

**4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
of Advent

**Veronica Parish, a publication of  
St. Malachy  
& St. Margaret Churches  
December 21, 2025**



*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall  
name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Matthew 1:23*

*"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 Parishioners of St. Veronica Parish,  
The Pastoral Staff and Clergy of St. Veronica Parish, wish you and your loved ones a Very Merry Christmas!! As Christians around the world celebrate the meaning of their faith, may you find more meaning in your faith.

God Bless,  
Fr Tom



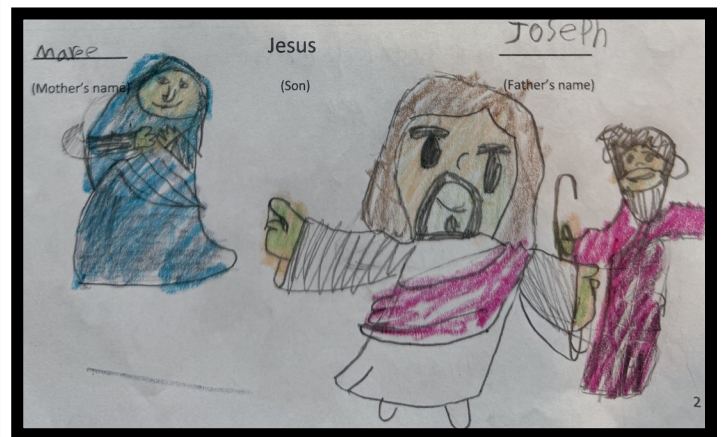
*Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed, and the savior of the world will rule over us.*

*Office of Readings  
Roman Rite*

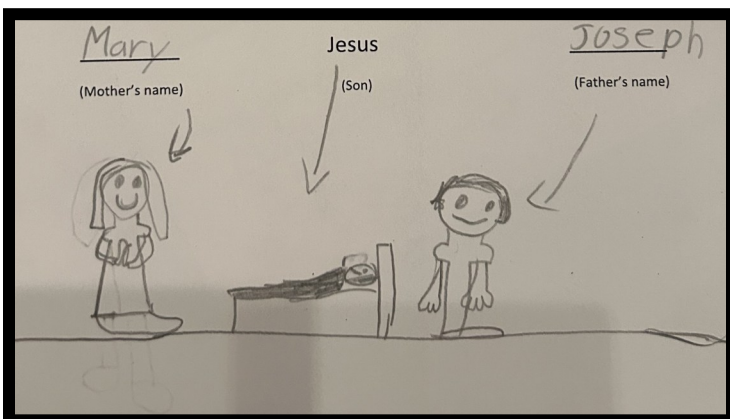
Here is some art work created by our 2nd Grade students



By: Sebastian



By: Jorge



By: Grace



By: Luke



*"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 20

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

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
George & Mary Dykas  
and Theresa Mollo Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**  
Moya Walsh 14th Anniversary

## Sunday, December 21

8:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Connie & Margaret Hanafin & Sons Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
David H. Alden Birthday Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
Tina Braceland  
& Cindy Durney Memorial

## Monday, December 22

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

## Tuesday, December 23

9:00 am **St. Margaret**  
James Pappas 3rd Anniversary

## Wednesday, December 24

### CHRISTMAS EVE

### St Malachy Church

4:00pm & 6:00pm

### St Margaret Church

4:30pm upper church

4:30pm lower church

## Thursday, December 25

### CHRISTMAS DAY

### St Margaret Church

8:00am

### St Malachy Church

10:00am

## Friday, December 26

9:00 am **St. Malachy**  
The Sallesse & Velardi Families Memorial

## Saturday, December 27

9:00 am **St Margaret, (Communion Service)**  
John Clemens 4th Anniversary

4:00 pm **St. Malachy**  
Anna Vahey Memorial

4:30 pm **St. Margaret**  
Anna, Peter, Don & Joan DiRienzo Memorial

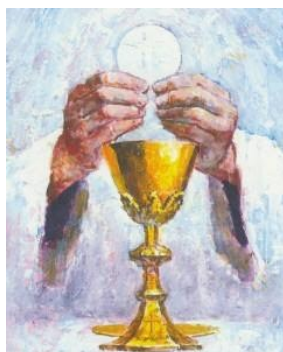
## Sunday, December 28

8:00 am **St. Margaret**  
Natalina Presti Birthday Memorial

10:00 am **St. Malachy**  
Francis Smith Memorial

12:00 pm **St. Margaret**  
Anibal Castro Memorial

The weekend of  
December 20 & 21  
The Altar Bread and Wine  
at  
St. Margaret Church  
is given in the  
Glory of God and in  
memory of:  
**Bill & Mary McMakin**



On Christmas Eve and  
Christmas Day  
December 24 & 25  
The Altar Bread and Wine  
at  
St. Margaret Church  
is given in the  
Glory of God and in  
memory of:  
**Michael & Denise Dooley**

## ST VERONICA PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**Weekend of December 14, 2025**  
**Envelopes & In Church: \$10,711**  
**Online: \$3,942**  
**TOTAL: \$14,653**

**Weekly Budget \$16,153**  
**Income \$14,653**  
**Deficit -\$1,500**

**Month to Date: \$31,328**

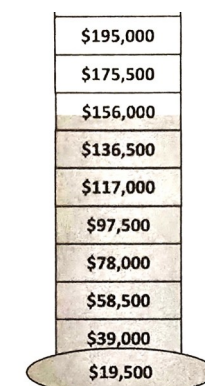
**St. Veronica Building Fund**  
**Envelopes & In Church: \$4,616**  
**Online: \$499**  
**TOTAL: \$5,115**

**Christmas Flowers**  
**Envelopes: \$375**  
**Online: \$10**  
**TOTAL: \$385**

## GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Campaign Statistics as of 12/9/2025

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Total # of Households:  | 2,658        |
| Total # Pledged:        | 394          |
| Total Amount Pledged    | \$154,992.00 |
| Total Amount Paid:      | \$150,507.00 |
| Average Pledge:         | \$393.38     |
| % of Pledges Collected: | 97.11%       |
| % of Participation:     | 14.82%       |



← To date 394 of our 2,658 families  
 (14.82%) have pledged  
**\$154,992.00**  
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

## COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas from all the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. The Christmas Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit [www.clergytrust.org](http://www.clergytrust.org)

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS OUT TO:  
ST VERONICA PARISH**

## 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.

## PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

Is there someone special you've been holding in prayer? Perhaps a friend facing illness or surgery, a parishioner who has lost a loved one, or a neighbor who is going through a difficult time or is home bound?

Our ministry knits and crochets beautiful shawls to be given to *anyone* who could use a special reminder of the warmth and comfort of God's love. Every shawl is unique and colorful, stitched with prayers and blessings for the future recipient with following prayer enclosed.

*"May the one who receives this shawl be  
 cradled in hope, kept in joy,  
 graced with peace, and wrapped in love."*

Please call either rectory if you have someone you would like to receive this beautiful gift.

(Donations appreciated.)

# 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.

**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

1/26

2/2 & 9

3/2

### WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

1/28

2/4 & 11

3/4

**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

1/26

2/2 & 9

3/2

### WEDNESDAY

2:00pm - 3:30pm

1/28

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

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 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



This Christmas season will be much happier and more cheerful for so many people due to the **extraordinary generosity** of the people of St. Veronica Parish! Our annual **Christmas Giving Tree** project was a tremendous success. This year, we fulfilled **350 specific gifts requests for individuals** and collected numerous **gift cards** donations. These gifts and gift cards will benefit individuals in our own parish, as well as Heartbeat, People Helping People, Tewksbury Hospital and St. Vincent de Paul Society. In addition, more than 1,000 personal items and toiletries were collected that will benefit the residents of the Lowell Transitional Living Center. We are blessed to be surrounded by such a generous community.

## 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.



### 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

### READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2025

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>Dec 21                           | <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b><br>Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6./Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24   |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>Dec 22                           | 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>Dec 23                          | <i>Saint John of Kanty, Priest</i><br>Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10+14/Lk 1:57-66  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>Dec 24                        | Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27+29/Lk 1:67-79   |
| <b>NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)</b><br>Dec 25 | <b>Vigil:</b> Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/<br>Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25<br><b>Night:</b> Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/<br>Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>Dec 25                         | <b>Dawn:</b> Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/<br>Lk 2:15-20   |
| <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>                      | <b>Day:</b> Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Dec 26                           | <b>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</b><br>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab+8a, 16bc+17/<br>Mt 10:17-22  |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>Dec 27                         | <b>Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</b><br>1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>Dec 28                           | <b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b><br>Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23   |





## IT'S TIME FOR BINGO!!

On December 21st,  
January 4th & 18th  
St. Vincent de Paul  
of Woburn is hosting BINGO at The Moose Lodge,  
4 Federal Street, Woburn. Doors open at 12:30pm.

## 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)*

For those wishing to send **Fr. Mahoney** a card, the address is:

**Rev. James Mahoney**  
Guest House  
1601 Jocelyn Rd.  
Lake Orion, MI. 48360

Cards for **Fr. Conroy** can be sent to:

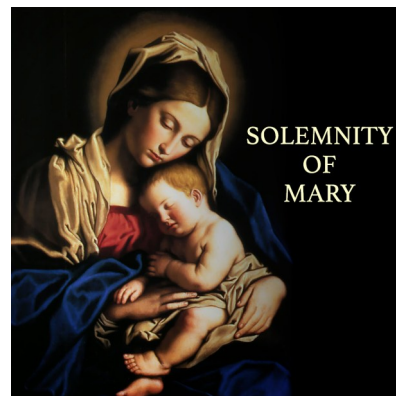
**Rev. Francis Conroy**  
Regina Cleri  
60 William Cardinal O'Connell Way  
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## PRAY for VOCATIONS

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>

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY JANUARY 1 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)



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



Funeral services were celebrated recently for  
***Rosemary Conlin & John Barry***  
Kindly include them and their families  
in your prayers.  
Thank you.

*Women of Faith*

Mark your calendars for our January gathering (weather permitting): **Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 6:30pm at St. Malachy's Parish Hall**. If you joined us for the December gathering, it was a really great turnout and time, celebrating the Christmas season together! Thanks to David Hanafin for his wisdom and wit. Merry Christmas, and see you in the new year!

**PARISH CLERGY**

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**Deacon Jack Minch** Deacon  
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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)

**Saint Margaret Church**

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