

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

St. Elizabeth Parish:
Sunday: 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

St. Isidore Parish:
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:45 a.m.

Daily Eucharist this week:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

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



**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

Updated collection numbers will be posted in next week's bulletin.

**INTERCHURCH OFFERTORY
ENVELOPES**

Offertory envelopes are available at each church for both St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth. Envelopes are available in the gathering areas of both parishes for parishioners who prefer to send their offertory to a specific parish.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 7/15/18:	\$	1,881
EFT for Week Ending 7/15/18:	\$	1,837
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 7/15/18:	\$	3,718
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$	14,605
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$	14,664
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2018:	\$	(59.00)
Propagation of the Faith Collection	\$	2,053
St. Vincent DePaul Collection	\$	25

Thank you very much!

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READINGS THIS SUNDAY— July 22
(Cycle B)

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— July 29
(Cycle B)

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

*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.



*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 22, 2018*

*My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.*



*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!*

We have a group of young people and adults headed to Catholic Heart Workcamp in N. Haledon, NJ from July 22 to July 28. Please pray for them and the people they will be serving.



Dear Father,
Empower these people to be your hands and feet. By their actions and words, make them witnesses of your great love and your passion to all they meet. May they be true ambassadors for Christ through their actions both on and off their work sites. Please protect them, teach them and support them as they take this journey. Fill them with the Holy Spirit as they faithfully and joyfully minister to the people in New Jersey. And so Father, we ask that you bless the mission project, the team members and leaders, those they serve and the team member's families back home. Amen.

**RESOURCES FOR DISCIPLESHIP & FAITH FORMATION
Registration Open!**

Welcome! Whether you have participated in our discipleship and faith formation programs in prior years, or are new to our parish community, we extend a warm welcome to you as we begin this year's journey in faith. Father Jeff, our staff, and our parish ministry teams are eager to accompany and support each of you to grow as disciples and joyfully live out the mission of Jesus Christ! All registered households should have received a copy of the information and registration brochure in the mail. You also may download a copy of the form from each parish website. Online registration and payment in one step is also available at this link: <https://avcc.wufoo.com/forms/znc9q10wr5cnh/> (also on the websites).



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.

**THE APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE PRESENTS~
SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS!**

Come be a castaway with us for a week of faith, fun and friendship!

When: Monday-Friday, August 13-17, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Where: St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church and Parish Center

Plus: VBS Praise and Worship Celebration and Ice Cream Social, Thursday, August 16, 6:30 p.m., St. Isidore's Church

Cost: \$35.00 per child (\$90 family maximum) - includes 5 days of VBS, snacks, ice cream social and t-shirt (Financial assistance is available to anyone for whom this is a hardship. Please contact VBS Directors.)

Register: Sign up your children (age 4 by September 1 and up to entering 6th grade) - Registration forms will be available and credit card payments can be processed onsite!

Volunteer: Youth entering 7th grade and up to adults - we need you to be Crew Leaders and more! Find out how you can be involved. Learn More: Talk to your "Shipwrecked" Leadership Team and hear more about VBS.

Questions?? Contact Lisa Lapinski and Sarah Burianek, VBS Co-Directors applevalleyvbs@gmail.com.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Prayer and reflection

Jesus demonstrated how important it is to engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you'd do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we learn what God desires for us.

SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION SOCIAL

**Wednesday, August 22
St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall
6:30 p.m. Potluck supper
7:30 p.m. Discussion of book**

Rejoice and be Glad (Gaudete et Exsultate): Apostolic Exhortation on the Call to Holiness in Today's World, by [Pope Francis](#). Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation involves the call to re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time. As he has explained in this way, "Seeing and acting with mercy: That is holiness."

Copies can be downloaded from the Vatican: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html.

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

(open to incoming Freshman to Graduating Seniors)

CHWC - New Jersey Mission Trip
July 22 to July 28

Whitewater Rafting
Thursday, August 2

Teen Alpha
August 5 to August 9

Vacation Bible School - Leaders Needed
August 13 to August 17

Gloucester Beach Day
Wednesday, August 15

Teen Leadership Committee Retreat
Sunday, September 2

Back to School BBQ
Sunday, September 2

Additional information on events can be found on Facebook group page: Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry or e-mail jim@applevalleycatholic.org, 978 263-4305 x23.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:

St. Isidore:

Saturday, July 21, 5:00 p.m.
Jim Murphy, Memorial Mass

Sunday, July 22, 8:45
Dorothy Nevins, Memorial Mass

Tuesday, July 24, 9:00 a.m.
Kathy O'Keefe, Memorial Mass

CATHOLIC DOCTORS NEEDED

Mission Doctors Association will offer the **2018 Fall Retreat/Seminar, Sept. 28 - 30, 2018** for Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants considering short-term mission service. This will be held at Loyola Stritch Medical School in Chicago. Working in partnership with Loyola Stritch Medical School, medical professionals will also have the opportunity to obtain CME for attending the weekend. Visit the website: www.MissionDoctors.org/loyola or call the office for more information (213) 368-1872.

ANNUAL SILVER AND GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year, please join Cardinal Seán O'Malley on Sunday, Oct. 28 at St. Mary Parish in Waltham at 4:00PM for the annual Anniversary Mass with renewal of vows. Couples can register at bostoncatholic.org/weddinganniversarymass. For more information, contact Kelly Tolman at ktolman@rcab.org or 617-746-5803.



Sheep and Shepherds

This gospel passage is one of many gospel references and even more Old Testament references to sheep and shepherds. It is an enduring image from the Bible. Much of it stems from the shepherd-become-King, David. When a monarchy developed in Israel it was clear that the role of king was like that of a shepherd, caring for his flock. Jesus applied the image to himself on several occasions, reinforcing an image of servant leadership. The language continues today, with bishops referred to as shepherds of their diocese and carrying a crosier that is reminiscent of a shepherd's crook.