

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY **SALVATION**

PSALM 27:1

**St. Veronica Parish, a publication of
St. Malachy & St. Margaret Churches
January 26, 2026**

"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."

How quickly life changed for John the Baptist, two weeks ago we celebrated the Baptism of Jesus by him, last week He identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God, a new covenant not sealed in the blood of a lamb, the covenant this is body which is for you and this is my blood poured out for you. Now John is arrested, but he has already started the motion of the Messiah remember the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism; "this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Priests and Deacons know that each and every time we baptize with Water we are also baptizing with the Spirit of God we call the Holy Spirit down upon the Water when we bless it. Ever wonder why the Holy Spirit is depicted as a dove. It was a dove Noah released to see if there was dry land and when it returned with the Olive Branch and Noah knew there was dry land because an olive tree was growing. I read a story once that said the Dove was the most colorful bird, all the colors of the rainbow. When Noah asked if any of the birds would leave the Ark to see if there was dry land, one by one all species of birds came up with excuses as to why they couldn't, but not the Dove. After flying through the rain and finding the dry land as it returned to the Ark all the birds and other animals looked in disbelief, the Dove lost all its color. The Dove didn't care, he was relieved that he could return to the Ark with the message there was dry land, losing his color was a small price. Like the Dove's announcement at Jesus Baptism by John, we should strive to be pleasing to God in thought, word, and deed.

God Bless You All,

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 implement a few temporary solutions which were not successful. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that we will not be able to 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

Saturday, January 24

9:00 am **St Margaret, (Communion Service)**
 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

Monday, January 26

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
 Patrick & Mary Sullivan
 and Michael & Margaret Reilly Memorial

Tuesday, January 27

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
 Rev. Albert Sallese 2nd Anniversary

Wednesday, January 28, (Communion Service)

9:00 am **St Malachy Church**
 Cynara Ferrao Memorial

Thursday, January 29, (Communion Service)

9:00am **St Margaret Church**
 William Robinson Memorial

Friday, January 30

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
 Maria D’Alelio Birthday Memorial

Saturday, January 31

9:00 am **St Margaret, (Communion Service)**
 4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
 Norma & Edward Alfano Memorial
 4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
 Judy Murphy 1st Anniversary
 & Jack Murphy Memorial

Sunday, February 1

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
 Terri Natale 1st Anniversary
 10:00 am **St. Malachy**
 David Alden 1st Anniversary
 12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
 Frank Presti Birthday Memorial



Funeral services were celebrated recently for
Patrick DiTucci, Denise Guarino
Gabriel Carriero, Viola LeBlanc
John J. Collins, Patricia McDade
& Steven Clifford

Kindly include them and their families
 in your prayers.
 Thank you.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Jan 25	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 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
MONDAY Jan 26	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 3:22-30
TUESDAY Jan 27	Saint Angela Merici, Virgin 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
WEDNESDAY Jan 28	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
THURSDAY Jan 29	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
FRIDAY Jan 30	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
SATURDAY Jan 31	Saint John Bosco, Priest 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
SUNDAY Feb 1	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of January 18, 2026

Envelopes & In Church: \$9,486

Online: \$4,731

TOTAL: \$14,217

Weekly Budget \$16,153

Income \$14,217

Deficit -\$1,936

Month to Date: \$43,210

St. Veronica Building Fund

Envelopes & In Church: \$225

Online: \$499

TOTAL: \$724

GRAND ANNUAL

Campaign Statistics as of 1/21/2026

Total Amount Pledged

\$179,503.00

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

This 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



The January gathering brought in a handful of new people... Praise God! Our February gathering (weather permitting) will be on **Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:30pm at St. Malachy's Parish Hall**. Please always enter through the back door, via the Chapel, as all other doors will be locked. All are always welcomed... please come and join us! Our primary goal? To help each other get to Heaven. Any questions, feel free to text or call Laurie at 617-680-4448.



If school is delayed, canceled or if road conditions are dangerous any day, there will be no morning Mass.



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/



Hosted by Bob
Murray & Café
Escadrille



13th Annual Wine Tasting & Charity Auction

Sunday February 22, 2PM - 5 PM

Café Escadrille

26 Cambridge St, Burlington MA

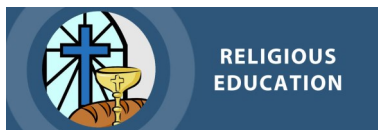
Tickets: \$75 Per Person
Limited tables of 12
available

Scan for Tickets!



PRAYER FOR SOLIDARITY

Merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask you to help us grow in unity and solidarity with the faithful around the world, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Grant us the grace to give generously of our time, treasure, and talent to those in need. May we learn from the example of St. Junípero Serra, St. Rose of Lima, St. Óscar Romero, and all the saints from the Americas, and share our faith with humility and love. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

**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

2:00pm - 3:30pm

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, return to either rectory or email to
11-12reled@stveronicaparish.org

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, (781-272-5111) 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, return to either rectory or email to
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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)

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