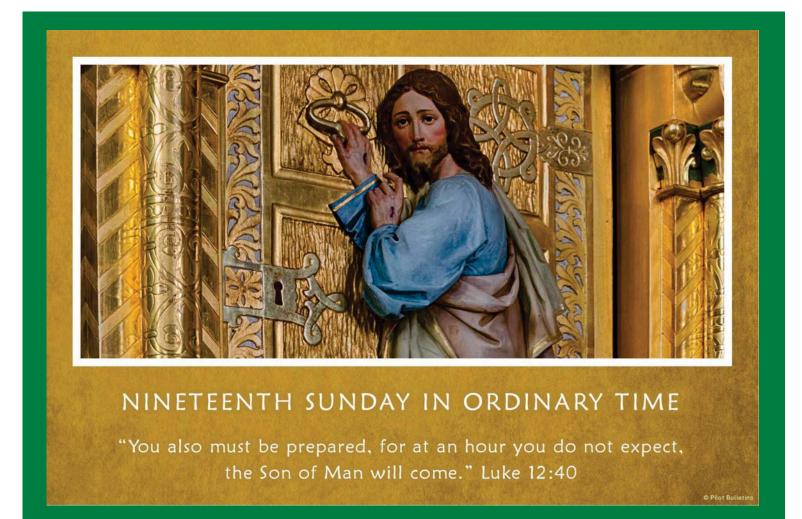
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St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish 89 Arlington St. Acton, MA 01720



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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.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday August 9, 5:00PM M S Joshy, Memorial Mass

Sunday August 10, 8:45AM Joan Marie Benjamin, Memorial Mass

New CORI Forms Available

In accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines and our own safety policies, ALL volunteers need to have a current fiscal year CORI form on file. The FY 26 CORI forms are now available on our website or in the gathering spaces. If you volunteer in ANY capacity at AVCC, please complete a new CORI and return it to your staff coordinator.

For more information, go to avcatholic.org/volunteers

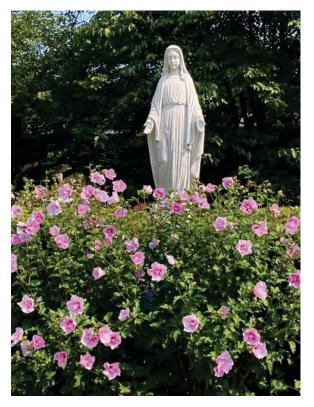
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Upcoming Events

August 24 - Blessing of the Backpacks **September 13** - Living Through Loss Retreat

September 14 - LIFT Off BBQ

September 21 - Catechist Sunday

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Faith Formation Classes Begin

October 4 -

Food Truck and Craft Beer Fest













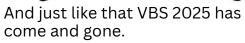












We are so grateful for the time and energy everyone invested in building friendships, growing closer to Jesus, and living His mission through generous tuna can donations.













Saturday, October 4, Noon-6pm 89 Arlington St. Acton

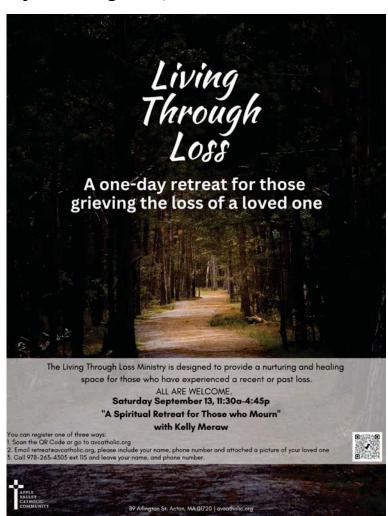


Mark Your Calendars!

We're thrilled to launch a brand-new event this Fall: the Apple Valley Food Truck & Craft Beer Fest! Join us on Saturday, October 4 for an afternoon filled with delicious eats, local craft brews, live music, children's activities, and more.

It's a fun and festive way to connect with neighbors and friends from our parish communities. All are welcome; bring a friend and come celebrate the season with us!

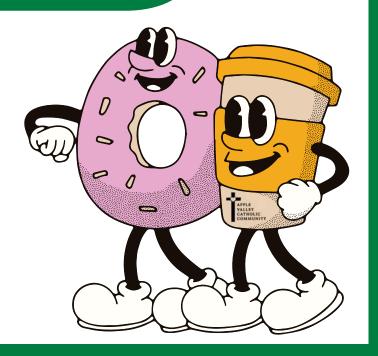




Seeking Coffee and Donuts Helpers

We are looking for one or two more households who would be interested in helping out once a month with our coffee and donuts hospitality at St. Isidore or St. Elizabeth.

Please email toms@avcatholic.org or sheilab@avcatholic.org if you are interested in helping out!



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Fall Alpha Series

Wednesday evenings: September 10 - November 12

St. Isidore's Church Hall, Stow Dinner: 6:30-7 - Alpha Session 7-8:30

Plans are now in place for AVCC's next Alpha series for adults 18+ starting in September.

Each session begins with a complimentary dinner followed by a short video that addresses some difficult questions people have about Christianity.

Whether you would like to deepen your faith or maybe know someone who's seeking but is not sure where to begin or perhaps have no faith at all, the Alpha series opens up the opportunity for guests to air their opinions, thoughts, etc., in meaningful discussions in a safe environment. There is no teaching, no weekly prep reading, no fees and everyone is welcome. Come join us on September 10 at our "come and see" session.

Registration is required for headcount

Register at: avcatholic.org/alpha

For questions or further information email: alpha@avcatholic.org



Please be aware of an ongoing scam targeting churches, including our own recently. Scammers are impersonating Fr. Jeff by email or text, asking parishioners to purchase gift cards for someone in need or for a supposed urgent situation.

These messages are fraudulent.

Fr. Jeff will never ask anyone to buy gift cards or send money over email or text.

What to watch for:

- -Messages that seem urgent, secretive, or emotionally pressuring
- -Requests to buy gift cards and share the numbers or photos
- -Emails or texts from addresses that look similar to Fr. Jeff's but are slightly off check the "from address" not just the name.

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Weekend Mass Times

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

Weekday Mass Times

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

Confessions: Saturday, 4:00-4:45 p.m., St. Elizabeth 1st Wednesday of the Month: St. Isidore 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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Thank You

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!'" ~ Luke 12: 49

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 Lord, and your desire that our 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!

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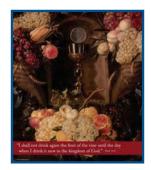
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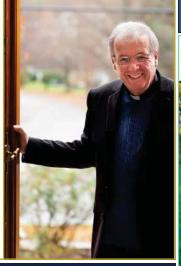
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