

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



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Whoever enters through me will be
saved.*

JOHN 10:9

"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. Christ is risen! Christ is alive! Remember to keep wishing people a Happy Easter during these 50 days!

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is commonly called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading from St. John invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Jesus is telling us that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow. He is the new gate in regard to every person. What does it mean to enter through the door/gate which is Jesus? It implies to "get close to Him", "to trust Him", to follow Him and to allow ourselves to be guided by His message.

This Sunday is also called World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As Jesus is the Good Shepherd, we need more Good Shepherds to lead us to the Kingdom. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." Please pray that men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life and secular institutes.

When we pray for vocations, we often pray that the Lord call men from "somewhere" to answer His Call. We almost never think of praying for someone who we may actually know. And we almost never think of praying for someone from our own family. Pray about that. Priests are not "hatched" or come out of the sky. They come from families just like yours. **Family Prayer for Vocations.** Father, increase our family's love for one another. May we honor each other in times of happiness or hardship, bearing with one another in love, just as You love us. In a special way, help us strive for holiness in our current states of life. Should You call some of us to the priesthood or religious life, help us to respond with courage and joy. Together, we make heaven our goal, and pledge, with Your grace, to help each other on life's journey to You. Through the intercession of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Amen.

As we pray for vocations, please pray for Seminarians studying for the priesthood right now; O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood. Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them. Lead the seminarians

daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls. Amen. *Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us.*

As we pray for Seminarians, we especially pray for Deacon John Ippolito who finishes his assignment here next weekend, May 3. Deacon John is returning to his home Archdiocese of New York to be Ordained a Priest on May 23. It has been a wonderful year having him around. He has learned a lot of skills which he will bring back to New York with him as he begins a new ministry as a Priest of Jesus Christ. Please keep him in prayer and wish him well this weekend and next weekend. *Ad multos annos* Deacon John!!! That is a Latin phrase meaning "towards many years" or "for many years," frequently used as a celebratory toast or wish for longevity, health, and prosperity. It acts as a formal "many happy returns," often used in Catholic liturgies, ordinations, anniversaries, and birthdays.



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. I am pleased to share that our parish has raised 74% of our goal. (\$71,302 toward our 2026 Catholic Appeal goal of \$96,000). Our heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make our campaign a success so far. If you have not had the opportunity to support the Appeal yet, I invite you to make your gift today to help us reach our goal. Pick up an envelope in your pew or make an on-line donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Your participation in our Appeal is appreciated by our parish and all those who are served by the ministries funded by the Appeal that put faith into action to support all of our parishes, schools, and communities. 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 25

9:00 am **St. Margaret (Communion Service)**
Paul O’Meara Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Bob Meek Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Mary, Clarence, Dick & Christine Westberg
and Grace, Santo & Dick Patti Memorial

Sunday, April 26

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Michael Fazio, Sr. 17th Anniversary
& Helene Fazio 11th Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Danny O’Connell Memorial

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

Monday, April 27 (Communion Service)

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Joanne Hurynowicz Memorial

Tuesday, April 28 (Communion Service)

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Special Intention

Wednesday, April 29

9:00 am **St Malachy**
Jack Annese Month’s Mind

Thursday, April 30

9:00 am **St Margaret Church**
Donald & Polly Glasser Memorial

Friday, May 1

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**
For All of The Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 2

9:00 am **St. Margaret (Communion Service)**
Mariann Zenitz Jones 4th Anniversary

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Katherine Pasquariello Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
John Keene Memorial
Robert Giglio Memorial
John J. Joyce, Jr. Birthday Memorial
Thomas Manning 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, May 3

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Maria Angelina Costa Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Virginia & Giuseppe Albanese Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Peter Rabazzi Memorial

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2026 YEAR A

SUNDAY Apr 26	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
MONDAY Apr 27	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
TUESDAY Apr 28	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
WEDNESDAY Apr 29	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6+8/Jn 12:44-50
THURSDAY Apr 30	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25+27/Jn 13:16-20
FRIDAY May 1	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
SATURDAY May 2	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
SUNDAY May 3	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



A funeral service was celebrated recently for
Peter Kozowyk
Kindly include him and his family
in your prayers.
Thank you.

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of April 19, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: \$8,979
Online: \$4,344
TOTAL: \$13,323

Weekly Budget \$16,153
Income \$13,323
Deficit -\$2,830

Month to Date: \$34,724

Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$205
Online: \$420
TOTAL: \$625

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

IT’S CORI TIME ONCE AGAIN!!!

Every year the Archdiocese of Boston asks that ALL volunteers MUST complete a CORI form. Part of the form is to include the last 6 digits of your Social Security number. So, if you volunteer in any capacity please go to either rectory during business hours to fill out this year’s CORI. If you are associated with Religious Education and filled out a CORI for this past school year you do not need to fill out the form at this time. Thank you.

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.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today we recognize the World Day of Prayer for Vocations! Join us in prayer for young people seeking the will of God in their lives!

In Pope Francis’s recent Apostolic Exhortation, Christ is Alive!, he writes, “The word ‘vocation’ can be understood in a broad sense as a calling from God, including the call to life, the call to friendship with him, the call to holiness, and so forth. This is helpful, since it situates our whole life in relation to the God who loves us. It makes us realize that nothing is the result of pure chance but that everything in our lives can become a way of responding to the Lord, who has a wonderful plan for us.” (Christus Vivit, no. 248)



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

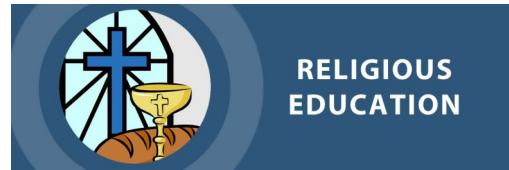
By taking care of your own health and well-being, you become a better caregiver. Minuteman Senior Services is partnering with the Burlington Council on Aging to offer a **Powerful Tools for Caregivers** workshop. This six-week evidence-based course is designed to build the skills caregivers need to take 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 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

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR
5/17/26 **12:00 GRADUATION MASS**
at St. Margaret Church



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.)

Due to the popularity of our prayer shawls, we are looking for more people to knit and crochet.

If you are interested in helping please call 781-272-3111.



Thanks to the great group of women and men (about 40!) who joined us in April to hear Deacon John Ippolito's presentation on *Suffering*. It was an information and engaging discussion. We are so grateful for Deacon John and will miss him very much when he departs from St. Veronica's Parish to be ordained a Priest! Mark your calendars for our next gathering on **Thursday, May 21 at 6:30pm at St. Malachy's Parish Hall** (downstairs from the Chapel). For now, the May gathering will be back to women, only. But please come back here for updates, as details are subject to change. Any questions, feel free to reach out to Laurie at 617-680-4448.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION MAY 7

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday, May 7th 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.

Please note: Adoration is taking place a week earlier than normal because of the Holy Day of Obligation (Ascension) the following week.

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.



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 9th, 2026
9:00 AM — 2:00 PM

 **St. Margaret Church • Parking Lot**
111 Winn Street, Burlington MA

What You Can Bring/ Cost to You:

\$5 EACH Computer Towers, Laptops, DVD Players, VCR's, Small Printers, Stereos, Radios, Alarm Clocks, Speakers, Video Game Consoles, Table Lamps, Fans, Hair Dryers, Curling Irons, Projectors, Paper Shredders, Power Tools, Drills, Cameras, Clocks, Trophies, Frying Pans, Holiday Lights, Other Small Electronics.

\$10 EACH Small Household Appliances, Vacuum Cleaners/RoboVac, Toaster Ovens, Ceiling Fans, Floor Lamps, Air Fryers, Electric Grills, Hot Plates, Small Radiators, Keyboard Pianos, Coffee Makers, Ice Makers, Small Garbage Disposal, Sewing Machines, Car Seats.

\$20 EACH Flat Screen Computer Monitors, Microwaves, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, Water Coolers, Large Printers/Copiers, Leaf Blowers, Chainsaws, Heat Lamps, Artificial Christmas Trees, Fire Extinguishers, Propane Tanks (Empty).

\$25 EACH TVs up to 26," CRT Monitors, Outdoor Grills, Dorm Sized Refrigerators

\$30 EACH TVs between 26" and 35," White Goods, Washing Machines, Dryers, Stoves, Dishwashers, Large Appliances, Large Yard Equipment, Treadmills, Exercise Equipment, Snow Blowers, Lawn Mowers, Rototillers, Large Generators, Motors, Water Tanks

\$35 EACH TVs over 36," Large Refrigerators, Ride-On Lawn Mowers.

\$40 EACH Projection TVs

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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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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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