



St. Veronica Parish, a  
publication of  
St. Malachy & St. Margaret  
Churches  
October 25, 2026

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Matthew 22:37

*"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 is asked by one of the Pharisees about the greatest of the commandments. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments AND OVER 600 additional rules! Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. What does it mean to love God and to love one's neighbor? How do we know we are doing that? I know people who love their spouse, their Toyota, their children, their vacation home, their garden, and their jobs. Obviously love has a different meaning in each case. So, what does it really mean?

For love of God, perhaps you can define it as a union of wills. We love God when we join our will to his, when we want what God wants, when we try our best to live according to God's will. If we turn our heart and soul and mind to the task of doing God's will, we are loving God. For love of neighbor, St. Thomas Aquinas said: "To love anyone is nothing else than to wish that person well, to want what is good for them." Isn't that the case when parents truly love their children? They may not always give them what they want, but they always want to give them what they truly believe is good for them. This may be hard for some of you to believe, but I have met people I don't really like. Sad but true. That having been said, I can still fulfill the commandment of love for them, because I wish them well, and I want what is good for them, and I invite them to the community of the Church.

We are called to love God and love our neighbor. We are called to love our neighbor by inviting others to be in relationship with the Lord and to do that in the community of the Church. One of the greatest acts of love of neighbor is for us to bring someone to love God in the community. I challenge each of us to love God in a special way this week by loving a neighbor and inviting them to Church and to their faith. That "neighbor" can be your spouse, child, parent, co-worker, checkout person at Wegman's or Market Basket, a fellow soccer mom or dad, friend, etc. The original disciples did that all the time.

**Cursillo.** This weekend (October 22-25) I am 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.

**Last Saturday we had the Annual St. Veronica Ham and Bean Dinner.** The food was delicious, and many people met new friends. A great time was had by all. Thanks to all the folks who worked behind the scenes organizing, setting up, cooking, and cleaning up. Thanks also to all those who donated raffle items and gifts. Proceeds from the evening is supporting the Lowell Shelter and the Burlington POWIR Group that is supporting two Afghan refugees.

**Next Sunday ends Daylight Savings Time.** Next Saturday, October 31, before going to bed – remember to "fall back" your clocks one hour. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep.

**Next Sunday, November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints Day.** Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. The Gospel we proclaim for this Solemnity recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. We are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

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 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  
An 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

### Monday, October 26

- 9:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Jim Denaro 6th Anniversary

### Tuesday, October 27

- 9:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Fran T. Presti 33rd Anniversary

### Wednesday, October 28

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

### Thursday, October 29

- 9:00 am **St. Margaret Church**

### Friday, October 30

- 9:00 am **St. Malachy Church**  
Robert & Mary Laffin  
& Eleanor Ackerman Memorial

### Saturday, October 31

- 9:00 am **St. Margaret**
- 4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
Nettie & John Carberry Memorial
- 4:30 pm **St. Margaret**  
Deceased Members of The Rigby  
& Kelly Families Memorial

### Sunday, November 1

- 8:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Anthony Gulla & Hunter Fagan  
Memorial
- 10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Anthony & Lena Pagano, Gaetano & Eva  
Micci and David H. Alden  
Memorial
- 12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
Rosa Hernandez 1st Anniversary  
& Carlos Galvis 21st Anniversary

## READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

|                            |                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>Oct 25    | <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40 |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>Oct 26    | Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/Lk 13:10-17                                                                |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Oct 27   | Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21                                                                |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Oct 28 | <i>Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles</i><br>Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16                           |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Oct 29  | Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35                                                                |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Oct 30    | Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6                                                                |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>Oct 31  | Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11                                                             |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>Nov 1     | <i>All Saints</i><br>Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a                         |

Pilot Bulletins



A funeral Mass was celebrated recently for  
**Paul Valleli**  
Kindly include him and his family  
in your prayers.  
Thank you.

## ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### Weekend of October 18, 2026

Envelopes & In Church: \$6,984  
Online: \$3,791  
TOTAL: \$10,775

Weekly Budget \$16,153  
Income \$10,775  
Deficit **-\$5,378**

Month to Date: \$39,498

**Building Fund**  
Envelopes & In Church: \$55  
Online: \$481  
TOTAL: \$536

**World Mission Sunday**  
Envelopes & In Church: \$3,742  
Online: \$144  
TOTAL: \$3,886



*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](http://www.VIRTUSonline.org).

## HAM AND BEAN SUPPER

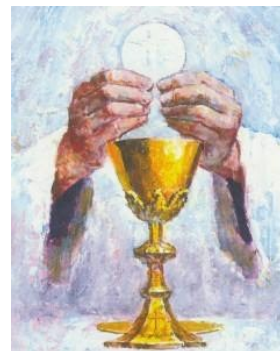
Thanks to all the volunteers who donated their money, time and raffle prizes. Also, to those who were there for set up and those who helped serve at the dinner. To Danny, Camille and the rest of the band thank you for giving us such a wonderful experience!!

We will have a recap meeting for the committee on Tuesday, October 27th in the Conference room at St Malachy church at 7:00pm.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!!**

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"Whatsoever you ask in my name, I will give you." ~Jn 14:14



The weekend of  
October 24 & 25  
The Altar Bread and Wine  
at  
St. Malachy Church  
is given in the  
Glory of God and in  
memory of:  
**Douglas Ganley**

# Saints Simon and Jude

FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 28

**L**isted among the Twelve Apostles in the New Testament, Simon is “the Canaanite” to Matthew and Mark and “the Zealot” to Luke; Jude is “Thaddeus” to Matthew and Mark, “Judas of James” to Luke, and “Judas, not Iscariot” to John. After Pentecost, they disappear. However, according to Eastern tradition, Simon died peacefully in Edessa, while Western tradition has him evangelizing in Egypt, then teaming up with Jude, who had been in Mesopotamia, on a mission to Persia, where they were martyred on the same day. Simon is the patron saint of tanners and lumberjacks; Jude is the patron of desperate causes, possibly because early Christians would pray to him, with a name evoking Judas Iscariot, only when all else failed.



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## 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.**

*He said to him,*  
*“You shall love the Lord, your God,*  
*with all your heart, with all your soul,*  
*and with all your mind.”*

[ Matthew 22:37 ]



## 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. If you would like your loved ones name added please call 871-272-3111.

## 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.

# 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 7:00 – 8:00

10/26  
11/2, 16 & 30  
12/7 & 14  
1/11 & 25  
2/1 & 8  
3/1

### WEDNESDAY 2:00 - 3:30

10/28  
11/4 & 18  
12/2 & 9  
1/13 & 27  
2/3 & 10  
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 7:00 – 8:00

10/26  
11/2, 16 & 30  
12/7 & 14  
1/11 & 25  
2/1 & 8  
3/1

### WEDNESDAY 2:00 - 3:30

10/28  
11/4 & 18  
12/2 & 9  
1/13 & 27  
2/3 & 10  
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 **THIS WEEKEND**. 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.

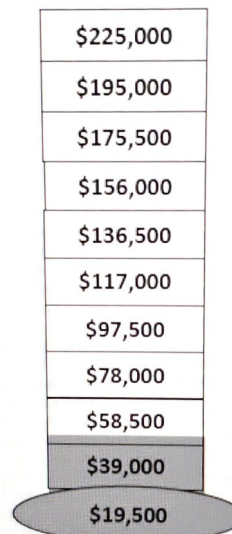
We need and accept gently used children's clothing, baby equipment; strollers, swings, baby tubs, high chairs, baby bouncers, walkers, exersaucers, toddler beds and jumpers in very good condition. We provide receipts for tax deductions.

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.

## GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Total # of Households:  | 2,222       |
| Total # Pledged:        | 131         |
| Total Amount Pledged:   | \$49,555.00 |
| Total Amount Paid:      | \$47,715.00 |
| Average Pledge:         | \$378.28    |
| % of Pledges Collected: | 96.29%      |
| % of Participation:     | 5.90%       |



As of 10/20, **131** of our **2,222** families (**5.90%**) have pledged **\$49,555.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**PARISH CLERGY**

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Rev. James M Mahoney</b>     | <b>Pastor</b>              |
| <b>Rev Thomas J. Stanton</b>    | <b>Parochial Vicar</b>     |
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| <b>Deacon Jack Minch</b>        | <b>Deacon</b>              |
| <b>Rev. Kingsley Chima Mbam</b> | <b>Weekend Assistant</b>   |
| <b>Rev. Paul Sullivan</b>       | <b>Weekend Assistant</b>   |
| <b>Rev. John Rowan</b>          | <b>Weekend Assistant</b>   |
| <b>Father Stan Ogu</b>          | <b>Priest in Residence</b> |

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| <b>Jim Shannon</b>       |                     |

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(CONFESSIONS)****Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm (lower church)****THE PRAYER HOPE LINE:  
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