

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE LORD COMES TO RULE THE EARTH **WITH JUSTICE**

— PSALM 98:9 —

**St. Veronica Parish, a publication of
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"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,

I always like to say that perspective is a wonderful thing. Many years ago, a friend of mine sent me the following vignette -

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, 'How was the trip?'

'It was great, Dad.'

'Did you see how poor people live?' the father asked.

'Oh yeah,' said the son.

'So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?' asked the father.

The son answered:

'I saw that we have one dog and they had four.

We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end.

We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night.

Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon.

We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight.

We have servants who serve us, but they serve others.

We buy our food, but they grow theirs.

We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them.'

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, 'Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are.'

It's so important to maintain a sense of perspective in our lives. We live in a society which is constantly sending out a message that is self-centered and materialistic. We are forever being told to get more, to do our own thing. It is a message that is very attractive and easy to get caught up in. But, is also a message that is decidedly anti-Christian and entirely inconsistent with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

That's why it is so important to step back every once in a while and take the time to reflect on and appreciate what should be the most important things in our lives – family and friends, and, most importantly, our relationship with God.

Having a sense of perspective gives us the ability to see that it's better to center our lives on Christ, rather than on ourselves. It allows us to step outside of ourselves and take a broader view of life and realize that the richness of life is in life itself, and not of the things we can acquire; that true freedom comes not from the power to do anything we want, but from the humility to do what is right and good; that true happiness comes not from having everything that we want, but, rather, from everything we need.

Having a sense of perspective gives us the ability to see that real wealth lies not in the limited goods available in this world, but, rather, the limitless riches that come from life in Christ.

God Bless,

Deacon Dick

"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 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

Monday, November 17

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Norma Alfano 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, November 18

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Ed MacPhail 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, November 19 (Communion Service)

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Willard Wyman Memorial

Thursday, November 20 (Communion Service)

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

Friday, November 21

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Antony Pallan Memorial

Saturday, November 22

9:00 am **St Margaret**
MASS OF REMBRANCE
4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Alma & George Desrosiers Memorial
4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Frank, Florence & William Lynch
Memorial

Sunday, November 23

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Manuel & Auzenda Alberto Memorial
10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Joseph & Paula Turco Memorial
12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Richard Cahill Memorial

FR. MAHONEY

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**
Please do not send any food to Fr. Mahoney due to food allergies of others.



Funeral services were celebrated recently for
Kindly include them and their families
James Strungies, Ann Connolly
Susan Long & Stephen Cross
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 781-272-3111.

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of November 9, 2025
Envelopes & In Church: \$8,618
Online: \$4,801
TOTAL: \$13,419

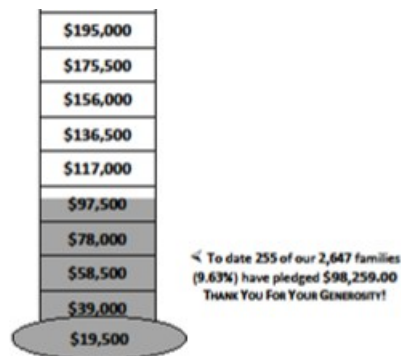
Weekly Budget \$16,153
Income \$13,419
Deficit -\$2,734

Month to Date: \$32,003
St. Veronica Building Fund
Envelopes & In Church: \$4,741
Online: \$340
TOTAL: \$5,081

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Campaign Statistics as of 11/12/2025

Total # of Households:	2,647
Total # Pledged:	255
Total Amount Pledged	\$98,259.00
Total Amount Paid:	\$93,034.00
Average Pledge:	\$385.33
% of Pledges Collected:	94.68%



SECOND COLLECTION

This 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 the 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.**

LOWELL TRANSITIONAL CENTER



On Wednesday, **November 19th** 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.

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)*

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2025 YEAR C

SUNDAY Nov 16	Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19
MONDAY Nov 17	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
TUESDAY Nov 18	2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
WEDNESDAY Nov 19	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b+15/Lk 19:11-28
THURSDAY Nov 20	1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
FRIDAY Nov 21	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
SATURDAY Nov 22	1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16+19/Lk 20:27-40
SUNDAY Nov 23	2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

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

12/1 & 15

1/12 & 26

2/2 & 9

3/2

WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

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

12/1 & 15

1/12 & 26

2/2 & 9

3/2

WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

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

12/7/2025	Holy Eucharist
12/14/2025	Christmas Carols – 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 | 508-451-8083
 Or simply speak with him after any Mass!

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>

Women of Faith

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!

Saint Cecilia

THIRD CENTURY
 FEAST DAY — NOVEMBER 22

Cecilia has been honored as a martyr since about 545. According to a written legend, The Passion of Saint Cecilia, she was a Roman Christian of the patrician class betrothed to the pagan Valerian. The Cecilia Passion has her singing to God in her heart on her wedding day. Cecilia tells Valerian she has made a vow of virginity and persuades him to convert to Christianity and enter into a celibate marriage. His brother, Tiburtius, also becomes a Christian. The brothers are later martyred. When Cecilia refuses to perform an idolatrous act, she too is martyred. Cecilia is the patron of musicians.

“ This young Roman martyr invites believers to be watchful on their journey toward the encounter with Christ, gladdening the earthly pilgrimage with the festivity of music and song. **”**

— St. John Paul II, November 22, 2003



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HELP NEEDED

We are badly in need of parishioners willing to join our Eucharistic Adoration ministry. Adoration takes place once per month between 2 pm to 8 pm at St. Malachy's chapel.

We are looking for people willing to spend an hour with the Lord during that time period. We especially need help in the 7 - 8 pm time slot, but can use help in other time slots as well. It's not necessary to sign up every month. We could use your help even if it's only occasionally. If interested, please contact either Deacon Dick (deaconbilotta@stveronicaparish.org) or Cathy Rais (wwjcathy@gmail.com).

2026 LECTOR WORKBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

The new liturgical year begins with the first Sunday in Advent on November 30th. Lector workbooks are now available in the sacristy of both of our churches. Each lector has been assigned a workbook with their name on it. Please get your workbook from the church at which you normally serve. The books at St. Malachy are on a table in the sacristy next to the big safe. The Books at St. Margaret on a table located at the far side of the sacristy nearest the rectory. There should be a book for every lector. But, If you can't find a book with your name on it, please contact either Laurie Glasser (St. Margaret) or Christina Arokiaraj (St. Malachy).

PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING LOW GLUTEN EUCHARIST

Congregants requesting low gluten hosts are NO LONGER required to stop into the Sacristy before Mass. Instead, you are invited to come to the altar during the Lamb of God and are asked to stand on the opposite side of the altar from the Eucharistic Ministers to receive the low gluten eucharist before common distribution begins.

THANK YOU...



We are filled with gratitude for the incredible generosity of St. Veronica Parish for hosting a very successful food drive the weekend of November 1st and 2nd. The parish collected \$1,071 in cash and 2,735 pounds of food! Every item donated helps to ensure that families who are in need in our community have access to good food, especially as we enter this holiday season.

Also, thank you to our volunteers who spent over 9 hours across all 5 Masses. 26 teens helped organize, sort and stack the donations in the People Helping People truck. In doing so, they gave the volunteers at the food pantry a head start in getting the food on the shelves.

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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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