

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." Luke 17:5



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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 today's Gospel Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God. The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus talks not about the quantity of our faith, but its quality. The quantity may be as small as a mustard seed, but if it has the quality of true faith - which means recognizing and believing that God is everything, and we depend totally on God - if our faith has that quality, then it is all God asks of us. The second part of today's Gospel is a bit more difficult to understand. "When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" We are to understand ourselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our life's work is simply to do our best each day and let the Lord handle the rest. Think of Mary. She was the simple handmade of the Lord. Handmade is the same word as servant. We know the true greatness of her life. She let God work through her. We, too, can let God work through 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 a total of about 6 weeks. He is more than half-way there. He is recovering well in the Rectory at St. Margaret's. He, his surgeon, and his physical therapist are all very pleased with his progress so far.

NO Confessions will be held next Saturday, October 11 and the following Saturday, October 18 because of weddings being held at the same time. Confessions WILL be held at St. Malachy from 6 – 7 p.m. on Friday evenings October 10 and October 17. Please plan accordingly.

Our Religious Education classes begin this week. Please pray for our students and their families as they begin our new religious education program. Renew the Gift of Your Holy Spirit. Gentle Jesus, the Gospels tell us how you gathered the children to yourself, laying your hands on them and blessing them. Lay your hands on us this day, loving Lord, and renew within us the gift of your Holy Spirit, poured out in our hearts on the day of our Baptism. We ask you this, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing of Animals In honor of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi which is October 4, we will have the Blessing of Pets and Animals **THIS Sunday, October 5th at 1:30 p.m.** on the front lawn of St. Malachy Rectory. 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 this Sunday, October 5th at 1:30 p.m. Bring your cats, dogs, birds, fish, hippopotamuses, stuffed animals, husbands, whatever you have, and we'll ask God's blessing on them. Please note: we will not perform exorcisms on cats! You may keep your crocodiles and elephants closer to the street. Our Deacon Intern Deacon John Ippolito will lead us in this prayer of blessing.

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



“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, October 4

9:00 am **St Margaret**
Paul O’Meara Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Lawrence Don Hoffner 1st Anniversary
Elizabeth ”Libby” Sacco Memorial
Charlie Kirk Memorial
Kenneth & George Drinkwater Memorial

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

Sunday, October 5

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Connie Hanafin Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Maria Nguyen Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Jim Curtin 10th Anniversary

Monday, October 6

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Caren Conway, Dan Jurek & Jerry Sudati Memorial

Tuesday, October 7

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

Wednesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 9

9:00 am **St Margaret**
Frank Presti 32nd Anniversary

Friday, October 10

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Lillian & Leonard Doucette Memorial

Saturday, October 11

9:00 am **St Margaret**
Maria Angelina Costa Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Frank & Rose Macera Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Brian J. Holland Anniversary

Sunday, October 12

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Anthony Gulla & Hunter Fagan Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
David Alden, Gaetano & Eva Micci
Anthony Pagino & Donna Lena Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Marigrace Silva Memorial

**Our offices will be close Monday Oct. 13
in observance of Columbus Day**



A funeral service was celebrated recently for
Gloria Mozzicato
Kindly include her and her family
in your prayers.
Thank you.

READINGS & SAINTS 2025 YEAR C

SUNDAY Oct 5	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
MONDAY Oct 6	Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
TUESDAY Oct 7	Our Lady of the Rosary Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
WEDNESDAY Oct 8	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
THURSDAY Oct 9	Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest Mal 3:13-20b/Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4+6/Lk 11:5-13
FRIDAY Oct 10	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6+16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
SATURDAY Oct 11	Saint John XXIII, Pope Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
SUNDAY Oct 12	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of September 28, 2025

Envelopes & In Church: \$9,611

Online: \$3,679

TOTAL: \$13,290

Weekly Budget \$16,153

Income \$13,290

Deficit - \$2,863

Month to Date: \$44,400

St. Veronica Building Fund

Envelopes & In Church: \$465

Online: \$399

TOTAL: \$864

HOLY FATHER'S "PETER'S PENCE" COLLECTION

This week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection also provides support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests, lay people for ministry, and will assist the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various Apostolic works at home and abroad. For information on these Collections, go to:

1. www.usccb.org/nationalcollection/peters-pence
2. www.cua.edu
3. www.BostonCatholic.org

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

BAGELS, COFFEE & MEDICARE

Come and enjoy a bagel, a cup of coffee and learn about Medicare. Lou Saledas a Burlington resident, with over 20 years' experience in the health insurance industry will present an educational seminar on the ABCs of Medicare and answer your questions and concerns surrounding today's and tomorrow's Medicare issues on **October 30 at 9:30 at St. Margaret Church.** To register please call 781-272-3111.



We had a very interactive gathering in September... and another new person joined us! Mark your calendars for our next gathering - **Thursday, Oct. 16, at 6:30pm at St. Malachy's Church** in the parish hall (downstairs from the Chapel). Returning as our special guest speaker will be **Kent Niebuhr**. Kent is a convert to Catholicism (many of us now know his amazing conversion story, previously shared with the Women of Faith), and shares his deep knowledge about our faith in a dynamic and clear way. Life is full of challenges and can be overwhelming. Kent will be sharing his insight and Biblical knowledge on *Trusting in God*. There is power in trusting in God, and the hope is you'll walk away with a renewed sense of peace, hope, resilience, and spiritual renewal. All are welcomed. No sign-up is needed - just show up. Any questions? Contact Laurie at 617-680-4448.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

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.

St. Theresa's Prayer

(Saint Therese of Lisieux feast day was Oct. 1)

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

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



IS GOD CALLING YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW TO BECOME A DEACON?

The Archdiocese of Boston is beginning its Fall 2025 Inquirer Program for men interested in becoming deacons with meetings across the Archdiocese. For more information please go to: <https://bit.ly/BostonDeacon2025>



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.

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.



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**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday, October 9th in the chapel at St. Malachy 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.



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
 11-12reled@stveronicaparish.org

Classes begin in
 October!! Register now at
 Stveronicama.org!

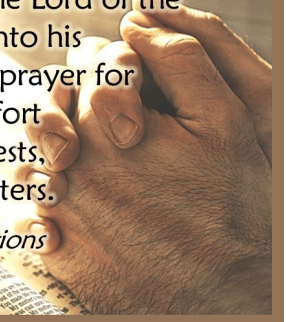
Our former Director of Confirmation, Abigail Newman, has taken another step on her journey to becoming a nun. She is now known as Sister Mary Anastasia of Our Lady of Solitude. Please pray for her and for all of those who are discerning religious life. You may follow her online by visiting:
www.daughtersofthevirginmother.com



PRAY for VOCATIONS

Jesus commanded us to pray for vocations with his words, "Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations
<https://serraus.org>



October is Respect Life Month!

This year, we are focusing on St. Joseph, defender of life. His unhesitating adherence to God's will as he faithfully and lovingly protected the Christ Child and the Blessed Mother bears witness to our own call as Christians.

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available from Project Rachel Ministry. Visit the "Find Help" map on HopeAfterAbortion.org to find the nearest diocesan ministry. Spanish speakers may visit EsperanzaPosAborto.org.



Over 30 parishioners participated in a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA. last week. Participants attended Mass, The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Benediction. The beautiful grounds features a life size Stations of The Cross.



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)

If you would like to receive St. Veronica emails please send your name and email address to:
stveronica@stveronicaparish.org



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