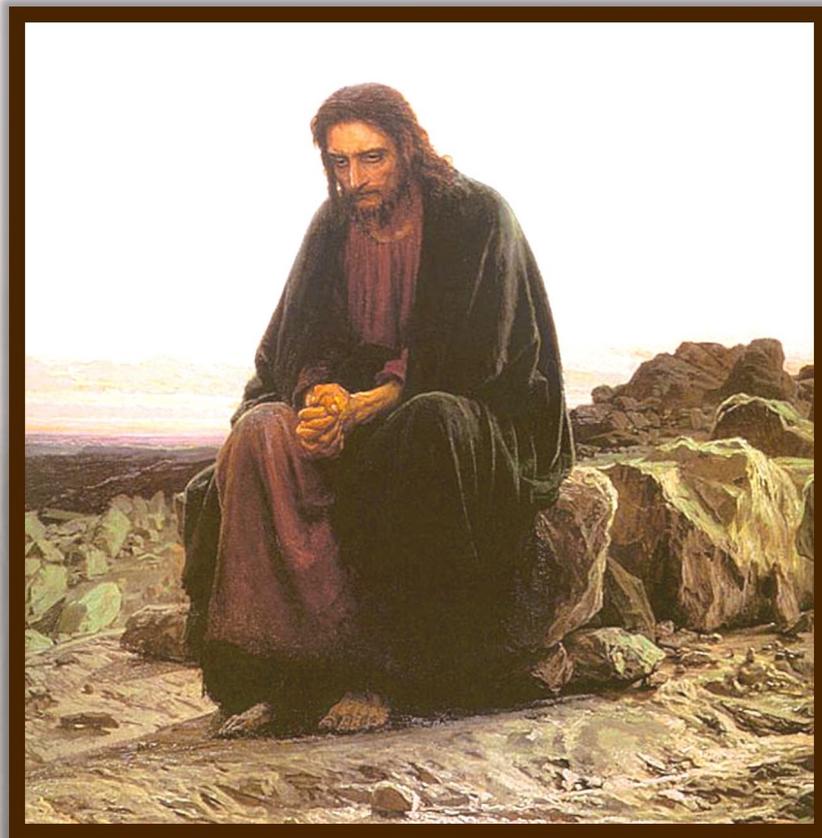


**St. Veronica Parish, a publication of  
St. Malachy & St. Margaret Churches  
February 22, 2026**

First Sunday of Lent



Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."  
Jesus said in reply, "It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*"

Matthew 4:2-4

*"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."*

Dear Saint Veronica Parishioners,

Happy Lent! I know that might sound strange with all the Fasting, Abstinence and Alms Giving. These practices are meant to bring us closer to God, so this should be a Happy Lent for us all. In today's Gospel, Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to soothe his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation and rebukes the devil with words from Scripture. Jesus shows us that he will not put God to the test. He grounds himself on the word and authority of Scripture and is confident in God's protection and faithfulness from the devil. As we start our journey through Lent, we are called to have the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.

**Lent is a Penitential Season.** We will continue to offer Confessions on Friday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 at St. Malachy and on Saturday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Margaret. You have heard me say it in the past: We have a lot of good sinners here in Burlington. Open yourself to God's loving forgiveness.

**Should I go to confession if I'm only aware of having committed venial sins?** Yes. We should not stay away from confession if we've committed only venial sins, since the sacrament not only forgives our sins but gives us God's grace to fight against temptation. The great saints, who were filled with love of God and seem for the most part to have avoided mortal sins, have confessed very frequently, because the sacrament helps us to grow in God's grace. It reveals to us our need for God's help in the "little things" of the day and leads us to ask for that help.

**Should I go to confession if I haven't committed any sins since my last confession?** If it's been several weeks or longer since your last confession, you have probably not examined your conscience very carefully. The Book of Proverbs tells us, "The just man falls seven times a day" (Prov 24:16). If you're struggling to find matter to confess, examine your conscience on your sins of omission (what I could have done and failed to do) or on whether you in fact love the Lord with your whole heart, mind, soul and strength (Lk 10:27).

**Lenten Practices: Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.**

**ABSTINENCE** is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

**Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer** are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.



## 2026 Catholic Appeal

This year's *Catholic Appeal* theme, *Together We Are One*, is a reminder of our communion in the Lord Jesus Christ and our call to be united as the Body of Christ. Our diverse and complex Archdiocese is a family of faith with a shared mission to spread the Gospel. One of the most meaningful ways that we deepen the impact of our Archdiocese's schools, parishes, and ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. Your partnership and participation carry Christ's love into our communities and spread hope. Many of you may have received a letter from Archbishop Richard Henning requesting your support of the 2026 Catholic Appeal. We hope that you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution makes a difference. Your early support will help launch our parish campaign in a positive way.

The Appeal is a primary means by which we enfold our brothers and sisters into Christ's circle of care. To make an online pledge, please visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). On behalf of Archbishop Henning and all who benefit from your generosity, Thank you.

Let us pray for each other. God bless,  
Father Mahoney

*“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, February 21**

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

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
Harry Romano Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**  
Eleanor Castellano Birthday Memorial  
& Michael Castellano Memorial

**Sunday, February 22**

8:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Francis Smith Birthday Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Sean McGarry 2nd Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
Richard, Noreen & Kevin Hanafin  
and John & Helen Ferren Memorial

**Monday, February 23**

9:00 am **St. Malachy**  
John Zofchak Memorial

**Tuesday, February 24**

9:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Maria Angelina Costa Memorial

**Wednesday, February 25**

9:00 am **St Malachy**  
Special Intention

**Thursday, February 26**

9:00am **St Margaret Church**  
Patricia McDade Month’s Mind

**Friday, February 27**

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

**Saturday, February 28**

9:00 am **St Margaret, (Communion Service)**  
Ed MacPhail Birthday Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
James & Paul Callahan Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**  
Anna, Peter, Don & Joan DiRienzo  
and Bill & Jon Glynn Memorial

**Sunday, March 1**

8:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Charlie & Rose Hanafin Memorial  
and Lorna Damon Birthday Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Alyce Bertolami 1st Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
Carmella Dardeno 1st Anniversary  
& Jeanne Jones 1st Anniversary

Hearing Aids were found at St. Margaret Church on Saturday 2/14/26. Please call 781-272-3111 if they belong to you.

Funeral services were celebrated recently for  
**Helen Consolazio, Richard Calvert  
& Len Evans**  
Kindly include them and their families  
in your prayers.  
Thank you.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026	
<b>SUNDAY</b> Feb 22	<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b> Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
<b>MONDAY</b> Feb 23	Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
<b>TUESDAY</b> Feb 24	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Feb 25	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-1/Lk 11:29-32
<b>THURSDAY</b> Feb 26	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Mt 7:7-12
<b>FRIDAY</b> Feb 27	<i>Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i> Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
<b>SATURDAY</b> Feb 28	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
<b>SUNDAY</b> Mar 1	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/ Mt 17:1-9

## ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**Weekend of February 16, 2026**  
**Envelopes & In Church: \$11,730**  
**Online: \$3,964**  
**TOTAL: \$**

**Weekly Budget \$16,153**  
**Income \$15,694**  
**Deficit -\$459**

**Month to Date: \$45,995**

**St. Veronica Building Fund**  
**Envelopes & In Church: \$1050**  
**Online: \$639**  
**TOTAL: \$1,689**

**Grand Annual Total Amount Pledged**  
**\$180,513**

## SUPPORT FOR CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD

This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions.

Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world. For more information about each of these organizations go to their websites:

1. CRS: [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)
2. Church in Africa: [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa)
3. Church in Central and Eastern Europe: [www.usccb.org/ceee](http://www.usccb.org/ceee)
4. Military Archdiocese: [www.milarch.org](http://www.milarch.org)
5. Catholic Home Missions: [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions)
6. Black and Indian Missions <https://blackandindianmission.org>

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS  
OUT TO ST VERONICA PARISH**

## A Message from Archbishop Henning:

Greetings, Friends.

*It is good to be with you.*

*This year's Catholic Appeal theme is **Together We Are One**. It is a reminder of our communion in the Lord Jesus Christ and our call to be united as the Body of Christ. Our diverse and complex Archdiocese is a family of faith with a shared mission to spread the Gospel.*

*Here in the Archdiocese of Boston, people are deepening their faith, rediscovering prayer, and returning to the sacraments with curiosity and hope. This quiet but unmistakable renewal is both encouraging and exciting.*

*Your support of the Catholic Appeal sustains parish life: fosters vocations, forms the faith in our young people and adults, supports our Catholic schools, provides outreach to the most vulnerable, and more. With your prayers, your generosity, and your partnership, the Catholic Appeal empowers your parish and so many others to flourish in faith.*

*Your generosity continues to humble and inspire me, and it is a great blessing to minister here. Together, we are co-workers with the Lord, participating in His work of healing and reconciliation for the world.*

**Together We Are One.**

*In Christ,*

**Archbishop Richard G. Henning**

*Archbishop of Boston*

## 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.

We are blessed and excited to announce the return of Sr. Lisa Valentini of The Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus to our parish. Many of you will likely remember when Sr. Lisa spoke at our parish several years ago in support of her missionary work. Her talk was infectious, alive with the love of Christ, and her charismatic spirit was contagious. Please see the announcement below.



You are UNCONDITIONALLY and INFINITELY LOVED!

(Always have been and always will be. . .)

Our Pastor, Father Mahoney and all of St. Veronica Parish invite you to come and reflect together on God’s Love with Sister Lisa Valentini, MSC during our Lenten Parish Mission: Sunday, March 8, Monday, March 9, and Tuesday, March 10  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**\*WE WILL HAVE BASKETS FOR YOUR SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

\* There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration each evening from 6:30 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings we will begin with a half-hour of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m. – for those who are able to join us – then, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., we will pray, (sing a hymn or two) – together – as we listen to and reflect on the Word of God, and His great LOVE for us. . We’ll also talk about how to pray, and how to live our faith in today’s world. We will talk about Jesus, Mary, the Saints, Grace, the Sacraments – particularly Reconciliation and the great Sacrament of Sacraments – the Holy Eucharist.

Please know that you are encouraged and are most welcome to participate in the Mission, even if you are unable to come all three evenings. Also, if you can only come for the time of Adoration, that’s OK, too. .

.Sister feels that whatever Jesus has to say is infinitely more valuable than anything she’ll be sharing. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO PRAY FOR OUR PARISH DURING THESE DAYS OF PARISH MISSION. WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND – IT IS STILL A “PARISH MISSION” – AND THE SPECIAL GRACES AND BENEFITS WILL EXTEND TO THE ENTIRE PARISH – BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. . .

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
OUR LENTEN PARISH MISSION ~  
MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

6:30 p.m. Adoration ~ 7:00 p.m. Talk  
AT ST. MALACHY CHURCH.

Come, be renewed in the Lord’s Love for you!



**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 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**

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
7:00pm – 8:00pm	2:00pm - 3:30pm
3/2	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**

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
7:00pm – 8:00pm	2:00pm - 3:30pm
3/2	3/4

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT: MAY 9th 9am - 5pm AT ST. MARGARET SCHOOL**

**CONFIRMATION WILL BE MAY 19th AT ST. MARGARET CHURCH**  
**GRADE 8 AT 5:00pm**  
**GRADE 9 AT 7:00pm**

**HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR GRADES 10-12**  
**Class runs from 5-6 PM.**

Grade 12 please see scholarship applications on our website.

3/8/2026 Lenten Mission - St. Malachy Church 7PM  
 4/12/2026 Marian Apparitions

**WOMEN’S ACTS RETREAT**

St. William, Tewksbury MA  
 March 26<sup>th</sup> – 29th  
 St. Thecla’s Retreat House, Billerica, MA

We invite you to join us for a spiritually uplifting weekend. Set aside some time for God and yourself. Get away from your usual busy schedule by joining women like yourself seek His answers to life, family and eternity. ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. This weekend is an opportunity to strengthen your faith, renew yourself spiritually, and establish friendships with some great women.

All women age 21 and older are encouraged to attend.

The total cost of the retreat is \$310, and includes lodging, food, beverage, and all activities. A non-refundable registration fee of \$50 to "St. William’s ACTS" must accompany the form to reserve your place. **Please Note: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat.**

Please call Lucie Frautten, retreat director at 978-804-3520 or email at [Lucfra@aol.com](mailto:Lucfra@aol.com) .

**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*



**Lenten Food Drive supporting  
People Helping People**

**Saturday, February 28th &  
Sunday, March 1st**

Volunteers will be in the parking lot during  
All Masses to accept donations

Our shelves are particularly low on the  
following items:

- ✦ Canned Diced Tomatoes
- ✦ Canned Chicken
- ✦ Cooking Oils
- ✦ Coffee (Ground or K-Cups), Tea, Cocoa
- ✦ Kid's Snack Foods

Please continue to help our neighbors in need.

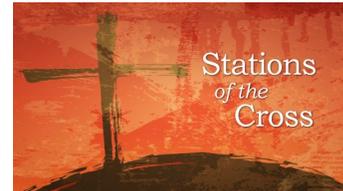


**EASTER CHOIR**

If you are interested in joining either the choir at St. Veronica Parish, Lent or Easter would be a good time to begin. Perhaps considering joining for the Sacred Triduum, the evenings of April 2nd, 3rd, or 4th. All singers from middle school and older are always welcome.



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



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT  
ST MARGARET CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 27TH**

During the season of Lent we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 3:30pm. For those wishing to pray the stations on Friday evenings go to our website and click on the link for "Stations of The Cross".

- March 6th St Malachy Church
- March 13th St Margaret Church
- March 20th St Malachy Church
- March 27th St Margaret Church
- April 3rd St Malachy Church
- Good Friday Live Stations of the Cross

**LENTEN  
FASTING &  
ABSTINENCE**



Fasting	Abstinence
Ash Wednesday Good Friday	Every Friday during Lent
Ages 18-59	Ages 14+

**How do we fast?**

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

**Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?**

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.



**PARISH CLERGY**

**Rev. James M Mahoney** Pastor  
**Rev Thomas J. Stanton** Parochial Vicar  
**Deacon Dick Bilotta** Senior Deacon  
**Deacon Jack Minch** Deacon  
**Deacon John Ippolito** Transitional Deacon  
 (from Pope St. John XXIII Seminary )

**PARISH COUNCIL**

**Bernard Arokiaraj** **Helen Lanagan**  
**Peter Dutton** **Andrea Lamb**  
**Rose Hackett** **Cynthia McNamara**  
**Diane Reale** **Jim Shannon**

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

**Marcia Aulenback** **Joanne Mackey**  
**William Corrigan** **Scott Morency**

**PARISH STAFF**

**Kathleen Keady** Business Manager  
 kkeady@stveronicaparish.org

**Michelle Campbell** Office Administrator  
 Bulletin Editor/Webmaster  
 mcampbell@stveronicaparish.org

**Carly Reidy** Administrative Assistant  
 creidy@stveronicaparish.org

**Chris McCollem** St. Malachy Receptionist  
 cmccollem@stveronicaparish.org

**Ann Pye** Bulletin/Facebook Editor & Webmaster  
 apye@stveronicaparish.org

**Camille Mainardi** Director of Grades 1 and 3-9  
 cmainardi@stveronicaparish.org

**Lauren Lambert** Grade 2 Coordinator  
 grade2@stveronicaparish.org

**Joanne Mackey** Grades 10, 11 & 12  
 11-12reled@stveronicaparish.org

**William M. Donahue** Director of Music  
 (St. Margaret Church)  
 wdonahue@stveronicaparish.org

**Daniel Mainardi** Director of Music  
 (St. Malachy Church)  
 dmainardi@stveronicaparish.org

**Gary Dew** Facilities Manager  
 781-221-0335

**OCIA CLASSES** contact Deacon Dick Bilotta at:  
[deaconbilotta@stveronicaparish.org](mailto:deaconbilotta@stveronicaparish.org)

**Saint Malachy Church**

**99 Bedford Street, Burlington, MA 01803**  
**Tel: 781-272-5111**  
**Fax: 781-270-9407**

**www.stveronicama.org**  
**stveronica@stveronicaparish.org**

**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)

**Saint Margaret Church**

**111 Winn Street, Burlington, MA 01803**  
**Tel: 781-272-3111**

**www.stveronicama.org**  
**stveronica@stveronicaparish.org**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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:**  
**781-273-HOPE (4673)**

**EMAIL LIST**

If would like to receive St. Veronica emails please  
 send your name and email address to:  
[stveronica@stveronicaparish.org](mailto:stveronica@stveronicaparish.org)



Like us on Facebook @  
 St. Veronica Parish!