

2nd
Sunday
of Advent

St. Veronica Parish, a publication
of
St. Malachy & St. Margaret
Churches
December 7, 2025



Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Matthew 3:3

"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."

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send
your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for
Christmas.
We who have so much to do and seek quiet
spaces
to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things look
forward
to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long
for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of
your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet
seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen.
Henri J.M. Nouwen

On this second Sunday of Advent we hear
from Matthews Gospel:

*" A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths. "*

John the Baptist knew the Lord had arrived
and he just wanted to be ready to recognize
him, he prepared the way, recognized him,
baptized him in the Jordan, and ultimately
would give his life. He knew his place,
hopefully we know ours.

As the business of the season is in full swing
don't lose sight of what Advent is, a time of
preparation. How do we prepare. Through
prayer, through good works, reconciliation,.
The three penitential practices of our Church
are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Many
priests use these practices as penances. We
may think of fasting as being a 'Lenten'

thing it is not limited to lent. Whatever can
remind us to have a hunger for the Lord
more in our life is worthwhile. In the Play
Godspell there is a song called Day by Day;
The Day by day, day by day
O Dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, [God sees all
creation as His image and likeness; Do we?]
Love thee more dearly, [God's love is a
selfless love and unconditional love, do we
have the same.]
Follow thee more nearly, [Its all about being
humble, following the Lord through this life,
to the next]
Day by day.

Let us pray for one another,

Rev. Tom Stanton

Monday December 8th is the Feast of the
Immaculate Conception a Holy day of
obligation and we will have a 9AM Mass at
Saint Malachy church and 7PM Mass at
Saint Margret church. Mary also prepared
the way of the Lord from the conception of
Jesus, when The Angel appeared at the
annunciation, in her relationship with Jospeh,
in finding Jesus in the Temple, at the foot of
the cross. She stayed with the Lord and
hopefully we remember to too.

A reminder for those who attend Mass during
the week. When there is snow and school is
cancelled, Daily Mass is also cancelled.

***Monday, December 8,
Feast of the Immaculate
Conception***

9:00am St. Malachy

7:00pm St. Margaret

"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, December 6

9:00 am **St Margaret, (Communion Service)**
Paul, Alice & Paul J. Mackey
Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Rosa Hernandez Month's Mind
Robert Castellano 13th Anniversary
John & Josephine Bober Memorial
Carol Capadulupo
& Joan Fiato Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Joseph & Arlene Lefebvre Memorial
Donald & Polly Glasser Memorial
Patricia & Brennan Walsh
1st Anniversary
The McMakin & Rock Families
Memorial
Noel J. Holland 2nd Anniversary
Mary, Clarence, Dick & Christine Westberg
and Grace & Santo Patti Memorial
Josephine Preble Anniversary
Elizabeth Melanson 2nd Anniversary
Joseph Mathi 8th Anniversary
Charlie & Rose Hanafin Memorial

Sunday, December 7

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Mary M. Christiano Birthday Memorial
& Ralph T. Christiano 28th Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Angela DiPietro 3rd Anniversary

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Robert O'Keefe, Sr. & Robert O'Keefe, Jr.
Memorial
and Carolyn O'Keefe 5th Anniversary

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.

Monday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
7:00 pm **St. Margaret**

Tuesday, December 9

9:00 am **St. Margaret**
Ed MacPhail Memorial

Wednesday, December 10, (Communion Service)

9:00 am **St. Malachy**

Thursday, December 11, (Communion Service)

9:00 am **St Margaret**

Friday, December 12

9:00 am **St. Malachy**
Maria D'Alelio 8th Anniversary

Saturday, December 13

9:00 am **St Margaret, (Communion Service)**
Bernard Vient Memorial

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**
Christiana Romano O'Brien Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**
Frank J. Cassidy Memorial

Sunday, December 14

8:00 am **St. Margaret**
Alice Vigneau 7th Anniversary

10:00 am **St. Malachy**
Mary McCarthy & Eileen Callahan
Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**
Martin & Nora Kelly Memorial



Funeral services were celebrated recently for
Mary Maccini & Ronald MacDonald
Kindly include them and their families
in your prayers.
Thank you.

ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Weekend of November 30, 2025

Envelopes & In Church: \$9,047

Online: \$4,635

TOTAL: \$13,682

Weekly Budget \$16,153

Income \$13,682

Deficit -\$2,471

Month to Date: \$71,328

St. Veronica Building Fund

Envelopes & In Church: \$210

Online: \$240

TOTAL: \$450

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)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

DECEMBER 11TH

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Thursday, December 11th 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.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Led by Cantor Chuck Carnell, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung at 3:00 pm.

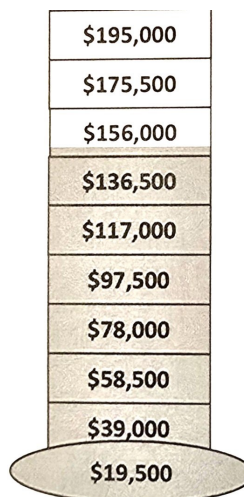
Benediction

The evening will close with Benediction.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Campaign Statistics as of 12/3/2025

Total # of Households: 2,657
Total # Pledged: 368
Total Amount Pledged \$143,317.00
Total Amount Paid: \$138,417.00
Average Pledge: \$389.45
% of Pledges Collected: 96.58%



◀ To date **368** of our **2,657** families
(13.85%) have pledged
\$143,317.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Women of Faith

Thank you to all who joined us in November. We did a lot of soul-searching and learned much about soul-saving. It was a great gathering. Mark your calendars - **all** are invited - **males and females of all ages - bring your families and friends - Thursday, December 18 at 6:30pm** at St. Malachy's Parish Hall (downstairs from the Chapel). We welcome as guest speaker our own parishioner - **David Hanafin**. We will start with the Rosary and prayer shawl giveaway, and then **David** will share about the rich religious meanings and traditions behind some of the more popular Christmas symbols we are so very used to (for example, Christmas trees, candy canes, bells, the gingerbread man, etc.). He's got some great stories, too! Since Christmas is right around the corner, you're welcome to bring a dessert-style baked good to share (totally optional!). And if enough folks bring a fun, wrapped gift (new, around \$7), we'll have a Yankee Swap! It's always fun - whether you join in or just enjoy watching. Please join us. No sign-up is ever needed - just show up! Any questions, reach out to Laurie at 617-680-4448.

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.

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

12/15

1/12 & 26

2/2 & 9

3/2

WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

12/17

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

12/15

1/12 & 26

2/2 & 9

3/2

WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

12/17

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.



ST. VERONICA GIVING TREE



THANK YOU for your response to this year's requests. There are still tags available. Your gifts will support the following:

*St. Veronica Parishioners
Heartbeat
People Helping People of Burlington
Lowell Shelter
Tewksbury Hospital
Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Lynn*

**FINAL RETURN DATE:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**

*Now we watch for the day,
hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.*

Advent Preface



**CHRISTMAS EVE
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24th**

St Malachy Church
4:00pm & 6:00pm

St Margaret Church
4:30pm upper church
4:30pm lower church

**CHRISTMAS DAY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th**

St Margaret Church
8:00am
St Malachy Church
10:00am

Saint Nicholas

270-343 , FEAST DAY — DECEMBER 6

From the ninth century in the East and the eleventh century in the West, Nicholas has been one of the most popular saints in Christianity and in Christian art and is the patron of many countries, dioceses, churches, and cities. He was a Greek bishop of Myra in Lycia (now Turkey). He is recognized as the origin of the Santa Claus story, as he was known for his generosity and his habit of secret gift giving.

According to folklore, there was a poor family in his village with three daughters, who could not marry without a dowry. One night, while the family was sleeping, Nicholas secretly went up to their front door. The girls had left their shoes outside. Nicholas put several gold coins in each shoe, enough for the girls to marry.

His charity to the poor is commemorated in modern times by those who follow the tradition of stuffing a boot or a stocking with gifts on his feast day. "Santa Claus" comes from the Dutch form of his name, "Sinterklaas." He is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, and children.



THANK YOU FROM HEARTBEAT FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank you so very much to all who participated in the recent Baby Bottle Fundraiser to assist needy families having new babies. We received over \$9,000 from the proceeds of the fundraiser to provide all the basic supplies needed for 25 needy families to welcome their new babies home. We are sincerely grateful for your continuing help! Special thanks to Kathy Coluci and all who assisted her in running the fundraiser! Thank you also to all who donated fleece sleepers and baby outfits and to Kathy Parsons who coordinated the fleece sleeper and outfit drive. The moms are very grateful for the help they receive for their families! Their joy is amazing! We receive many happy smiles and texts, sometimes with adorable photos! A recent text from a grateful mom read, **"I want to thank you all. I loved the stroller, the clothes, the bathtub, everything. While I was sitting there, I was praying for God to continue blessing each volunteer and everyone who donates and their families. This is the best way to thank each and every one! Thank you very much!"** Heartbeat donors and volunteer staff have assisted over 960 babies born through the end of October this year along with continuing to help many families from earlier years. Many families are unable to provide basic necessities for their children. Over 96% of the funds we spend are used for direct help to families providing car seats, strollers, baby beds, baby clothing, diapers and other needed items. Your donations help to accomplish the many corporal and some spiritual works of mercy that are part of Heartbeat's service! We are grateful to God and to all who support our efforts! God bless you for your caring and generosity! **Want to help in other ways?** We need bilingual Spanish-English speaking volunteers on a weekly or occasional basis who can help in the office translating for the many Spanish moms who call or come to the office Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 10 and 2. We need someone to volunteer between 2-4 any days we are open to help ready supplies to be delivered. **What talents can you share?** We always appreciate hand-made blankets, baby hats, baby quilts and taggie toys/blankets. Gently and recently used babies' and children's clothing, toys and equipment is also needed.

Pregnant or new moms needing assistance should call 781-229-7887 or email us at PregnancyMA@verizon.net.

FR. MAHONEY

For those wishing to send Fr. Mahoney a card, the address is: **Fr. James Mahoney, Guest House, 1601 Jocelyn Rd., Lake Orion, MI. 48360**

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2025

SUNDAY Dec 7	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
MONDAY Dec 8	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
TUESDAY Dec 9	<i>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i> Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3+10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
WEDNESDAY Dec 10	<i>Our Lady of Loreto</i> Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
THURSDAY Dec 11	<i>Saint Damasus I, Pope</i> Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1+9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
FRIDAY Dec 12	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Judith 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
SATURDAY Dec 13	<i>Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
SUNDAY Dec 14	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10./Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Pilot Bulletins



**Join the
CHRISTMAS
CHOIR**

**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!

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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)

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