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**READINGS THIS SUNDAY (Cycle C)**  
Wis 9:13-18; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14: 25-33

**READING NEXT SUNDAY (Cycle C)**  
Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15: 1-32

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT:**

Total Offertory Last Sunday: 8/29/10):	\$ 4,581
Mailbacks for Week Ending 8/28/10:	\$ 1,117
EFT for Week Ending 8/28/10:	\$ 13,311
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 8/28/10:	\$ 19,009

Total Parish Support since 7/1/2010:	\$ 92,561
Target Parish Support as of 7/1/2010:	\$ 97,460
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2010:	\$ (4,899)

Last week, we also collected \$2,675 for the Diocese of Eluru in India and \$402 for Parish Sharing. Thank you for your generosity.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Catholic University of America, Sept. 11 & 12

**ST. ELIZABETH'S PRAYER LINE**

We have a prayer line for healing of the mind, body and spirit in the St. Elizabeth's community. Septembers' issue of St. Elizabeth's Prayer Line is available. There is a special yellow folder marked Prayer Line on the bulletin board on the right as you enter the Church and also at the side entrance door of the Church. You may call Mary Parrella at 978 263-0767 or by e-mail at vparrella@comcast.net to have your intention listed. For confidentiality, only first names are used and personal information is kept private. Calls will be accepted 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. They are updated on the first Sunday of every month. The deadline is the Thursday before the first Sunday of the month. Please take home a copy and include these intentions in your prayers.

**WORKSHOP ON VISITING THE SICK**

Starting Wednesday, October 13 and running for six weeks, a workshop on Pastoral Care to the Sick and the Homebound will be offered at St. Anne's Parish in Littleton from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Kelly Dunn, a Certified Chaplain and former Director of Health Care Ministry for the Archdiocese, presently serving as Coordinator of Nursing Home Ministry at Holy Family Parish in Concord, will teach the workshop.

The workshop will include a review of communication skills, the basics of pastoral visitation, key illness issues, spiritual needs and concerns, grief, loss and dying, and caregiving issues. Eucharistic ministers, pastoral visitors, parish nurses and others are encouraged to attend. Fee: \$40. A minimum number of registrants needed to sponsor the class, therefore, you must pre-register by call the Archdiocese of Boston, Health Care Ministry office at 617-746-5843.

**UPDATE ON 2010 CATHOLIC APPEAL -  
CALLED TO LOVE AND SHARE**

Thank you to all supporters of the 2010 Catholic Appeal. As of Tuesday, August 31st, our parish has raised \$41,492 from 159 households, reaching 87% of our parish goal of \$47,500. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. Please make your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge later in the year. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the entry way or parish office. For more information visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com) or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!



September 5th, 2010— Twenty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

Vigil Mass: Saturday—5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
First Sunday of the Month at 5:00 p.m. will  
resume in October.

Daily Eucharist this Week:  
Wednesday -Friday at 9:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Saturday 4:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

(use the phone system below for updated info)



This past Wednesday, the Acton Conservation Commission granted us permission to route rain water from the church roof to the wetlands adjacent to our property. The Commission did require a small modification in our plans, and the engineer is now revising the construction drawings. Once they are ready, we'll engage a contractor to do the work. When that work is finished, we'll have an underground system that gathers rain water coming down the church's ten downspouts, and route it to the wetlands, thus preventing that water from ending up in our church basement. Then we'll attend to the church basement. We need to deal with any mold in that area, repair and paint the walls, and put down a new floor surface. Unfortunately the basement won't be available to us until this work is finished. Of course, we are aiming to get that important space back into service as quickly as possible, but it is not possible to say exactly when that will be.

Fr. Walter

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS  
(RCIA) – RECEPTION FOR NEW CATECHUMENS**

At the 8 am Mass on September 12<sup>th</sup>, two adults will be entering our parish RCIA process in a Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate. As part of their formation in the faith they will be sent forth from the assembly each Sunday after the homily to reflect on the scripture readings of the day. As their journey progresses, members of the assembly can give significant support to these Catechumens with prayer and by making them feel welcome in the Church.

Everyone is invited to drop by the parish center hall for a short reception over coffee and munchies around 9:00 am, after the 8 am Mass on the 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be a chance to meet our Catechumens and to extend hospitality as they take this important step closer to the Easter sacraments. Please also include in your prayers their sponsors and the team members who will be journeying with them.



*We extend a warm word of  
welcome to all our visitors and guests.*

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Thursday, 9:15 a.m.— Ted York II, Memorial Mass  
Friday, 9:15 a.m.— Rosemary Quigley Harris, 6th Anniversary Mass

Prayers for the departed: Joseph Bushell

### BAPTISM AT MASS

Saturday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

All are welcome to join the various music groups. Don't be shy; come share your musical gifts with God at Mass. If you have any questions about the music program, please contact Music Director Andrea Goodrich at 978-263-4305, ext.12 or at [amg@seoh.org](mailto:amg@seoh.org)

**St. Elizabeth's Children's Choir** – Children in grades 3 – 6 are invited to join the Children's Choir's first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 8 from 6 -7 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall. The choir rehearses on 3 Wednesday evenings a month, and sings once a month at the 10:30 Sunday Mass. While learning pieces for Sunday Mass, the choir members learn about the parts of the Mass, the liturgical seasons, the scripture readings, and the ministry of sung prayer. The choir celebrates monthly birthday parties and enjoys several pizza parties throughout the year.

The **Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m. Music Ministries** will hold a social and a short rehearsal for returning members and those who are interested in joining either group on Wednesday, September 8 from 7:30 – 9 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome to attend. Rehearsal schedules are flexible to accommodate busy life styles.

The **Youth Choir** will hold a get acquainted pizza social on Thursday, September 9, from 7 – 8:15 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall. Singers and Instrumentalists in grades 7 – 12 are welcome to attend. Rehearsals are held on 3 Thursday evenings a month including the monthly PPP - *pizza, prayer, and practice!* The Youth Choir sings at the Sunday 5 p.m. Mass on the first Sunday of the month from October – April. Come share your gifts and join the fun!

### WELCOME HOME CATHOLICS

Some of us who left the Church know that "coming home" changes lives. Please, everyone spread the good news to every inactive Catholic you know. Our parish is offering a Welcome Home outreach to those who may be pondering how best to live out their spirituality in a personal relationship with God.

We begin on Thursday, Sept. 23 at our parish center. Our six sessions will be held on consecutive Thursdays at 7 p.m. The sessions are presented with warmth, welcome and empathy. We listen with compassion. We answer questions. We briefly present information on the Church, Sacraments, the Bible and Reconciliation, followed by discussions. Hospitality includes beverages and snacks as well as loving and nourishing explanations about our Church and its incredible riches that are available to all who call on Christ's name. This is our faith.

We will meet in the building just to the rear of the church. A priest will be in the parking lot to show you the way. We look forward to meeting everyone who walks through the door. For more information, call Jill Pontius at 978-263-7397.

### CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS TRAINING

All volunteers 17 years old and older must be CORI'ed and VIRTUS-certified in order to work in any ministry which has access to children and youth at St. Elizabeth's. This includes, but is not limited to, chaperoning trips and youth events, liturgical ministries, GOF leaders, Confirmation leaders, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and VBS. Virtus training only needs to be completed once, but the CORI form must be filled out on an annual basis. CORI forms are available in the Parish Office from 9 – 4 or ask the chair person or your ministry.

Virtus Trainings will be offered at St. Elizabeth's this fall at the following times. To register, please contact Barbara Dane at [jhmin@seoh.org](mailto:jhmin@seoh.org) or 978-263-4305, ext. 16

Tuesday, Sept. 14 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Sept. 15 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 16 @ 7:00 p.m.

Trainings will also be available at Holy Family on the following dates. To register, please contact Tony Carbrello at 978-369-7442, x 223.

Saturday, Sept. 11 @ 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday, Sept. 19 @ 1:00 p.m.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word for Children is celebrated 2 Sundays a month at the 10:30 Mass and on one Saturday 5 pm Mass. At the Liturgy of the Word for Children, our children hear the Scriptures proclaimed in language they can understand. They sing psalms and acclamations and engage in interactive discussions about the Scriptures of the day, helping them understand how the Word of God relates to their lives.

We need new volunteers to sustain this program. If you'd like to share your gifts with the children of our community, please contact Bob Mackin: [robert.mackin@gmail.com](mailto:robert.mackin@gmail.com), (978) 635-9524 or Beth McDonough: [beth.mcdonough@concorp.com](mailto:beth.mcdonough@concorp.com), (978) 264-4974.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN (LOWC) SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

5 p.m. Mass Saturday, September 11  
10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, September 19  
10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, October 3  
10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, October 16  
10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, October 31

### ATTENTION NURSES

The Parish Nurses are looking for RNs and LPNs to help take blood pressures after the Masses on the second Sunday of each month. If you would like to help us please contact either Kay Daley at [kayaley38@comcast.net](mailto:kayaley38@comcast.net) or Kathy Taylor at [ktaylor@hallmarkhealth.org](mailto:ktaylor@hallmarkhealth.org).

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held on Friday morning, September 10, from 10 – 11:30 a.m. in Room 4 of the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend as we knit or crochet prayer shawls, scarves, and/or hats for charity. For more information, contact Andrea Goodrich 978-263-4305, x12.