



HOSANNA

*Hosanna to the
Son of David;
blessed is he
who comes in
the name of the
Lord; hosanna
in the highest.
Matthew 21:9*

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APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE – TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

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Clergy Health and Retirement Trust Special Easter Collection

My brothers & sister in Christ;

From offering First Communion and daily Eucharist to blessing our marriages or our loved ones as they are called home to God, our priests in good standing, especially our senior priests, have always answered our calls. Like us, they are troubled by the current events taking place in the Church, yet they are still there for us. **Help us care for the health and well-being of our senior priests in good standing by graciously supporting them in our annual Easter collection next week. Boston priests answer the call. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.**

Funds from this special collection are managed by the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust – an independently managed trust with a majority lay board of trustees. The funds are used for the sole benefit of active and senior priests in good standing.

Peace,
In Christ,
Fr. Jeff



Please continue to pray for Katie, Wes and all those throughout the world who are moving forward on their faith journey as they prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.



Holy Thursday—April 18, **St. Elizabeth**
Holy Thursday Mass, 7:30 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
***11:00 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, 8:00 p.m.**

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

***Please note the time change in:
Night Prayer & The Easter Vigil**

Share The Love Of Christ To Our Visitors This Easter!

It is a joy to see the church filled with extended families, friends, and neighbors, all gathered together to celebrate the Risen Savior! Please join us in making an extra effort to welcome our visitors with a smile, a warm greeting and even a seat during our Easter Masses. A great sign of welcome is to move to the center of the pew so that others can easily find a place to sit. Your kind gesture or words of welcome may be just what someone needs to feel at home here and feel encouraged to come again.

Bring A Friend!

This Holy Week and Easter, we invite you to take the opportunity to invite a friend! Is there someone you know who might be curious about these special Holy Days, or may want to come, but need a ride or may not know a lot of people and may not want to attend alone. Reach out and invite them! Share a ride, share your Faith. **Make a difference!**

**The Blessing of Easter Food
during Morning Prayer on Holy Saturday
at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church
Saturday, April 20, 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

We invite you to assemble a basket with hard boiled eggs, bread, and other Easter foods and bring it to church on Holy Saturday morning to be blessed and then shared at your Easter Sunday dinner. In earlier times, meat and dairy products were excluded from the daily diet during the entire season of Lent. As the end of the strict fast approached, people showed their joy and gratitude by taking their food to church to be blessed. On Holy Saturday, it is the custom for people in Eastern and Central Europe to bring decorated baskets of prepared food for the Easter meal to church. The priest blesses this food, which will be eaten to mark the end of the penances of Lent and the celebration of the Resurrection. Because this food is blessed, it should be consumed at your Easter meals and not discarded.



Encounter Our Neighbors

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

Please bring your Rice Bowl offering to the 7:30 p.m. Mass on Holy Thursday. There will be a basket in the gathering space. Coins and cash is accepted, but a check made out to 'SEOH' with 'CRS' in the memo line is preferred. Your offering will be collected and brought forward with the gifts of bread and wine during the Preparation Rite.

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

Wednesday, April 17, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.



**Holy Thursday Supper Tickets
On Sale After All Masses**

Join fellow parishioners for supper on Holy Thursday, April 18, 6:00-7:00 p.m., in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall, followed by the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. The full buffet meal will include ziti and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverages. This evening provides an opportunity for all to come together to begin these most important days of the church's calendar year.

Tickets are \$8.00/person (adult or youth), with a family cap of \$32; children under 5 are free. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses and in the parish offices.

Young Family Ministries

Our First Communion children and their parent(s) enjoyed a potluck lunch and workshop last Sunday. This was their final preparation before the children will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time at our upcoming parish Masses beginning on May 5th. Please keep them in your prayers.



Fr. Jeff shares his joy of the Eucharist with First Communion children and parents!

Welcome!



Participants in last Saturday's Emmaus Walk at Stow Community Park enjoyed faith sharing while walking at a beautiful place on a glorious spring day.

You can Understand the Bible! For High School Juniors and Seniors

Sunday Mornings 9:00—10:30 a.m.
Youth Ministry Office
Facilitators: Xavier Velasco-Suarez and
Jim Flanagan



Conversation with a Muslim April 25 7:00 p.m. Sargent Memorial Library, Boxboro

Imam Irfan from the Acton-Boxborough Regional Islamic Center in Acton is extending an invitation to attend this "Conversation with a Muslim" event.

What do you know about Islam beyond what you see in the news? Have you ever wondered what it means to be a Muslim? Bring your questions to ask Imam Tejan Barrie, the Imam at the Islamic Society of Greater Nashua, and the associate Imam at the Islamic Society of Greater Lowell area. Open your mind, ask, listen, and learn. No questions are too strange or trivial to ask, as long as they are asked respectfully.

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.

Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult Group

Walk for Hunger—May 5, 9:00 a.m.

Join us on this historic 20 mile walk to raise money and awareness for the Walk for Hunger. This annual event supports Project Bread, which is committed to preventing and ending hunger in Massachusetts. Please RSVP to Allan Jussaume at AllanPaulJussaume@gmail.com.

Check out our Facebook for the latest details Regarding all events. Facebook: Apple Valley Catholic Young Adult Group. Email: YoungAdults@AppleValleyCatholic.org

Collaborative Music News

Children's Choir will rehearse on Wednesday from 5:30-6:15 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church
Adult Music Ministry will rehearse on Wednesday from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church

Upcoming Virtus Sessions

Child Abuse Protection Training is required for all volunteers who work with children, youth, or vulnerable adults. If you are plan to chaperoning a mission trip or help at Vacation Bible School, you must be Virtus-trained. The following sessions will be offered. Contact Barbara Dane to register.

- Wed. May 22, 7:00 p.m.~ St. Isidore Rectory
- Mon. June 3, 7:00 p.m.—St. Elizabeth Parish
- Mon. June 24, 7:00 p.m. - St. Elizabeth Parish

Mass Intentions

All Masses Intentions this weekend will be offered for: Mass for the People

St. Isidore
Monday, April 15, 9:00 a.m.
Richard Pearsall

St. Isidore Lost & Found Spring Clean-up

Please check our lost and found items upstairs (corner of vestibule/gathering area) and downstairs (by coat rack) for any items you may have lost. Any items remaining on Mon., April 15, will be donated. Thank you!

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.



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. _____

Scripture for the week of April 14, 2019

- 14 SUN Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
- 15 Mon Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
- 16 Tue Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- 17 Wed Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
- 18 Thu Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- 19 Fri Is 52:13—53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
- 20 Sat Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a,18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

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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

No morning Masses on April 16, 22, 24.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Isidore
Saturdays, 4:00—4:45 p.m.
During Lent, from 6:00—7:30 p.m., April 17

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



Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ELIZABETH**

Total Offertory Sunday 4/7/19:	\$ 3,699
Mailbacks for Week Ending 4/7/19:	\$ 1,570
Total EFT for Week Ending 4/7/19:	\$ 2,634
Total Support for Week Ending 4/7/19:	\$ 7,903
Total Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 548,157
Target Parish Support since 7/1/18:	\$ 574,207
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/18:	\$ (26,050)

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT
ST. ISIDORE**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 4/7/19:	\$ 2,775
EFT for Week Ending 4/7/19:	\$ 2,566
Total Parish for Week Ending 4/7/19:	\$ 5,341
Actual Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 200,982
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2018:	\$ 200,408
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2018:	\$ 574
Grand Annual	\$ 58,258
St. Vincent DePaul Collection	\$ 119