

27TH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Phil 4:6



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"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,

When we reflect on this parable of the vineyard in today's Gospel, some questions easily come to mind. How could those tenants be so ungrateful? How could they react in such a selfish, unjust, and even murderous way? We tend to interpret the parable simply as a story of the refusal of Jewish leaders to accept Jesus as the Messiah. But we need to look beyond that historical event. What does the parable mean for us today in our parish and our homes? The vineyard can also be seen as something entrusted to our care. How do I care for the vineyard by the way I live my life? What do I return to the owner? It is even good to ask ourselves: What are some of the obstacles that keep me from responding as I should to the enormous love of God? Those answers are deeply personal. I ask each of us to begin to answer from our hearts. The vineyard owner's Son, Jesus, is still alive today and still tending the vineyard. How can we help him? We have been given the vineyard of a Parish with two worship sites. We are sharing the fruits of our prayer and our working together with our families, friends, and neighbors. Jesus is our cornerstone. Today's Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways: through Scripture, through our Church traditions, in our Parish, and through modern-day prophets which we ourselves can and must become. We are his disciples today.

Respect Life Month October

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October (today, October 4) is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

Last weekend we printed a message from all four diocesan bishops in Massachusetts. It concerned the recent and very troubling legislation which passed one of the most expansive abortion laws in the nation. Please look to page 7 of today's bulletin to learn how to help pause and repeal late term abortion in Massachusetts. We will be collecting signatures next weekend before and after all Masses.

Let us pray for each other. God bless,

Father Mahoney



**Saturday, October 3**

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Virginia Conway Mass for the Living

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Barbara Mulligan 17th Anniversary
Myatt & Sweeney Family Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Michael Richards Memorial
Brian J. Holland 4th Anniversary

Sunday, October 4

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Living and Deceased Members
of The Dignan Family Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Marian Marrocco Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Claire Putnicki 6th Anniversary

Monday, October 5

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Edmund Grammar Memorial

Tuesday, October 6

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Agnes & Joseph DeAngelis Memorial

Wednesday, October 7

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
The Schrimdf Family Memorial

Thursday, October 8

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

Friday, October 9

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**

Saturday, October 10

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

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mass of Thanksgiving

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Bart & Carly Reidy
(25th Wedding Anniversary)
Mass for The Living

Sunday, October 11

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Roswell & Irene Daly
& Albert Daly Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Joseph & Paul Turco Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Maria Angelina Costa Birthday Memorial

"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."

THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Blessing of Animals In honor of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi we will have the Blessing of Pets and Animals **This Sunday, October 4th at 2:00 p.m.** on the front lawn of St. Malachy Rectory. This year marks the 800th Anniversary of his passage to Heaven. An animal blessing is an opportunity to pray for the health and safety of the animal and to offer our thanks to God for the gift of these amazing creatures. For the safety of all concerned, please bring your pet in a carrying case or leash to the front lawn of St. Malachy Rectory next Sunday, October 4th at 2:00 p.m. Bring your cats, dogs, birds, fish, hippopotamuses, stuffed animals, husbands, whatever you have, and we'll ask God's blessing on them. Our two Permanent Deacons – Deacon Dick and Deacon Jack - will lead us in this prayer of blessing. *"Good St. Francis, you loved all of God's creatures. To you they were your brothers and sisters. Help us to follow your example of treating every living thing with kindness. St. Francis, Patron Saint of animals, watch over my pet and keep my companion safe and healthy. Amen."*



To all who joined us for our September gathering—thank you. It has been wonderful to see new faces continuing to join our community. Our next gathering will take place on **Thursday, October 15th at 6:30pm** in the **St. Malachy's church hall**. This meeting will be open to **women and men**, and we're delighted to welcome back **Kent Niebuhr** as our guest speaker. We'll begin promptly at 6:30pm with the **Rosary**, followed by Kent's presentation on the **topic of Prayer**. His insight and clarity always make for a thoughtful and engaging evening. Please enter through the Chapel and proceed downstairs via the stairs or elevator. Mark your calendars for our remaining 2026 WOF gatherings: **November 19** and **December 17**. All are welcomed—no sign-up is ever needed. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Laurie at 617-680-4448.

Funeral Masses were celebrated recently for
Rita Moriarty & Joan Lamb
Kindly include them and their families
in your prayers.
Thank you.

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of September 27, 2026

Envelopes & In Church: \$7,876

Online: \$3,087

TOTAL: \$10,963

Weekly Budget \$16,153

Income \$10,963

Deficit -\$5,190

Month to Date: \$52,730.50

Building Fund

Envelopes & In Church: \$260

Online: \$366

TOTAL: \$626



*The Pro-Life Network is collecting for some of the current needs for the clients at Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center in Burlington. They are in need of **FLEECE sleepers and FLEECE sleeper bags - SIZES 3 month and 6 month and WINTER OUTFITS - SIZES 3 month and 6 month** - for both boy and girl. They can also use **Gift Cards** to Target, Walmart, TJ Maxx and Marshalls.*

*Your gifts mean the world to Heartbeat's clients and we are beyond grateful with what you so generously provide for families expecting a child soon. We anticipate through the fall and into the new year, will be helping approx. 300 more newborns. **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 ~ it is greatly appreciated !***

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.

Go to www.VIRTUSonline.org.

NEW TRAINING 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.

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)

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Please join us this **Sunday, October 4th** at 12:30pm at St. Margaret's Upper Parking Lot for our **ANNUAL**

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ. All religious education families are invited. We will have food, a bouncy house and fun! This is a great opportunity to meet other Catholic Families participating in our Religious Education Program!



Religious Education Programs

All Students are expected to attend Mass every weekend. The Mass Schedule is as follows:

St. Margaret Church: Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 8:00am and 12:00pm

St. Malachy Church: Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 10:00am (Coffee and Donuts after Mass)

GRADES 1, 3-5 SCHEDULE

Lessons are completed at home or in a small family groups on a monthly basis. Below are dates for special events families will attend monthly: Family of Faith Gatherings.

11/1 - All Saint's Day Gathering after 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy Church hall.

12/13 - Christmas Nativity Play and cookie decorating after 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy Church hall.

1/10 - Gathering after 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy Church hall.

2/7 - Lenten Gathering after 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy Church hall.

3/26 - Live Stations of The Cross at 3:30pm at St. Margaret Church.

GRADE 2

Grade 2 students will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation in February and Holy Communion in May. Lessons are completed at home or in a small family group. Grade 2 students are invited to the same special events listed for the Grade 1, 3-5 students. In addition, there are some additional dates to keep in mind:

First Reconciliation Retreat: 1/24 1:30 - 4:00 at St. Margaret School Building

First Reconciliation Ceremonies:

1/30 - at 12:00 at St. Margaret School

2/6 - at 12:00 at St. Malachy Church

First Communion Retreat: 4/11 - 1:30 - 4:00 at St. Margaret School Building

First Holy Communion Rehearsal: 4/30 - 7:00 - 7:45 at St. Margaret Church

First Holy Communion Mass: 5/1 - 12:00 at St. Margaret Church

First Holy Communion Rehearsal: 5/7 - 7:00 - 7:45 at St. Malachy Church

First Holy Communion Mass: 5/8 - 12:00 at St. Malachy Church

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 & 7)

will meet at St Margaret School building

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
7:00pm – 8:00pm	2:00pm - 3:30pm
10/5, 19 & 26	10/7, 21 & 28
11/2, 16 & 30	11/4 & 18
12/7 & 14	12/2 & 9
1/11 & 25	1/13 & 27
2/1 & 8	2/3 & 10
3/1	3/3

Christmas Festivities: 12/13 at 11:00am at St Malachy Church Hall

Live Stations of The Cross: Good Friday, 3/26 at 3:30pm at St. Margaret Church

CONFIRMATION: GRADE 8

Grade 8 will both receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Classes will meet at St. Margaret School building either

Monday (7 - 8pm) or Wednesday (2 - 2:30pm).

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
7:00pm – 8:00pm	2:00pm - 3:30pm
10/5, 19 & 26	10/7, 21 & 28
11/2, 16 & 30	11/4 & 18
12/7 & 14	12/2 & 9
1/11 & 25	1/13 & 27
2/1 & 8	2/3 & 10
3/1	3/3

**CONFIRMATION WILL BE MAY 11, 2026
AT ST. MALACHY CHURCH
GRADE 8 AT 6:00PM**

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM GRADES 9 - 12

10/4/2026	What Do Catholics Believe - Part 1
11/1/2026	What Do Catholics Believe - Part 2
11/22/2026	Who is Jesus?
12/13/2026	Christmas Carols – Senior Center (6 PM)
1/10/2027	Who is Mary?
2/7/2027	The Church
3/7/2027	Catholic Social Teaching
4/4/2027	Prayer and Spiritual Life
5/2/2027	Graduation/Scholarship Awards 12:00 Mass (St. Margaret's)

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Every registered parish household should have received Father Mahoney's **Grand Annual Collection** request letter during the past few days. Unfortunately, the parish offertory collection does not keep pace with the parish operating budget which includes much-needed repairs and maintenance projects. This is why the **Grand Annual Collection** is so important to the financial health of the parish.

If you did not receive a letter in the mail, please pick up Father Mahoney's letter #1 as you leave church TODAY and please respond to our **Grand Annual Collection** AND complete the attached **Welcome Card** if you are not officially registered with the parish.

The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Please return your gift card as soon as possible. Thank you!

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

QUIZ

Can you choose the correct endings?

1. Isaiah sang of a vineyard on a:
(a) rich plain (b) fertile hillside (c) wide sea coast?
2. Dismiss all anxiety from your:
(a) minds (b) meetings (c) prayers?
3. God's own peace will stand guard over your:
(a) families (b) homes (c) hearts and minds?
4. The property owner leased his vineyard to tenant farmers and:
(a) retired (b) went on a journey (c) died a little while later?
5. The stone which the builders rejected has become:
(a) the keystone (b) useful elsewhere (c) part of another building?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(b); 2(b); 3(c); 4(b); 5(a)

Sunday Funday © Pilot Bulletins



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO STAFF THE BURLINGTON PUMPKIN PATCH AS FOLLOWS:

Thursday 10/8	12:00-3:00	3:00-6:00
Friday 10/9	12:00-3:00	3:00-6:00
Saturday 10/10	11:00-2:30	2:30-6:00
Monday 10/12	11:00-2:30	2:30-6:00

This is a great opportunity for adults and kids to work together.

- We must have at least 1 adult for each shift
- We can use several tweens/teens for each shift

Please contact Marcia @ mjaulenback91@gmail.com or call or text 617-538-1970 to secure your spot

Thanks so much for volunteering!



Knights of Columbus Council 4978 and Assembly 1602 will be holding its annual Campaign for Children with Intellectual Disabilities (a/k/a the Tootsie Roll Drive) at all Masses on October 10 + 11. We thank you in advance for your generosity

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OCTOBER 8

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday, October 8th 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. The evening will close with Benediction at 8:00 pm.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2026 YEAR A

SUNDAY Oct 4	Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
MONDAY Oct 5	Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9, 10c/Lk 10:25-37
TUESDAY Oct 6	Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
WEDNESDAY Oct 7	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
THURSDAY Oct 8	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
FRIDAY Oct 9	Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
SATURDAY Oct 10	Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
SUNDAY Oct 11	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Pilot Bulletins

HELP PAUSE & REPEAL LATE-TERM ABORTION IN MASSACHUSETTS

With your signature, you can help suspend and repeal the new late-term abortion law (Chapter 188) in Massachusetts. **Signatures will be collected before/after all Masses the weekend of October 10 and 11.** This petition aims to pause Chapter 188 and places it on the ballot (in 2028) to allow the public - not just the lawmakers - to restore restrictions on late-term abortions past 24 weeks. Massachusetts requires close to 50,000 signatures to put this law on hold and give Mass. voters the final say. Thank you for your support!

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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

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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