

3rd
Sunday
of Lent



THE BURNING BUSH

"I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham,
the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." *Exodus 3:6*

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
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Lenten Retreat~ *Who do you say that I am: The Great Story of Jesus*

Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. – 3:30 a.m.
St. Elizabeth Parish Center



Take a sacred pause in your Lenten journey to reflect on the Great Story of Jesus: why he came, how he came, his life, his death, his resurrection and ascension, and his invitation for each and every man and woman to encounter him in order to make the choice to follow him in the midst of his Church. Please register with judy@applevalleycatholic.org no later than March 31. Cost is \$25. Registration is limited to 35 participants and will close after the max is reached or March 31 whichever comes first. Please see Diahne Goodwin with other questions.

“Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new direction and a decisive direction.”

CANCELLED

Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ from the Cross
Lenten Reflection Series
Present by Fr. Jeff
Monday March 25 & Tuesday March 26, 2019
7:00p-8:30p
St. Isidore Parish



PLEASE NOTE

This program has been cancelled.
However, it will be rescheduled sometime during the Lenten Season in 2020.

Living Lent

Lenten Breakfast and Prayer
Friday Mornings - March 29; April 5, 12
7:00—7:45 a.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Lenten Breakfast and Prayer
Wednesday Mornings – March 27;
April 3, 10 from 6:30 – 7:15 a.m.

Emmaus Walk
Saturday, April 6 at 2:00 p.m.
Stow Community Park: 60 Old Bolton Rd, Stow

Lenten Retreat - “Who Do You Say that I Am:
The Great Story of Jesus”
Saturday, April 13 - preregistration required
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth

Stations of the Cross
Friday, April 19 at 3:00 p.m., St. Isidore Church



Encounter Dhathcroos family

The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? How can you support refugees worldwide who are fleeing violence in their country? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Wednesday Booklet Discussion

Let's Journey Together in living out Lenten Plan! Looking for encouragement and support to joyfully go into Easter? Come drop into the Lenten Black Booklet discussion this Wednesday, March 27 at 9:45 a.m., St. Elizabeth's Pope Francis Room (building attached to the Church.) Booklets will be provided at no cost. Call Anita Sutherland with questions at 978-263-0452.



Congratulations

Congratulations to all who were installed as Eucharistic Ministers at St. Elizabeth during Mass last weekend.

May the Lord bless you as you continue to serve Him and the community.



Apple Valley Catholic Community Celebrated this year at St. Isidore on

Wednesdays: March 27th, April 10th, April 17th
6:00p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Catholic Appeal

The Permanent Diaconate program provides formation for more than 160 deacons working with our priests to serve our parishes and is just one of more than 50 programs that rely on your support of the 2019 Catholic Appeal. This annual fund provides nearly half of the funding for these life-changing programs. It's not too late to pledge your support to this important effort. Thank you to all who have already done so; for more information or to donate, go to bostoncatholicappeal.org.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE for Holy WEEK

Holy Thursday—April 18, **St. Elizabeth**
Holy Thursday Mass, 7:30 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11:40 p.m. Night Prayer, Parish Center

Good Friday—April 19, **St. Isidore**
Liturgy of the Hours, 9:00 a.m.,
Stations of the Cross, 3:00 p.m.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday—April 20, **St. Elizabeth**
Liturgy of the Hours, 9:00 a.m.
(No confessions today)
Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.

Easter Masses—April 21
8:45 a.m.—**St. Isidore**
10:15 a.m.—**St. Elizabeth**
Noon—**St. Elizabeth**

It's More Than a Cause, It's a Kid

Cradles toCrayons

Cradles to Crayons provides kids with the essentials they need, free of charge. New and nearly new children's items are collected through grassroots community drives and corporate donations. Donations are then processed and packaged by volunteers in their warehouse, The Giving Factory. They are then distributed to local disadvantaged children.

Have any children's clothes in good/new condition? Looking to donate them? Well, you can drop them off at the Cradles to Crayons drive at St Elizabeth's! The drive will run March 23—April 6 and the donation box will be in the parish center. Thank you for your generous contributions!

Young Family Ministries

Children's Liturgy Of the Word (CLOW) Ministry in Need of Volunteers



This is a vital ministry for bringing the Word of God to the young children of our collaborative!

We are in need of more CLOW ministry volunteers so that we can continue to offer CLOW at both of our churches each Sunday. Please contact Joan Mattila for more information at 978 263-4305, ext. 17 or

joan@applevalleycatholic.org

Sunday, March 24 - First Communion Mini Lesson #4. Children and their parent(s) will gather together in the St. Elizabeth Church Hall before Mass at 10:00 a.m. This session will assume that the children have completed chapters 8-9 of their "Go Seek Find" First Eucharist Lesson.

We will discuss highlights from these lesson themes as well as the "The Communion Rite" part of the Mass.

Sunday, April 7 - First Communion Pot Luck Lunch and Workshop. Children and their parent(s) will gather together in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall (white building behind the church) from 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Please keep our first communicant children in prayer as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time!

CORI Sign-up at St. Isidore

CORI forms must be filled out annually for all persons who volunteer their services. Whether you are a first-time volunteer filling out a CORI or a volunteer who needs to re-new their CORI status, forms will be available after all masses from April 6 through May 5. Forms will be available in the work sacristy after Saturday masses or in the church hall after Sunday masses. If you have any questions please contact Robin in the office at robin@applevalleycatholic.org or 978-897-2710.

Mission Trips Summer 2019

Olancho Aid Foundation Juticalpa, Olancho - Honduras

June 10 to June 18

Cost - \$1500.00 (\$1300.00 with support of the Auction)

Open to all Graduating high school seniors, college young people and young adults

Corpus Christi Texas

June 23 to June 29

Cost - \$1000.00 (\$850.00 with support of the Auction) Open to all young people presently in high school

Steuenville East - Lowell

July 12 to July 14; Cost - \$150.00

Open to all high school young people

Just5Days - Center for Ministry Development

Springfield, July 15 to July 19

Cost - \$550.00 (\$400.00 with the support of the Auction) Open to all young people presently in 7th and 8th grade

North Haledon, New Jersey

July 21 to July 27 Cost - \$800.00 (\$650.00 with the support of the Auction) Open to all young people entering high school in the Fall of 2019

All Members of St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth! We Invite You to Join Us!

Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry Auction March 30, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of tropical fun featuring a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts. By supporting this event, you will be helping our Apple Valley Catholic community continue programs such as Mission Trips, Confirmation Preparation, Teen Alpha, among others.

Tickets: \$25 on sale after each Mass this weekend!

Raffle Tickets: 1 for \$5; 5 for \$10; 15 for \$15; 25 for \$20.
You do not have to be present to win!

Grand Prize \$500; 2nd prize \$100; 3rd prize \$100

Donate! Please consider donating an item to the auction. Email Fred Zupicich: fredzup@yahoo.com



Mass Intentions

St. Isidore:

Saturday, March 23, 5:00 p.m.
Magda Family, Memorial Mass

Sunday, March 24, 8:45 a.m.
Eugene and Bridget McCarthy, Memorial Mass

Tuesday, March 26, 9:00 a.m.
George Taylor, Memorial Mass

St. Elizabeth:

Sunday, March 24, 10:45 a.m.
Mary Jean Conoby, 11th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, March 24, 5:00 p.m.
Sheila Connor, Memorial Mass

Ever consider a Catholic high school experience for your son?

On Tuesday, April 2, two parish families, the McMahons and the Kosakowskis, will host an informational gathering for prospective parents and students of Saint John's High School, a Catholic Xaverian high school for boys located in Shrewsbury. The event will be held at the McMahon's Acton home from 6:30–8:00 p.m. and students, parents and staff from Saint John's will be on hand to answer questions. Please join us! For details and to RSVP, email SJinfoMcMahon@gmail.com.

Collaborative Music News

Teen Ensemble will rehearse on Monday from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church
Children's Choir will rehearse on Wednesday from 5:30-6:15 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Hall.
Adult Music Ministry will rehearse on Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish Hall.

Welcome!

St. Elizabeth Easter Flower Fund

Your contribution helps decorate our church with flowers and plants for the entire Easter Season. If you wish to donate, please complete the form below and mail it to the parish office at 89 Arlington St. Acton MA 01720 Attn: Mary Ryan. 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 made in memory of a deceased loved and you would like his/her name included in our bulletin on the Pentecost Sunday, the end of the Easter Season, please check off the appropriate box on the form below. Contact: Mary Ryan at mgr@applevalleycatholic.org; 978-263-4305 X35.

Name: _____

Donation amount: _____.

My donation is in memory of

(please print clearly)

I would like the above name to be published in the bulletin on the Feast of Pentecost. Yes ___ No ___.

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

LENT 

Scripture for the week of March 24, 2019

24 SUN Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12/Lk 13:1-9
25 Mon Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
26 Tue Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
27 Wed Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
28 Thu Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
29 Fri Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
30 Sat Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
31 SUN Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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Collaborative Worship Schedule

Saturday
5:00 p.m.—St. Isidore

Sunday
8:45 a.m.—St. Isidore
10:45 a.m.—St. Elizabeth
5:00 p.m.—St. Elizabeth

Daily Eucharist
Mon., 9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore
Tues., 9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore
Wed., 9:00 a.m.—St. Elizabeth

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Isidore
Saturdays, 4:00—4:45 p.m.
6:00-7:30 p.m. During Lent, St. Isidore on
March 27; April 10, 17

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



Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Sunday 3/17/19:	\$ 4,306
Mailbacks for Week Ending 3/17/19:	\$ 2,463
Total EFT for Week Ending 3/17/19:	\$ 753
Total Support for Week Ending 3/17/19:	\$ 7,522
Total Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 499,899
Target Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 525,973
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/18:	\$ (26,074)

At our Ash Wednesday Masses, we collected \$1,663 for Catholic charities. Thank you for your support!

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 3/17/19:	\$ 2,874
EFT for Week Ending 3/17/19:	\$ 2,033
Total Parish for Week Ending 3/17/19:	\$ 4,907
Ash Wednesday/Catholic Charities	130
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 187,857
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 185,744
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2018:	\$ 2,113

Grand Annual	\$ 51,543
St. Vincent DePaul Collection	\$ 85