

St. Veronica Parish, a publication of
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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



I bore you up on eagles' wings
and brought you to myself.

Exodus 19:4

"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."

Some persons, including College students, have inquired recently on the Catholic Church and the issue of immigration. The following special statement from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in November 2025 is to assist Catholics about this issue.

The catechism of the Catholic Church speaks about the dignity of all human persons and there are specific paragraphs related to immigration and public authority that one can find (CC 2241). The Church speaks about the dignity of all people because we are created in the image and likeness of God. The Church speaks of the value of life, in the public forum both here and across the globe. There is a Novena to Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini that I prayed often during my prison ministry and as I ministered in some heavily urban assignments to many immigrants. Frances Xavier Cabrini is the first American saint. She was born in 1850 in Italy and in 1888, Pope Leo XIII invited her to go to America to assist with of the challenges faced by many who were coming to immigrating there, specifically New York. Frances herself felt called to Asia, but the Pope prevailed and she arrived on March 31, 1889. She came to America in the days before passports and visas, not many welcomed her. A Bishop in New York tried to tell her "we are not ready for you". She thanked him, explained she had a letter from the Pope and went to work. There was conflict and looking down upon Irish and Italian immigrants. This tension was also present in many of the churches between Irish Catholics and Italian Catholics. That is sad history we pray never be repeated. Sister

Cabrini set out to establish orphanages and schools and she would move that model beyond the shores of America to Nicaragua, Chile, Brazil and Grenada. The novena prayer consists of a request for the saint's intercession to live and die in a state of grace, along with a specific petition for a personal intention, while remaining resigned to God's will. I pray this will help whoever reads it and hopefully we all pray to be resigned to God's will.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Statement:

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

[Catholic teaching](#) exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful

reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (*Genesis* 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (*Zechariah* 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (*2 Corinthians* 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (*Luke* 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (*Matthew* 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (*John* 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (*cf. 1 Corinthians* 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already [accompany and assist immigrants](#) in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain [men and women of hope](#), and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini: Pray for us.

The first American Saint, who herself was an immigrant, is St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Patron of Immigrants.



WORLD REFUGEE DAY

On World Refugee Day we pause and remember the 25 million people who have had to flee their countries in search of safety for their families.

Learn more about refugees and Catholic teaching at JusticeForImmigrants.org

“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, June 13

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Ottavio Viglione Month’s Mind

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Diane Simmons 20th Anniversary
Betsey Small 17th Anniversary
Larry & Imelda Douville Memorial
Rosemary Cornu 4th Anniversary

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Pasquale & Angelina Grifoni
Anniversary

Sunday, June 14

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Albert & Mary Fay Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Arthur Enos 1st Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Bernard Vient Memorial

Monday, June 15

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Kevin O’Neill Anniversary
and Richard & Helen O’Neill Memorial

Tuesday, June 16

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Joseph & Arlene Lefebvre Memorial

Wednesday, June 17 (Communion Service)

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Fernanda Sousa & Maria Isabel Sousa
Memorial

Thursday, June 18 (Communion Service)

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

Friday, June 19

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**
Fernando Silva Memorial

Saturday, June 20

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
William Pascoli Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Brenda Downer 4th Anniversary

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Rose & Charlie Hanafin and All Deceased
Members of The Hanafin
and Farrow Families Memorial

Sunday, June 21

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Roswell Daly, Paul O’Meara
& Henry O’Meara Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Rita Bonugli Anniversary
& Giovanni Bonugli 5th Anniversary

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

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

	<i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
SUNDAY June 14	Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8
MONDAY June 15	1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42
TUESDAY June 16	1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11+16/Mt 5:43-48
WEDNESDAY June 17	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
THURSDAY June 18	Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15
FRIDAY June 19	<i>Saint Romuald, Abbot</i> 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/ Mt 6:19-23
SATURDAY June 20	2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34
SUNDAY June 21	<i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/ Mt 10:26-33



Funeral Masses were celebrated recently for
**Jean Frazier, James McCarthy
& Rose Connors**
Kindly include them and their families
in your prayers.
Thank you.

**ST VERONICA PARISH
FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Weekend of June 7, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: \$10,019
Online: \$5,522
TOTAL: \$15,541

Weekly Budget \$16,153
Income \$15,541
Deficit -\$612

Month to Date: \$15,541

Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$240
Online: \$476
TOTAL: \$716

**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 Hope Line team is in need of more helpers. Your commitment would about 1/2 hour per day for 1 week per month and could be done from your home. If you are interested please call 781-272-3111.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

This weekend, **June 13th/14th**, there will be a second collection for the Building Fund. This fund is vital in keeping our buildings and surrounding grounds clean and up to date. Please consider either donating in church or go to our web site www.stveronicama.org and donate online. Thank you in advance.

**Please make your checks out to
St Veronica Parish.**



Many of us gathered together in May for a very enjoyable evening of sharing and learning about Marian Apparitions. Thanks to Adrienne Simeone for her wonderful presentation. Mark your calendars for June - **Thursday, June 18 at 6:30pm at St. Malachy Church Hall.** Then we will take a short summer break (July, only). Also, if anyone is available to volunteer to pick up/drop off a woman who lives on the St. Margaret's side of town, it would be so appreciated. Please call/text Laurie if you're able to assist. Any questions at all about the gatherings, feel free to reach out to Laurie (617-680-4448).

2nd COLLECTION - NEXT WEEK

Next week's second collection will be shared by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). These two organizations communicate the Gospel by promoting works of justice, education, and the dignity of human life. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes and will support our local communications needs, such as Catholic TV programing.

For more information about these organizations, please visit:

1. www.usccb.org/cchd
2. www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm

While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts.

You are the Wind in Our Sails!



Please join us for our
5th Annual Open House

Thursday June 25th

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

21 Murray Ave, Burlington MA



Light refreshments and snacks served

We give thanks to God and congratulate Father John Ipolitto and Father Giris Azize as they began their ministry to God's Holy People. I am including their addresses as some have requested.

*Reverend Giris Azize
Saint Julia's Parish
374 Boston Post Rd,
Weston, MA 02493*

*Reverend John Ipolitto
Saint Patrick's Parish
137 Moseman Rd,
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598*

LOWELL TRANSITIONAL CENTER



On Wednesday, **June 17th** 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.

TASTE AND SEE PROGRAM



This weekend marks the beginning of our Taste and See Summer Raffle program. Kids in Grades 1-8 can fill out a bright raffle card and put it in the white box (located near the scanners) for a chance to win a \$20 School House Ice Cream gift card. In this raffle everyone truly is a winner, because those at Mass have received the *sweetest* gift of all: Our Lord in the Eucharist.

2026-2027 Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration is now open for the 2026-2027 Academic Year. Please see our website to register.

www.stveronicama.org

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 81% of our goal.** (\$77,538 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 .



Special Needs Week at Camp Fatima is hiring counselors for the summer!

Join us for a week that makes a difference!

Since 1979, Camp Fatima’s Special Needs Week has offered a unique opportunity to support and uplift campers with developmental and intellectual disabilities in a joyful, caring, and faith-based setting. We are looking for compassionate, energetic, and dedicated individuals—both men and women—who are excited to be mentors, friends, and leaders during this unforgettable week.

No experience is necessary – all staff receive training upon arrival as a community and new counselors are paired with experienced counselors who are already familiar with many of our campers.

Session One: June 13th – June 20th | **Session Two:** August 15th – August 22nd

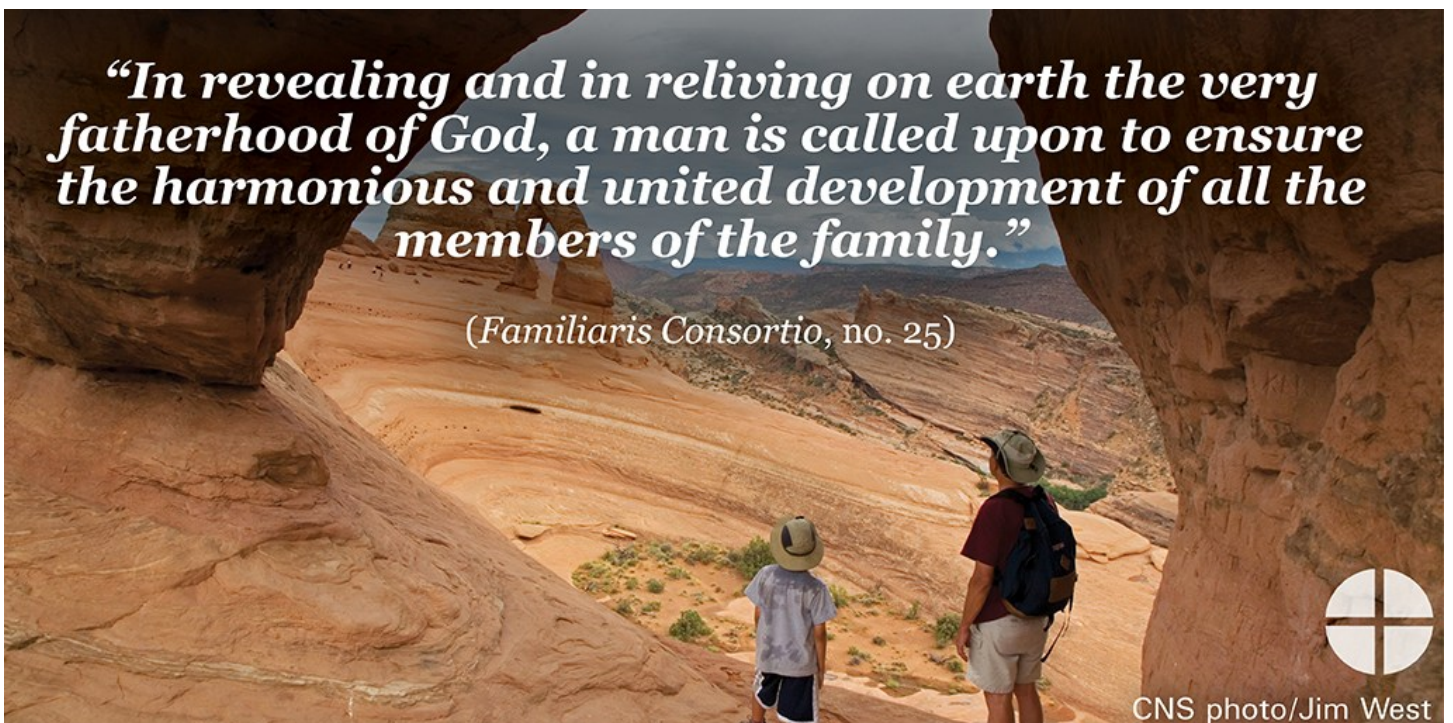
Gilmanton Ironworks, NH | Volunteering | Ages 16+

Learn More: <https://bfcamp.com> or call (603)931-5500

Apply Today: bfcamp.com/campbrainstaff.com

“In revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God, a man is called upon to ensure the harmonious and united development of all the members of the family.”

(Familiaris Consortio, no. 25)



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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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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

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stveronica@stveronicaparish.org



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