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Rejoice

Seventh Sunday of Easter

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.
I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

John 14:18

"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 Season! The Lord has been raised from the dead, Alleluia!!! Today's Gospel is the climax of the last discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper. This chapter has been called the "high priestly prayer" of Jesus. He speaks as intercessor, with words addressed directly to the Father and not to the disciples, who supposedly only overhear. The prayer is one of petition, for immediate and future disciples – i.e. that is us! Jesus prays for us! Wow. Although still in the world, Jesus looks on his earthly ministry as a thing of the past. Jesus has up to this time stated that the disciples could follow him, now he wishes them to be with him in union with the Father. The next line of the Gospel that we do not hear today is: Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. The disciples will be sent by Jesus to make both the Father and Jesus known to the world. Jesus' prayer is for the disciples' work in the world. WE are his Disciples In Mission! Let us pray for the courage and strength to carry out that mission in the way we live our lives.

This Saturday, May 16, we celebrated First Communion for the rest of our Second Graders. Please keep them in prayer as they came forward to receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist. May they always have a hunger for the Bread of Life!

This Saturday, May 16, Archbishop Richard G. Henning ordained five men to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Boston at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The 2026 ordination class includes Reverend Fathers Javier Padilla, Diego Pena, Johnathan Saniuk, Giris Azize, and Steve Baruffi. You will remember "Deacon G (Giris)" spent last summer with us here in Burlington as part of his formation to the Priesthood. Congratulations to the Newly Ordained Priests.

Please keep our Confirmation Students in your prayers. Last Saturday they participated in an all-day Retreat in preparation for their upcoming Confirmation. Pray that the Lord send His Spirit to them in a special way to enliven their faith and be committed to the Lord as faithful followers. They will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Robert Reed this Tuesday, May 19.

Another surgery. As I mentioned in the bulletin last week, I have been waiting for a couple of years to have a second total knee replacement. Now that Fr. Tom is back from his left knee and right hip replacements, I will be having my right knee replaced this Thursday, May 21st. The surgeon said it will take 4 to 6 weeks to recover, and he is very confident that this knee will recover much easier than my last knee that was very much compromised because of the many previous surgeries over the years. Please God that is the case.

Together we are **One**
ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON | CATHOLIC APPEAL

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 78% of our goal.** (\$74,622 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, May 16

9:00 am **St. Margaret (Communion Service)**
Margaret Hanafin & Catherine Blood
Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Anibal Jesus Castro Anniversary

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

Sunday, May 17

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Paul Barnes Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Robert & Mary Laffin
and Eleanor Ackerman Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret, Graduation Mass**
The Braceland & Lombardi Families
Memorial

Monday, May 18

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Virginia Conway Mass for The Living

Tuesday, May 19

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Ed MacPhail Memorial

Wednesday, May 20 (Communion Service)

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Arthur Mari Birthday Memorial

Thursday, May 21 (Communion Service)

9:00 am **St. Margaret Church**
Mary, Clarence, Dick & Christine Westberg
and Grace, Santo & Dick Patti Memorial

Friday, May 22

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**

Saturday, May 23

9:00 am **St. Margaret (Communion Service)**
Michael Carella 6th Anniversary
& Carmela Carella Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Kenneth Drinkwater Birthday Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Ann, George & Steven Martin
and the Melino Family Memorial

Sunday, May 24

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Doris Sullivan 16th Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Cindy Sullivan Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Robert Rigby Memorial

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY May 17	7th Sunday of Easter Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
MONDAY May 18	Saint John I, Pope and Martyr Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
TUESDAY May 19	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
WEDNESDAY May 20	Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
THURSDAY May 21	Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
FRIDAY May 22	Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
SATURDAY May 23	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
PENTECOST SUNDAY May 24	Vigil: (1) Gn 11:1-9, (2) Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b, (3) Ez 37:1-14, (4) Jl 3:1-5/ (1) Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (2), Dn 3:52,53,54,55,56 or Ps 19:8,9,10,11, (3) Ps 107:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9. (4) Ps 104:1-2,24+35,27-28, 29b-30 /Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1+24, 29-30, 31+34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Pilot Bulletins



Funeral services were celebrated recently for
**Ottavio Viglione, Paul Riccardi,
Arthur Callahan & Terrence McDonald**
Kindly include them and their families
in your prayers.
Thank you.

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of May 10, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: \$8,822
Online: \$4,635
TOTAL: \$13,457

Weekly Budget \$16,153
Income \$13,457
Deficit -\$2,696

Month to Date: \$30,778

Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$3,986
Online: \$361
TOTAL: \$4,347

COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIANS

Next week’s second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.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.

LOWELL TRANSITIONAL CENTER



On Wednesday, **May 20th** we will be supplying meals at the Lowell Transitional Center. Bakers are needed to bring homemade desserts to St. Malachy Church by 12:00pm. on Wednesday.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Our cribbage tournament is back!! On Saturday, May 30th at St. Malachy Church hall. The doors will open at 6:00pm and the tournament starts at 6:30pm. Registration forms are available at the doors of both churches. The last day to register will be May 29. Registration fee is \$25.00

DEACON JOHN IPPOLITO’S ORDINATION

On Saturday, May 23rd Deacon John will be ordained a priest. The Mass is from 9:00am - 12:30pm. You can watch the Mass on St. Patrick’s YouTube page:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCqKoOWZHPDB6LCyGateHgYA



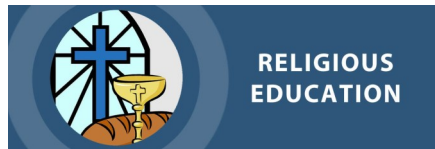
Thanks to the great group of women and men (about 40!) who joined us in April to hear Deacon John Ippolito's presentation on *Suffering*. It was an information and engaging discussion. We are so grateful for Deacon John and will miss him very much as he has departed from St. Veronica's Parish to be ordained a Priest! Mark your calendars for our next gathering on **Thursday, May 21 at 6:30pm at St. Malachy Church Hall** (downstairs from the Chapel). Our planned guest speaker, Kent Neibuhr, for this month unfortunately, has an unavoidable conflict and is unable to make it. But we will go on as usual with another topic planned. If any men were planning on being there, you are still more than welcome to join. Any questions, feel free to reach out to 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)

The prayer hope line team is in need of more helpers. Your commitment would about 1/2 per day for 1 week per month and could be done from your home. If you are interested please call 781-272-



CONFIRMATION: GRADES 8 & 9

**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

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.



Ministries

Interested in helping out? Please look to our Ministry page on our website:

www.stveronicama.org

We have plenty of ways for you to get involved, meet new friends and help build a better and stronger parish community.

Saint Bernardine of Siena

1380-1444 | FEAST DAY — MAY 20

This renowned Italian preacher was canonized only six years after he died. He was born near Siena and studied at the university there. He was ordained a Franciscan priest in 1404. From 1417 until his death 27 years later, he crisscrossed northern and central Italy as an itinerant preacher who drew enormous crowds by focusing on honest and penitential living and on reverence for the holy name of Jesus which led to the spread of this devotion. He also preached against gambling and materialism and turned down three requests to become a bishop.



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May: The Month of Mary

“As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 53)

“Mary embraces God’s will and freely chooses to cooperate with God’s grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God’s plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, ‘while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has

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pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed’ (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 66). The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.”¹

“Popular piety dedicates the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary.”² “Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary deserves special attention because it is such an important part of worship in the United States. The United States of America is under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception.”³ “The various forms of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary reflect the many different cultures, religious convictions, and popular sensibilities that make up the Church in the United States. Catholic people of all cultures have a deep

love for the Mother of God. They employ many different expressions of that love to show the one faith that characterizes their particular prayer life and spirituality.”⁴

Notes

- 1 Excerpt from “Why Does Mary Have a Special Role in Helping Us?” *Popular Devotional Practices: Basic Questions and Answers* (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB], 2003), no. 7.
- 2 Excerpt from *Essential Guide to Saints and Seasons* (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2013), 127.
- 3 Excerpt from *National Directory for Catechesis* (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2005), 154.
- 4 Excerpt from *National Directory for Catechesis* (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2005), 155.



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CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

100 of our middle school and high school students in preparation of receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this Tuesday, May 19th, gathered together for a retreat. They had music, games, talks, food, confession and Mass throughout the day long retreat. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make it a success.

Confirmation



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Deacon Jack Minch	Deacon
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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)

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Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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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)

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