/6/17:	\$ 4,518
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2017:	\$ 24,847
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2017:	\$ 27,600
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2017:	\$ (2,753)

St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 43
Catholic Communications Collection	\$ 484

Thank you very much!

READINGS THIS SUNDAY— August 13

(Cycle A)

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a, Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— August 20

(Cycle A)

Is 56:1,6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

OUR PARISHES:

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COLLABORATIVE STAFF

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EWTN's FREE FAMILY CELEBRATION
September 9-10, DCU Convention Center, Worcester

It's an event you won't want to miss! EWTN's FREE Family Celebration event is back with talks by your favorite EWTN television and radio hosts. Shop for Holy Reminders at the Religious Catalogue Shop, visit the Family Corner and the Faith Fun Factory for Kids, learn about Media Missionaries, attend Holy Mass and be a part of a televised EWTN LIVE SHOW with Marcus Grodi. Go to <http://www.ewtn.com/familycelebration/> or call Viewer Services 205-795-5813 for more information.

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.



*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 13, 2017*

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."



A warm welcome to our visitors.
We are glad to have you among us!

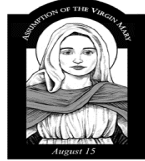
If you are new to the parish, please let us know so that we can welcome you personally!

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).

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
MASS SCHEDULE (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Tuesday, August 15

9:00 a.m. – St. Isidore
7:00 p.m. – St. Elizabeth



COLLABORATIVE TOWN MEETINGS

St. Elizabeth Church, Monday, Sept. 11, 7:00 p.m.
St. Isidore Church on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Both meetings will present the same content. On one level, it's about our faith formation and worship activities for the coming year. At a deeper level, however, it's about our personal call to become better disciples of the Lord, and the responsibility of the two parishes to reorient all efforts and activities to the mission of making faithful disciples and supporting each one in making the best possible response to the Lord. Parishioners are welcome to attend whichever meeting works better for them. Each will end by 9:00 p.m.

COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

New days announced for choir rehearsals this fall!

St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Children's Choirs (grades 2-6) will rehearse together on Mondays from 5:30-6:15 p.m. beginning on September 18.

The Collaborative Teen Choir and Band (grades 7-12) will rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. beginning on September 13.

Collaborative Adult Music Ministry will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 13 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

We hope this helps with your fall planning. For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich at 978-263-4305, ext.12 or andreag@applevalleycatholic.org

**VIRTUS TRAINING AND CORI CHECKS
Protecting God's Children**

The Archdiocese of Boston mandates that all volunteers who minister directly to children or elders, or who have the potential for unmonitored access to children and must be Virtus (Child Abuse Protection) trained and must have a CORI check. Please sign up for Virtus training at least one week prior to each session. Register by contacting our CAP Team Leader, Jack Deasy at j.w.deasy@gmail.com or by calling Barbara Dane at 978-263-4305, ext. 16. Please leave your name, parish, the date you wish to attend and your email or cell phone number.

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Rm. 3
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 7:00 p.m., St. Isidore rectory upstairs
Saturday, Oct. 21, 10:00 a.m., St. Isidore rectory upstairs
Saturday, Nov. 4, 10:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Rm. 3

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday, August 12, 5:00 p.m.
Jacqueline Trenholm, Memorial Mass

Sunday, August 13, 9:00 a.m.
Albert Darby, Memorial Mass

Wednesday, August 16, 9:00 a.m.
Dick Quinn, Memorial Mass

Thursday, August 17, 9:00 a.m.
Edna Taylor, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:

Wednesday, August 16, 9:00 a.m.
Patricia Fallon, Memorial Mass

Friday, August 18, 9:00 a.m.
Elizabeth Wiederholt, 13th Anniversary Mass

Prayers for the Deceased:

DeWitt Clinton (Clint) Seward, III
Elizabeth (Betsy) Gooding

JOB OPENINGS IN THE COLLABORATIVE

The following positions are now available. Detailed job descriptions are available in the front office or email janice@applevalleycatholic.org. Interested candidates should reply to Diahne Goodwin:

Diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org

Coordinator of Young Family Ministries

This full-time coordinator will be part of a team dedicated to lifelong faith formation, sacramental participation and living as a disciple in today's world and will have specific responsibility to ministry to young families. While attending to the formation needs of the children there is a focus on the outreach to parents so that they can grow as disciples and be better equipped to support the faith development of the next generation.

Pastoral Ministries Administrative Assistant

This part-time administrative assistant will support the administrative needs of the pastoral staff, with primary focus on faith formation youth and music ministry needs. He/She reports to and works with the director of pastoral ministries to develop a balance of support to those who need it.

Please respond with resumes by August 14.

YOUTH MINISTRY

**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
BACK TO SCHOOL COOK-OUT
Sunday, August 28, 5:00—8:00 p.m.**

We will start with the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth. It will be a night of great food and fellowship. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

All High School Youth Welcome!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSIONARIES CONTINUE THEIR WORK LOCALLY - YOU CAN HELP!

Some of our middle school students attended the *Just 5 Days* Mission trip in Springfield, MA where they served at the Soldier's Home, a skilled nursing facility for veterans, in Holyoke for the week. So moved by their experience they came home inspired, committed, and dedicated in furthering their service to our veterans. To this end they have committed to work with Project 351, and assist the Massachusetts Military Heroes Fund by creating care packages for troops serving abroad and local veterans struggling with homelessness. This effort will be coordinated by 8th grader Michael Grega, the local rep. for P351. You can help by donating the following *travel size or single serve* items:

- Instant powdered drink mixes
- Instant coffee (no decaf)
- Instant powdered creamer
- Lemonade powder
- Gatorade powder
- Bubble/chewing gum

There will be boxes in the back of St. I's and St. E's starting this weekend, ending August 27 for any donations you'd like to make. They are graciously welcomed and accepted with gratitude. All donations will be put to good use and used by the soldiers.



WEBINAR WITH FR. JAMES MALLON: August 14, at 12 Noon

Revitalizing Parishes for the 21st Century ~ Making Missionary Disciples

Alpha New England presents Fr. James Mallon, author of the best selling book "Divine Renovation: Bringing your Parish from Maintenance To Mission," an engaging and practical guide for parishes seeking to cultivate communities of discipleship. Join us as he tackles the questions: - What are the obstacles to parish transformation? What are the basic elements needed to transform a parish? How essential to the parish is lay leadership? And many more! There are two ways to participate:

1. Sign up to view the webinar on your own computer at: <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/c02588754dd4381bcde7dc3c8da9331e>
2. Join a group of people who will watch the webinar together over lunch (bring your own lunch – we'll provide drinks and dessert!) and discuss it afterwards. We will gather in the St. Elizabeth Parish center at 11:30. Sign up with Diahne Goodwin, diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org to participate.

ALPHA IS COMING!



Alpha is a 10-week experience that provides an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

Alpha is for everyone and anyone. Alpha is a great introduction to the Christian faith, but also offers practicing Catholics an opportunity to grow and strengthen their relationship to the Lord. We come together with one another as we are, free to be ourselves. At each session we share a meal, we listen to a talk and then we gather in small groups for discussion. The Alpha course will be offered at a variety of times throughout the year.

Come and See what it is all about and sample the Alpha experience on **September 21 at 6:30 p.m.** at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

Fall Alpha for Adults: Monday mornings, 9/25—12/4 at 9:45 a.m. OR Thursday evenings 9/28-12/14, 6:30 p.m. Contact Barbara, Diahne or Jim, with questions or to sign up for the Come & See night, or avccalpha@gmail.com. Preregistration is helpful but not required.

NEW THIS YEAR~ TEEN ALPHA !!!

Teen Alpha is offered to all young people in Grade 9 and above. **Completion of a Teen Alpha is required for all Confirmation candidates in Grade 10 this year.** Teen Alpha will be offered at a variety of formats/times during the year - fall, winter and spring evenings plus vacation week-long intensive during the summer.

The Summer Intensive teen Alpha course will run Sunday– Thursday, August 13 – 17, 5:00-10:00 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall. It will begin with the 5:00 p.m. Mass on August 13. 2017-18 Peer Leaders, Teen leaders and Confirmation candidates are encouraged to take this course. Sign up with Jim or Barbara.

ALPHA HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for people to help with the hospitality component of our Alpha programs. This involves preparing and serving food and set up and clean up for the meals. The morning alpha will have light breakfast snacks, the evening Alphas will have meals. Please contact Barbara, Jim or Diahne if you can help!