

*St. Veronica Parish, a publication of
St. Malachy & St. Margaret Churches
July 27, 2025*

Lord, teach us

“When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins

for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us,

and do not subject us to the final test.”

to pray.

Luke 11:1-4

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The following Mission Statement was created by the Parish Council of St. Veronica Parish.

"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,

The version of the Our Father that we use is from Matthew's gospel, but today's reading gives us Luke's version. Jesus teaches his disciples – and us – how he prays. That would be something like having the world's finest chef come into our kitchen and take some time with us to explain some of the things he or she does to produce gourmet food. Imagine. Jesus teaching us how he prays. Then Jesus tells us that God always, always answers our prayer. He doesn't hedge on this. With complete certitude he says that God always, always answers our prayer. Jesus not only states this flatly, but then backs it up with two parables. So there's no room for doubt about prayer. We have it straight from Jesus. And what we have is this: Prayer always – always – has an effect, and it is always a good effect. Prayer is a great gift. It's there for the asking. And it always has a good effect on others, and upon us. I pray that you and I will appreciate this gift more fully and make use of it even more often than perhaps we have done up till now.

Ask, seek, knock. Notice the three different senses being considered here. Asking is verbal; Christians are to use their mouths and petition God for their needs and desires. And believers are to seek with their minds—this is more than asking; it is a setting of priorities and a focusing of the heart. To knock involves physical movement, one in which the Christian takes action. Although asking and seeking are of great importance, they would be incomplete without knocking. The apostle John said Christians ought not to love in word alone but with actions also (1 John 3:18). In the same way, it's good to pray and seek God, but if one does not also act in ways that are pleasing to God, all is for naught. It's no accident that Jesus said believers should love God with all their heart, soul, strength, and mind (Luke 10:27). The commands are followed by promises: "Everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened" (Matthew 7:8). God delights in the prayer of faith, and He promises to give us what we need.

The Catholic Appeal is going well here in Burlington. Thank you for your efforts! We still have a way to go, but I am confident we will reach our goals. The funding is essential to the running of the Archdiocese. It also supports us at the local parish level. To date we have raised \$75,400. Our financial goal is \$100,300. Our "Assessment Goal" i.e. the Goal we are required to collect is \$81,216. We need to raise \$5,816 to reach our Assessment. If we do not make our Assessment, the Archdiocese will simply take it out of our savings account. Please be generous. Once we make our Assessment, we will receive a refund. We are very close. Thank you to all who have already given.

The Summer Vacation Season is upon us. All of us at St. Veronica Parish hope that you have a restful and enjoyable summer vacation wherever you may find yourself. We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the Parish Offices while you are out-of-town on vacation. This may be the perfect time for you to sign up for on-line giving.

We bid farewell to Deacon Giris this weekend.

He arrived 10 weeks ago, and his summer assignment comes to an end this Sunday. When you see him this weekend please wish him well as he returns to the Seminary for his last academic year before being Ordained as a Boston Priest next May. This coming September we will welcome another Deacon Intern for the academic year from Pope St. John XXIII Seminary in Weston. His name is Deacon John Ippolito. He is from the Archdiocese of New York. Fr. Tom and I met him just before he went home to be ordained a transitional deacon a couple of months ago. He is a fine man. As his arrival comes closer, I will give you his background and a picture.

Let us pray for each other. God bless,
Father Mahoney

MASS Intentions

Saturday, July 26

9:00 am **St Margaret**
Donald Glasser 27 Anniversary
& Polly Glasser 10th Anniversary

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Helen Callahan Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
John Clemens Birthday Memorial

Sunday, July 27

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Mary, Clarence, Dick & Christine Westberg
and Grace & Santo Patti Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Steven Hartery Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Francis & Anne Herlihy Memorial

Monday, July 28

9:00am **St. Malachy**
Bernard J. Eldridge 24th Anniversary

Tuesday, July 29

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
The Melino & Martin Families Memorial

Wednesday, July 30

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**
Jake McCauley 1st Anniversary

Thursday, July 31

9:00 am **St Margaret**
Lois & James Shramek
Mass for the Living
(70th Wedding Anniversary)

Friday, August 1

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
For all of the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, August 2

9:00 am **St Margaret**
Jake McCauley 1st Anniversary

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Walter Prince 15th Anniversary

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Mary Donna Higgins Month's Mind
Ann, Peter, Dom & Joan DiRienzo
and Bill & Jon Glynn Memorial
Richard, Noreen
& Kevin Hanafin Memorial

Sunday, August 3

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

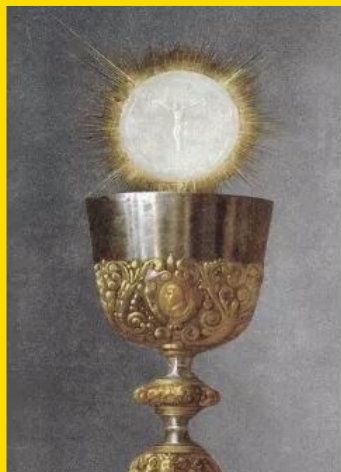
10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Mary Alyce Bertolami Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Special Intention

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Jul 27	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
MONDAY Jul 28	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35
TUESDAY Jul 29	Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
WEDNESDAY Jul 30	St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor of the Church Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
THURSDAY Jul 31	St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3,4,5-6a+8a,11/Mt 13:47-53
FRIDAY Aug 1	St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6ab, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
SATURDAY Aug 2	St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop St. Peter Julian Eymard, priest Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Aug 3	Ecc1 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Pilot Bulletins



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of July 20, 2025

Envelopes & In Church: \$10,103

Online: \$4,290

TOTAL: \$14,393

Weekly Budget \$16,153

Income \$14,393

Deficit \$-1,760

Month to Date: \$51,229

St. Veronica Building Fund

Envelopes & In Church: \$85

Online: \$582

TOTAL: \$667

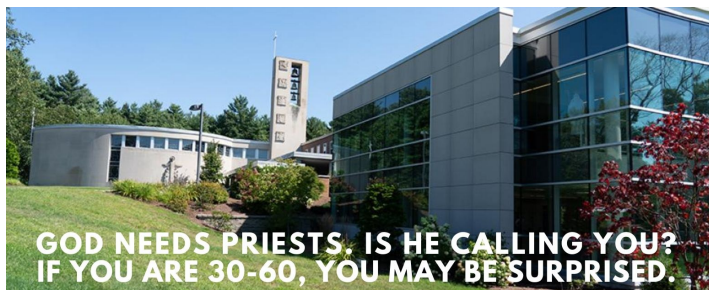
Texas Flood Relief : \$7,249

NEW PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING LOW GLUTEN EUCCHARIST

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 of Faith will gather again on **Thursday, August 21 at 6:30pm at St. Malachy's Parish Hall**. No sign-up or registration is ever needed. Just show up (even if you've never joined us in the past). We'll start with a Rosary followed by big group discussion then smaller group discussion and sharing (and sometimes a fun surprise or two!). Gatherings last about 90 mins or so but you're welcome to leave whenever needed. Any questions can be directed to Laurie at 617-680-4448.



FIRST FRIDAY VISITS 2025

September 5th

October 3rd

November 7th

December 5th

5:00 PM EST

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER

In-Person Visit: Includes Dinner with seminarians and tour of the Seminary

Register: Contact Msgr. William Fay
781-899-5500 ext. 134
firstfriday@psjs.edu

Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit
(Zoom link provided at registration)



POPE ST. JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY | 558 SOUTH AVE, WESTON, MA | 781.899.5500

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)*

SAINT AGNES MEN'S RETREAT**Pilgrims of Hope**

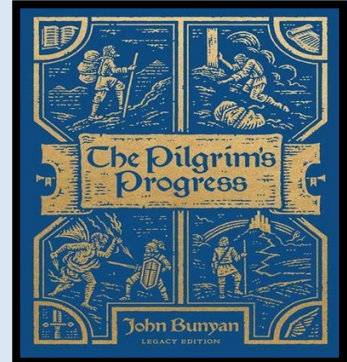
Sharing with Others on our Journeys to God
 Our Retreat Leader will be Fr. Andrew Kwang Lee,
Parochial Vicar from Our Lady of Grace, Pepperell

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, September 6-7, 2025

WHERE: Glastonbury Abbey, 16 Hull Street, Hingham, MA

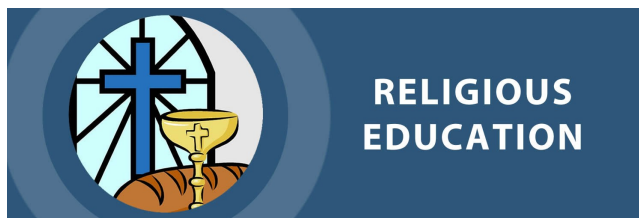
HOW MUCH: \$175 for full Retreat; \$100 for Saturday only

CONTACTS: J: Jonathan Nauman 978-922-7015; John Silva 781-944-4285; Mike Olivo 781-245-4747



In the Old Testament, the practice of tithing meant returning to God ten percent of all that had been received from God. We suggest that you consider giving somewhere between 3 to 4 percent weekly to your Church and the remaining percentage to your other charities. Thank You.

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Tithe	Middle range			Lower range		
		10%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$22,000	\$423	\$42	\$25	\$21	\$17	\$13	\$8	\$4
\$25,000	\$481	\$48	\$29	\$24	\$19	\$14	\$10	\$5
\$30,000	\$577	\$58	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6
\$40,000	\$769	\$77	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15	\$8
\$50,000	\$962	\$96	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19	\$10
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$115	\$69	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23	\$12
\$70,000	\$1,346	\$135	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$40	\$27	\$13
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$154	\$92	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31	\$15
\$90,000	\$1,731	\$173	\$104	\$87	\$69	\$52	\$35	\$17
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$192	\$115	\$96	\$77	\$58	\$38	\$19
\$110,000	\$2,115	\$212	\$127	\$106	\$85	\$63	\$42	\$21
\$120,000	\$2,308	\$231	\$138	\$115	\$92	\$69	\$46	\$23
\$140,000	\$2,692	\$269	\$162	\$135	\$108	\$81	\$54	\$27



Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. You can find a detailed description of all of our programs in the attached document.

Use this link to register: <https://forms.office.com/r/Ei4NiLK3av>

Tell all of your friends!!

There are two main changes to note this year:

Family of Faith: Grades 1, 3-5

Once a month, children in grades 1, 3-5 will gather for a Family of Faith gathering beginning with the 10am Mass, followed by donuts and a teaching. At these sessions, children will gather in age-level groups for a lesson/activity related to the month's topic. Parents should attend Mass with their children, and will have the option to stay and enjoy a cup of coffee with other parents during the teaching.

Confirmation

We will be Confirming students in grades 8th and 9th this year. 8th and 9th graders will have the option of attending a Monday night session or a Wednesday afternoon session.

We are always looking for people to volunteer with our programs in various ways. We need help particularly with Wednesday afternoons (2-3:30) and Monday nights (7-8:15). There are a lot of kids in the school building during these times and we need adults present for crowd control, hall monitoring, as well as adults to teach lessons. If this is something you are interested in at all, please prayerfully consider it and let me know.

As summer continues to unfold, I will be publishing schedules for next year's programs.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

In Christ,

Camille Mainardi

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PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

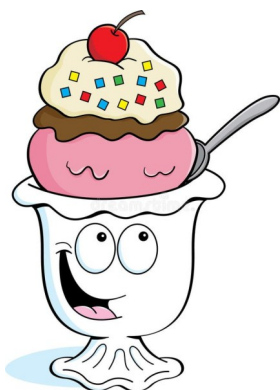
Is there someone special you've been holding in prayer? Perhaps a friend facing illness or surgery, a parishioner who has lost a loved one, or a neighbor who is going through a difficult time or is home bound?

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.)



Students in grades 1-5, don't forget to fill out your "Taste and See" ticket each time you come to Mass. At the end of each month, if your ticket is drawn you will receive a \$20 school house ice cream gift card! You can find the tickets at the back of the Church at St. Margaret and up by the piano at St. Malachy.

A THANK YOU AND FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM DEACON GIRIS AZIZE

My time at St. Veronica Parish began with such warm hospitality that I felt like I had arrived at a Caribbean resort! The love and kindness I received from so many people could be felt at every Mass, ministry event, and parish activity. This has truly been one of the most joyful and enriching experiences I've had in recent years within the Archdiocese of Boston.

From the start, I was welcomed into the life of the parish and given opportunities to grow and learn in ministry. I was blessed to preach multiple homilies each week, assist at baptisms, participate in the marriage convalidation process, and be present at funerals and committals. Every moment was a chance to deepen my understanding of pastoral ministry.

One of the most refreshing aspects of my time here was learning from the experienced priests and the welcoming, dedicated staff. I was also fortunate to join the parish pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston—a beautiful day of prayer and fellowship, where I got to know many parishioners on a more personal level.

And yes, I even began learning to play cribbage! While my coach wisely advised that I might not be ready for the tournament just yet, I truly enjoyed the laughs and lessons along the way. More than anything, I appreciated the opportunity to meet the real people who make up the heart of St. Veronica Parish.

A special highlight was being invited by the Women's Group to give a talk on the Real Presence, Blessed Carlo Acutis, Eucharistic miracles, and my testimony. That evening was a wonderful experience of faith-sharing and connection, and it reminded me once again of the vibrant spiritual life of this parish.

To Fr. Mahoney and Fr. Tom, I owe deep thanks for your patience, guidance, and wisdom. You both lead by example and have taught me much about being a good deacon—and God willing, a future priest of the Archdiocese of Boston. I am so grateful for your mentorship and witness.

Thank you again, St. Veronica Parish, for your support, your warmth, and your faith. May God bless your ministry and all the people who make this parish a true home for so many.

In Christ,
Deacon G.

Do you know someone who would benefit by receiving a call from a friendly voice?



CARINGCompanions

If you or someone you know would like to receive a weekly or bi-monthly phone call for fellowship and support we encourage you to reach out to our **CARING Companions** ministry.

Our volunteers will make regular phone calls to bring a compassionate ear and Christ centered conversation to those in need of a little pick me up.

Please share this announcement with anyone you can think of that might be interested. All conversations are strictly confidential and our trained volunteers are waiting to hear from you.

Interested? Or just want more information? Contact 781-272-3111 or email stveronica@stveronicaparish.org.

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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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