

**St. Veronica Parish, a publication of  
St. Malachy & St. Margaret Churches  
October 12, 2025**



*"Stand up and go;  
your faith has saved you."*

Luke 17:19

*"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,

We hear this weekend about eleven lepers, one from the first reading and ten from the Gospel. Leprosy was a terrible skin disease that was highly contagious. Lepers were thrown out of the community because of it. Not only were they not able to stay with the community, they were not allowed to stay with their families. They were outcasts in the truest sense of the word. No wonder they cry out for pity. All eleven were healed. Only two returned to thank God – Naaman from the first reading and the Samaritan from the Gospel. Giving thanks to God is the heart of all prayer! The word Eucharist means Thanksgiving. It is a good reminder for us to always thank God for all the blessings received, big and small. There is also another lesson this weekend. Naaman was not a Jew. He was a commander of the Syrian military. The leper who went back to thank Jesus was a Samaritan. He was not only a non-Jew, he was also someone considered an enemy. And yet, Elisha, a Jewish prophet, cured Naaman; and Jesus, a Jew and the Son of God, healed the Samaritan leper. Elisha did not see a Syrian commander; Jesus did not see a Samaritan. No! They saw children of God in search for healing, for reconciliation, for reintegration, for love, and for peace. And that is our challenge today: to see that God's love, mercy, and healing are for everyone, and to be an active part in offering that same love, mercy and healing to others.

We had the first of the Religious Education classes this past week. There is a requirement that our students attend Mass each weekend. It was great to see so many of our kids and their families at Mass. We will share in coffee and kid-friendly drinks and donuts each Sunday after the 10:00 am Mass. 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.

Our St. Veronica Ham and Bean Dinner is coming quickly. It will be on Saturday, October 25 at 6 pm. at St. Malachy Parish Hall. Tickets are on sale this weekend and next weekend. Please plan on coming together as one Parish Family of St. Veronica to share in a delicious meal and meet new friends and enjoy each other's company.

**The Blessing of Animals** took place last Sunday in honor of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. The weather was perfect. 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. Our Deacon Intern John Ippolito led us in this prayer of blessing. A large group of dogs (30+), 5 cats, one child's stuffed animal and over 15 humans came with their humans and were blessed. Interesting to note was that when the blessing took place, the animals went silent.



**Please keep Fr. Tom Stanton in your prayers as he continues his recovery from a Left Total Knee Replacement.** He, his surgeon, and his physical therapist are all very pleased with his progress so far.

**Reminder: NO Confessions** will be held next Saturday, October 18 because of a wedding 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.

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 11

|         |                      |             |
|---------|----------------------|-------------|
| 9:00 am | <b>St Margaret</b>   |             |
|         | Maria Angelina Costa | Memorial    |
| 4:00 pm | <b>St. Malachy</b>   |             |
|         | Frank & Rose Macera  | Memorial    |
| 4:30 pm | <b>St. Margaret</b>  |             |
|         | Brian J. Holland     | Anniversary |

### Sunday, October 12

|          |                                  |          |
|----------|----------------------------------|----------|
| 8:00 am  | <b>St. Margaret</b>              |          |
|          | Anthony Gulla & Hunter Fagan     | Memorial |
| 10:00 am | <b>St. Malachy</b>               |          |
|          | David Alden, Gaetano & Eva Micci |          |
|          | Anthony Pagino & Donna Lena      | Memorial |
| 12:00 pm | <b>St. Margaret</b>              |          |
|          | Marigrace Silva                  | Memorial |

### Monday, October 13

|         |                     |          |
|---------|---------------------|----------|
| 9:00 am | <b>St. Malachy</b>  |          |
|         | Elise Nora Thornton | Memorial |

### Tuesday, October 14

|         |                     |          |
|---------|---------------------|----------|
| 9:00 am | <b>St. Margaret</b> |          |
|         | Francis Smith       | Memorial |

### Wednesday, October 15

|         |                    |                   |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 9:00 am | <b>St. Malachy</b> |                   |
|         | Manuel Alberto     | Birthday Memorial |

### Thursday, October 16

|         |                    |          |
|---------|--------------------|----------|
| 9:00 am | <b>St Margaret</b> |          |
|         | Bernard Vient      | Memorial |

### Friday, October 17

|         |                     |          |
|---------|---------------------|----------|
| 9:00 am | <b>St. Malachy</b>  |          |
|         | The Macumber Family | Memorial |

### Saturday, October 18

|         |                              |                   |
|---------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 9:00 am | <b>St Margaret</b>           |                   |
|         | Ed MacPhail                  | Memorial          |
| 4:00 pm | <b>St. Malachy</b>           |                   |
|         | The Myatt & Sweeney Families | Memorial          |
| 4:30 pm | <b>St. Margaret</b>          |                   |
|         | Kyle Dietz                   | Birthday Memorial |

### Sunday, October 19

|          |                     |                  |
|----------|---------------------|------------------|
| 8:00 am  | <b>St. Margaret</b> |                  |
|          | Coleman Viglione    | Memorial         |
| 10:00 am | <b>St. Malachy</b>  |                  |
|          | Joseph DiPietro     | 23rd Anniversary |
| 12:00 pm | <b>St. Margaret</b> |                  |
|          | Claire Puticki      | 5th Anniversary  |



A funeral service was celebrated recently for  
**Susan Ingrao**  
Kindly include her and her family  
in your prayers.  
Thank you.

## READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2025

| <b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>Oct 12             | 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19                                                         |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>Oct 13             | <i>Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day</i><br>Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32                |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Oct 14            | <i>Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr</i><br>Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41                             |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Oct 15          | <i>Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i><br>Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46       |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Oct 16           | <i>Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque</i><br>Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54 |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Oct 17             | <i>Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr</i><br>Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7                    |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>Oct 18           | <i>Saint Luke, Evangelist</i><br>2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9                             |
| <b>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> |                                                                                                                 |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>Oct 19             | Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8                                                    |

## ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### Weekend of October 5, 2025

Envelopes & In Church: \$10,143

Online: \$5,795

**TOTAL: \$15,938**

Weekly Budget \$16,153

Income \$15,938

**Deficit -\$215**

**Month to Date: \$15,938**

**St. Veronica Building Fund**

Envelopes & In Church: \$120

Online: \$393

**TOTAL: \$513**

**Peter's Pence**

Envelopes & In Church: \$3,672

Online: \$154

**TOTAL: \$3,826**



This month's gathering is open to everyone Men, Women and even children of St. Veronica Parish: Please join us for our next gathering **Thursday, October 16 at 6:30pm at St. Malachy Church 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. Please note that we will *not* be praying the Rosary at this gathering. 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 this weekend, October 11 & 12.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

## BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

This weekend, **October 11/12**, 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.**

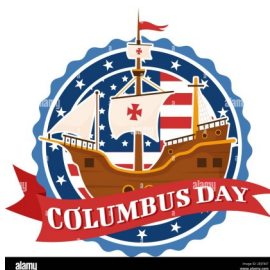
## LOWELL TRANSITIONAL CENTER



On Wednesday, **October 15th** 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.

## 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.



**In observance of  
Columbus Day our  
offices will be close  
Monday, October 13.  
Have a safe and happy  
day.**

## 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)



## 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.



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**

## 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>

## PRO-LIFE INITIATIVE

Abortion kills an innocent human life and we, as Catholics (Christians), are called by God to protect His precious gift of life.

**Did you know that your tax dollars are being used to pay for abortions in Massachusetts?** Fortunately, there is something each of us can do to stop this.

The weekend of **October 25 & 26**, volunteers from the Massachusetts Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortions (website: [www.stoptaxpayerabortion.org](http://www.stoptaxpayerabortion.org)) will be collecting signatures on a petition to amend the state constitution so that taxpayer subsidized abortions are no longer a constitutional entitlement in Massachusetts. **Please stop and sign** this petition to help save the lives of unborn babies. For more information email [tom@stoptaxpayerabortion.org](mailto:tom@stoptaxpayerabortion.org)

# 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.

**10/19 & 11/16** - After 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy Church hall.

**12/14** - Christmas Nativity Play and cookie decorating after 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy Church hall.

**1/25 & 2/8** - After 10:00am Mass at St. Malachy Church hall.

**3/22** - Penance Service at 6:00pm at St. Malachy Church

**4/3** - Live Stations of The Cross at 3:30pm at St. Malachy 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:** 1/25 1:30pm - 4:00pm at St. Margaret School Building

**First Reconciliation Ceremonies:**

**1/31** - at 12:00 at St. Margaret Church

**2/7** - at 12:00pm at St. Malachy Church

**First Communion Retreat:** 4/12 - 1:30pm - 4:00pm at St. Margaret School Building

**First Holy Communion Rehearsal:** 5/1 - 7:00pm at St. Margaret Church

**First Holy Communion Mass:** 5/2 - 12:00pm at St. Margaret Church

**First Holy Communion Rehearsal:** 5/15 - 7:00pm at St. Malachy Church

**First Holy Communion Mass:** 5/16 - 12:00pm at St. Malachy Church

## MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 & 7)

will meet at St Margaret School building

### MONDAY

7:00pm – 8:00pm

10/20

11/3 & 10

12/1 & 15

1/12 & 26

2/2 & 9

3/2

### WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

10/22

11/5 & 12

12/3 & 17

1/14 & 28

2/4 & 11

3/4

**Christmas Festivities:** 12/14 at 11:00am at St Malachy Church Hall

**Lenten Penance Service:** 3/22 at 6:00pm at St. Malachy Church

**Live Stations of The Cross:** Good Friday, 4/3 at 3:30pm at St. Malachy Church

## CONFIRMATION: GRADES 8 & 9

Grades 8 and 9 will both receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will meet at St. Margaret School building either Monday (7 - 8pm) or Wednesday (2 - 2:30pm).

### MONDAY

7:00pm – 8:00pm

10/20

11/3 & 10

12/1 & 15

1/12 & 26

2/2 & 9

3/2

### WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

10/22

11/5 & 12

12/3 & 17

1/14 & 28

2/4 & 11

3/4

**CONFIRMATION WILL BE MAY 19, 2026  
AT ST. MARGARET CHURCH**

**GRADE 8 AT 5:00PM**

**GRADE 9 AT 7:00PM**

## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR GRADES 10-12

Having received the Sacrament of Confirmation, this program will be an opportunity for students to continue to grow in their faith and live a Christian life. The foundation and cornerstone of this program, like the others, is attendance of Mass on Sundays and all other Holy Days of Obligation, which will be encouraged through the QR Code System. Classes will meet once a month. 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. "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children..." (CCC 2223). May God give us all the strength to create homes where the Truth can thrive and mold our hearts and minds!

- 10/19/2025 Program Overview. Who is God?
- 11/16/2025 Love and Two Great Commandments
- 12/7/2025 Holy Eucharist
- 12/21/2025 **Christmas Carols** – Senior Center (6PM)
- 1/11/2026 Our Father/Nicene Creed
- 2/8/2026 Mary, Blessed Mother
- 3/8/2026 Lenten Mission - St. Malachy Church (7 PM)
- 4/12/2026 Marian Apparitions

Topics may change, but class dates won't. Class runs from 5-6 PM.

For more information regarding our Religious Education Programs please see our website at

[www.stveronicama.org](http://www.stveronicama.org)

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### Day of Prayer for Harmony in our Nation and Peace in the World

- West Region -

On Wednesday, October 22nd, from 7am to 7pm, the following parishes will remain open with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout that day. If you are in the area, please stop in for a period of prayer for harmony in our nation and peace throughout the world.



Saint Mary, Dedham  
Saint Michael, Hudson  
St. John Hopkinton  
St. Bridget, Lexington  
Immaculate Conception, Marlboro  
St. Jude, Norfolk  
St. Catherine, Norwood  
Ascension (OL of Fatima), Sudbury  
Sacred Heart, Waltham  
St. Patrick, Watertown  
St. Margaret Mary, Westwood  
Saint Mary Church, Wrentham

### 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)*

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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)

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