

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

"Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.'" (Jn 6: 51)



June 14, 2020

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>

Mass

We have begun our reopening with one Mass, the 10:45 a.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth of Hungary.

Seating will be limited to 80 people.
Reservations will be required.

An Eventbrite invitation, and detailed instructions, will be made available the Tuesday prior to each Sunday. This link will be available on our website.

Masks and safe distancing will be required.
Music will be limited.

We will continue to record a Mass on Saturday evening, in the same manner that has been done over the past three months (this is not a public Mass), ready for online viewing by 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. It is posted on our website (<https://applevalleycatholic.org>) and on our Facebook page Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative.

As time goes on we will assess where we are and make any necessary changes. This is a slow but careful approach while keeping safety at the forefront of everything we do. Please continue to check our website for current information on Mass.

Reminder: Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is still in effect. The elderly and those with underlying health issues are advised/encouraged to stay home and continue to Mass on our website, Facebook Page or on CatholicTV.

Stay Updated On Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative

To keep up to date on General Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative announcements join our [Constant Contact List](#) which can be found on our website.

*Find us on Facebook:
Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative,
Apple Valley Catholic Youth Ministry
Apple Valley Catholic Young Adults!*

Our New Prayer Wall

Visit our new Prayer Wall on our website:
<https://applevalleycatholic.org/prayer-ministry>

We invite you to put a prayer on our wall or pray for people who are in need of our prayers. We will post intentions anonymously and include them as a group in our weekly Mass intentions.

Prayer Wall At The Collaborative Garden

Ribbons will be hung on the wall of the collaborative garden as a physical representation of each of the prayers on our virtual prayer wall and is located at St. Isidore, 429 Great Rd in Stow.



Collaborative Garden

The collaborative vegetable garden has been tilled and we are in need of plant donations. After consulting with local food pantries the plants most needed are tomatoes, peppers, winter squash, herbs (basil, mint, parsley), eggplant, green onions. All donations can be left on the side of the St. Isidore garage. We are also in need of volunteers (social distancing guide lines will be in place) to help maintain the garden through the summer and to drop off produce at the food pantries. If you can help please call or email Robin at 987-897-2710/ robin@applevalleycatholic.org.



CLOW Offered Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. via Facebook Live!

Young children and their parents can log into our Apple Valley Catholic Collaborative Face Book page to participate on Sunday mornings at 9:30am from their homes in a live and interactive Children’s Liturgy Of the Word (CLOW). We are most grateful to our CLOW leader, Tom Spataro and his children, who have been leading CLOW remotely each week. This past Sunday’s Homily for the children focused on the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit, three persons in one, alive within each of us!



Tom used the triangle shape, filled with many of the spiritual gifts that we receive from the trinity, to illustrate the trinity to the children.

Thank You for Your Support!

In the words of one of our staff members:
 “Our parishioners are true disciples!”

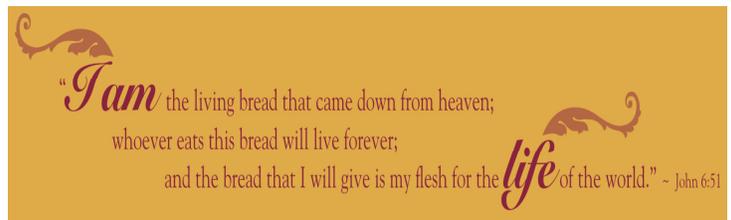
Whether you send your support through Online Giving, EFTs, mailed-in envelopes or the 90 Days Now Campaign, please know of our heartfelt gratitude. Your donations help us to bring people to Jesus, form disciples and transform the world. We are especially grateful during these difficult times, as we navigate the waters of change that lie ahead of us.

First Communion Children Sunday morning Zoom Calls at 10:00 a.m.

We miss you and your children, and invite you to keep connected by joining our First Communion children zoom meetings every Sunday Morning at 10:00! The zoom gatherings are informal, and last about a half an hour. The purpose is to allow the children to see one another, to share how their week has been, and to talk about the BIG faith question of the week. This week’s discussion was on being **courageous**, how each of the children are called to set a good example for their brothers and sisters, even when it may be difficult, and to show them love and patience as Jesus taught them.

Important Vacation Bible School Announcement

Our “Rocky Railway” adventure will be postponed to next summer, 2021. This decision has been made by our VBS Director, Sarah Burianek and our pastoral staff, in order to protect the health and safety of all of our participants, volunteers, and their families. Please check our website for creative and safe ways that your family can participate in summer faith adventures from home. Please contact *Joan Mattila*, Coordinator of Young Family Ministries with any questions.



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH	
<u>For the week ending 6/7/20</u>	
Mailbacks:	\$ 3,800
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	\$ 2,117
90-Days NOW!	\$ 455
Online Giving	\$ 400
Total Parish Support:	\$ 6,772
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 614,791
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ <u>651,133</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	\$ (36,342)
Target is \$698,000 for the year ended 6/30/2020	
St. Vincent de Paul online giving:	\$
St. Vincent de Paul collection:	\$ 90

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE	
<u>For the week ending 6/7/20</u>	
Mailbacks:	\$ 1,345
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):	\$ 2,604
90-Days Now!	\$ 277
Online Giving	\$ <u>305</u>
Total Parish Support:	\$ 4,183
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ 241,639
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2019:	\$ <u>244,326</u>
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2019:	\$ (2,687)
Grand Annual (67% of 65K goal)	\$ 43,725
Target is \$260,000 for year ended 6/30/2020	
St. Vincent de Paul online giving	\$ -
St. Vincent de Paul collection	\$ 75

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Update on 90 Days Now! Campaign

To date, our Collaborative has raised over \$17,000 in this first phase of the campaign. Thank You for your participation and generosity!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and talent to:

- ◆ Keep our community connected!
- ◆ Make our weekly Mass available online!
- ◆ Take care of our buildings and grounds and gardens!
- ◆ Empty the pews of all books and papers, and dry-mop and wet-mop Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church for opening on June 14th!
- ◆ Make it possible to return to Phase 1 Masses!



This allows you to make offertory and other contributions (beyond the special 90 Day Now Campaign) throughout the year, without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. This site lets you set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. Please go on our website page:

<https://22049.sites.ecatholic.com/donate>

The Spiritual Direction Training Program at St. Anthony Shrine, Boston

Do you find people wanting to talk with you about their lives? Are you increasingly interested in developing your own spiritual life while also feeling called to the ministry of spiritual companionship with others? They are accepting applications for the 2020-2022 program beginning in September. Classes meet on Saturdays, nine times a year for two years. Classes may initially be held online, transitioning to in person meetings once it is safe to do so.

For more information, please visit bit.ly/SDBoston2019 or contact Carol Mitchell at 727-492-8315 or cmitchell@stanthonyshrine.org. Application deadline is July 1, 2020. St. Elizabeth's parishioner Lucretia Yaghjian is on the SDP Teaching Team, and would be happy to answer any questions about the Program that people might have. Email: lucretia.yaghjian@comcast.net

Please stay connected through our Apple Valley Catholic Community's website. Check out some of our newest pages:

- o Pray With Us
- o Being Church in a Time of Pandemic

We are comforted by the fact that God continues to bless us and is with us always in Jesus. We are a united community in love and we continue to be united to Jesus and each other through prayer.