



Fifth Sunday of Easter

I am the way, the truth and the life,
says the Lord; no one comes to the Father,
except through me.

John 14:6

APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE — TWO PARISHES ONE MISSION

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish
89 Arlington Street, Acton, MA 01720
(978) 263-4305/Fax (978) 263-9014
Office Hours: Suspended during Coronavirus



St. Isidore Parish
429 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775
(978) 897-2710/Fax (978) 461-0577
Office Hours: Suspended during Coronavirus

Visit us at <https://applevalleycatholic.org>

Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative Online Mass

Until we are able to return to our two Churches, we are celebrating the Mass at St. Elizabeth of Hungary & St. Isidore. Every Sunday the recorded Mass will be posted on our Apple Valley Catholic Community website (www.applevalleycatholic.org) and on our Facebook page (Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative). The recorded online Mass will be posted each Sunday by 9:00 a.m. Please join us online each Sunday for the celebration of Mass.



Can You Help?

The Music Ministry would like to produce a virtual choir and offer other musical offerings online. If you have experience with this kind of production, and would like to help, please contact our Music Director, Andrea Goodrich, at andreag@applevalleycatholic.org. Many thanks!

Symbolon on Formed.org

May 13— 7:00 p.m.

Online Gathering

"Mary & the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints"

What do we think of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and how does our relationship with her impact our relationship with her Son? What is the connection between our understanding of Mary and the rest of the saints? Why do we ask Mary and other "dead people" to pray for us? The answers to these questions serve to give us a framework for the Catholic Church's teachings on life after death and what we call "The Communion of the Saints." To enhance security, we are asking that people sign up in advance so they can receive a private invitation to log into the Zoom meeting.

Please let **Diahne Goodwin**,

diahneg@applevalleycatholic.org, know by

May 11 if you would like to participate.

Click on the link below to view the episode in advance. (Note, you must have or create a Formed account to access. This is free for our collaborative). <https://watch.formed.org/symbolon-the-catholic-faith-explained/season:1/videos/mary-the-saints-our-spiritual-mother-the-communion-of-saints>

Thank you to all of you who have been able to send in your offertory, as your means allow. Your continued support through Online Give, EFT, and within your mailed-in envelopes (complete with personal touches!), all express the love you have for our Parishes and our Community.

We sincerely appreciate your support, especially in these difficult times. Thank You!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week ending 5/3/20

Mailbacks:	\$ 4,973
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	\$ 2,117
90-Days NOW!*	\$ -
Online Giving	\$ 1,340
Total Parish Support:	\$ 8,430
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 549,494
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:**	\$ 588,625
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	\$ (39,131)

*Waiting for data to be reported from the Archdiocese

**Target is \$698,000 for the year ended 6/30/2020

St. Vincent de Paul online giving:	\$ 1,225
St. Vincent de Paul collection:	\$

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

For the week ending 5/3/20

Mailbacks:	\$ 1,249
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	\$ 2,100
90-Days Now!*	\$ -
Online Giving	\$ 245
Total Parish Support:	\$ 3,594
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 217,691
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 220,313
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	\$ (2,622)

Grand Annual (67% of 65K goal) \$ 43,725

* Waiting for data to be reported from the Archdiocese

**Target is \$260,000 for year ended 6/30/2020

St. Vincent de Paul online giving	\$ -
St. Vincent de Paul collection	\$ -



Prayer Line

Prayer makes a difference!

Can you take a few minutes each week to
pray for others?

Do you need prayers yourself?

Connect with our email prayer group!

To join the group or to request prayers, please
send an email to Cathy Griffin,
nushamrockgirl@gmail.com.

For requests, to protect privacy,



Prayer for the Departed:

Paul McLaughlin

Scripture for the week of May 10, 2020

10	SUN	Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
11	Mon	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
12	Tue	Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
13	Wed	Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
14	Thu	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
15	Fri	Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
16	Sat	Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

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Additional Online Resources To Check Out

For Dealing with the Coronavirus Pandemic:

- o [Pray as You Stay](https://pray-as-you-go.org/retreat/pray-as-you-stay) is an online retreat to help you stay close to God as you stay where you are. The series will give you some ideas for creative prayer, and provide some reflection with scripture, all underpinned by the Ignatian practice of finding God in all things, wherever you are. <https://pray-as-you-go.org/retreat/pray-as-you-stay>
- o The Bernardin Center of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago has five video discussions recorded during this global health crisis, called [Strengthening Our Faith So That We Can Live as a People of Hope](https://ctu.edu/event/a-people-of-hope/). <https://ctu.edu/event/a-people-of-hope/>
- o [Catholic Family Faith](http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/) provides many creative online resources, including faith-building activities, ways to talk to children about the coronavirus, online events, and guided prayer for children. <http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/>
- o 3 Minute Daily Retreat—3-Minute Retreats invite you to take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage. Also available as an app. <https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer/>

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Prayer for Strength

Heavenly Father,
Almighty and yet all-loving,
we have come to know first-hand the
fragility of humankind.

We pray for strength when we have
grown tired.

Lord Jesus, loving Savior,
who experienced our humanity,
You taught us to have faith.

We pray that, when we feel abandoned,
we will turn to You.

Holy Spirit,
You come with gentleness to reach disciples
human, fearful, confused,
and yet beloved.

We pray, together in Spirit,
for peace that is Your gift.

Amen



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