

Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland

"I am the
bread of
life..."

18th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:33

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 Saturdays in
September. 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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Mr. Scott Ness, Director of Music Ministries

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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!

<https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartsbradford/>
Like us. You will be able to keep up with our events.

POINTS TO PONDER

Reflect on Sunday's readings: John 6:24-35;

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

- How do you share your experience of God with the next generation in your family?
- What area of your life is in need of renewal at this moment?
- How does the Eucharist nourish and strengthen you on the path of Discipleship?
- How do you experience faith as "the work of God"?



Welcome!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all who are attending Mass with us today.

If you are new to the area, a special welcome!

We invite you to learn more about Sacred Hearts Parish on our website, sacredheartsparish.com.

Please call the office at 978-373-1281 if you wish to join our parish.

LIGHT A CANDLE IN PRAYER



A candle stand is available at Sacred Hearts Church to light a candle for special intentions and to pray for people we care about. The suggested donation is \$1.00.

All donations are used by the parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those who are in need in our community.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, July 31, 2021

8:00 a.m. ~ Louise Waters

4:00 p.m. ~ Justin Poitras

SUNDAY, August 1, 2021

7:30 a.m. ~ Jennie and Paul Credit

9:00 a.m. ~ Gerald Ferronetti

10:15 a.m. ~ Cristian Perez

11:30 a.m. ~ Matthew Basiliere

MONDAY, August 2, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Salvatore Salerno, Month's Mind

TUESDAY, August 3, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Jim O'Connell, Month's Mind

WEDNESDAY, August 4, 2021

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

THURSDAY, August 5, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Elizabeth Lynch

FRIDAY, August 6, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Sarah Broderick, Month's Mind

SATURDAY, August 7, 2021

8:00 a.m. ~ Salem Thomas, Month's Mind

4:00 p.m. ~ Edward J. Duff

SUNDAY, August 8, 2021

7:30 a.m. ~ Leonard and Urban Curley

9:00 a.m. ~ Margaret and John Powers

10:15 a.m. ~ Donald Hebert

11:30 a.m. ~ Madeline Richard



Save the Date
Sunday, September 19th,
Combined School and Parish Picnic



OUTDOOR MASS- SUNDAES

Please join us for an Outdoor Mass followed by a Brownie-Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Marian Grotto at Sacred Hearts Church. Please call the Pastoral Center and let us know you are coming!

Dear Friends,

I must confess that I find myself identifying with the Israelites in the desert far more often than I would like to admit. The Israelites have just witnessed some incredibly remarkable acts of God in the land of Egypt, all culminating in a large body of water parting in two so they could pass through safely, only to return back to its normal place on top of Israel's pursuing enemies. One would wonder how they could possibly doubt God's providential care for them now.

However, they are in a desert. Deserts don't have much by way of food and water for a large multitude of people. The people take a look around at their situation and realize they are not in a comfortable place and they do not know how they will get out of it. They start to panic and then turn bitter, thinking in their distrust and fear that they have been duped.

How often is this each of us? If I take the time to think back, I can name countless times God has clearly been active in my life and a few times in really remarkable ways. No physical bodies of water changing course before my eyes, but even more remarkable: my own soul's revival from darkness and sin, doubt and despair. Forgiveness and freedom, joy where it seemed there was only a deadend of failure and fear.

Yet, like the Israelites, I forget. A difficult moment arises. A new challenge. A pandemic. The health issues of a loved one. Where is the way out from this situation, where is the hope? Immediately, self-defensive mechanisms arise. Rather than look to God in faith and trust, I turn to the comforts of the world and the illusion of control. I can grow bitter, grumbling internally, more easily upset by little things, selfish. All because I have forgotten.

What have I forgotten? What exactly is Paul getting at when he implores the Ephesians to remember "that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds"? When he tells the Ephesians, and us, to "be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth", he is imploring us to remind ourselves daily that who we are, our deepest identity, is not what it immediately seems to be.

The world, sin, life circumstances around us, the devil... all this wants to make us think one way about ourselves and life and to lose hope. In the desert, in a seemingly hopeless situation, God provided miraculous food for the Israelites, continuing to reveal to them His faithful love for them. Things are not always what they seem to us in the immediate moment. God is providing and present in a mysterious way even in dark times.

When we look at the Crucifix, without faith we see a hopeless situation. We see a dead man, displayed in shame to the world. Yet things are not always what they seem. This image is of a man who not only died for you and me in a remarkable act of self-giving love, but He is alive! He appeared to men after He died, had them touch Him and worked miracles. He defeated death itself.

And what is more: in this God-Man, Jesus, God becomes our bread, our nourishment. He did not just rise again and then return to the right hand of God in Heaven. He knows us too well. He knows that we forget and we need concrete reminders of His love constantly. This is why He continues to fulfill his faithful love for us in giving Himself to us as our nourishment in the Eucharist every day in the Mass. As Christians, we have looked at that insatiable hunger in our hearts for something to trust, to hope in, to love, we have seen the crucified and risen Jesus gazing at us and said "I have found the nourishment this hunger longs for." In Jesus I can now leave behind me the futility of self-seeking, pursuit of comfort and ease. I am renewed and sent to bring true nourishment to others.

No matter where we find ourselves in life, in the desert or in an abundant oasis, let us look to the Eucharist and remember as we gaze on what seems like simple bread and wine: things are not always what they seem. He is there, waiting to be your nourishment. Go to Him.

Yours in Christ,

Aaron Giard, Parishioner

Parish Support

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Envelopes:	\$5,585.00
Loose:	\$2,183.00
Online Giving (102donors)	<u>\$2,893.42</u>
Total:	\$10,661.42

St. Vincent de Paul

Collection Box: \$ 109.00

Thank you for your ongoing support!

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE



This 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.

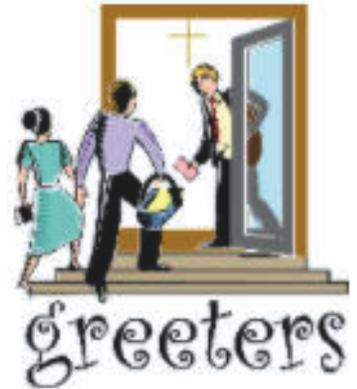
JOB OPPORTUNITY

**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 material 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.

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.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society
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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 tgcabone@comcast.net.

OFFICE HELP



We are looking for volunteers to help us at the Pastoral Center with answering the phones and other administrative projects. Do you

have a few hours per week to help us?
Please contact Holly Roche at 978-373-1281 or hroche@sacredheartsparish.com

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES
8TH ANNUAL DRIVE**



The Knights of Columbus 8th annual backpack drive for children in grades K - 2 has begun. The drive will help support those families who may not be able to afford needed school supplies. We are asking the members of our parish 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 this weekend, purchase the school supplies listed on the tag, and return the supplies next weekend, August 8th, and the following weekend, August 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 and in 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.



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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.

Rest in Peace

Deceased Parishioners of Sacred Hearts Parish



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.



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.

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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

No phone calls please.



"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!

PRAYER LINE

For prayer support call the Sacred Hearts Prayer line.

Eileen Clarkson at 978-373-0951 or

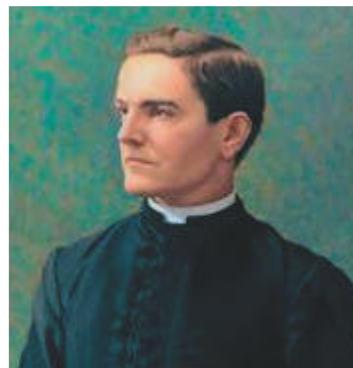
Priscilla Delong at 978-372-9353

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that on August 6th the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Transfiguration**? All three synoptic gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke, contain the story of Jesus being gloriously transfigured on a mountain and visible to Peter, James, and John, as He is also seen conversing with Moses and Elijah. Some scholars propose that since Peter suggested erecting three booths for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah, the incident occurred in early autumn during the Jewish Feast of Booths. Tradition tells us that the setting of the Transfiguration was Mount Tabor, and all three gospels place the occurrence shortly after Peter declared his belief in Jesus as the Messiah. The gospel story recounting the Transfiguration is read each year on the Second Sunday of Lent, following the First Sunday's reading of Christ's temptation in the desert, and together these two gospels emphasize Jesus' two natures - human, subject to temptation, and divine, sharing the glory of God the Father. Celebration of the Transfiguration goes as far back as the fourth century when a church was erected on the site, and in 1457 Pope Callistus III added the feast to the Church's calendar.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS! HONOR THE LEGACY OF FR. MCGIVNEY

Fr. Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, was beatified on October 31, 2020. Be a part of this new chapter and his legacy by becoming a Knight of Columbus today! Join online through the end of



This year and your membership is free. When joining online, be sure to mark that you want to join our local Council #5004. We are Christ the King Council #5004, Groveland Massachusetts (originally Saint Patrick Church). Use the promotional code **McGivney2020** when signing up online; this way the \$30 membership fee is waived for the first year.



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"Faith formation is more than a subject to be taught- it is an invitation to a way of life." Paprocki

FAITH FORMATION

Mae Ba, Director of Faith Formation

mba@sacredheartsparish.com

Jillian Noonan, Youth Minister

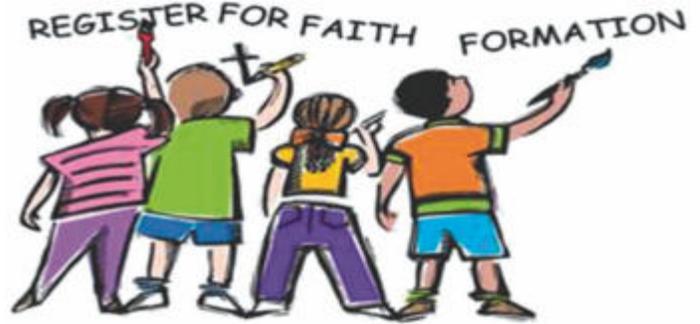
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We are blessed to have had and an incredible group of teachers who are truly dedicated in our mission here at Sacred Hearts School ECC teaching our 100 students each day this past year!



Some highlights from this amazing year-



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!
www.sacredheartsparish.com/religious-ed/



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catechists and Subs

teach our students on a regular basis or as needed the rich heritage of our Catholic faith.

Door/Hall Monitors

help keep our students safe during classes.

Safety Coordinator

collaborate on a team to present safety lessons for children in Kindergarten to 5th grade.

Classes will be offered:

Sundays (K-8), 10:15-11:15 a.m.; Wednesdays (K-8), 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Confirmation (9th/10th), 6:30-8:00 p.m. Sundays once a month.

All volunteers will be required to complete Protecting God's Children (PGC) training and a current CORI.



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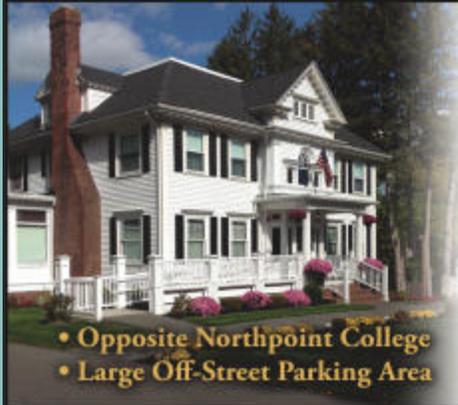
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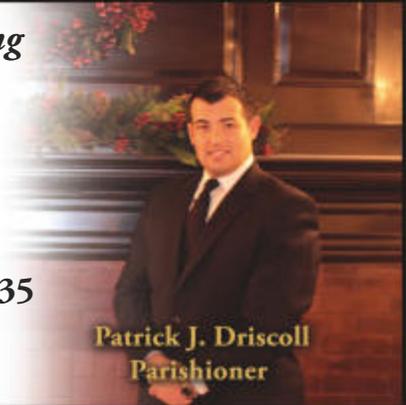


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