

St. Veronica Parish, a publication of
St. Malachy & St. Margaret Churches
September 13, 2026



*The Lord is
kind and merciful*

Psalm 103:8

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"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."

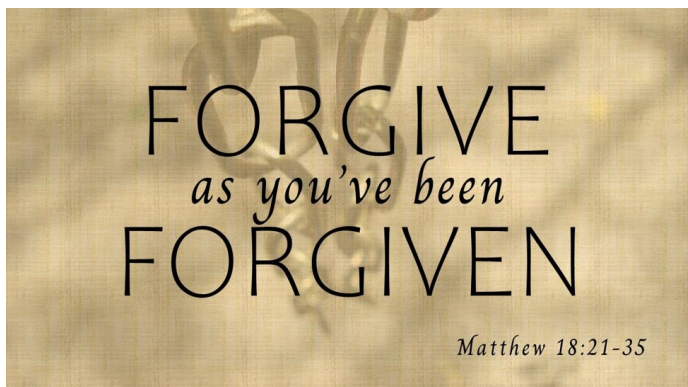
Dear Saint Veronica Parishioners,

Forgiving those who have hurt us is not easy. The bigger the hurt the more difficult it is to forgive and for many people also the longer it takes to forgive. Peter, it seems from his question in the Gospel today, also found it difficult to forgive. He asked Jesus, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" It could give the impression that Peter was finding it difficult to forgive. Jesus said Peter is to forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times. Jesus is saying we are not to hold any grudges. Holding grudges, being angry and resentful, storing up anger in our hearts, is very unhealthy. It can eat into a person. I read recently that anger is one factor contributing to heart disease. We are to forgive seventy-seven times. Is there anything that can help us to forgive those who have hurt us? Forgiveness is a decision. Decide today to forgive. Remember that Jesus died to save the other person just as he died to save you. In this Mass today we celebrate Jesus dying on the cross for us. Because of his death the debt of "a huge amount" we owed God has been forgiven. We go from here and forgive those who owe us "a much smaller amount."

An old Cherokee grandfather told his grandson: "Inside each of us there are two wolves. One is anger, resentment, and revenge. The other is kindness, mercy, and forgiveness." The grandson asked, "Which wolf wins?" The grandfather replied, "The one you feed." Every time we replay an injury, nurse a grudge, or seek revenge, we feed one wolf. Every time we choose mercy, we feed the other.

A teacher asked students to place a stone in a backpack for every grudge they carried. By the end of the exercise, some backpacks were very heavy. The students were told to carry them for the day. Soon they complained about sore shoulders and aching backs. The teacher said, "This is what happens when we carry resentment. We were not made to bear it forever." Jesus' parable reminds us that forgiveness is not only a gift to others—it is freedom for ourselves. The servant's problem was not that he had a poor memory of what others owed him. His problem was that he had a poor memory of what God had forgiven him. Gratitude for God's mercy is the soil in which forgiveness grows.

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



LOWELL TRANSITIONAL CENTER

On Wednesday, **September 16th** 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.

"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, September 12

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Mary Cullinane Birthday Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Ellen Enos 4th Anniversary

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

Sunday, September 13

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Anthony & Phyllis Caprio Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Emanuel SaPonte Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Gerardo & Jerry Caruso
John & Lillian Mossali
and Vito & Evelyn Lepore

Monday, September 14

9:00 am **St. Malachy**

Tuesday, September 15

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Paul O'Meara Memorial

Wednesday, September 16

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Marjorie Cappadona Memorial

Thursday, September 17

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

Friday, September 18

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**
Margaret & Connie Hanafin & Sons Memorial

Saturday, September 19

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
The Cassettari & Centrella Families Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
W. Chris Rigby Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Robert & Mary Laffin
and Eleanor Ackerman Memorial

Sunday, September 20

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Jos K. Kurian Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Major I. Travers 5th Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Andrew & Edna Hojlo Memorial



A Funeral Mass was celebrated recently for
Rosemary Eldridge & James Killilea
Kindly include them and their families
in your prayers.
Thank you.

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Sep 13	<i>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
MONDAY Sep 14	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
TUESDAY Sep 15	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
WEDNESDAY Sep 16	<i>Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i> 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12+22/Lk 7:31-35
THURSDAY Sep 17	<i>Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
FRIDAY Sep 18	1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15/Lk 8:1-3
SATURDAY Sep 19	<i>Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr</i> 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
SUNDAY Sep 20	<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of September 6, 2026
Envelopes & In Church: \$11,192
Online: \$5,465
TOTAL: \$16,657

Income \$16,657
Weekly Budget \$16,153
Surplus \$504

Month to Date: \$16,657

Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$151
Online: \$403
TOTAL: \$554



**Save the date for the
Ham & Bean Supper for
October 17th!!**

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

This weekend, **September 12 & 13**, 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.**

SECOND COLLECTION: CLERGY TRUST

Next weekend's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit: www.clergytrust.org

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

All adult volunteers are required to complete Protecting God's Children (PGC), the child protection training program utilized by the Archdiocese of Boston. The training consists of videos and discussions about how to recognize indicators of abuse or grooming, how to create safe spaces for children and youth, and how to address concerns. It is a three-hour training session held in person at various locations throughout the Archdiocese. Sessions are run by trained facilitators and take place on various days and times throughout the year, including evenings and weekends. Most weeks there are between 5 and 15 sessions scheduled around the Archdiocese. With minor exceptions, sessions are open to everyone.

Go to www.VIRTUSonline.org. On the left of the page click on "First Time Registrant." Click on "Begin Registration." Select "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)" when asked to select your diocese. When asked if you have ever registered before, click "no". (If you have previously registered, call 617-746-5985 for help.) Complete the registration process. When asked for your specific location, select your specific parish or school. You can enter more than one. Once you have completed the registration process the system will guide you to a list of all the upcoming training sessions. Select the one that works for you. If the training is in a language other than English, it will be noted. Be careful not to select a training session that is in a language you cannot understand. All training sessions are 3 hours long, even if the registration website states otherwise.

NEW TRAININGS SCHEDULED AT ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

All parish clergy, staff and volunteers are required to be trained. New volunteers in any ministry must complete the training before they begin their new ministry.

Tuesday, Sept 22 (6pm - 9pm)
Pizza dinner will be served

Sunday, Oct 18 (1pm - 4pm)
Light refreshments will be served

Location: St. Margaret School Building (Hall)
 To register parishioners should visit www.VIRTUSonline.org and search for these programs by date. Call Carly Reidy with any questions at 781-272-3111.

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

Mark your calendars for gatherings the remainder of 2026: **Thursdays: 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, and 12/17 at 6:30pm**. In August, we had a nice gathering and learned about various prayer practices including ACTS, PRAY, Lectio Divina and Ignatian prayer, opening our minds and hearts to less-known methods of prayer to help us grow in our faith. We'll meet again on **Thu, Sept. 17 at 6:30pm at St. Malachy's church hall** (enter through the Chapel, proceed downstairs via the stairs or elevator). In *October*, we'll welcome back guest speaker, *Kent Niebuhr*. More information to follow. All are welcomed - no sign-up is ever needed. Any questions, feel free to reach out to Laurie at 617-680-4448.

Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for Us

*Join us in praying a Rosary for the Unborn
on the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows*

*Tuesday, September 15 at 6 PM
Liberty Mall (Boston Common)
121 Tremont St, Boston MA 02108*

*Come join us in praying for unborn
children in the state of Massachusetts given
the recent law that removes the few
remaining protections for
unborn children nearing birth.*

*Donations will also be collected for
Pregnancy Hope Boston, a program of the
Archdiocese dedicated to serving women
and children at risk. Diapers, new baby
clothes and monetary donations will be
accepted.*



45th Annual Lawn Party to Benefit Seminarians

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 | 6:00 PM
Mary Courtyard | Pope St. John XXIII National
Seminary | Weston

Join us for an evening of fellowship featuring a cocktail reception, dinner, and music as we come together to support Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary and its unique mission of forming men who have answered God's call to the priesthood later in life.

Hosted by
Most Rev. Richard G. Henning
Archbishop of Boston

Help support the men preparing to serve the Church as priests.

Tickets & Sponsorship Information:
781-899-5500 | www.psj.edu/lawn-party

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Saturday, October 10th at 11 am

St. Michael Parish (90 Concord Rd, Bedford) will be hosting a Mass of Remembrance for parents and families who endured the tragic loss of a child due to miscarriage or stillbirth on Saturday, October 10 at 11 am. Anyone who has suffered such a loss—whether recently or years ago—is invited and encouraged to join us as we honor these little souls through the liturgy and pray for the moms, dads, siblings, and grandparents they left behind. A time of fellowship with light refreshments will be held immediately following the Mass at our Parish Hall. If you're able, please let us know if you plan on attending by emailing Michelle at thebedfordcolasantes@gmail.com with your first and last name, and number of family members joining us. Thank you.

Saint Matthew, Apostle

One of the Twelve Apostles, this tax collector is called Matthew in one Gospel (Mt 9:9) and Levi in two others (Mk 2:14 and Lk 5:27). Scripture scholars believe they are the same man because the call and shared meal with Jesus are similar in all three accounts. He sometimes is credited with writing the Gospel of Matthew, but most scholars think this unlikely. And there is no evidence for early church traditions that Matthew evangelized in Judea, Parthia or Ethiopia, or that he was martyred in Persia.

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

- Matthew 9:9-13

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CROSSWORD

Last week's wordsearch

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T	A	I	O	V	E	N	P	L	E
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ACROSS

- 2 Number
- 3 Boss
- 6 Pardon an offense
- 7 Give money
- 9 Direction
- 10 King lives here
- 11 Debt
- 14 A request to God
- 15 Male relative
- 16 Died for our sins
- 18 God does this

DOWN

- 1 Disciple
- 4 Slave
- 5 Presents
- 7 Land
- 8 Love comes from here
- 10 On front of leg
- 12 Jail
- 13 God does this with sin
- 17 To act against God

Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins

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Rev. John Rowan	Weekend Assistant
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(CONFESSIONS)****Friday: 6:00 - 7:00 pm (chapel)****Saint Margaret Church****111 Winn Street, Burlington, MA 01803****Tel: 781-272-3111****www.stveronicama.org****stveronica@stveronicaparish.org****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)**

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