

St. Veronica Parish, a publication of  
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September 14, 2025



## *Exaltation of the Cross*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that  
everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have  
eternal life.

John 3:16

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,

Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**—a day that reminds us that what was once a symbol of shame and suffering has become the sign of salvation and victory. In the Gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus, *"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."*

The Cross is not just a reminder of Christ's suffering; it is a sign of His **love**. Jesus chose the Cross willingly, out of love for us, so that we might be set free from sin and death. What the world saw as defeat became the very instrument of victory. For us, this feast is a call to see our own crosses differently. The struggles, sacrifices, and sufferings we face can feel heavy, but united with Christ, they become paths to holiness. When we "exalt" the Cross, we're not glorifying pain—we're glorifying the love that transforms pain into redemption. So today, let's gaze upon the Cross with gratitude and hope. Let it remind us that no suffering is wasted when it is united with Jesus. The Cross stands as God's eternal promise: love is stronger than death, and mercy is greater than sin.

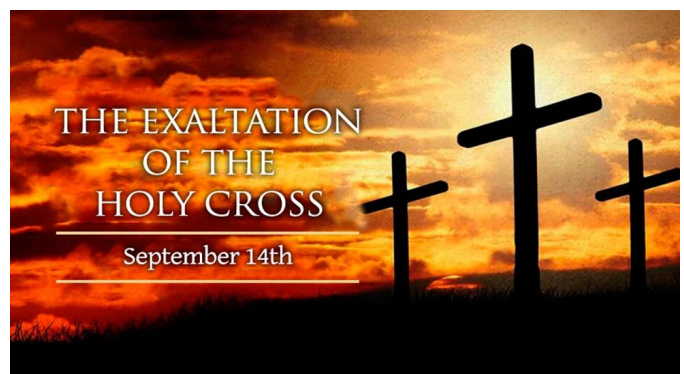
It is hard to believe it has been 24 years this past week since the 4 terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001. September 11 is now known as "**Patriot Day**" and "**National Day of Service and Remembrance.**" I think most of us remember exactly where we were that day. May we never forget. Please say a prayer today for the nearly 3,000 people who perished and for their families they left behind. "God of love we place in your loving arms the thousands of innocent lives that were lost on that unforgettable morning. We also remember the courage of the countless men and women who put their lives at risk in order to rescue, alleviate and bring solace to the afflicted.

Help us to continue to work for a world free from every form of hatred, violence and ignorance. May terrorism -- in all its forms -- disappear from the face of the earth. Amen." "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.... Blessed are they who hunger

and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.... Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Mt. 5:4,6,7,9

**Please keep Fr. Tom Stanton in your prayers as he continues his recovery from a Left Total Knee Replacement.** He has stayed at Regina Cleri for a little more time before he returns to St. Margaret Rectory, perhaps this week or next week. His surgeon said he will be out of work for about 6 weeks. He had an incident where his incision opened and he bled for a number of hours before the sent him to Mass General Hospital to stop the bleeding. Please pray that he has no more complications from the surgery and that he return to us soon.

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



# MASS Intentions

## Saturday, September 13

9:00 am **St Margaret**  
Donald & Polly Glasser Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
Ellen Enos 3rd Anniversary

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

## Sunday, September 14

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

10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Marion Marrocco Memorial

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

## Monday, September 15

9:00am **St. Malachy**  
Jim Curtin Memorial

## Tuesday, September 16

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

## Wednesday, September 17

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**  
Robert & Mary Laffin  
and Eleanor Ackerman Memorial

## Thursday, September 18

9:00 am **St Margaret**  
Margaret Hanafin Memorial

## Friday, September 19

9:00 am **St. Malachy**  
For Those Who Need Consoling

## Saturday, September 20

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

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
Carol Romano Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**  
Isabel Taylor & Ruth Reynolds Memorial

## Sunday, September 21

8:00 am **St. Margaret**  
George Bennett 20th Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Major I. Travers 4th Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
Ann Penta Memorial



A Funeral services was celebrated recently for  
**Joshua Tripi**  
Kindly include him and his family  
in your prayers.  
Thank you.

## READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

### 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY *Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

ORDINARY TIME Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-Sept 14 11/Jn 3:13-17

### MONDAY *Our Lady of Sorrows*

Sept 15 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

### TUESDAY *Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

Sept 16 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

### WEDNESDAY *Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

Sept 17 1 Tm 3:14-16/Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

### THURSDAY

Sept 18 1 Tm 4:12-16/Psalm 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

### FRIDAY *Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

Sept 19 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

### SATURDAY *Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

Sept 20 1 Tm 6:13-16/Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

### 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY

ORDINARY TIME Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13  
Sept 21 or 16:10-13



## ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**Weekend of September 7, 2025**  
**Envelopes & In Church: \$10,036**

**Online: \$5,715**  
**TOTAL: \$15,571**

<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$16,153</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b><u>\$15,571</u></b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b><u>-\$582</u></b>

**Month to Date: \$15,571**

**St. Veronica Building Fund**  
**Envelopes & In Church: \$360**  
**Online: \$333**  
**TOTAL: \$693**

**Important information regarding  
 our parish Jubilee Pilgrimage  
 on Wednesday, September 24 to The  
 National Shrine of The Divine Mercy  
 in Stockbridge, Massachusetts**

**The time of the bus departure has changed to 9:30.** We will be departing from St. Malachy We will spend the entire day on site. **Lunch will be provided so there is no need to bring one.** 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.

**Please call 781-272-3111 with any questions**

## BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

This weekend, **September 13/14**, 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](http://www.stveronicama.org) and donate online. Thank you in advance.

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

## SEASONS OF HOPE: A GROUP FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING.... COME AND BE COMFORTED

If you have experienced the death of a loved one and are searching for meaning and consolation, we invite you to join our "Seasons of Hope" group, which will begin on Wednesday evening, September 17, in the Parish Center. "Seasons of Hope" is a Christ-centered group where we will be able to share and learn from each other as we walk together in faith on our own unique journey of grief. We will meet in the Parish Hall, 90 Concord Rd., Bedford, MA 01730 from 6:00-7:30pm on the following six Wednesdays: September 17, September 24, October 1, October 8, October 15, and October 22. For more information or to sign up, please e-mail [pat@bedfordcatholic.org](mailto:pat@bedfordcatholic.org) or call her at 781-275-6318 X230.



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.

## SAVE THE DATE.....

On Saturday, October 25th at 6:00pm we will have our annual Ham and Bean Supper and raffle at St. Malachy Church Hall. Tickets will be on sale the weekends of October 11th/12th and October 18th/19th. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Our next planning meeting will be on Tuesday, September 23rd at 7pm in the conference room at St. Malachy Church. All are welcome!!!

## 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@stveronicaparish.org](mailto:deaconbilotta@stveronicaparish.org)



We will have our annual Back to School BBQ on September 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

## LOWELL TRANSITIONAL CENTER



On Wednesday, **September 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.

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

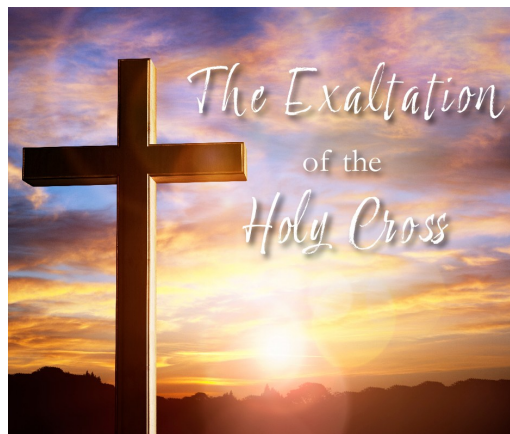
Are you or someone you know in need of a prayer? Do you know someone who is ill or perhaps suffering with an emotional problem? Give a call to the **Prayer Hope Line at 781-273-4673**. When you call, listen to the prayer and then state your personal request, for example: 'Kindly pray for John who has 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)*

## SECOND COLLECTION: CLERGY TRUST

Next week'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. This collection is directly benefiting Fr. Tom, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery. For more information, please visit: [www.clergytrust.org](http://www.clergytrust.org)

## PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS OUT TO ST VERONICA PARISH



## AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA PUBLIC ROSARY



Please join us for another public rosary rally starting at 12 noon, Saturday, October 11. We will meet at the Burlington Town Common, near the Cambridge street and Bedford street intersection. In case of bad weather the Rally will move inside St. Malachy Church. We will pray for the repentance and conversion of our great nation, asking God to save America through the rosary of His Most Holy Mother. This is part of an America Needs Fatima Rosary Crusade that will also be taking place in 23,000 other US cities. If you have any questions please contact Kevin at (781) 775-9492.





## Religious Education Programs

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 Joanne Mackey: Grades 10-12 Coordinator  
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Classes begin in  
 October!! Register  
 now at  
 Stveronicama.org!

### Grades 1, 3-5

#### ♦ Family Style program “A Family of Faith”

- \* The family program is designed to facilitate the family faith life, giving you the tools you need to pass the faith on to your children and journey with them towards Christ. This program offers flexibility to fit everyone’s schedules, as well as the ability to tailor the learning to each child’s strengths, interests, and learning styles.
- \* Each family can choose to either:
  - Create or join a small group of families that come together to work on the activities and lessons 1-2x/month at a time that is mutually agreeable to the group.
  - Complete the activities and lessons with your own child(ren) at a time that best fits into your family schedule.

#### ♦ Join us for Sunday Mass every week!

- \* Students are expected to attend Mass every weekend.
- \* Join us after the 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy’s every week for delicious donuts!
- \* Each time you attend Mass, scan your personal QR code and get stamps on your “Massport,”

#### ♦ Family of Faith Gathering once a month!

- \* Families will come together once a month for the 10am Mass, donuts and a teaching
- \* Children will gather in age-level sessions for a lesson/activity related to that month’s topic.
- \* Parents are welcomed to stay and enjoy a cup of coffee with other parents during the lesson.

#### ♦ Come together throughout the year for fun and Sacraments!

- \* Back to School BBQ, Christmas Party, Penance Nights and More!

### Grade 2: Sacrament Prep for Reconciliation and Eucharist

#### ♦ Sacrament Preparation

- \* Students will prepare by learning specifically about each Sacrament in order to prepare for Reconciliation (Jan-Feb) and First Eucharist (May).
  - Lessons will be done by individual families at home or in a small group setting.
  - Two in-person mini retreats prior to reception of each Sacrament to wrap up lessons and ensure your child is fully prepared to receive each Sacrament.

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## Middle School– Grades 6-7

### Middle Schoolers can choose from the following options:

- ♦ **Middle School After-School Program**
  - \* Grades 6-7 classes bi-weekly at the school at St. Margaret's after school on Wednesdays from 2-3:30pm.
    - Looking for volunteers to teach Grades 6, 7, and 8!
- ♦ **Middle School Evening Program (Monday nights, roughly bi-weekly)**
  - \* Classes offered from 7-8pm
- ♦ **Join us for Sunday Mass every week!**
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## Sacrament Prep For Confirmation—Grades 8-9

- ♦ **Sacrament Preparation**
  - \* Students in grades 8 and 9 will prepare for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring by discussing the Faith and learning how to maturely live out the Christian life.
  - \* Confirmation Students can choose to attend either on Monday nights from 7-8:15pm or Wednesday Afternoon from 2-3:30pm at St. Margaret's School.
    - Students will be asked to attend a day retreat.
    - Students will be asked to complete 10 Practical Formation Hours.
- ♦ **Join us for Sunday Mass every week!**
  - \* Students are expected to attend Mass every weekend.
  - \* Join us after the 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy's every week for delicious donuts!
  - \* Each time you attend Mass, scan your personal QR code.
  - \* **We are looking for volunteers to help with the Confirmation Program!**

## Grades 10-12

- ♦ **An opportunity for those already confirmed to grow in the faith and in the Christian Life**
  - \* Classes will meet once a month on Sunday evenings from 5-6:15pm at the St. Margaret's School. There is no registration fee for this program.
    - There will be group discussions reflecting on key questions of meaning and truth such as the origins of life, life after death, good and evil, beliefs about God and values such as justice, honesty, and truth.
    - We will discuss lessons taught by Jesus and how the students can use those lessons today.



## PARISH COUNCIL

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Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am

Friday: 6:00 - 7:00 pm (chapel)

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Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am; and 12:00 pm

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm (lower church)

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