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October 18, 2026

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me.

Isaiah 45:5

"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's Gospel tells of Jesus coming into conflict with the Pharisees. The Pharisees propose a dilemma designed to get Jesus into trouble, no matter which alternative he chooses. If Jesus said it was lawful to pay the tax, he would be in trouble with the Jewish people. If he said the tax should not be paid, he would be in trouble with the Roman authorities. As he often did, Jesus responded with a question. In doing so, he escaped the dilemma and raised the issue to a new level. Jesus reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God? It is a good question for us to ponder.

Cursillo. Next weekend (October 22-25) I will be on a Cursillo. I have been a Spiritual Director for Cursillo for close to 30 years. Cursillo, in Spanish: "Cursillos de Cristiandad," which means a "short course of Christianity," is a three-day experience which focuses on showing Christian lay people how to become effective Christian leaders. The long weekend (Thursday evening to Sunday evening) includes fifteen talks given by clergy and lay people, Morning and Evening Prayer, daily Mass and shared meals. The major emphasis of the weekend is to ask participants to take what they have learned back into the world. Many parishioners from St. Veronica and the surrounding Parishes have experienced this 3-day weekend. Please keep the 30+ men in your prayers this weekend.

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.

Thank you to all the volunteers who coordinated the signing of the Petition to pause Chapter 188 last weekend at all the Masses. And thank you to all 440+ who signed the petition to place it on the ballot (in 2028) to allow the public - not just the lawmakers - to restore restrictions on late-term abortions.

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

Catholic and Evangelical Leaders Unite in Call for Compassionate Immigration Reform

October 13, 2026
WASHINGTON - "There is much that can be done to avoid the rupturing of our families and communities brought about by indiscriminate and aggressive enforcement actions," said Bishop Brendan Cahill and Reverend Walter Kim in an ecumenical statement released today.

Bishop Cahill serves as the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration and Reverend Kim as the president of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). Together, they lead the Evangelical-Catholic Dialogue on Immigration (ECDI) as its co-chairs.

Today's statement, "A Call for Christian Compassion and Wisdom in the Immigration Debate," represents the first such statement on immigration in U.S. history to be jointly issued by senior leaders of the Catholic and evangelical traditions.

The statement's timing corresponds to a significant increase in the number of reported detentions and deportations, especially in the wake of several groups of immigrants having their legal protections revoked by the U.S. government. This is inflicting particular hardship on families with members who have differing immigration statuses, many of whom face the threat of separation.

Reflecting on the statement's significance, Bishop Cahill and Reverend Kim stated:
"What is unique about this statement is not the content, which is grounded in centuries of Christian teaching and tradition that we have already affirmed separately, but the clear unity that exists between us in this moment. As pastors devoted to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we share a responsibility to articulate our convictions, even when it comes to subject matter as challenging as immigration. In doing so together, we seek to embrace our common heritage as both Christians and Americans. Through the ECDI, we have found a strong sense of fraternity and common purpose. It is from this sincere and patriotic perspective, and with deep concern for those affected by current immigration policies, that we offer this statement with both conviction and hope."

"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 17
9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Frank A. Antonelli — Birthday Memorial
4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Bill & Rose Mahoney
70th Wedding Anniversary
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

Monday, October 19
9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Lillian & Leonard Doucet — Memorial

Tuesday, October 20
9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Pedro Rey — 5th Anniversary
& Mercedes Rey — Memorial

Wednesday, October 21
9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Noah Clement Hector — Memorial

Thursday, October 22
9:00 am **St. Margaret Church**
John Reale — Month's Mind

Friday, October 23
9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**
For the continued healing of Pope Leo XIV

Saturday, October 24
9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Carmela Carella — 9th Anniversary
& Michael Carella — Memorial
4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Kenneth J. & George K. Drinkwater — Memorial
4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Deborah DiTucci — Birthday Memorial

Sunday, October 25
8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Charlie & Rose Hanafin
& All Deceased Members of
The Hanafin & Farrow Families — Memorial
10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Ottavio Viglione — Memorial
12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Thomas Petersen — 2nd Anniversary

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Oct 18	***Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
MONDAY Oct 19	*Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs* Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
TUESDAY Oct 20	*Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest* Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38
WEDNESDAY Oct 21	Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
THURSDAY Oct 22	*Saint John Paul II, Pope* Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
FRIDAY Oct 23	*Saint John of Capistrano, Priest* Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
SATURDAY Oct 24	*Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop* Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
SUNDAY Oct 25	***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Pilot Bulletins

A Funeral Mass was celebrated recently for
Linda Graham
Kindly include her and her family
in your prayers.
Thank you.

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of October 11, 2026

Envelopes & In Church: $9,881
Online: $3,515
TOTAL: $13,396

Weekly Budget	**$16,153**
Income	**$13,396**
Deficit	**-$2,757**

Month to Date: $28,723

Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: $4,343
Online: $281
TOTAL: $4,624

SECOND COLLECTION FOR: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than , mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the Pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith - a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit **www.propfaithboston.org** for more information.

Please make your checks out to St Veronica Parish.

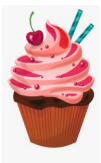
Prayers for Pope Leo. Cancerous tumor removed from Pope Leo's lung, Vatican says.

Pope Leo XIV underwent surgery Oct. 13 to remove part of his lung after doctors detected a suspicious growth that was confirmed to be cancerous, the Vatican says. May the Lord grant him healing and strength.

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 !***

LOWELL TRANSITIONAL CENTER



On Wednesday, **October 21st** 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.

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.

DONATIONS FOR A CANDLE STAND

St Margaret Church has received a sizable donation from the family of Joseph and Camille Presti to purchase a memorial/prayer candle stand. We are asking for donations to purchase the same stand for St. Malachy Church. The purchase price and installation cost will be approximately $10,000.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please make your checks out to St Veronica Parish.

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.

"It is this love which must inspire humanity today, if it is to face the crisis of the meaning of life, the challenges of the most diverse needs and, especially, the duty to defend the dignity of every human person. Thus the message of divine mercy is also implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes; Christ gave his life for each one; to everyone the Father gives his Spirit and offers intimacy."

- Saint John Paul II, on establishing Divine Mercy Sunday

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

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
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

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).

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
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.

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.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Since November of last year St. Veronica Parish has accompanied over 100 families walking through the solemn ritual of burying their loved ones.

We will be having a **Mass of Remembrance** on Saturday, November 14 at 9:00 am St. Margaret Church. At the Mass, the names of those who have passed will be read aloud and a candle will be lit in their memory. I you would like your loved ones name added please call 871-272-3111.

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Deacon Jack Minch	Deacon
Rev. Kingsley Chima Mbam	Weekend Assistant
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Rev. John Rowan	Weekend Assistant
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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:
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