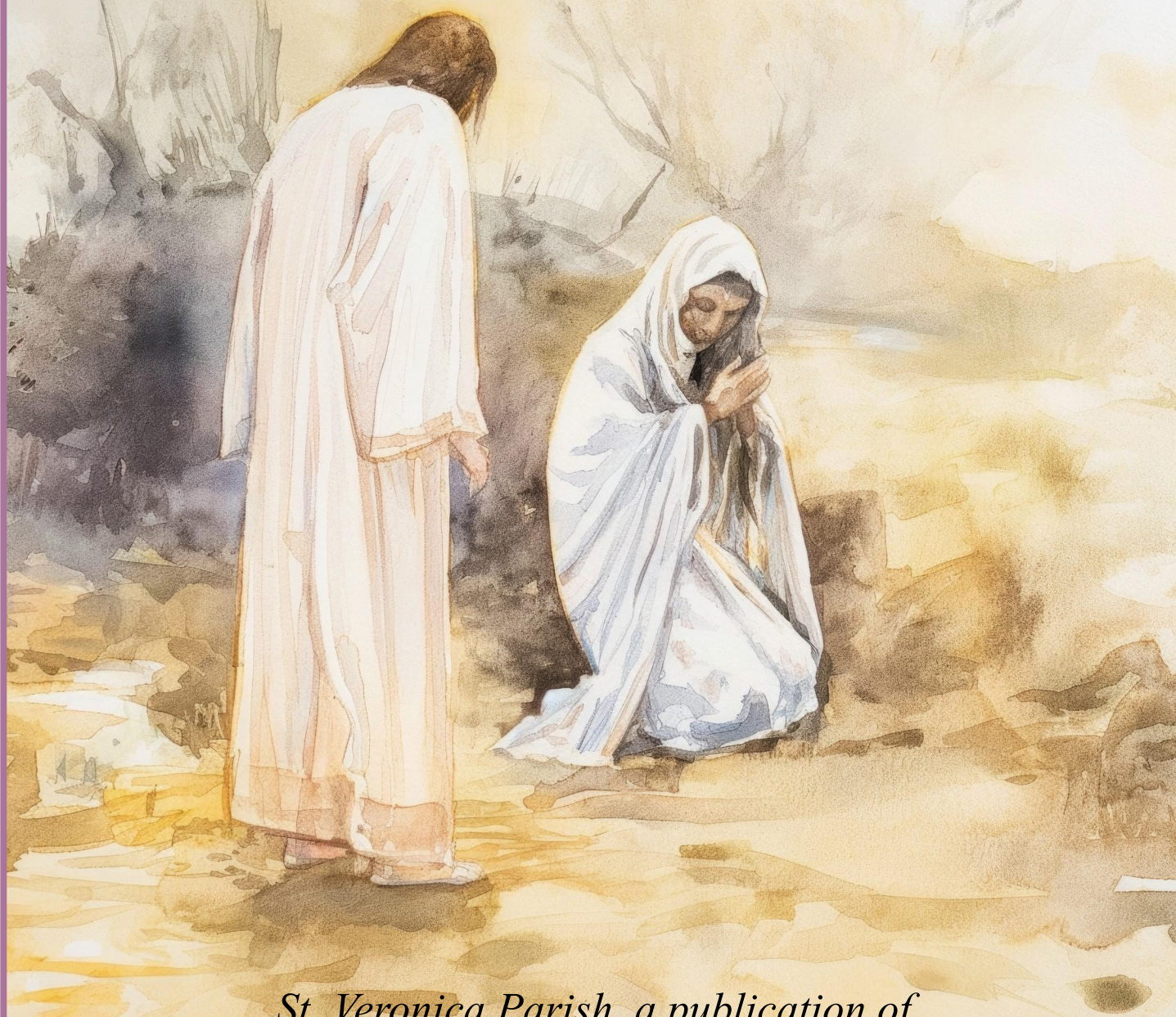


TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HUMBLE YOURSELF

AND YOU WILL FIND FAVOR WITH GOD

— SIRACH 3:18 —



*St. Veronica Parish, a publication of
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August 31, 2025*

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,

In America we have heard about different social/economic classes: the upper class, the middle class, the working class, and the lower class. There was a similar class structure in the time of Jesus, but it worked differently. You were born into a class and you would do things for people in the class above you to gain their support. They in turn would assist you. The higher class would say to a lower class person, "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours - if - it benefits me." In the first part of Jesus' parable today, he seems to go along with it. Jesus said to "Go sit in the lowest place" but with your eye on a higher place. Then he throws the whole notion away. Invite those who cannot repay you. Invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind and you will be blessed. He turns everything upside-down. People are to be valued for who they are, and not for their usefulness to you, or their class, or position in society. If we could boil down the entire teaching of Jesus in one simple phrase, I think it would be: Love one another. When all is said and done at the last judgement, I think we will be judged by the way we treated other people, no matter what class they belong to. We will be judged by Jesus command to love one another.

The start of School. It is so hard to believe that the kids are going back to school this week. Where has the time gone? In your kindness, pray these prayers from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers* on your own or with your children/grandchildren as they begin a new semester. Prayers to Begin a School Year: *God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* Prayer for Students: *Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send your spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.* And don't forget to pray for the Teachers!!! They deserve our prayers. Prayer for Teachers: *Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us in your ways. Look upon these teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that we may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life, forever and ever. Amen.*

Please keep Fr. Tom Stanton in your prayers this week and beyond. He is having a Left Total Knee Replacement this Thursday, September 4. The plan is that he will rehab for about a week at Regina Cleri (same residence where Fr. Conroy now lives) and then return to St. Margaret Rectory to fully recover. His surgeon said he will be out of work for about 6 weeks. Please pray that he has no complications from the surgery and please pray for the surgical team who will be doing the replacement.

New Deacon Intern from Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary arriving next weekend. His name is Deacon John Ippolito from the Archdiocese of New York. Born and raised in Staten Island, New York, Deacon John worked in the area of rehabilitation before entering PSJS. He worked as both a Rehabilitation Practitioner and a Director of Rehabilitation with experience treating patients who sustained spinal cord injuries and cerebral vascular accidents. This is what he said when entering the Seminary a few years ago. "I have been thinking about the priesthood since I have been in College, 'politely ignoring' the calling throughout the years but the 'gravitational pull' to this vocation has become much stronger. One important reason that God is calling me to PSJS is that the seminarians are older, more mature, and have had a prior career. I spoke with alumni and current seminarians and they assisted me in understanding that interactions here will be professional, intellectual, spiritual, and mature. I truly believe that this seminary will nurture my vocation." Please join me in welcoming Deacon John next weekend. He will come each weekend for the 2025/2026 academic year. It is expected that he will be Ordained as a Priest next May.



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

MASS Intentions

Saturday, August 30

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Virginia Morrissey Month's Mind

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
The Davies & O'Sullivan Families
Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Donald & Polly Glasser Memorial

Sunday, August 31

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Rose & Charlie Hanafin Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Tom McGuinness, Sr., Edith McGuinness
and Thomas McGuinness, Jr.
Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
George & Marion MacDonald
and Frank & Helen Zieba Memorial

Monday, September 1

9:00am **St. Malachy**
Donna Wickson & Larry Porter
Memorial

Tuesday, September 2

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

Wednesday, September 3

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**
Dr. Louis F. LaNoce Memorial

Thursday, September 4

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

Friday, September 5

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

Saturday, September 6

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Bernard Vient Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Gina Driscoll Memorial

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

Sunday, September 7

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Connie and Margaret Hanafin & Sons
Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Carol L Kane Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
The Hojlo Family Memorial



Funeral services were celebrated for

Francis "Frank" W. Trelegan

Kindly him and his family
in your prayers.
Thank you.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

22ND SUNDAY	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb
ORDINARY TIME	12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
Aug 31	
MONDAY	<i>Labor Day</i>
Sept 1	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1+3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
TUESDAY	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
Sept 2	
WEDNESDAY	<i>Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>
Sept 3	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
THURSDAY	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Sept 4	
FRIDAY	<i>Saint Teresa of Calcutta</i>
Sept 5	Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39
SATURDAY	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6+8/Lk 6:1-5
Sept 6	
23RD SUNDAY	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17/Phlm 9-
ORDINARY TIME	10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Sept 7	

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of August 24, 2025

Envelopes & In Church: \$8,087

Online: \$3,387

TOTAL: \$11,474

Weekly Budget \$16,153

Income **\$11,474**

Deficit -\$4,679

Month to Date: \$52,395

St. Veronica Building Fund

Envelopes & In Church: \$70

Online: \$466

TOTAL: \$536

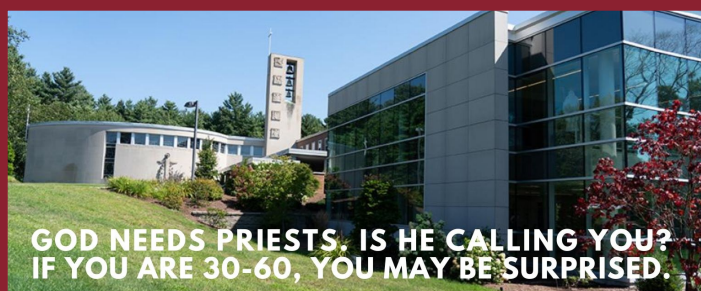
THE PRAYER HOPE LINE: 781-273-HOPE (4673)

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)*

Women of Faith

We had a great group who gathered together in August - and two new people joined us! We gather again on **Thursday, September 18 at 6:30pm in the parish hall of St. Malachy's**. Hope to see you then! All are welcomed - no sign-up needed. Any questions, text or call 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
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firstfriday@psjs.edu

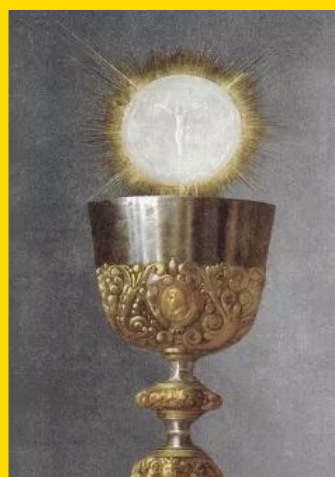
Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit
(Zoom link provided at registration)



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



In observance of Labor Day the rectories will be closed on Monday, September 2nd. Have a safe and wonderful day.



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.

**You're invited to join in another
parish Jubilee Pilgrimage on
Wednesday, September 24 to The
National Shrine of The Divine Mercy
in Stockbridge, Massachusetts**



Situated on 375 acres known as Eden Hill, the Shrine is owned and administered by the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. The artwork and relics throughout the Shrine express two key elements of the identity and mission of the Marians - The Immaculate Conception and Divine Mercy.

At the Shrine, you can walk the grounds, pray the Stations of the Cross, and visit the Lourdes Grotto, the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, and the many other memorials and shrines. You are also encouraged to experience Jesus' mercy in the daily prayer activities: Confession, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Our bus will be departing St. Malachy parking lot at 8:00am and will arrive at the Shrine at 10:30. We will spend the entire day on site. Parishioners invited to bring along a sack lunch or purchase lunch on site. Participants will be encouraged to come together for Mass at 2:00pm and The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3:00. Bus will depart for home around 4:00pm.

Cost for the trip is \$75 per person. **Each participant is asked to contribute \$40** towards this fee with the additional cost covered by the parish, however **financial assistance is available** for anyone upon request. No one will miss this opportunity due to financial burden.

To reserve your spot please call 781-272-3111 for the trip. Seats will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for our parish to respond is Monday, September 8. If there are remaining seats available we will extend the invitation to surrounding parishes.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
SEPTEMBER 11th**

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday, September 11th 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.

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:

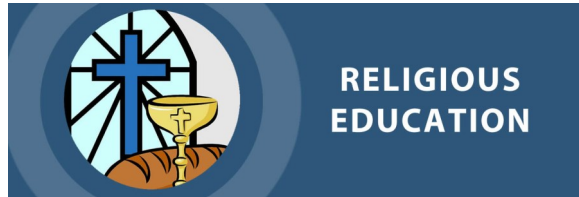
- Small prayer booklets which can be used to help during your meditation will be available. These may be picked up as you enter the chapel.
- Pray in any way that's meaningful to you.
- Pray the rosary. To contemplate the mysteries of Jesus' life in the rosary is to contemplate the mystery of the Eucharist 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.



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

cmainardi@stveronciaparish.org



We will have our annual Back to School BBQ on September 21st at 12:30pm at the St. Margaret's upper parking lot. This BBQ is for all families in our parish. I hope that you all can come to enjoy the company of our

faith community. If you have not met me in person, please do introduce yourself to me at the BBQ. I pray for you all constantly and would love to have faces associated with your names! Join us for food, fun, community, a bouncy house, and book pickup!

OCIA Classes starting in October

The Order of the Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the process which the Church uses for bringing new adult members into the Church. It may also be used to help already Baptized Catholics receive sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The next class is forming now. Instruction will begin in October. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a Catholic or receiving missed sacraments, please contact Deacon Dick Bilotta at: deaconbilotta@stveronciaparish.org

ST. WILLIAM OF
YORK CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 5
7-9PM
ALL AGES
WELCOME

PRAISE *on* LOUD

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF MUSIC,
CONFESSION, AND ADORATION

WITH GUEST SPEAKER AND MUSICIAN
MIKE MCDUFFEE

 1351 MAIN ST, TEWKSBURY, MA 01876

 CONTACT YOUTH MINISTER DIEGO MONTEIRO WITH
 QUESTIONS: DMONTEIRO6363@GMAIL.COM

HAM & BEAN SUPPER

A meeting for the Ham & Bean Supper will take place on Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:00pm in the St. Malachy conference room. All are welcome

Continuing Religious Education for High School Students

St. Veronica's is unique among most parishes in that it offers continuing religious education through the 12th grade. As you may know, the Archdiocese of Boston is in the process of transitioning the Sacrament of Confirmation from the 10th grade to the 8th grade. So, starting this year, we are revising our continuing education program to encompass all four high school grades. (Note: The 25/26 school year will include only Sophomore through Senior; Freshman will be added in the 26/27 school year). The purpose of our high School program is to cover issues that require a higher level of maturity than can be discussed with younger students. It seeks to tie together some of the concepts learned in earlier grades, focusing on developing a common sense, practical understanding of what our faith teaches and how it should be applied as we live our lives. It looks at the teachings of our faith in light of current cultural norms, comparing and contrasting them in an effort to help the students make better life's choices than they otherwise might have made.

We address such issues as:

- Why is organized religion important; does it really make a difference which religion you belong to; why
- Where does Roman Catholicism fit into the panoply of the world's religions? Why is it correct to understand that our Church is the institution founded by God, Himself, for the salvation of the world? What should that mean for your life?
- Why should we understand and believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist?
- What is morality and where does it come from? How do we make good, moral decisions in our life?
- The Church teaches the primacy of a properly formed conscience. But, what does that really mean?
- Why does God allow suffering? Why do bad things happen to good people?
- What is a human being – really – in the eyes of God? How does God see us? How should we see ourselves?
- How do we gain our salvation? Many people think the answer to that is just be a good person and live a good life. But, at best, that is an incomplete understanding that's not exactly correct. Worse, that understanding can lead a person to make some poor choices in life which could endanger their salvation.

These are just a few of the issues that we cover in the High School program. There are many more. And, of course, those who attend are free to ask any question or discuss any issue of a religious nature that may concern them.

It is an unfortunate truth that most students in our religious education programs see Confirmation as a sort of graduation. But, that's a mistake. A person who leaves religious education after Confirmation is really being short-changed. There is so much more to learn and understand that can be really helpful in life.

If you are a high school student, we encourage you to continue your education by attending our continuing education program. It doesn't involve a lot of time. Classes are only once a month, meeting on a Sunday evening at 5:00 pm and running for about an hour.

If you are a parent or guardian, please encourage your student to attend our program. For a lot of reasons, raising children in our society is more difficult than it ever has been in previous generations. The teachings of our faith will help all of us, especially your children, to make good, moral decisions and choices in life when you're not around to guide them. The reality is that an 8th grade religious education, as good as it may be, does not give your children a strong enough religious background to enable them to deal with the uncertainties of life in the 21st century. Your student's attendance at our program will benefit them greatly for only a small investment of their time.

Those who regularly attend our classes will be eligible, as graduating Seniors, to apply for a scholarship to assist in their secondary education after they graduate from high school.

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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

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)



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