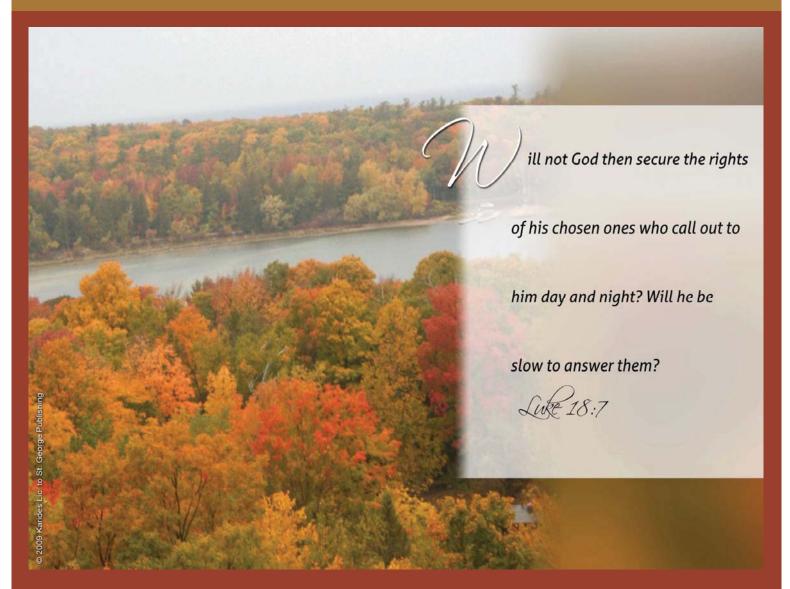
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We Welcome YOU!

At the Apple Valley Catholic Community, we live out the commandment Jesus gave to his disciples when he said "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. "(John 13:34). We live this commandment by acknowledging we are all, in one way or another, our sister's and brother's keepers.

We affirm the dignity and worth of each person regardless of your race, nationality or ethnic group, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, age, socioeconomic class, married, single, divorced, Mass attendance, or anything else. We affirm that we are all God's children and part of the one family of God and that means We Welcome YOU.

Special Collection This Weekend

Cardinal Seán has authorized a special collection to be taken this weekend, October 15/16 in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston, in support of the relief efforts in the dioceses of Puerto Rico and southeastern United States devastated by hurricane Ian.

Please continue praying for those impacted by hurricane Ian and the many volunteers that are meeting immediate and long-term needs.

> Contemplative Prayer Service In The Style Of Taizé – This Friday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m.



Are you longing for some quiet time to be still and connect with God? Join members of our community as we pray in the style of the Taizé Community on Friday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church. During this contemplative prayer service of simple repetitive songs and scripture readings you are invited to light a candle, bring it to the cross with your worries and burdens, and let the peace of Christ fill your soul. We hope you join us!

Save the date - Remembrance Service Friday, November 4 - 7:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Church

Congratulations to
Mr. and Mrs. Brandon and Kayla (Dee) Lambert
who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage
at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church
on October 8th.

May their lives be blessed with many years of blessings and happiness as husband and wife.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 15, 4:00 p.m. Ron Fitzgerald, Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 16, 10:45 a.m. Frederick Blacquier, Memorial Mass

World Mission Collection Next Weekend

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

Catholic Relief Services

Interested in learning about Catholic Social Teaching principle "Option for the Poor and Vulnerable" in action? Come participate in a conversation with Thomas Hollywood of Catholic Relief Services on Tuesday Oct 18, 7 pm. in the Parish Center, sponsored by the Social Justice Ministry and Adult Christian Service Ministry. Find out how CRS is applying this principle in Ukraine, Africa, and other hotspots in the world. Check socialjustice@avcatholic.org for exact room location.

Prayer Wall

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 https://applevalleycatholic.org/prayer-ministry.



29th Sunday In Ordinary Time—October 16, 2022



On Sunday September 25, 2022, following the 10:45 Mass at St. Elizabeth Fr. Jeff, Sean Nelson and our parishioners gathered to bless our new meditation station. Sean Nelson, an Eagle Scot designed, constructed, and built the meditation station with the help from other Scouts and Scout leaders. The project took over four months to build and was completed in early August 2022. The AVCC will benefit greatly with having this meditation station. A big thanks to Sean, the other Scouts, the Scout Leaders, and everyone else who helped with the project.







Mass Times:

Saturday Mass, 4:00 p.m.— St. Isidore Sunday Mass, 8:45 a.m.— St. Isidore Sunday Mass, 10:45 a.m.— St. Elizabeth (Live Streaming Mass) Sunday Mass, 5:00 p.m.— St. Elizabeth

The live stream Mass will be broadcast every Sunday at 10:45 a.m. to our Website, Facebook page and YouTube page.

Weekday Mass:

Monday Mass 9:00 a.m. —St. Elizabeth Tuesday Mass 9:00 a.m.—St. Isidore

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October 2—Blessing Of The Animals



Music News

Do you like to sing? If you can sing on pitch and want to join a wonderful group of people singing praise to God, join us!

Teen Choir (singers and instrumentalists in grades 7 – 12) rehearsal on Monday from 5:45 - 7 p.m. in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall.

<u>Adult Choir</u> rehearsal on Wednesday from 7 – 8:15 p.m._in St. Elizabeth Church. Please enter using the side door by the ramp.

<u>Children's Choir</u> (grades 2 - 6) rehearsal on Wednesday from 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich at andreag@avcatholic.org





Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. The Mass includes a vow renewal and special blessing by the Cardinal.

Couples can register at <u>bit.ly/</u> <u>AnniversaryMass2022</u>. For more information, please email <u>Emily_Elliott@rcab.org</u>.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille helps Christian couples through difficult times in their marriages. Catholic in origin, the program is designed to provide the tools to help couples get their marriages back on track, giving them the opportunity to rediscover one another and examine their lives together in a new and positive way.

For information on the November 11-13 weekends, pleae call 508-271-7155 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.



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St. Elizabeth's St. Vincent DePaul: Conference of Acton/Boxborough (978) 263-4305 ext. 14

St. Isidore's St. Vincent De Paul Conference of Stow (978) 263-4305 ext. 21

Confession:

Saturday, 3:00-3:45 p.m., St. Isidore First Wednesday of each month at St. Elizabeth, 4-6 p.m.



Thank You

"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching." ~ 2 Timothy 4:1-2

Jesus Christ seeks to be in relationship with each and everyone one of us. To encounter Jesus is to experience his love in a meaningful and life transforming way. Your support of our parishes is a reflection of your faith that Jesus Christ is the way and the truth and the life, and your desire that this generation and following generations come to know this. Our faith in action is life changing for ourselves and for those who encounter us. Thank You for your continued engagement and support!

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH

For the week ending 10/2/22

Cash & Check offertory \$ 2,969 Electronic offertory (EFT & Online): \$ 7,094 Total Parish Support: \$ 10,063

Offertory since 7/1/2022:

Total collected offertory \$ 150,659 Total budgeted offertory (1) \$ 158,550 Over (under) budget \$ (7,891)

(1) **B**udgeted offertory (including Increase Offertory of 25k) for the year ended 6/30/23 is 626k.

St. Vincent de Paul collection: \$ 93

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE

For the week ending 10/2/22

Cash & Check offertory \$ 1,197 Electronic offertory (EFT & Online): \$ 1,696 Total Parish Support: \$ 2,894

Offertory & Grand Annual since 7/1/2022:

Total collected offertory & Grand Annual \$ 62,040
Total budgeted offertory & Grant Annual (1) \$ 62,977
Over (under) budget \$ (937)

Budgeted offertory for the year ended 6/30/2023 is \$285k (which includes the Grand Annual of \$45k.

Grand Annual collection for the year ended 6/30/2023 (3% of goal of 45k) \$

St. Vincent de Paul collection \$

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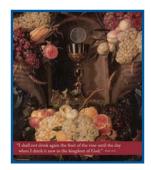
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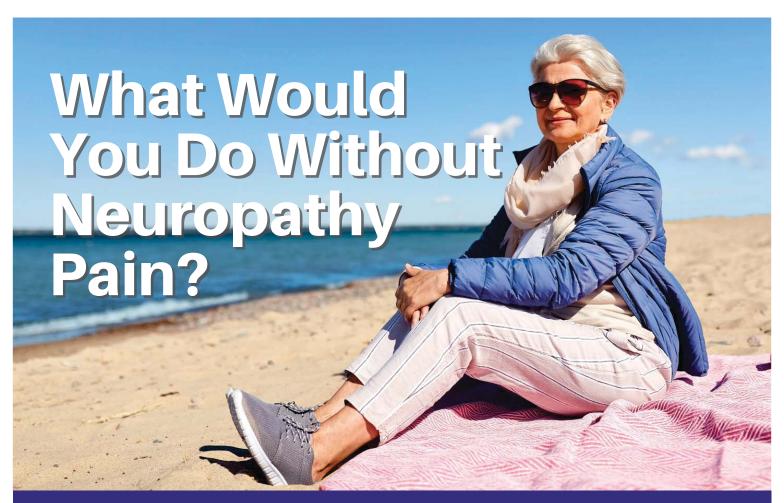




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"Several years ago I was diagnosed with cancer and underwent chemotherapy treatments. I'm now in remission and blessed to still be here but I was in so much pain. My feet and hands were constantly burning - a tingling sensation, almost like when your leg or arm falls asleep," shares Mary of North Reading, MA.

Mary was suffering from Chemotherapy Induced Peripheral Neuropathy, or CIPN. While chemotherapy kills cancer cells, it also causes a lot of other damage throughout the body. Nerves, especially those far away from the brain, are some of the first to be harmed. 30-40% of cancer patients treated with chemotherapy result in peripheral neuropathy.

"Standing all day was not just a challenge, it caused me physical agony. Keeping up with my busy schedule - forget about it. I couldn't even go for walks on the beach." Mary, like so many others, was prescribed Gabapentin to help with the pain and told there was nothing anyone could do - in their words 'there is no treatment for neuropathy.'

Mary then found Min Jeon Lic.AC. of Acupuncture & Wellness Clinic. By blending the time-tested science of acupuncture with more modern, medical technology, Min Jeon has designed a real solution for peripheral neuropathy.

"Acupuncture is incredible at restoring blood flow and stimulating damaged nerves, preventing them from dying off," tells Min Jeon. "We take our treatments a step further by integrating ATP Resonance BioTherapy™ which targets specific nerves in the body using microcurrent. ATP therapy is like watering a plant. This treatment will stimulate the blood vessels to grow back around the peripheral nerves and provide them with the proper nutrients to heal and repair."

After only four weeks of treatment Mary is already seeing incredible improvement. "I've taken the handicap placard off my rearview mirror and I'm finally back to walking on the beach. I can't wait to see how I feel at the end of my program! I used to think that this pain was just the price I have to pay for still being alive. Min has really given me hope for a better life!"

The number of treatments needed to allow the nerves to fully recover will vary from person to person and can only be determined after a detailed neurological and vascular evaluation. If you or someone you love is suffering from peripheral neuropathy (of any origin) call (781)221-0162 to schedule a consultation with Min and the staff at AWC Acupuncture.

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