

**St. Veronica Parish, a publication of  
St. Malachy & St. Margaret Churches  
April 12, 2026**



**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER — DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

"This is important: the courage to trust in Jesus' mercy, to trust in His patience, to seek refuge always in the wounds of His love."

*- Pope Francis*

*"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 Easter! The Lord has been raised from the dead, Alleluia!!! We are within the midst of our Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Shouts of joy ring out from our churches and burst forth from our hearts in this Easter Season. Christ is risen! In a world filled with violence and division, we turn our focus to the ultimate celebration. The resurrection overcomes the darkness of our world and the darkness of sin within us. Christ is alive! And because of that, our spirits are also alive. Alleluia! Remember to keep wishing people a Happy Easter during these 50 days especially in Market Basket and Wegmans.!

A special word of gratitude to all the ministries who did so much in preparing for and ministering during our Triduum and Easter Liturgies last week. Your efforts have glorified the Lord and enriched our celebrations. **Thank you!** It was so wonderful to see the vast number of people who came for the Triduum, the Easter Vigil and Easter Day. It was a bumper crowd this year! It can be like that every week if we ourselves keep inviting our family, neighbors, and friends. Give it a try! The first disciples kept telling the story and inviting others to join them. Be that disciple.

This Second Sunday of Easter is also called the Solemnity of Divine Mercy. Liturgically the Easter Octave has *always* been centered on the theme of Divine Mercy and forgiveness. Divine Mercy Sunday points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made present for us in the Eucharist. In this way, it also sums up the whole Easter Octave.

In today's Gospel Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace (i.e. Reconciliation) and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he began when he said: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Jesus shows the connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The story of Thomas is just like our Christian experience in our world today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to

believe without seeing. Thomas is our witness that Jesus is really risen. Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that came before us beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. We are called to be the Witnesses of Christ and His Church for future generations. It is no small task, but God gives us the grace in Christ Jesus to do so. Ask for the grace to be a true Disciple and evangelize and share the faith with others.

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Clergy Trust for our priests** on Easter. The success of the collection is critical to our ongoing efforts to ensure an appropriate level of care and quality of life programs for priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We are grateful for your full participation and support. Fr. Tom Stanton, Fr. Conroy, and I have all benefited from the Clergy Trust this year because of medical issues. Thank you for joining us in this important effort to ensure that we can continue caring for the health and well-being of our priests in their time of need.

### 2026 Catholic Appeal

I am pleased to share that St. Veronica Parish has raised \$59,362 toward our 2026 Catholic Appeal goal of \$96,000. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. The Catholic Appeal is a primary means by which we enfold our brothers and sisters into Christ's circle of care. If you have not had the opportunity to support the Catholic Appeal yet, I invite you to make your gift today to help us reach our goal. Pick up an envelope in your pew, or at the back of the church or make an on-line donation at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). Your participation in our Catholic Appeal campaign is appreciated by our parish and all those who are served by the ministries funded by the Appeal which support all of our parishes, schools, and communities. 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, April 11**

9:00 am **St. Margaret**  
 (Communion Service)  
 Dennis Reddington Birthday Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
 Alma & George Desrosiers Memorial

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

**Sunday, April 12**

8:00 am **St. Margaret**  
 Mary M. Christiano 6th Anniversary  
 & Ralph P. Christiano Birthday Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
 Theresa Graham 5th Anniversary  
 & Lawrence Graham Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
 Albert Filosa 10th Anniversary

**Monday, April 13, (Communion Service)**

9:00 am **St. Malachy**  
 Robert & Mary Laffin  
 and Eleanor Ackerman Memorial

**Tuesday, April 14, (Communion Service)**

9:00 am **St. Margaret**  
 Charlie & Rose Hanafin  
 and Pat & Roy Farrow Memorial

**Wednesday, April 15**

9:00 am **St Malachy**  
 Rosa Hernandez Birthday Memorial

**Thursday, April 16**

9:00 am **St Margaret Church**  
 St. Anthony Mass of Thanksgiving

**Friday, April 17**

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**  
 Paul, Barbara & Kevin Connolly  
 Memorial

**Saturday, April 18**

9:00 am **St. Margaret**  
 (Communion Service)  
 Christopher Rigby Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
 Albert & Mildred Mayo Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**  
 Joseph & Arlene Lefebvre Memorial

**Sunday, April 19**

8:00 am **St. Margaret**  
 Don & Derek Dignan  
 and Connie & Margaret Hanafin  
 Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
 Felix Sebastian 1st Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
 Frank Antonelli Memorial

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2026 YEAR A	
<b>SUNDAY</b> Apr 12	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
<b>MONDAY</b> Apr 13	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
<b>TUESDAY</b> Apr 14	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Apr 15	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
<b>THURSDAY</b> Apr 16	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2+9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
<b>FRIDAY</b> Apr 17	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
<b>SATURDAY</b> Apr 18	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
<b>SUNDAY</b> Apr 19	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

St. Vincent de Paul Woburn is hosting  
**BINGO** April 19, May 3 and May 17  
 Doors open at 12:30 at The Moose Lodge  
 4 Federal St. Woburn MA

## ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**Good Friday: Holy Land  
Envelopes & In Church: \$2,851  
Online: \$289  
TOTAL: \$3,140**

**Clergy Trust  
Envelopes & In Church: \$19,192  
Online: \$1,094  
TOTAL: \$20,286**

### 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.



Women and Men of Faith... *Everyone (all ages) is invited* to our next gathering on **Thursday, April 16 at 6:30pm** in the church hall at St. Malachy's. Our guest speaker will be our very own **Deacon John Ippolito**. He will soon be ordained as a priest! We are blessed to have him join us. We hope many of you are able to come support Deacon John - bring the whole family! No sign-up is needed - just show up. Any questions, please contact Laurie at 617-680-4448.

### 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)*

**Single Mothers Retreat**  
**Retiro Para Madres Solteras**  
*"Experience Freedom in Christ"*  
*Retiro "Experimenta la libertad en Cristo"*

**SR. CATHERINE MARIE**  
SISTER OF LIFE  
CANADA

**SR. MARIA CHRISTINA**  
SISTER OF LIFE  
ESPAÑA

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions will be observed in St. Margaret's lower church on **SUNDAY, APRIL 12 AT 2:00** Our Lord promises complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on the Feast of Mercy to those who will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on that day. Jesus wishes us to Ask For His Mercy to Be Merciful to Others and to have Complete Trust in His Mercy. Jesus requests a Novena to His Mercy to begin on Good Friday and end on Divine Mercy Sunday. He asks that each day be dedicated to prayers for a different grouping of people. Novena Prayers are located at the entrances to the Church.

**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 2, 2026**  
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**\*FREE EVENT**  
**\*Gratis**

**momentum**  
CATHOLIC SINGLE MOTHERS

St. Mary's Parish  
30 Pond St, Waltham, MA 02451  
Old Convent Building

Childcare & Light Lunch provided  
Cuidado de niños & Almuerzo Liviano

**\*Translation provided\***

Info: **Claudia 617-798-5795**

**CUPO LIMITADO**  
**LIMITED SPACE**

REGISTER HERE  
REGISTRO AQUI

Sponsored by the Lazarus Center for Healing Shrine, Wakefield, MA



## THE BAPTISM MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

After over 10 years of overseeing the Baptism Ministry, Andrea Lamb has decided to step down.

We are grateful to her for her compassion and care over the years. We are in need of one or two parishioners to take her place in providing assistance to families and clergy for the sacrament of baptism. This is a beautiful way to welcome our youngest members into the faith. Your commitment would be once or twice a month on Sunday afternoon. If you are interested in getting more information please call 781-272-3111.



### POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS WORKSHOP

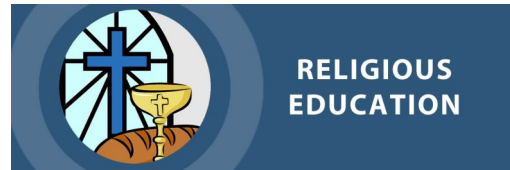
By taking care of your own health and well-being, you become a better caregiver. Minuteman Senior Services is partnering with the Burlington Council on Aging to offer a **Powerful Tools for Caregivers** workshop. This six-week evidence-based course is designed to build the skills caregivers need to take better care of themselves while caring for an adult family member. Topics include stress management, effective communication and relaxation techniques, and managing caregiving transitions.

**Dates:** Wednesdays, April 15-May 20, 2026

**Time:** 5:00-6:30 pm

**To register:** Contact Burlington Council on Aging

**Phone:** 781-270-1950



## 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

## CONFIRMATION: GRADES 8 & 9

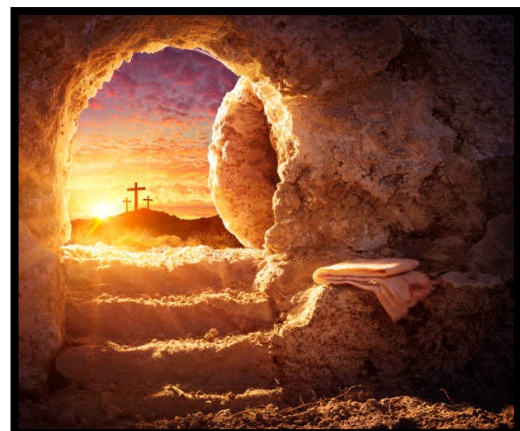
**CONFIRMATION RETREAT:**  
MAY 9th 9am - 5pm  
AT ST. MARGARET SCHOOL

**CONFIRMATION WILL BE MAY 19th**  
**AT ST. MARGARET CHURCH**

**Grade 8 at 5:00pm**  
**Grade 9 at 7:00pm**

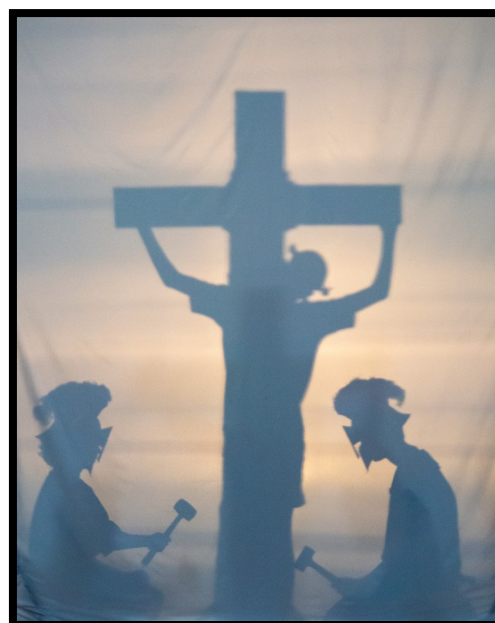
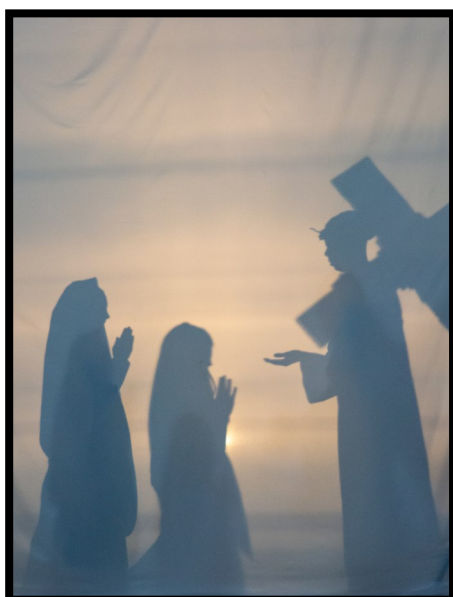
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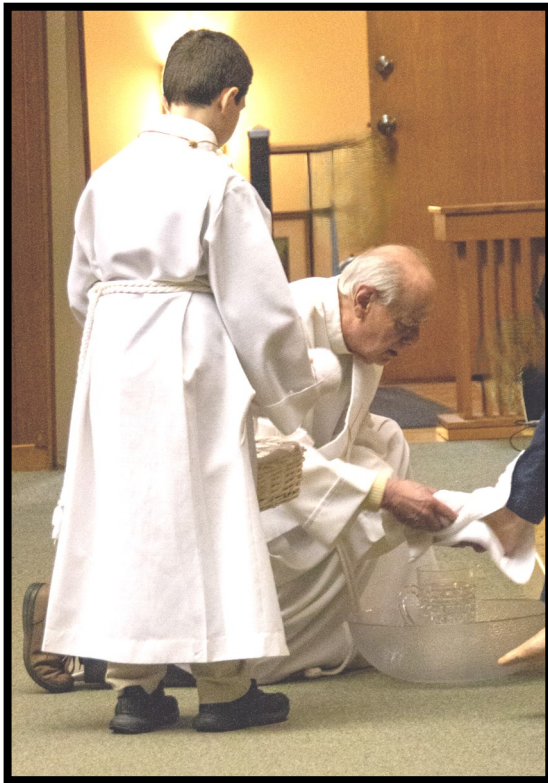
4/12/2026 Marian Apparitions  
5/17/26 **12:00 GRADUATION MASS**  
at St. Margaret Church





Thank you to our Middle School and Confirmation Students. They did a wonderful job portraying the Stations of The Cross: Kaitlyn Eldridge, Isabella Fischenich, Jaxon Ambroise, Jonathan Keane, Liam Cassidy, Theo Bonnar, Fiona Condon, Ben Tauro, Sydney Mahoney, Olivia Steiner, Gabriella Andrade and Eli Hanafin. Thank you to Camille Mainardi whose vision it was to bring the stations to life. Also, to Michele Eldridge, Nicole Fischenich and Ann Pye who helped behind the scenes. 375 people came on Good Friday, it was wonderful that so many people came to support our students.





**HOLY THURSDAY**



**EASTER VIGIL**



**GOOD FRIDAY**



**EASTER SUNDAY**

**PARISH CLERGY**

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 Deacon Jack Minch Deacon  
 Deacon John Ippolito Transitional Deacon  
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 For the Archdiocese of New York  
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 Rev. Paul Sullivan Weekend Assistant

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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)

**Saint Margaret Church**

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

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



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