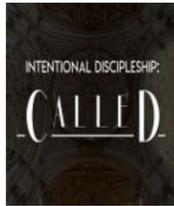


ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

**DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE
Saturday, March 2**



Registration is now open for our *2nd Annual Intentional Discipleship Conference: CALLED* to be held on Saturday, March 2 at Fontbonne Academy in Milton. We are excited about our list of presenters, Mass with Bishop Robert Reed, and a new evening component. If you are interested in evangelization, discipleship, faith formation, and family life, then this conference is for you! This event is open to any clergy, lay leaders, or lay person interested in the mission of sharing Jesus Christ's Good News to others. Last year, 200 people gathered for our first conference and we would like to top that and set our goal at 300 this year! We look forward to seeing you there! Information and registration details can be found at: <https://disciplesinmission.com/conference>.

**CATHOLIC YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FORUM
June 12—16**

Registration for the GIVEN Catholic Young Women's Leadership Forum is open! This forum is designed for young adult Catholic women seeking leadership training, faith formation, and support to better understand and pursue their particular mission and/or vocation. This year it will take place in Washington D.C., June 12—16. For more information, go to <https://giveninstitute.com/>.

**BOSTON CURSILLO WEEKENDS
Women's weekend: February 28—March 3
Men's weekend: April 4—April 7**

Cursillo is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church so that His love and grace can be brought to every aspect of life. Weekends are held, Thursday – Sunday, at the Champion Renewal Center, 319 Concord Road, Weston. For more information on the Boston Cursillo weekends and how to participate, go to <http://bostoncursillo.org/about.htm>.

MARRIAGE STRUGGLES?

For couples struggling in their marriage, consider the next **Retrouvaille** New England weekend on February 8 - February 10, 2019 in Framingham. To learn more or register, go to <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/>.

ST. ELIZABETH YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

For tax purposes, parishioners often seek to document their contributions to St. Elizabeth. Your bank statement constitutes acceptable IRS documentation for donations by check or EFT. The parish can also supply a statement, provided they were made by means of donation envelopes, EFT or contributions of \$250 or more on a single day. If you would like a statement, please fill out the form below and return it by mail or the collection basket. Thank you, as always, for your support of St. Elizabeth and its mission.

Name _____
(please print)

Address _____

Telephone or email (in case we have questions) _____

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH	
Total Offertory Sunday 1/20/19:	\$ 1,810
Mailbacks for Week Ending 1/20/19:	\$ 1,874
Total EFT for Week Ending 1/20/19:	\$ 28,463
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 1/20/19:	\$ 32,147
Total Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 419,903
Target Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 442,484
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/18:	\$ (22,580)
Thank you very much!	

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE	
Total Offertory Last Sunday: 1/20/19:	\$ 2,223
EFT for Week Ending 1/20/19:	\$ 2,528
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 1/20/19:	\$ 4,751
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 145,427
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 146,552
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2018:	\$ (1,125)
Grand Annual (78% of goal)	\$ 50,553
St. Vincent DePaul Collection	\$ 35
Thank you very much!	

*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 in Ordinary Time
January 27, 2019*

*The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
and to proclaim liberty to captives.*



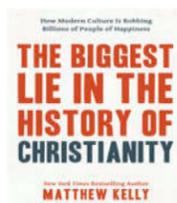
We are glad to have you among us!

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

COME CELEBRATE STEVE RYAN!
This weekend, January 27, 11:45 a.m. (after Mass)
St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall

Please join us after the 10:45 a.m. Mass to show appreciation and gratitude for the years of service in ministry in our community. After 17.5 years of serving as a dedicated pastoral associate at St. Elizabeth of Hungary parish, Steve Ryan has officially retired as of the end of December. This is not farewell – he is not going anywhere, just beginning a new adventure in retirement and the freedom that brings! You will continue to see his smiling face as he continues as an active and committed member of our community! Please help us recognize his years of service on the staff and wish him well. Light refreshments will be served.

OUR GIFT TO YOU ~ THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY!



Do you believe it's possible to be happier than you have ever been before? Not for fleeting moments, but consistently? In his latest book, *The Biggest Lie*, bestselling author Matthew Kelly believes it is possible—and he explains how. He brings us hope in difficult times. Hope that, together, we can change the course of history—with humility, generosity, kindness and joy, one Holy Moment at a time. **(We gave out this book at the Christmas Masses and are happy to keep on distributing them as long as supplies last.)** We are also providing you the opportunity to gather together to discuss this book. Please RSVP to the mail indicated, as space may be limited. **We hope you can join us!**

Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 p.m. (Single Session)

St. Isidore Rectory, Stow

RSVP: andreag@applevalleycatholic.org or
robin@applevalleycatholic.org

Monday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. (Single Session)

Legends Café, West Acton

RSVP: barbara@applevalleycatholic.org

YOUNG FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

Sacrament of First Reconciliation
Wednesday, February 6, 4:00 p.m.

The next pre-scheduled group of children and parent(s) will gather in the church at St. Elizabeth to receive the Sacrament of reconciliation for the first time. Please keep the children in prayer who will be celebrating this joyful sacramental milestone! Please contact Joan Mattila if you haven't signed your child up yet.

First Communion Preparation Kick-Off!
Sunday, January 27, 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

First Communion children and their parent(s) will gather together in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall (white bldg. behind the church). The event will include pizza, a kick-off of the second half of our sacramental preparation journey together, and the children will receive their new "Go Seek Find" First Eucharist activity folders.

Child Safety Workshop
For K-4 Children and Parents
Sunday, February 3, 11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

We are pleased to offer this informative and interactive workshop for families with young children in St. Elizabeth's Parish Center Hall. A letter will be emailed to families with the curriculum details. The workshop will be led by Linda Blanco, LICSW, and assisted by Joan Mattila. Linda is a long-time parishioner, a professional Social Worker, is on our VIRTUS team, and has been a teacher in our parish teen chastity program for 20 years.

HISTORICAL
CONTEXT
Theophilus

The gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are written by the same person, or at least the same community. They are often regarded as a single work - Luke-Acts - as one flows directly into the other. Both books begin with an inscription to Theophilus. The Greek name, Theophilus, translates as 'lover of God'. Some scholars suggest that the name is a pseudonym for any lover of God or someone in particular whose identity must be shielded. Others argue that Theophilus was an influential Roman who had taken a great interest in the early Christian movement.

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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:
 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 at St. Isidore this week:
 Monday & Tuesday at 9:00 a.m

Daily Eucharist at St. Elizabeth this week:
 Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Isidore
 Saturdays, 4:00—4:45 p.m.

St. Elizabeth
 Sundays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.



READINGS THIS SUNDAY— January 27
 Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— February 3
 Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13; Lk 4:21-30

**MASS INTENTIONS
THIS WEEK:**

St. Isidore:

Saturday, January 26, 5:00 p.m.
Jenna Agule, Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 27, 8:45 a.m.
Gaetano Angelico, Memorial Mass



St. Elizabeth:

Sunday, January 27, 10:45 a.m.
Santiago Iglesias, Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 27, 5:00 p.m.
Dianne Gilligan, Memorial Mass

Prayer for the Departed: Marlene O'Halloran

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Jesus is the one sent by God to save us.

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?
What lingers in your memory?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Jesus is present to each of us in a different way.
Tell about a time that you knew Jesus was with you.

Question for Youth: Name a moment or situation in your life where Jesus was present.
What are some situations or places where you wish that Jesus was more visible?

Question for Adults: Jesus came to bring glad tidings to the poor and set free the enslaved.
How has this mission of Christ in the world affected you personally?

NEW ALPHA COURSES START IN FEBRUARY!

**GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE?...ABOUT FAITH?
— Try Alpha — for Everyone and Anyone!**

Alpha is an invitation to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.
We come together with one another as we are, free to be ourselves. No pressure! No charge!

Alpha is Great for:

- People who have doubts about God or faith
- People who may have drifted away from God/Church
- People who are curious about Christianity
- People who want to grow deeper in their faith

Alpha runs in a variety of places and times throughout the year, with typically 10 weekly sessions plus a day away. Each session includes a meal, a talk and time to discuss and share your thoughts in small groups.
No need to commit up front—Come check it out at our Next **“Come & See” event:**

**Tuesday, February 12, 10:00 a.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center
Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Hall**

Curious? Need more info? Check out alphausa.org or contact avccalpha@gmail.com or any staff member.

Teen Alpha!

Teen Alpha is offered to all young people in Grade 9 and above. Teen Alpha will be offered at a variety of formats/ times during the year - fall, winter and spring evenings. **It's not too late to join us!**

**Join us for our next session Sunday January 27, 6:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall! Email Jim: jim@applevalleycatholic.org**

**ALPHA COOKS AND KITCHEN
HELP NEEDED!**

Our next season of Alpha is upon us! We are seeking a team of people who would like to share their gifts of cooking and/or hospitality and service to help with the dinners for our Wednesday evening Alpha. These sessions will begin on February 13. There are two primary roles. The cook prepares the meals for 11 sessions. If two or three people share the role, it spreads the work out and is quite manageable. The kitchen crew serves the meal and cleans up. Usually one or two people can handle this part. Please let Diahne Goodwin know if you can help out or would like to discuss in more detail. It's a great way to support this process of welcome and evangelization for our guests! Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE!!
Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry Auction
2019

Saturday, March 30, 6:30—10:30 p.m.

Join us for a Lua themed tropical night out featuring hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and cash bar. The auction is a great night out for adults who may bid on one-of-a-kind items in our silent and live auctions. The event is also a critical funding mechanism for our amazing Youth Ministry events for both parishes. Stay tuned for more details and ticket information.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
UPCOMING EVENTS

Teen Alpha

Sundays January 27—April 7

Immediately after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

February Vacation Getaway
February 18—20

Mellos Retreat Center/Dumaine House
Information is in the mail!

Summer Mission Trip and Conferences
INFORMATION MEETING FOR ALL TRIPS
Tuesday, January 29, 7:00 p.m.

Olancho Aid Foundation – Honduras - June 10—June 18
Our Own Trip - Corpus Christi Texas - June 23—June 29
Steubenville East – Lowell - July 12—July 14
Just5Days - Springfield - July 15—July 19
Catholic Heart Workcamp - New Jersey -
July 21—July 27

Snow Tubing at Nashoba Valley Ski Area
Saturday, February 23

Immediately after the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Isidore
Cost: \$35 (plus snacks)

Find us on...

Facebook Groups: AppleValley Catholic Youth Ministry; Apple Valley Catholic TLC; AVCC Confirmation Preparation Program 2018-2019. Instagram: AVCCYM.



COLLABORATIVE MUSIC NEWS

Teen Ensemble will rehearse on Monday from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church.

The Collaborative Children's Choir will rehearse on Wednesday from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

Adult Music Ministry will rehearse on Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

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.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Love is patient, love is kind. Increase your love for one another by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are March 8-10 in Duxbury, and April 13-14 in Brewster. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



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. The cancellation is also left on both parishes phone system.

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.

CAUTION - SCAM ALERT

Scammers posing as priests are sending emails to parishioners requesting iTunes or other expensive gift cards that the "priest" claims are needed for people on his sick call list. The subject of the email is usually asking "for a favor". Parishes throughout the U.S. are reporting on the scam which involves the sending of a fake email from a priest or other church official asking a parishioner to purchase electronic gift cards to be used as gifts on sick calls or fundraising events, etc. They are targeting faithful people who are typically generous people and using a public figure in the pastor. Please do not respond to these requests and delete the emails immediately.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/latinamerica/index.cfm for more information.

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUNG
ADULT GROUP

Ongoing Events:

Scripture Study every First and Third Sunday
Join us for a *free* dinner and good conversation about the readings from Mass. Meet us after the 5:00 p.m. Mass at the parish center at St. Elizabeth Parish.

Volunteer at Household Goods

Third Sunday of every month 12:45 —4:00 p.m.
Household Goods provides families with donated furniture and appliances to help them furnish their homes. Volunteers can either help families pick out goods or load their vans. Please contact us if this is your first time volunteering. Meet us at Household Goods at 530 Main Street, Acton. Learn more at <http://householdgoods.org>.

Check out the Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult
Group Facebook group for updates

For more information on all our young adult Programs: youngadults@applevalleycatholic.org

UPCOMING VIRTUS SESSIONS AT THE
APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC
COLLABORATIVE

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m., St. Isidore, Christin Don

Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 p.m., St. Isidore,
Barbara Dane

Monday, June 3, 7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth,
Jim Flanagan

Monday, June 24, 7:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth, Jim Tabner

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 89 Arlington St., Acton
Parish Center Hall Room 4

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.