

St. Veronica Parish, a publication of
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3rd Sunday of Lent



“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:13-14

"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,

This Sunday, and the next few Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. Today we hear the lengthy dialog between Jesus and the woman from Samaria. It is amazing that the conversation happened at all. Jesus, a Jew, speaking to a Samaritan woman in public. Wow! Jews did not get along with Samaritans. And a Jewish man would never speak to a woman in the public square. The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus. She became an evangelist to her own people. It is though this encounter with the Samaritan woman that Jesus teaches his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. It shows the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

Please keep Fr. Tom Stanton in your prayers! Fr. Tom had a Total Hip Replacement this past Thursday, March 5th. It has been a long time coming. It looks like he will be out recovering for up to 6 weeks or perhaps longer. He is planning to rehab for one to two weeks at Regina Cleri in Boston which our retirement home for Boston Priests. He is a hallway neighbor to Fr. Conroy while he is there.

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. Open yourself to God's loving forgiveness. The Sacrament of Penance is a spiritual resurrection bringing us to life again after we were dead through mortal sin (Lk 15:24). It reconciles us with God in loving friendship and restores us to his grace. It is normally followed by peace, joy, serenity and spiritual consolation. The sacrament also reconciles us with the Church, repairing or restoring the damage our sins have done to our communion with others. God loves you, wishes to forgive you, and desires to embrace you with the joy with which the prodigal son was embraced in Jesus' parable (Lk 15:11-32). Do not be afraid. If you are nervous, please just tell the priest that you're nervous and he will help you.

During the Fridays of Lent, at 3:30 p.m. we celebrate Stations of the Cross. We alternate churches each week. This Friday will be at St. Margaret

We call your attention to our Lenten Parish Mission beginning THIS Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 8 through March 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sister Lisa Valentini is our Leader. She is a dynamic speaker and wishes each of us to experience God's love in a new way this Lent. Bring your family and friends.



2026 Catholic Appeal

This weekend, the 2026 Catholic Appeal launches across the Archdiocese of Boston! Please enter into solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need and spread hope by making a gift today. Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Archbishop Henning's invitation to contribute. Through early support, our parish has already reached 21% of our goal of \$96,000 and, together, we are on our way to greater success. Thank you for your support! To make an online pledge, please visit 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

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.

“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* ©JPPC

Saturday, March 7

9:00 am **St Margaret, (Communion Service)**
 Eleanor Spano Martin Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
 James Sweeney Memorial
 Raymond Sweeney Memorial
 William Perry 18th Anniversary
 A.L. Rosy Muthu 3rd Anniversary
 Don Roberts 1st Anniversary

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
 Girard Fortin 1st Anniversary
 Rita Bonugli Birthday Memorial
 Florence Gullotti 4th Anniversary
 James Cahill Memorial

Sunday, March 8

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
 Jim Curtin Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
 Coleman & Joseph Viglione Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
 Richard Abreau & All Deceased Members
 of The Abreau Family Memorial

Monday, March 9

9:00 am **St. Malachy**

Tuesday, March 10

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
 Mark Rigby Memorial

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

9:00am **St Margaret Church**
 Florence Gullotti Memorial

Friday, March 13

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
 The Enterkin & MacKinnon Families Memorial

Saturday, March 14

9:00 am **St Margaret, (Communion Service)**
 All Dignan, Hanafin & Blood Families Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
 Jack Krueger 3rd Anniversary

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
 Paul J. Mackey 13th Anniversary

Sunday, March 15

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
 Ed. MacPhail Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
 Eileen Bakey 5th Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
 Joseph Stanowicz Birthday Memorial
 & Mary Stanowicz 3rd Anniversary

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026	
SUNDAY Mar 8	3rd Sunday of Lent Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
MONDAY Mar 9	<i>Saint Frances of Rome, Religious</i> 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
TUESDAY Mar 10	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6+7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
WEDNESDAY Mar 11	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
THURSDAY Mar 12	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
FRIDAY Mar 13	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14+17/Mk 12:28-34
SATURDAY Mar 14	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
SUNDAY Mar 15	4th Sunday of Lent 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



Funeral services were celebrated recently for **Mary Costello & Francesca Solari**. Kindly include them and their families in your prayers. Thank you.

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of March 1, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: \$10,429
Online: \$5,208
TOTAL: \$15,637

Weekly Budget \$16,153
Income \$15,637
Deficit -\$516

Month to Date: \$15,637

St. Veronica Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$101
Online: \$326
TOTAL: \$427

Grand Annual Total Amount Pledged
\$180,513

CATHOLIC APPEAL COLLECTION

This weekend we will have a 2nd collection to begin our campaign for The Catholic Appeal. Please fill out the envelopes in the pews and place them in the collection basket.

Next weekend will be our collection for the Building Fund.



Our next gathering will be on **Thursday, March 19 at 6:30pm** in the parish hall of St. Malachy's (downstairs from the Chapel of the main church). Last month we were blessed with a handful of new attendees! We have a wonderful community and the growing dedication to this group is truly a blessing. For more information, feel free to reach out to Laurie at 617-680-4448.

THANK YOU....

We had 35 teen volunteers across 5 Masses last weekend. Some were blessed with sunshine & a balmy 50 degrees on Saturday, while others endured MORE winter and SNOW on Sunday!

All the while, the parishioners of St. Veronica parish showed up once again in support of our neighbors in need!

We were able to deliver a truckload of food along with \$1,437 in cash to help keep the People Helping People pantry shelves stocked and ready to serve.

Thank you so much for the continuing impact this parish makes on our community.



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. . .)

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 8th, 9th and 10th 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.

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

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

CONFIRMATION: GRADES 8 & 9

**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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MARCH 12TH

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday, March 12th in the chapel at St. Malachy's Church from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm. No advance sign up will be necessary; spend as little or as much time as you want. Please park in the back parking lot and access the chapel by the rear door of the church.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Led by Cantor Chuck Carnell, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung at 3:00 pm.

Benediction

The evening will close with Benediction.

What to do during Eucharistic Adoration

The primary purpose of Adoration is right there in the name of the act: to adore the One present to us in the Eucharist. Remember that you don't actually have to *do* anything. The greatest gift God gives us is himself, and Adoration is another way for us to recognize that gift outside of receiving the Eucharist at Mass. So, don't overthink it. Just receive the gift.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Small prayer booklets which can be used to help during your meditation will be available. These may be picked up as you enter the chapel.
- Pray in any way that's meaningful to you.
- Pray the rosary. To contemplate the mysteries of Jesus' life in the rosary is to contemplate the mystery of the Eucharist given to us and the Blessed Sacrament we praise in Adoration. So, pairing these prayers is a great habit to get into.
- Read from Holy Scripture.
- Just sit there - receive the gift of Christ in the Eucharist and be at peace in the presence of Our Lord.

Guidelines for Adoration

- Adoration is a time for quiet meditation and prayer. Please remain silent while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Genuflect when entering or leaving a pew and if crossing in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

We plan to have Adoration on the second Thursday of every month, although, in some cases, it may be on a different day.

Please join us in this most important devotion to Our Lord. Rest for a while in the presence of Jesus. Let him fill you with his peace, grace, and love.

Holy Thursday ~ April 2

No 9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
at St. Malachy Church

Good Friday ~ April 3

No 9:00 am Mass

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

{NOTE: There are NO confessions Friday evening at St. Malachy Church}

7:00 pm - Commemoration of The Lord's Passion at St. Malachy Church

Holy Saturday ~ April 4

No 9:00 am Mass

{NOTE: There are NO confessions Saturday afternoon at St. Margaret Church}
NO 4:00 or 4:30 pm Vigil Masses

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass at
St. Malachy Church

EASTER ~ April 5 Sunday Masses

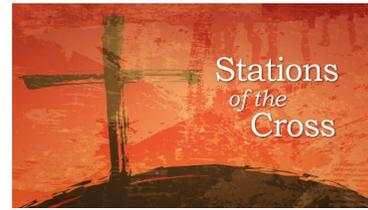
St. Margaret Church
8:00 am & 12:00 pm

St. Malachy Church
10:00 am

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)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST MARGARET CHURCH MARCH 13

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



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Deacon Jack Minch Deacon
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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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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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 send your name and email address to:
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