

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

JOHN 1:29



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St. Malachy
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"As a Roman Catholic faith community, we seek to follow the example of St. Veronica who carried the image of Christ always with her. Through fellowship, service and acts of mercy we walk as disciples in Christ's mission together seeking an ever-deeper relationship with God through prayer, education, sacraments, and the celebration of the Eucharist."

This Sunday, we turn our attention to the powerful testimony of John the Baptist in the Gospel of John (1:29-34). John, who prepared the way for the Lord during Advent, now points directly to Jesus and proclaims, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world".

The readings invite us to reflect on our own calling. Just as Jesus came to do The Father's will, we too are called to follow His path and live as members of Christ's body, for our "body is a temple of the Holy Spirit". Let us listen to God's message and actively seek to do His will in our daily lives.

Please continue to pray for Fr. Mahoney, and Fr. Conroy. We are no longer putting Fr. Mahoney's Michigan address in the bulletin as he will be home soon, and mail delivery where he is, is often delayed in some cases a week or more. You can start sending welcome home cards if you wish to the rectory, he looks forward to returning. I also heard from Deacon Giris who was with us this last summer he is recovering from a skiing accident in Vail Colorado with two broken ribs and a punctured lung among his injuries. We pray for him, and Deacon John, and their classmates as they prepare for their Ordinations.

God's Blessing in our New Year,

Father Tom

CRUCIFIX ON THE HILL

As you have most likely noticed the crucifix on the hill outside St. Margaret Church has not been illuminated at night. The wiring of the lighting has corroded under the ground. We are working with an electrician to come up with the best way to update the electrical system safely. We have tried to implemented a few temporary solutions which were not successful. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that we will not be able repair the wiring until the ground thaws in the spring. We will update you when a solution is reached. We know how important the crucifix is to our community and we continue to be diligent in working to fix it.

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

Is there someone special you've been holding in prayer? Perhaps a friend facing illness or surgery, a parishioner who has lost a loved one, or a neighbor who is going through a difficult time or is home bound?

Our ministry knits and crochets beautiful shawls to be given to **anyone** who could use a special reminder of the warmth and comfort of God's love. Every shawl is unique and colorful, stitched with prayers and blessings for the future recipient with following prayer enclosed.

"May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love."

Please call either rectory if you have someone you would like to receive this beautiful gift.
(Donations appreciated.)

"Welcome to St Veronica Parish. Here we are all invited to grow in our relationship with God and to know God's presence through faith, hope, love and ministry."

MASS Intentions

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Saturday, January 17

9:00 am	St Margaret, (Communion Service) Denise Bates Guarino	Memorial
4:00 pm	St. Malachy Joseph & Arlene Lefebvre	Memorial
4:30 pm	St. Margaret Donald & Polly Glasser	Memorial

Sunday, January 18

8:00 am	St. Margaret Julie Ann and David Price, Jr. & Adeline Price	Memorial
10:00 am	St. Malachy Cindy Sullivan	Memorial
12:00 pm	St. Margaret Larry McQuilkin	1st Anniversary

Monday, January 19

9:00 am	St. Malachy Richard, Noreen & Kevin Hanafin and John & Helen Ferren	Memorial
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Tuesday, January 20, (Communion Service)

9:00 am	St. Margaret Mary, Clarence, Dick & Christine Westberg and Grace & Santo Patti	Memorial
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Wednesday, January 21, (Communion Service)

9:00 am	St Malachy Church Ed MacPhail & Linda Beaton	Memorial
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Funeral services were celebrated recently for
Richard Greeley and Jo-Ann Gorrasi
 Kindly include them and their families
 in your prayers.
 Thank you.

Thursday, January 22

9:00am	St Margaret Church
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Friday, January 23

9:00 am	St. Malachy Mark Slomski	Memorial
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Saturday, January 24

9:00 am	St Margaret, (Communion Service)
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4:00 pm	St. Malachy Frank & Jackie Gengo	Memorial
4:30 pm	St. Margaret Robert Callahan	Anniversary

Sunday, January 25

8:00 am	St. Margaret Charlie & Rose Hanafin	Memorial
10:00 am	St. Malachy Dr. & Mrs. Louis F. LaNoce	Memorial
12:00 pm	St. Margaret Richard Ventura	Memorial

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Jan 18	<i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
MONDAY Jan 19	<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21+23/Mk 2:18-22
TUESDAY Jan 20	<i>Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr</i> 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
WEDNESDAY Jan 21	<i>Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
THURSDAY Jan 22	<i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i> 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
FRIDAY Jan 23	<i>Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope</i> 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6+11/Mk 3:13-19
SATURDAY Jan 24	<i>Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
SUNDAY Jan 25	<i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of January 11, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: \$8,733
Online: \$4,254
TOTAL: \$12,987

Weekly Budget **\$16,153**
Income **\$12,987**
Deficit **-\$3,166**

Month to Date: \$28,993

St. Veronica Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$4,825
Online: \$415
TOTAL: \$5,240

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Campaign Statistics as of 1/6/26

Total # of Households:	2,666
Total # Pledged:	455
Total Amount Pledged	\$175,853.00
Total Amount Paid:	\$172,518.00
Average Pledge:	\$386.49
% of Pledges Collected:	98.10%
% of Participation:	17.07



↳ To date 455 of our 2,666 families (17.07%) have pledged
\$175,853.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

LOWELL TRANSITIONAL CENTER



On Wednesday, **January 21st** we will be supplying meals at the Lowell Transitional Center. Bakers are needed to bring homemade desserts to St. Malachy Church by 12:00pm. on Wednesday.

TAX STATEMENT

If you are an envelope recipient and would like to request a donation summary for your tax statement please call 781-272-3111 or email us at stveronica@stveronicaparish.org and we will mail one to you.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. For more information please visit: www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/latin-america/index.cfm

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday the rectories will be closed on Monday, January 19th.

O God... help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children, Black, White, Red, and Yellow, will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the kingdom of our Lord. Amen.

Martin Luther King Jr.



VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT
RETREAT WITH THE
Daughters of St. Paul
SPRING 2026

February 12-16, 2026

Boston, Massachusetts

Retreat includes: Attending a First Profession Mass, Daily Mass, community prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, talks by the Sisters, experiences of the Pauline mission, silent retreat time, community recreation, and more.

(Novice Catherine, will be making her First Vows this weekend!)



For single Catholic women ages 18-30
For more information and to register:
vocations@paulinemedia.com
connect.pauline.org/vocation-events/

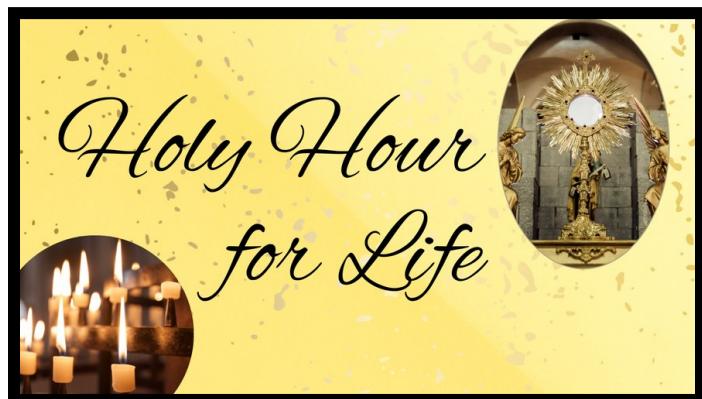


ST. CHARLES
SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE

St. Charles School in Woburn will host an Open House on Sunday, January 22nd from 11:45am to 1:00pm. It will begin with a Mass at 10:30am in the Upper Church and all are encouraged to attend. Tours will consist of classroom meetings with faculty, students and parents. Families of students entering preschool through 8th grade are encouraged to attend. The last tour will begin at 12:20pm.

St. Charles is a preschool through 8th grade that offers students and outstanding, faith-based education. Our core values: honor, respect, service, faith and effort are carried throughout our curriculum and daily interactions. Come and learn from students, families and faculty why St. Charles is the right choice for your child!

For more information please go to our website saintcharleswoburn.com or contact the school office at 781-935-4635.



St. Veronica's annual Holy Hour for Life will take place on Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm at St. Malachy's Church. This Holy Hour will be held at parishes throughout the Archdiocese in solidarity with those who travel to Washington DC for the annual March for Life. We will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life. The Holy Hour for Life is organized by Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us; all are welcome. We are also planning to live-stream the service for those unable to attend.

CAFE ESCADRILLE
February 22 | 2:00-5:00 PM

Hosted by Bob Murray & Café Escadrille

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE
BURLINGTON FOOD PANTRY

13th Annual Wine Tasting & Charity Auction

Sunday February 22, 2PM - 5 PM

Café Escadrille

26 Cambridge St, Burlington MA

Tickets: \$75 Per Person

Limited tables of 12 available

Scan for Tickets!

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**GRADES 1, 3-5 SCHEDULE**

Family of Faith Gatherings.

3/22 - Penance Service at 6:00pm at St. Malachy Church

4/3 - Live Stations of The Cross at 3:30pm at St. Malachy Church

GRADE 2**First Reconciliation Retreat:** 1/25 1:30pm - 4:00pm at St. Margaret School Building**First Reconciliation Ceremonies:**

1/31 - at 12:00 at St. Margaret Church

2/7 - at 12:00pm at St. Malachy Church

First Communion Retreat: 4/12 - 1:30pm - 4:00pm at St. Margaret School Building**First Holy Communion Rehearsal:** 5/1 - 7:00pm at St. Margaret Church**First Holy Communion Mass:** 5/2 - 12:00pm at St. Margaret Church**First Holy Communion Rehearsal:** 5/15 - 7:00pm at St. Malachy Church**First Holy Communion Mass:** 5/16 - 12:00pm at St. Malachy Church**GRADES 6 & 7****MONDAY**

7:00pm – 8:00pm
1/26
2/2 & 9
3/2

WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm
1/28
2/4 & 11
3/4

Lenten Penance Service: 3/22 at 6:00pm at St. Malachy Church**Live Stations of The Cross:** Good Friday, 4/3 at 3:30pm at St. Malachy Church**CONFIRMATION: GRADES 8 & 9**
MONDAY

7:00pm – 8:00pm
1/26
2/2 & 9
3/2

WEDNESDAY

1/28
2/4 & 11
3/4

CONFIRMATION WILL BE MAY 19, 2026
AT ST. MARGARET CHURCH

GRADE 8 AT 5:00PM
GRADE 9 AT 7:00PM

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR
GRADES 10-12

Grade 12 please see scholarship applications on next page.

2/1/2026 Mary, Blessed Mother
3/8/2026 Lenten Mission - St. Malachy Church 7PM
4/12/2026 Marian Apparitions
Class runs from 5-6 PM.

PRAY for VOCATIONS

Jesus commanded us to pray for vocations with his words, “Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations
<https://serraus.org>

**PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING
LOW GLUTEN EUCHARIST**

Congregants requesting low gluten hosts are NO LONGER required to stop into the Sacristy before Mass. Instead, you are invited to come to the altar during the Lamb of God and are asked to stand on the opposite side of the altar from the Eucharistic Ministers to receive the low gluten eucharist before common distribution begins.

THE PRAYER HOPE LINE:
781-273-HOPE (4673)

Are you or someone you know in need of a prayer? Do you know someone who is ill or perhaps suffering with an emotional problem? Give a call to the **Prayer Hope Line at 781-273-4673**. When you call, listen to the prayer and then state your personal request, for example: ‘Kindly pray for John who has cancer’ or ‘Pray for Mary who is having surgery’, etc. Please do not leave full names or phone numbers on the Prayer Hope Line. Members of the Catholic parish communities in Burlington will be honored to include your intentions in their prayers.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (Colossians 4:2)

ST. VERONICA – SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Application for Scholarship

Scholarship to be awarded to students who best fulfill the following requirements:

Student must have overall and consistent Religious Education attendance

Student's service to St. Veronica Parish and community will be considered

Complete application and attach a copy of Transcript.

Submit essay on **How does your faith influence your academic and career aspirations?**

Deadline: April 18, 2026

Scholarship money will be available in February after receipt of first semester completion along with a second semester tuition bill. See Kathy Keady at St. Malachy Rectory for funds.

ST. VERONICA – General Application Scholarship

Scholarship to be awarded to students who best fulfill the following requirements:

Student must be a member of St. Veronica Parish

Student's service to St. Veronica Parish and community will be considered

Complete application and attach a copy of Transcript.

Submit essay on **How have your experiences in the Catholic Church shaped your understanding of service and leadership?**

Deadline: April 18, 2026

Scholarship money will be available in February after receipt of first semester completion along with a second semester tuition bill. See Kathy Keady at St. Malachy Rectory for funds.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Friday: 6:00 - 7:00 pm (chapel)

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Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am; and 12:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm (lower church)

**THE PRAYER HOPE LINE:
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If would like to receive St. Veronica emails please send your name and email address to:

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