

St. Veronica Parish, a publication of
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Pray for Peace in the Holy Land

Dear Saint Veronica Parishioners,

The king in today's Gospel has his servants invite people to the wedding feast right off the streets. Then, he expects them to be dressed for the occasion, and excludes them if they are not appropriately dressed. That doesn't seem fair or reasonable. Everyone is invited to the Wedding Feast. Everyone is called to salvation. The invited guests who refused to come symbolize the Israelites, who failed to accept Jesus as the Messiah. Those invited later (as the Gospel puts it "whomever you find") symbolize the Gentiles, i.e., all people, including ourselves. The truth conveyed by the parable is that God's call requires a specific response. This response involves accepting Jesus as savior, and includes a conversion of heart or, in the symbolism of the parable, "putting on a wedding garment." How do we respond to the invitation that the Lord extends to us to come and share the banquet? Obviously, we ourselves have given a positive response. Otherwise, we would not be here. The real question for us is: what is the quality of our response: our wedding garment? Have we allowed our response to become less generous, half-hearted, or unenthusiastic? Let us pray for a strengthening of our faith, that our faith be a lively faith that prompts us to respond generously to God's call.

Last Sunday we had the Religious Education Back to School Barbeque. It was a great turnout and the weather could not have been better. Nice and sunny and comfortable temperatures. Thanks to all who helped with the setup, cooking and breakdown. A fun time was had by all.



Also Last Sunday we had the Blessing of Animals. That was Deacon Dick and Deacon Jack's first time blessing animals together. If you missed it, feel free to pray over your pet with these words: *"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."*



I found this great quote attributed to Pope Francis that I wish to share with you. "Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy because of you."

Respect Life Month | October

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. 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.

One concrete way to show that we Respect Life is this weekend's Signature Drive after all the Masses. Please consider signing the Petition to pause Chapter 188 and place it on the ballot (in 2028) to allow the public - not just the lawmakers - to restore restrictions on late-term abortions past 24 weeks reversing the recent law that was passed allowing late term abortions.

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 10

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

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

4:30pm 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

Monday, October 12

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Susan Myatt Memorial

Tuesday, October 13

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Bernard Vient Memorial

Wednesday, October 14

9:00 am **St. Malachy**

Thursday, October 15

9:00 am **St. Margaret Church**
The Students in St. Veronica Religious
Education Program

Friday, October 16

9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**
The Students in St. Veronica Religious
Education Program

Saturday, October 17

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Frank A. Antonelli Birthday Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Special Intention

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Kevin M. Horton 11th Anniversary

Sunday, October 18

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Ed MacPhail 2nd Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Angela DiPietro 4th Anniversary
& Joseph DiPietro 24th Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Paul Peter Scola 10th Anniversary

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Oct 11	<i>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 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
MONDAY Oct 12	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
TUESDAY Oct 13	Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
WEDNESDAY Oct 14	<i>Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</i> Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/Lk 11:42-46
THURSDAY Oct 15	<i>Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
FRIDAY Oct 16	<i>Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i> Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
SATURDAY Oct 17	<i>Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr</i> Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
SUNDAY Oct 18	<i>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Pilot Bulletins



ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of October 4, 2026

Envelopes & In Church: \$9,422
Online: \$5,905
TOTAL: \$15,327

Weekly Budget \$16,153
Income \$15,327
Deficit **-\$826**

Month to Date: \$15,327

Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$250
Online: \$393
TOTAL: \$643

Holy Father & Apostolic Works
Envelopes & In Church: \$3,567
Online: \$229
TOTAL: \$3,796



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.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

This weekend, **October 10 & 11**, 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.**

Women of Faith

IMPORTANT: TIME CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH'S GATHERING.

We will commence promptly at 6:00PM (and *not* at 6:30) on **Thursday 10/16 at St. Malachy's Parish hall**. Also note that ***both males and females are welcomed this month***.

We are blessed to have back guest speaker, **Kent Niebuhr**. Kent will start **promptly at 6:00PM and speak for 45 minutes**. Please arrive on time (as best as possible) to limit distractions. If you'd like to remain to pray the Rosary together as a group, we will commence that at 7:00PM. The gathering should end by 7:30PM. Any questions, contact Laurie at [617-680-4448](tel:617-680-4448).

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!

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE HAM & BEAN SUPPER OCTOBER 17TH

Tickets will be sold at both churches this weekend. The cost of tickets is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children.

The Ham & Bean committee will have a meeting on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 in St. Malachy hall.

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 this weekend. 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!



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 THIS weekend. We thank you in advance for your generosity

**I am not a
"potential human."**



**I am a human with potential!
I was created by God,
fearfully and wonderfully
made in his image, known
by my Creator, loved and
destined for greatness!**

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.

Religious Education Programs

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

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

St. Malachy Church: Saturday 4:00 and Sunday
10:00 (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 10:00 Mass at
St. Malachy Church hall.

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

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

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

3/26 - Live Stations of The Cross at 3:30 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
10/19 & 26	10/21 & 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 11:00 at St Malachy Church Hall

Live Stations of The Cross:

Good Friday, 3/26 at 3:30 at St. Margaret Church

CONFIRMATION: GRADE 8

Grade 8 will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will meet at St. Margaret School building either Monday (7:00 - 8:00) or Wednesday (2 :00- 2:30).

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
7:00 – 8:00	2:00 - 3:30
10/19 & 26	10/21 & 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, 2027
AT ST. MALACHY CHURCH
GRADE 8 AT 6:00PM**

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM GRADES 9 - 12

Class is from 5:00 - 6:00 at
St. Margaret School Building

11/1/26	What Do Catholics Believe - Part 2
11/22/26	Who is Jesus?
12/13/26	Christmas Carols – Senior Center(6pm)
1/10/27	Who is Mary?
2/7/27	The Church
3/7/27	Catholic Social Teaching
4/4/27	Prayer and Spiritual Life
5/2/27	Graduation/Scholarship Awards
	12:00 Mass at St. Margaret Church

Mothers and Babies Need Our Help!

Please help St. Veronica Parish provide needy north of Boston families expecting a baby or who have a small baby with baby equipment, clothing and other items they need to care for their precious babies by supporting the work of Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center, an all-volunteer 501c3 nonprofit organization in Burlington.

Heartbeat assists needy families with baby beds, car seats, strollers, clothing, blankets, diapers, toys, some formula and other items needed to nurture their babies. Heartbeat continues to provide help for several years or longer, as needed, providing clothing and more for the babies and their siblings. Heartbeat volunteers deliver needed help to many families who cannot come to our office.

Heartbeat donors and staff assisted the families of 1,135 babies born during 2025 and has helped over 800 babies born so far this year. Heartbeat requires about \$25,000. per month to serve so many families. While some items are donated to Heartbeat, most must be purchased, usually at frugal prices. Over 95% of the funds donated are used for the needs of the families. Funds are dangerously low! We need your help to continue!

Baby bottles and addressed envelopes will be distributed at the Masses the weekend of October 24th - 25th. Bottles should be returned with your donation to either of the churches. Envelopes may be returned to the churches or mailed. Online donations can be sent through the Zeffy fundraising platform. **We greatly appreciate your help for the needy families Heartbeat serves!**

Our most recent text from a mom we helped: *"Thank you very much, may God bless you greatly!! all the things you gave me are very nice and important. Thank you and millions of blessings to each member of the foundation and to each volunteer!"*

Donate through Zeffy – no fee required, or in baby bottles or envelopes.

<https://tinyurl.com/StVeronicaHelpHB2026>



Heartbeat Also Needs Help with Gently Used Children's Clothing and Equipment

Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center also provides gently and recently used clothing for toddlers and older children in the families we serve.

We need and accept gently used children's clothing, baby equipment; strollers, swings, baby tubs, high chairs, baby bouncers, walkers, exersaucers, toddler beds and jumpers in very good condition. We provide receipts for tax deductions.

Please call 781-229-7887 for more information. Gently used items can be dropped off in Burlington at 113 Winn Street Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 10 and 1.

Heartbeat needs bilingual Spanish/English volunteers to help with calls and visitors at our office on a weekly or occasional basis. Call 781-229-7887 to learn more.

JOIN US FOR OUR ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT!

Saturday, October 17th, 9AM-2PM.

St. Margaret's Church- Parking Lot
111 Winn Street, Burlington MA 01803

We're accepting all electronics, appliances, **ANYTHING** with a plug or batteries, as well as reusable bicycles!

Items will be recycled responsibly for a small fee

Part of the proceeds to benefit the Parish

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. James M Mahoney	Pastor
Rev Thomas J. Stanton	Parochial Vicar
Deacon Dick Bilotta	Senior Deacon
Deacon Jack Minch	Deacon
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Saint Malachy Church

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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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If would like to receive St. Veronica emails please
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