

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

# THE TEMPLE OF GOD **WHICH YOU ARE** IS HOLY

— 1 CORINTHIANS 3:17 —



**St. Veronica Parish, a publication of  
St. Malachy & St. Margaret Churches  
November 9, 2025**



*"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 St. Veronica Parishioners,

Over the next several weeks this column will be shared by myself and the Deacons of the parish. We will take turns sharing reflections on the readings and their invaluable ministry within our Church.

Today is the Feast of the John Lateran Church in Rome. It is a Universal Feast as we are an "Apostolic" Church and the Holy Father is part of the Apostolic Succession. As Bishop of Rome, this is his Cathedral. He will celebrate Mass there today as he does several times throughout the year. Most people think of The Pope as only being tied to Saint Peter's Church. He lives there and several important events take place there with him presiding... but his official cathedral, if you will, is the Lateran Church.

Given by the Laterani Family construction began under Emperor Constantine in 324. The cathedral has had damage and rebuilds over the centuries, but the current building dates back to 17<sup>th</sup> century. September 14 is The Feast of Boston's Cathedral of The Holy Cross and a special Mass is held there each year, but its only a feast for Boston. Because of The Basilica of John Lateran connection to the Pope who shares the Apostolic Succession this is a Universal Feast. Saint Paul tells us (Brothers and sisters: You are God's building). While we give special recognition to these building of the Church, the true Church is her believers. As someone once said you can't have a Church without believers. Saint Paul also said; "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" This is tied to the Gospel where Jesus talks about the temple; "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." He talking of the temple of his body. He wants nothing but honor for God in the Temple, and extends that to us. If we are temples then we are to honor God in our life.

I'd like to share some of the changes that are now being followed during Father Mahoney's absence. Most of the parishes in the Archdiocese have only one priest and these practices are already happening in most of those parishes. Three daily Masses have become Communion Services, (Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday). I am hoping the majority of time they will be led by the Deacons. The Archdiocese reminded me that lay persons as well in many parishes can and do lead Communion Services. A few lay people from our parish have already been trained and have led communion services. On Wednesday and Thursday guest priests will be invited to preside over funerals by funeral homes. I will celebrate the funerals on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday at 10:00. This is consistent with other

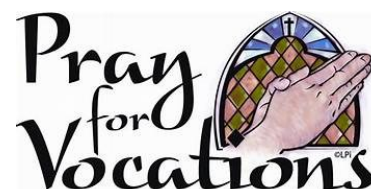
parishes with one priest. As administrator here I will always have either the 4:00 or 4:30 and often times a funeral as well most Saturday's. Canon Law states that a priest may celebrate one Mass a day and two on Sundays. We are not the first diocese in our country to go through a shortage and Bishops will allow a priest to celebrate up to three Masses on a Sunday or Holy Day of obligation if absolutely necessary, definitely not on a regular basis.

A word about Communion Services. People do hear the word of God and receive Holy Communion at these Communion Services. When I received a call from the Archdiocese of Boston regarding this time of being here alone they specifically recommended Communion Services, even for Sunday and Holy Day Masses. I know this is no one's ideal, but it is our reality. Thirty four years ago, the day I was ordained, there were 1,400 priests serving in the parishes. My first assignment had 3 priests. The notion of having multiple churches was not even thought of, nor was the idea of closing churches a thought. There are just under I believe 230 active priests right now serving in our parishes. Today, most parishes are made up of multiple churches. Many of those have combined to a new parish like we have Saint Veronica.

So now you know a little bit about what is happening. I believe one of Father Mahoney's recent Pastors notes discussed the fact that the Parish Council had begun looking at the probability of Saint Veronica becoming a one priest parish. We don't know when that will be, but it may look similar to this new schedule. I believe only 57 parishes right now have 2 priests. The recommendations given by the Archdiocese, come from the majority of parishes are what is called "best practices", trying to preserve resources and personnel as best they can. Let us continue to pray for Father Mahoney and his recovery and pray for our Parish of Saint Veronica.

Peace,

*Father Tom*



*"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, November 8

9:00 am **St Margaret**  
Dick & Lois Jackson Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
John Callahan Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**  
Sister Bernadette 20th Anniversary

### Sunday, November 9

8:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Paul O'Meara Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Michael Hartigan & Lisa Reese Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
Carlos Jose Galvis Angulo 20th Anniversary

### Monday, November 10

9:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Anna & William Robinson Memorial

### Tuesday, November 11

9:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Robert & Mary Laffin and Eleanor Ackerman Memorial

### Wednesday, November 12, (communion service)

9:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Jim Curtin Memorial

### Thursday, November 13, (communion service)

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

### Friday, November 14

9:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Joseph Schmidt, III & Arlene Schmidt Brennan Memorial

### Saturday, November 15

9:00 am **St Margaret, (communion service)**  
Paul Scola 9th Anniversary

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
Debbie DiTucci Birthday Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**  
Edward & Catherine MacMillan Memorial

### Sunday, November 16

8:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Hugh MacDonald 4th Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
James Dion Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
Larry Harrington 2nd Anniversary



Funeral services were celebrated recently for  
**Dorothy Bennett**  
& **Rosa Hernandez-Carillo**  
Kindly include them and their families  
in your prayers.  
Thank you.

## 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 22 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.

## ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

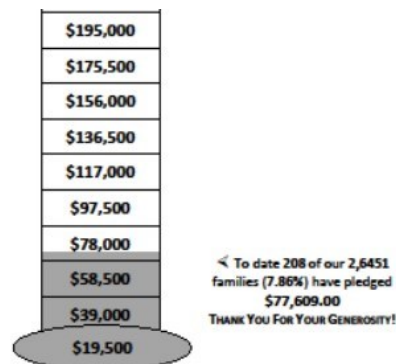
**Weekend of November 2, 2025**  
**Envelopes & In Church: \$13,504**  
**Online: \$5,080**  
**TOTAL: \$18,584**

**Weekly Budget \$16,153**  
**Income \$18,584**  
**Surplus \$2,431**

**Month to Date: \$18,584**  
**St. Veronica Building Fund**  
**Envelopes & In Church: \$151**  
**Online: \$328**  
**TOTAL: \$479**

## GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Total # of Households: 2,645  
 Total # Pledged: 208  
 Total Amount Pledged: \$77,609.00  
 Total Amount Paid: \$73,134.00  
 Average Pledge: \$373.12  
 % of Pledges Collected: 94.23%



## SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend (**November 15th/16th**) there will be a second collection for relief efforts for the areas affected by Hurricane Melissa. Hospitals, school buildings and homes were completely destroyed by this category 5 hurricane whose winds reached 185 MPH when it made landfall on October 28th. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

## BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

This weekend, **November 8th/9th** 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.

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## 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)*

## READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2025

<b>SUNDAY</b> Nov 9	<b><i>Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i></b> Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
<b>MONDAY</b> Nov 10	<b><i>Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i></b> Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
<b>TUESDAY</b> Nov 11	<b><i>Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop</i></b> <b><i>Veterans Day</i></b> Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Nov 12	<b><i>Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr</i></b> Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
<b>THURSDAY</b> Nov 13	<b><i>Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i></b> Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
<b>FRIDAY</b> Nov 14	Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab Lk 17:26-37
<b>SATURDAY</b> Nov 15	<b><i>Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i></b> Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8
<b>SUNDAY</b> Nov 16	<b><i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></b> Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

# 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.

**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

11/10

12/1 & 15

1/12 & 26

2/2 & 9

3/2

### WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

11/12

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

11/10

12/1 & 15

1/12 & 26

2/2 & 9

3/2

### WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

11/12

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

11/16/2025	Love and Two Great Commandments
12/7/2025	Holy Eucharist
12/14/2025	<b>Christmas Carols</b> – Senior Center 6PM
1/11/2026	Our Father/Nicene Creed
2/1/2026	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.





**LIFT YOUR VOICE AND SHARE THE JOY OF THE SEASON.**

Open to all! No music-reading required—just a love of Christmas music and a joyful spirit! Either join the adult choir or the seasonal children's choir for Christmas! Just a few rehearsals and plan to sing at the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve at St Margaret's Church.

If you or your child are interested, please contact:  
**Bill Donahue, Director of Music – St. Margaret Church**  
 ✉ [wdonahue@stveronicaparish.org](mailto:wdonahue@stveronicaparish.org) | 508-451-8083  
 Or simply speak with him after any Mass!

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION NOVEMBER 13

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday, November 13th 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.



Thanks to all who joined us in October. We had a great crowd of people, and a number of newcomers. All seemed to thoroughly enjoy Kent, our guest speaker. We meet next on **Thursday, November 20th at 6:30pm at St. Malachy Church (downstairs in the church hall)**, weather-permitting. Please contact Laurie at 617-680-4448 if you'd like to be added to the email distribution list, or have any questions about our gatherings. All are welcomed - no registration or sign-up is ever needed. Just show up!

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*People Helping People's*  
**15<sup>TH</sup> Annual Capital Grille Fundraiser**

The winner will enjoy dinner for six (\$1,000 value)  
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\*Certain conditions apply, exempt from special periods during weekends/holidays\*

**Tickets are \$20**

**Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:**

- A Whole Bunch Flower Market (326 Cambridge St)
- Morandi Barber Shop (1 Mountain Rd)
- Online (QR code) or Cash!

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*Many thanks to Capital Grille's Managing Partner  
 Adam Meckler for all he does to support Burlington  
 and People Helping People.*

For those wishing to send Fr. Mahoney a card, the address is: **Fr. James Mahoney, Guest House, 1720 West Scripts Rd., Lake Orion, MI. 48360**

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## Senior Gift Card Holiday Campaign

This holiday season, help us support 125 Burlington seniors through our Wish Tree program.  
 We need your help!

Many seniors on fixed incomes are struggling with rising costs. Help us spread kindness this holiday season by donating toward target gift cards for local seniors!

**Donate today:**  
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/2026-senior-gift-card-plea>

**GIFT CARD**

Last Sunday Deacon John Ippolito gave a presentation on the Sacrament of Penance.



There will be an evaluation meeting for the Ham & Bean Supper on Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00pm in the St. Malachy conference room.



We are filled with gratitude thanks to the incredible generosity of St. Veronica Parish for hosting such a successful food drive to support People Helping People this past weekend.

Between St. Malachy's and St. Margaret's churches, an amazing 2,735 pounds of food was collected! Every item donated helps ensure that families in our community have access to the food they need, especially as we move into the busy holiday season. Thank you for being such an important part of helping our neighbors in need!

In observance of Veteran's Day our rectories will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th.

## A Prayer for Our Veterans

Father, bless our veterans and all who serve our nation defending our freedom. For those who bravely gave their lives, grant them eternal rest. For those who are serving, give them courage. For those who served, we offer our gratitude. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



## DISCOVER THE IMPERIAL CITIES!



Looking for some exciting travel plans to undertake next year? Consider setting out on a grand cultural adventure through the **Imperial Cities of Central Europe**. Father Frank Silva, a faculty member at St. John's Seminary in Brighton and who previously served as pastor in Burlington, invites you to join him on a **tour of Prague, Vienna, and Budapest from June 1-11, 2026**. For information about the trip, go to:

**<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1362952>**  
or call Father Silva at 617-746-5425.



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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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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
(CONFESSIONS)**

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 pm (lower church)

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