

25th
Sunday
in Ordinary Time

St. Veronica Parish, a publication of
St. Malachy & St. Margaret Churches
September 21, 2025



No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." *Luke 16:13*

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 hear The Parable of the Dishonest Steward. The Parable sounds a bit funny/odd at first. The rich man calls the dishonest steward Prudent. Why? How can he say this? The answer is: The steward simply cuts out his own commission! He "invests" in his future by giving to the lenders what would have been his own commission. By doing so, he wins their good will for his own future. The passage concludes with three morals for us. The first one shows us our need to handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life. The second concerns trustworthiness. If we can handle money and other passing things responsibly, then we can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God. Finally, Jesus tells us that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of everything else.

Thank you to all who welcomed Deacon John Ippolito last weekend. He was humbled and grateful for your kindness and your promises of prayer and support. In case you were not here last weekend, Deacon John is a Seminarian at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston. He is studying for the Archdiocese of New York. Born and raised in Staten Island, New York, Deacon John worked in the area of rehabilitation before entering the Seminary. 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. Please keep him and all Seminarians in prayer. Prayer for Seminarians; O Lord Jesus Christ, great High Priest, I pray that You call many worthy souls to Your holy priesthood. Enlighten the Bishop in the choice of candidates, the Spiritual Director in molding them, and the professors in instructing them. Lead the seminarians daily in Your unerring footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, possessors of wisdom and heroes of sacrifice; steeped in humility and aflame with love for God and man; apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls. Amen. *Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us.*

Please keep Fr. Tom Stanton in your prayers as he continues his recovery from a Left Total Knee Replacement. His surgeon said he will be out of work for about 6 weeks. He had a slight setback after surgery where his incision bled for a few days. Please pray that he has no more complications from the surgery.

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

Hello Everyone.

It's Father Tom sending a quick note from Regina Cleri the retired priests home where I am convalescing.

Father Francis Conroy stopped in to tell me I look wonderful. God Bless him! I am doing well in my recovery from knee surgery.

I am doing Physical therapy religiously (pardon the pun) . I saw my surgeon on Tuesday and still need walker though I am full weight bearing on the new knee. My surgeon says 4 to 6 weeks so I have to be patient. I want to thank all of you for your prayers.

Many have sent cards and letters and well wishes thank you for those too! We will continue to pray for one another. I feel very blessed to have been cared for the surgical and recovery team that saw me through surgery Sept. 4. I'd like to thank those who provided transportation for me that day and many days since when needed. I am grateful for the staff here at Reginal Cleri they have been wonderful. Father Mahoney who has come each week thank you!! And of course God who has guided every aspect of these last several months, and who is with me as I write these words.

Blessings,

Father Tom

MASS Intentions

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

Monday, September 22

9:00am **St. Malachy**
Karen Trickett
1st Anniversary

Tuesday, September 23

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Pedro Rey
& Mercedes Rey
Birthday Memorial
Memorial

Wednesday, September 24

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**
Special Mass Intention

Thursday, September 25

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Mary & Bill McMakin
Memorial

Friday, September 26

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Mary & Cecil Teas
Memorial

Saturday, September 27

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Paul Scola
9th Anniversary

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Joanne Hurynowicz
Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Mary Jane Nadeau
1st Anniversary

Sunday, September 28

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Francisco & Alice Soares
Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Diane Jenkins
& Robert "Uppie" Jenkins
13th Anniversary
Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Paul Groulx
6th Anniversary



Funeral services were celebrated recently for
Joseph O'Shea, Thomas Calvino
Bartley Joyce & Lucette Gilbert
Kindly include them and their families
in your prayers.
Thank you.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Sept 21	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
MONDAY Sept 22	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
TUESDAY Sept 23	<i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i> Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
WEDNESDAY Sept 24	Ezr 9:5-9/Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
THURSDAY Sept 25	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a+9b/Lk 9:7-9
FRIDAY Sept 26	<i>Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i> Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
SATURDAY Sept 27	<i>Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest</i> Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/ Lk 9:43b-45
26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Sept 28	Am 6:1a, 4-7/Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/ Lk 16:19-31

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of September 14, 2025

Envelopes & In Church: \$11,507

Online: \$4,032

TOTAL: \$15,539

Weekly Budget \$16,153

Income \$15,539

Deficit -\$614

Month to Date: \$31,110

St. Veronica Building Fund

Envelopes & In Church: \$4,475

Online: \$557

TOTAL: \$5,032

**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

SECOND COLLECTION: CLERGY TRUST

This 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

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS OUT TO ST
VERONICA PARISH**



Knights of Columbus Council 4978 and Assembly 1602 will be holding its annual Campaign for Children with Intellectual Disabilities at all Masses on October 11 & 12. You may know this as the Tootsie Roll Drive.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

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" 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 October 1, October 8, October 15, and October 22. For more information or to sign up, please e-mail pat@bedfordcatholic.org or call her at 781-275-6318 X230.



Online Discernment Retreat
with

The Daughters of Saint Paul

September 26–28, 2025

For single Catholic women ages 18–30

For more info and to register, go to:
connect.pauline.org/vocation-events

Retreat includes daily talks by one of the sisters, online prayer experiences, prayer guides, community time, Q&A, and more!

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



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!!!



The Pro-Life Network is collecting **0-3 month, and 3-6 month fleece sleepers** and **0-3 month, and 3-6 winter outfits**, which are the current needs for Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center in Burlington, to help provide for families expecting a child soon. We are collecting from October 1st through October 31st, for RESPECT LIFE MONTH. If you would like to donate any of these items please contact Kathy Parsons @ 781-910-7682 to make arrangements to drop your item off or for one of their team members to come and pick it up. **Thank you so very much in advance for your generosity**



ARE YOU BEING Called?

Have you ever felt the Lord nudging your heart toward a deeper life of service in the Church? The Permanent Diaconate is a beautiful vocation through which men are ordained to serve at the altar, proclaim the Gospel, and minister in charity to the people of God.

On Wednesday, October 15th, join Deacon Bill Dwyer and Deacon Luc Lambert for an Information Session "Who is the Deacon and am I Called to be a Deacon?" They will share their own journeys, answer questions, and explain the formation process for those discerning this call. Whether you are actively considering the Diaconate or are simply curious to learn more, this session is a chance to discover how God might be calling you—or someone you know—to this vital ministry in the Catholic Church.

Come, listen, and see where the Spirit may be leading.

 **Date:** Wednesday, October 15

 **Time:** 7:00 PM

 **Location:** St. Catherine Church Hall
2 West St, Westford, MA

HOMEBOUND VISITS

Are homebound and are unable to attend Mass? If you or someone you know may need a visit please reach out to: St Malachy rectory 781-272-5111 or St. Margaret Rectory 781-272-3111.



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

Camille Mainardi: Director of Religious Education
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 Lauren Lambert: Grade 2 Coordinator
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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!**
 - * Students are expected to attend Mass every weekend.
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 - * Each time you attend Mass, scan your personal QR code.

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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Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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)

Gary Dew Facilities Manager
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If you would like to receive St. Veronica emails please send your name and email address to:

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