

Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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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:

Small group baptisms are
available at 1:00 p.m. on
appointed Sundays. Please
call the Pastoral Center
to schedule a Baptism,
978-373-1281.

Parish Staff

Very Rev. John Delaney, V.F., Pastor

Rev. Dan McCoy, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Eric Peabody, Permanent Deacon

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Mrs. Chrissie Pettis, Early Childhood Center Dir.

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Mr. Scott Ness, Director of Music Ministries

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Mrs. Maureen Trainor, CDA Court 864, Regent

Mr. Michael Scanlon, K of C, Grand Knight

Mrs. Laurie Bishop, Pres., St. Vincent de Paul

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.

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POINTS TO PONDER

Reflect on Sunday's readings: Mark 6:30-34;
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18

- Which bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and lay ministers have shepherded you well in life?
- At this moment in your life, which verse in Psalm 23 calls to you the most?
- Where are there places of division in your parish community and how might Jesus be calling you to work for unity?
- What spiritual practices do you turn to when facing burnout?

Dear Parish Friends,

I am humbled by the letter in last weekend's bulletin from the Parish Pastoral Council. It has been a challenging time due to COVID for all of us. I cannot take all the credit for how we maintained parish life at Sacred Hearts. The staff, parish volunteers and all parishioners contributed to the life of our parish during the past fifteen months. We worked together, supported each other, and did our best to stay connected through modern technology and personal connections when possible. I am blessed to be the pastor of Sacred Hearts Parish. Thank you for the gift certificate to the Far Corners Golf Club. I will enjoy a few rounds of golf in the coming weeks. Let us continue to pray for each other and work together to strengthen and invigorate parish life at Sacred Hearts.

Blessings,

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021

8:00 a.m. ~ Jennifer A. Boyd, Month's Mind
4:00 p.m. ~ Ernest Cassidy

SUNDAY, July 18, 2021

7:30 a.m. ~ Richard Dion, Karen and Mary-Lois LaPierre
9:00 a.m. ~ Fr. George Kurt
10:15 a.m. ~ Jack Ferrick, Marjory Coggins and Maurice Flaherty

11:30 a.m. ~ John A. Smith

MONDAY, July 19, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Bill and Geri Moran

TUESDAY, July 20, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Mark Nichols (Living)

WEDNESDAY, July 21, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Susan McGee (Living)

THURSDAY, July 22, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Bruce Beverley (Living)

FRIDAY, July 23, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Intention of the Celebrant

SATURDAY, July 24, 2021

8:00 a.m. ~ William "Bill" Bateman, Month's Mind

4:00 p.m. ~ Alice Abate

SUNDAY, July 25, 2021

7:30 a.m. ~ Ann M. Matarese

9:00 a.m. ~ Richard Strangman, Sr.

10:15 a.m. ~ James E. Stewart, Jr. and Barbara L. (Sweetser) Stewart

11:30 a.m. ~ Walter F. and Rita C. Murray

PARISH NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Elizabeth Woodard has accepted the position as pastoral associate for Sacred Hearts Parish. She will begin her position in early August.

Welcome Elizabeth!

Mission Appeal

This Weekend, July 17-18, 2021

We have our annual summer collection to support our world missions effort this weekend.

Father Sean McGillicuddy will be speaking on behalf of current work being done in missionary communities in Brazil.

Please know that COVID has also impacted mission countries where health care and access to education have been severely restricted.

Please do what you can to support them.

Dear Friends in Faith,

Anyone who attends Mass regularly, or who picks up their Bible routinely to read, knows that the scriptures are replete with images of shepherds and sheep. This is true of our readings today, with references to shepherds and sheep being found in the First Reading, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Gospel. These images were familiar to people living in the agrarian culture of Biblical times, and the lessons they taught were easily understood by those reading or hearing the verses. But since the Word of God expressed to us in the scriptures is said to be alive (1 Peter 1:23-25) and is meant to guide all people in all ages, even we in our advanced technological society can receive valuable lessons from reflecting on the relationships and interaction between shepherds and their sheep.

Our first reading from Jeremiah begins, "Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture says the Lord." Can we fail to see how this also applies to the situations we find around us in our society where those in authority lead many people down the wrong paths, causing division rather than unity among us? This warning from the Lord to gather and care for the sheep, rather than scattering them, should be taken seriously by "shepherds" in all areas of society: government, education, health care, the media, the worlds of entertainment and fashion, and most importantly in the realm of religion and faith. All those in positions of authority would do well to model themselves after the example of the Good Shepherd which Jesus has provided for us.

The Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 23, radically changes the tone from the Lord's dire warning to a litany of gratitude and love expressed for the blessings and kindness of the Lord, the perfect shepherd. Over the centuries, countless Christians have found comfort and solace in its images. For us, the Sacramental images contained within the psalm of water, the table, oil, and the cup remind us of the importance of the sources of grace Christ has given to us in the sacraments and His Church, signs of how the Good Shepherd cares lovingly for His flock.

Our Gospel today ends with Jesus' reflection on the large crowd that was following Him and His disciples as they sought a place to rest by sailing to a deserted place. The scripture tells us, "When He [Jesus] disembarked and saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved by pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd." May we never become pitiable by losing sight of Jesus as our Good Shepherd, but rather follow Him closely through prayer, the Sacraments, and living His commandments, and in doing so, always abide safely within His flock.

Jeanne Dignan
Director of RCIA



Sunday, July 4, 2021

115 envelopes:	\$ 4,777.00
Loose:	\$ 1,929.00
Online Giving (104 donors)	<u>\$ 2,811.42</u>
Total:	\$ 9,517.42

Building and Maintenance

91 envelopes:	\$ 2,043.00
Loose:	\$ 171.00
Online Giving (24 donors)	<u>\$ 390.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,604.00

Sunday, July 11, 2021

138 envelopes:	\$ 3,868.00
Loose:	\$ 2,200.00
Online Giving (donors)	<u>\$ 2,448.42</u>
Total:	\$ 8,516.42

St. Vincent de Paul Collection Box
for July 4th and 11th: \$150.00

Thank you for your ongoing support!

JOB OPPORTUNITY**Faith Formation Administrative Assistant
Part-Time Position (up to 12 - 15 hours/week)**

This position provides administrative support to the Faith Formation office. The administrative assistant works directly with the Director of Faith Formation and collaboratively with all staff, interacting with church members, students, teachers, and parents. Candidates must have an eye for detail, be well organized, and able to multi-task. Essential responsibilities include weekly materials preparation, keeping timely and accurate electronic records of registration and sacramental data, and acquiring a working knowledge of the program curriculum, Kindergarten through Grade 10 (Confirmation). Also, be capable of serving as a back-up to the Director of Faith Formation when needed. This is a part-time position; hours include evenings and weekends.

No phone calls please. Please send a cover letter and resume to Mae Ba at mba@sacredheartsparish.com.

Save the Date
Sunday, September 19th
Parish-School Picnic

**St. Vincent de Paul Society
Needs You!**

Are you looking to help to serve your neighbors in need? Do you have some time to donate, and a desire to have an impact on the lives of our parish? The St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeking new members to continue the long term mission of supporting the vulnerable in our community. The time commitment is what you want to give, but the reward is immeasurable.



SVdP members are from our parish community, serving the people of Bradford and Groveland. Our most visible service is the operation of the food pantry, but we also help with other financial needs when necessary.

What is needed to be a member? A love of helping your neighbor, a CORI check, and completion of the archdiocesan training Protecting God's Children.

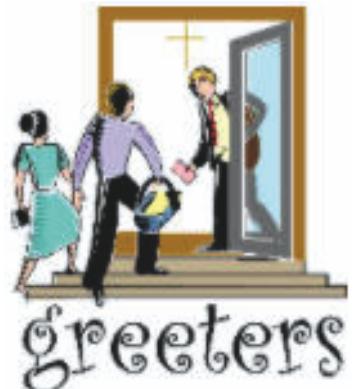
Are you being called to serve?

For more information call or email Tom Carbone at 978-314-4733, or tgcarbone@comcast.net.

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Sacred Hearts funeral ministry is welcoming individuals to join. Volunteers are needed to serve at funeral masses and to be greeters to welcome family and friends attending funerals.

Training will be provided. Please contact Fr. John if you are interested at 978-373-1281.

**PROPERTY UPDATE**

We have received many positive comments regarding the sealing and stripping project at Sacred Hearts Rectory parking lot and St. Patrick church parking lot. Your contributions to the monthly Building and Maintenance collection allow us to complete these important projects.

Thank you!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus are beginning our 8th annual purchase of backpacks for children in grades K - 2 whose families may not be able to afford needed school supplies. We are asking if the members of our parish would be able to help us to fill these backpacks with needed school supplies for the upcoming school year.



In the spirit of the Christmas Giving Trees, we are asking parishioners to take a tag from the "Christmas trees" at the back of the church beginning the weekend of July 24th, purchase the school supplies listed on the tag, and return the supplies the weekends of August 8th and 15th.

Our goal this year is to fill 300+ backpacks with the supplies that we collect, and distribute these



backpacks to schools in the Parish, the Bradford and Groveland areas, including Sacred Hearts School.

The members of Christ the King Council thank you in advance for helping us out with this project.

Rest in Peace

Alice Ferronetti and Sarah Broderick



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.



"Come and See" (John 1:45) Invitation to RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) is a process through which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church. We extend an invitation to "come and see" to those who have never been baptized, those baptized in other Christian faiths, and those baptized as Catholics who wish to complete their sacramental initiation through Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Also, anyone, Catholic or not, who desires to just learn more about the Catholic faith is also welcome to join in our catechesis. Our 2021 - 2022 sessions will begin in early October. We hope to see you there! For more information, please call the Pastoral Center at 978-373-1281 ext. 129 and leave a message for Jeanne Dignan; your call will be promptly returned!



AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM TEACHER

Seeking teacher for After-School Program that operates 5 days per week from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This is a part-time school year position. Experience working with children of various ages, from Pre-K to Grade 8, in a classroom setting, and the ability to support the Catholic mission of the school is preferred.

Contact Information:

Send resume (with references) and cover letter to:
Mrs. Chrissie Pettis, ECC Director

Sacred Hearts Early Childhood Center
48 South Chestnut Street

Bradford, MA 01835

E-mail: cpettis@sacredheartsbradford.org

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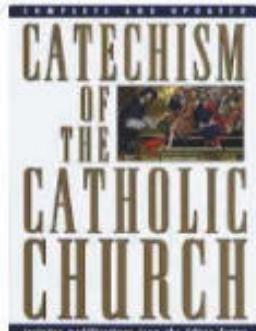
PRAYER LINE

For prayer support call the Sacred Hearts Prayer line.

Eileen Clarkson at 978-373-0951 or
Priscilla Delong at 978-372-9353

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the prime source to learn the beliefs of Catholicism is the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*? (CCC) By definition, a catechism is a book that explains the beliefs of the Christian religion. In 1985, the 20th anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council, Pope John Paul II convened a synod of bishops to continue evaluating and implementing the changes addressed at Vatican II. The decision to publish a universal major catechism was a fruit of the synod. Accordingly, a commission of bishops and cardinals was appointed with an assistant committee of experts in theology and Catholic teaching. On October 11, 1992, the *Catechism* was promulgated with Pope John Paul II declaring it to be "...a sure norm for teaching the faith." The CCC has allowed the faithful all over the world to have easy access to the official doctrine and teachings of the Catholic Church and will facilitate the handing-on of the faith to future generations. All Catholics are encouraged to read the CCC as a means of understanding their faith and living it authentically in their everyday lives.



Sacred Hearts Parish has **low gluten hosts** available for anyone wishing to receive Communion and has a gluten allergy or intolerance. Please contact the Pastoral Center, 978-373-1281.



JORDAN RANKIN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT SACRED HEARTS FOOD PANTRY

Next Friday, July 23, 2021, the Jordan Rankin Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at Bradford Country Club. All proceeds will benefit the Saint Vincent de Paul food pantry at Sacred Hearts Church. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Cindy Rankin at 978-314-2907 or mail your check made payable to John Rankin to 18 Red Maple Road, Haverhill, Massachusetts 01832.

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FAITH FORMATION

Mae Ba, Director of Faith Formation

mba@sacredheartparish.com

Jillian Noonan, Youth Minister

jnoonan@sacredheartparish.com



2020-2021

**Sacred Hearts School Class Essayist
Sophia Sierpina**

I was only a few weeks old when I joined the Sacred Hearts community. My parents brought me to the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. My mom and dad told me that the older parishioners loved seeing me grow each and every week at Church. I had no idea that I had already started my Sacred Hearts journey.

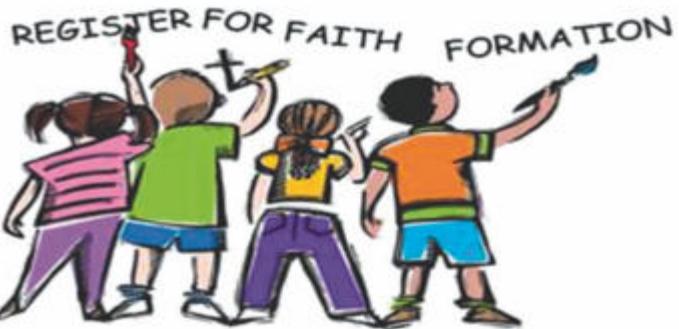
I started my first day of preschool - just three years old - unsure of what to expect, but excited to be in school. Although I learned what it was like to be a student at Sacred Hearts School, I also began to build my moral foundation. My teachers taught me about Jesus, and how to live by His example: how to pray and trust in God's guidance, how to be honest, cooperative, and responsible. I also learned how to be a good friend; I met my first real friends in preschool, some of which are my closest friends today.

My "big school" experience started with Mrs. Cedrone's mad minutes and ended with Mr. Deabay's algebraic equations. It is where I built the academic skills that have prepared me for my high school journey and all that is yet to come. My teachers from Pre-K to grade eight helped me develop strong study habits, organizational skills, and, most importantly, the drive and confidence to push myself. One of the biggest takeaways from my academic experience at Sacred Hearts School was learning to work on group projects. Our teachers encouraged us to work with our peers, and emphasized that no role was too small, and that we were all equally responsible for our success. I know that, in the future, the ability to work within a "team" concept will be an important life skill. I feel prepared to begin my high school career, because Sacred Hearts School has given me all of the tools I need to succeed.

Aside from their academic guidance, the teachers at Sacred Hearts encourage their students to develop as we become young adults. I leave here today as a well-rounded student, classmate, and friend. Through athletics, leadership opportunities, social events, and community service, I was given the chance to develop skills that extend beyond the classroom. As a member of the track team, I learned the importance of teamwork, effort, and persistence. My experience on the leadership team gave me opportunities to take on important initiatives and helped grow my confidence. Halloween parties, school dances, field days, Christmas pageants, Veterans Day, and assemblies, helped me connect with my classmates and their families.

Most importantly, Sacred Hearts encourages its students to look beyond themselves to consider those who may be less fortunate. We know that Sacred Hearts School and Parish provide for the food pantry, but it was not until last summer, amidst the pandemic, that I truly became aware of just how essential that support and aid really was. I now understand how much Sacred Hearts School and its students have helped their community, and I value the importance of helping those in need.

Sacred Hearts School has been the only school I have ever attended. I feel blessed that my parents chose Sacred Hearts School as my home for the past eleven years. Saying goodbye will be difficult, but thanks to my teachers, parents, friends, and community, I am ready! I may be leaving Sacred Hearts, but everything I have learned at Sacred Hearts will never leave me.

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

We're excited to plan for a new Faith Formation year, 2021-2022, in person for young people entering grades K-10th. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church, at the Pastoral Center, and can be downloaded from our web page.

Register by **September 1st** and save money!
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All volunteers will be required to complete Protecting God's Children (PGC) training and a current CORI.



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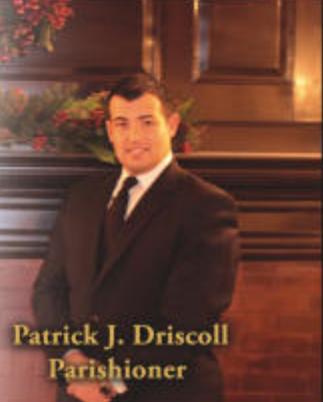
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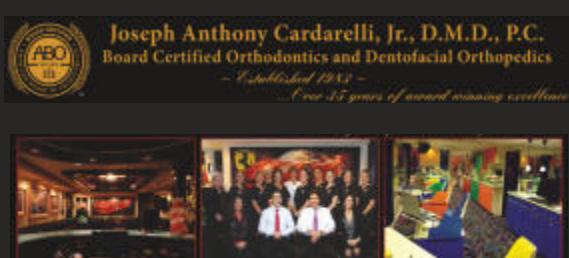
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