

Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciple of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." -Mt 28:18-19

Mass Schedule:

Sacred Hearts Church

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and
11:30 a.m.

Daily Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m.,
Sacred Hearts Church

Saturday 8:00 a.m.,

Sacred Hearts Church

St. Patrick Church

Sunday 10:15 a.m.

The Church is open for prayer

Monday through Friday from
7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Penance: Saturday, 3:00 p.m.
to 3:30 p.m. in the Immaculate
Heart of Mary Chapel and
upon request.

Baptism:

Semi-private baptisms are
available at 1:00 p.m. on
Saturdays and Sundays.

Please call the Pastoral Center
to schedule a Baptism,
978-373-1281.

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Mission Statement for Sacred Hearts Parish



Sacred Hearts Parish exists to serve as a living testimony to Christ's presence within its faith community which is strengthened and nourished by a firm commitment to the Gospel values through prayer, worship, faith formation and service.

Sacred Hearts Parish is on Facebook!



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POINTS TO PONDER

Reflect on Sunday's readings: **Matthew 28:16-20;**
Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; **Romans 8:14-17**

- How do you attend to your covenant relationship with God each day?
- What are the greatest gifts you have received from the Lord?
- How does your parish community, as the Body of Christ alive in the world, seek to be bread that is broken and wine that is poured out for others?
- We know the Eucharist is "the source and summit of Christian life." How is this true in your journey of faith?

NEW COVID GUIDELINES

We wish to announce several changes regarding COVID guidelines in our churches.

As of Saturday, May 29th, vaccinated individuals no longer are required to wear masks or socially distance while in church. Unvaccinated individuals are advised to wear masks while in church. Each individual and family is asked to make a thoughtful, reasonable decision when they are ready to take off their masks and be near other people.

The dispensation from the obligation for attending Sunday Mass has not been lifted. Individuals who are feeling ill at any time are advised to stay home. We will continue to livestream our daily and weekend masses.

Dismissal will return to normal – standing during final hymn and leaving church as you wish.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 29, 2021

8:00 a.m. ~ Paula Cox

4:00 p.m. ~ Richard Atkinson

SUNDAY, May 30, 2021

7:30 a.m. ~ Janice A. Buckley

9:00 a.m. ~ Jennie and Paul Credit

10:15 a.m. ~ John Strangman, Sr.

11:30 a.m. ~ James McCarthy

MONDAY, May 31, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Jack Fenlon and Laura Ringuette
and (Living) Mike and Sarah Perry

TUESDAY, June 1, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Rev. Jerry Hogan

WEDNESDAY, June 2, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ John M. Collins, Month's Mind

THURSDAY, June 3, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Sacred Hearts School,
Graduating Class of 2021

FRIDAY, June 4, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Elizabeth Lynch

SATURDAY, June 5, 2021

8:00 a.m. ~ Harper J. Titus, Month's Mind

4:00 p.m. ~ Paula Cabral

SUNDAY, June 6, 2021

7:30 a.m. ~ Anne Paradis and Karen LaPierre

9:00 a.m. ~ Lena Berube

10:15 a.m. ~ Robert J. Fredette, II

11:30 a.m. ~ Gerald Ferronetti



HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

The Pastoral Center will be closed on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, June 1st at 8:30 a.m.



God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

I am reminded on this great Solemnity of a story I once heard about St. Augustine. The story goes as follows, taken from National Catholic Register (ncregister.com):

"St. Augustine spent 30 years writing his book [De Trinitate](#) (about the Holy Trinity). During that time Augustine was once walking along the beach, struggling to understand how God could be three persons in one God, when he met a small child who was using a seashell to scoop water from the sea. The child would run back to the beach and pour the water into a small hole he had dug in the sand.

Augustine watched for a while, then asked the child what he was doing. "I'm putting the sea into this hole," the child explained.

"But that is impossible!" Augustine cried. "The hole is not big enough to contain the entire sea!"

The boy stopped for a moment, stood and looked into the eyes of the saint, and replied, "It is no more impossible than what you are trying to do – comprehend the immensity of the mystery of the Holy Trinity with your small intelligence."

The lesson is clear: the disposition we must have before so great a mystery must be humility and awe. However, there are some important things to draw from this belief in One God in Three Persons that we can begin to reflect on and allow to shape and guide us.

First, let us recall that we are made in the image and likeness of God. What is more, in His Incarnation, Death, Resurrection and triumphant Ascension into Heaven, Jesus literally brought our human nature from brokenness and *God-forsakenness* into the very Godhead. Our humanity sits at the right hand of the Father! Therefore, what is said of God tells us about ourselves, what we were made for and what our destiny is.

So what does the Holy Trinity tell us about ourselves? It tells us that we were made for community, for others, and for unity. At the heart of all Creation and existence Itself is relationship, self-gift. Instinctively we know this. The pandemic we have lived through these past 16 months has only served to make this more clear and the pain of the lack of this reality that much more acute. When we are in disunity in our families, when our loved ones die and other people are kept at a distance, seen as potential threats to our personal health, there is discord in our hearts, a lack of peace, profound suffering. While we "save face" around others, telling ourselves that we must be strong, convincing even ourselves that we are fine, we are all carrying around an immense trauma to our personal and social fabric that must be mended.

As Christians, we look to God in our suffering, we look to Jesus as the Divine Physician to mend our hearts, not just the lifting of restrictions and nice weather, as wonderful as those are. In Jesus, our trauma, our suffering is not alien to God. It is said that the wounds of His crucifixion remain on Jesus' glorified body, that same Body seated next to the Father. Why? We say that God is love, from all eternity. Love necessarily needs a Beloved, and so we have Father (Lover), Son (Beloved) and Holy Spirit (the Love between them). Between these Persons, nothing of one Person is held back, all is *total* self-gift, hence: unity. When the gaze of THAT kind of Love, that full self-gift, turns to a fallen world filled with discord, chaos and death, the wounds of Christ are the result.

It is through the very wounds of Jesus that we too receive a foretaste of Heaven and may behold that gaze of the God who holds nothing back from us. When we let this gaze fall upon us, it becomes our strength and our hope that defeats death. May you not hesitate for a moment to bring your wounded, weary heart to His wounded, Sacred Heart and allow His tender, unrestricted personal love for you transform you to be the TOTAL, FREE self-gift you were made to be in God! It is the only way you will find the joy your heart longs for, for you were made not to be alone, but for union with the God who is One in Three Persons, the God who is Love.

Your brother in Christ,
Aaron Giard, parishioner

Parish Support

Sunday, May 23, 2021

145 envelopes:	\$ 6,002.00
Loose:	\$ 2,111.94
Online giving (107 donors)	\$ 3,671.42
Total:	\$11,785.36

Pentecost - Seminarians

83 envelopes:	\$ 1,282.00
Loose:	\$ 115.00
Online Giving (3 donors)	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$ 1,417.00

St. Vincent de Paul Collection Box: \$ 172.00

Thank you for your ongoing support!

SPECIAL COLLECTION INDIA AND BRAZIL RELIEF MAY 29TH – 30TH

The COVID crisis is devastating to the people of India and Brazil. Cardinal Sean has authorized a collection to help the people of these countries this weekend, May 29th – 30th. Please make your check payable to Sacred Hearts Parish with "India and Brazil Relief" in the memo.

Thanks for your support.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this
moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were
already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.

Amen.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that when Christ promised in John 14 to send “another Paraclete” (advocate), the Holy Spirit, He was revealing to us the doctrine of the **Most Holy Trinity**? Previously, Jesus had spoken to His disciples about His Father in Heaven, and also said about Himself, “...No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son...” (Matt. 11:27), but through Christ’s words promising the sending of the Advocate/Holy Spirit, we come to know that our God is **one God in three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit**. Jesus spoke of sending “the Spirit of truth” who would dwell with and in His disciples, teaching them everything and reminding them of all He had told them (John 14:26). These words of Christ are the basis for our belief that the Catholic Church, through the Pope and Magisterium, is and has always been guided in truth by the Holy Spirit. It is the guarantee that we can look confidently for the truth in the teachings of our Church and trust that these teachings reflect the will of our triune God.

A MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Good and gracious God,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops and all our beloved dead, fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.

In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COURT SACRED HEARTS #864 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

**INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH
THEM IN HONORING OUR VETERANS
WHO HAVE GIVEN SERVICE TO OUR
COUNTRY AND HAVE KEPT US SAFE
AND IN PEACE.**

This Memorial Day weekend, May 29th and 30th, you have been invited to bring items to the church that will be donated to the Veterans Northeast Outreach Center in Haverhill. Items that may be donated include the following:

- T-shirts – size large and extra large
- Gym Shorts – sizes large and extra large
- Sheets and Pillowcases – twin and full
- Underwear – sizes large and extra large
- Toiletries – deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, nail clippers, bodywash, shampoo, etc.

Items for women may also be included.

PLEASE NOTE: All items must be **NEW** due to the rules and requirements of COVID.

THANK YOU.



Please contact Maureen Trainor, Regent, at 508-517-2944 with any questions.

Donations may be placed in the baskets in the vestibules of our churches.

Rest in Peace

Mary "Betty" Noble, and
Miles "JJ" Philip Winfield



We remember in prayer those who are ill and suffering in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for our nursing and homebound parishioners.

Please pray for all medical professionals, first responders, and all working on the front line.

Sanctuary Lamps

The Sanctuary Lamp next to each Tabernacle in our worship spaces burn brightly to remind us of the real presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



For the week of May 30, 2021

The Sacred Hearts Church lamp burns for
Paul and Theresa O'Brien

Online Giving



Thank you to the many families that have signed up for Online Giving! If you manage your bills online, we are sure you will like the convenience of giving to your church online. It is safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Visit www.sacredheartsparish.com and click the Online Giving link. Feel free to call Holly Roche with any questions at 978-373-1281.

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE



Next weekend's second collection is for Sacred Hearts Parish Building and Maintenance. Thank you for your generous support of this collection which allows us to keep our property in good condition.

PRAYER LINE

For prayer support call the Sacred Hearts Prayer line.
Eileen Clarkson at 978-373-0951 or
Priscilla Delong at 978-372-9353

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Thank you for your continued generosity in helping the Society of St. Vincent de Paul provide ongoing assistance with food security, and other essentials, to our community.



If you would like to continue to support our mission of charity, please consider: becoming a member, donating food to the food pantry, making a monetary donation either by lighting a remembrance candle or contributing to the poor box, sending a check, or donating by credit card or PayPal via our SVDP PayPal site using PayPal email address SVDPBradford@gmail.com. Checks may be made out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and may also be sent to 48 South Chestnut Street, Bradford, MA 01835. If you know someone who needs assistance, please have them contact us through our helpline, 978-372-5824 or email, SVDPBradford@gmail.com.

With gratitude and blessings, we thank you.

MAY - MONTH OF MARY

Praying the Rosary is a traditional Catholic devotion. During the month of May, consider adding the Rosary to your prayer life. We have also placed a taped rosary on our parish website for use. During these challenging times, let us seek Mary's intercession by praying the Memorare:

Remember, O most compassionate Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your assistance, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother; to you we come; before you we kneel sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency hear and answer them.

Amen.





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Congratulations to the Sacred Hearts School Class of 2021



The Graduates' Prayer

Lord, we thank you for this day and all of our days at Sacred Hearts School.

We promise to continue to offer you all of our work and loving acts.

May the spoken words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts win favor in your sight.

God our Father, we pray that you continue to guide us and teach us to live in the spirit that has made us your sons and daughters and in the love that has made us brothers and sisters.

We remember that you are always with us. Let us now continue to build the Kingdom of God at home and at our respective high schools.

AMEN.

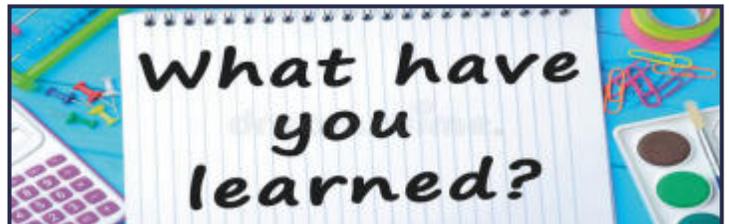


UPCOMING EVENTS



Vacation Bible School will be offered June 21st to the 24th, 2021, details to come; volunteers needed; possible Confirmation service opportunity.

Confirmation Services will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021, with services being offered at 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. More details to follow at a later time.



Quotes from Year 2, 10th Grade Confirmation Students

"Help people in need." -Colin

"God is always listening; someone you can go to when you need to talk things through." -Jack

"God doesn't give us anything that we can't handle." -Michelle

"Be kind to everybody because you don't know what they're going through." -Alexandra

"How to love from 6 feet apart." -Kae'la

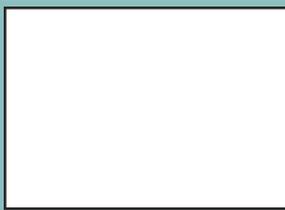
"Be understanding of others." -Kyle

"Be patient; things will get better with time." -Ethan

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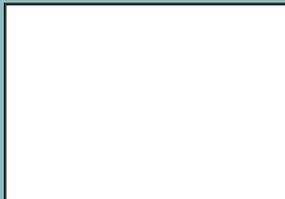
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