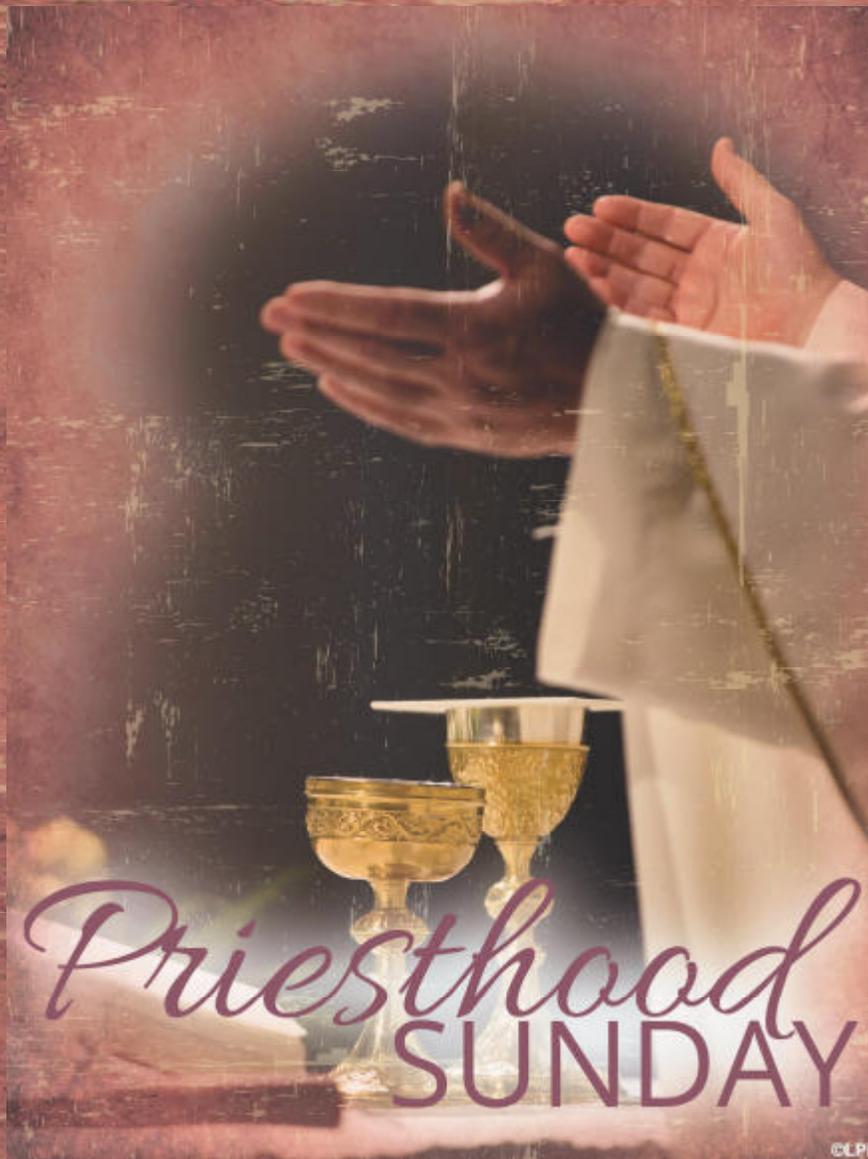


Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland



Mass Schedule:

Sacred Hearts Church

165 So. Main Street, Bradford, Massachusetts

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

114 Center Street, Groveland, Massachusetts

Sunday 10:15 a.m.

The Church is open for prayer

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

Adoration: Friday, 7:30 a.m. to
11:00 a.m., IHM Chapel

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. Please call
the Pastoral Center for available
dates 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: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48; Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6

- Who are some of the modern-day prophets calling us to holiness at this time in history?
- How do you exercise prophetic ministry in your life of discipleship?
- How does your parish community speak out for the rights of workers and the dignity of the poor?
- At this moment in your life, are you being called to give up a practice or possession that separates you from God?

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, September 25, 2021

8:00 a.m. ~ Francis A. O'Connor, Month's Mind

4:00 p.m. ~ Gabriel and Gloria Augusta

SUNDAY, September 26, 2021

7:30 a.m. ~ Jean Welch, Kenneth and Karen LaPierre

9:00 a.m. ~ All Living and Deceased Members of
the Saint Vincent de Paul Society

10:15 a.m. ~ Jeannie Scollins

11:30 a.m. ~ Jordan Rankin

MONDAY, September 27, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Joan Joyal

TUESDAY, September 28, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Miriam Clisbee, Month's Mind

WEDNESDAY, September 29, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Vicente Marrero, Jr.

THURSDAY, September 30, 2021

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

FRIDAY, October 1, 2021

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

SATURDAY, October 2, 2021

8:00 a.m. ~ Bill and Geri Moran

4:00 p.m. ~ Alice and Henry Champagne

SUNDAY, October 3, 2021

7:30 a.m. ~ Mary and William Goodwin

9:00 a.m. ~ Francis and Rachel Callahan

10:15 a.m. ~ Gerald and Rosaleen Begley

11:30 a.m. ~ Rev. Monsignor James E. Tierney

ADORATION HAS RETURNED TO SACRED HEARTS



Adoration has resumed on Fridays in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The continual presence of at least one person at adoration is an important way to honor the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. If you can commit to a one-hour time slot, please email Maureen Trainor, mtrainor@sacredheartsparish.com.

JOYFUL PARISH AND SCHOOL PICNIC!

Our parish and school Mass and picnic was a great success! Thank you to all who helped to plan and serve on that day. It was wonderful to be together in-person enjoying good food cooked by the Knights of Columbus, snacks served by the Confirmation students, games, fire/police/ambulance vehicles, and music.



Dear friends,

For the past 18 months, the world has been in an extended retreat from the norm. We are in a unique time in history, right now, to reevaluate what is important in our lives, and to build our days, weeks, and months around those priorities. We so often find ourselves pulled in a hundred directions, and many of these directions are distractions from what we claim our priorities are. If we are not careful, these distractions can become our lives. It takes intentionality to mold our lives around the values we believe we hold. What is central to your life? In what ways do you purposefully center your life on this, and in what ways do you resist distractions that pull you away from it?

This is a question each individual Christian must ask him/herself, and it is also a great question each parish must ask itself. This is exactly what the Disciples in Mission committee here at Sacred Hearts spent many hours throughout the pandemic discussing. Below is a synopsis of the goals that the Disciples in Mission committee worked hard to develop. While our identity and mission is always rooted in the person and work of Christ, it is helpful for our parish to have particular ways we are working toward actualizing that mission. Thank you for taking the time to read this synopsis of the pastoral plan so you can understand more about Sacred Hearts' unique mission and identity.

What is the Pastoral Plan? For the past several years, individual parishes in the archdiocese have been entering into collaborative with one another (often two or three parishes, sometimes more). The way that the archdiocese has been encouraging collaboration and growth among the parishes in each collaborative is to work together on a pastoral plan as "Disciples in Mission." The plan identifies areas the parish collaborative wishes to focus its energy and identity as a new collaborative. Sacred Hearts is a "standalone collaborative," meaning that we were tasked with creating a Disciples in Mission pastoral plan without collaborating with another parish. Our Disciples in Mission Committee has been hard at work throughout the pandemic, and the parish's pastoral plan mission and goals were approved by the archdiocese this past June, 2021. The five areas below reflect what the committee and pastoral staff felt are the key areas for our parish to focus on as central to its mission and goals over the next few years. There are five key areas of the pastoral plan:

1: **Rebuilding Community/Hospitality.** How does the parish welcome the newcomer? How do we create community, friendship, and a sense of belonging to one Christian family? What programs or events help us to do these things well?

2: **Lifelong Faith Formation.** What opportunities do we offer for the continual formation of one's faith life? What programs help both kids and adults continue to grow in their faith, develop their characters, and educate their minds? How do we help people attend to their interior lives and make Christ central to their identities?

3: **Forming Leaders.** In what ways does the parish continually call out the gifts of its faithful? What is in place to invite people to engage in the leadership of parish programs? How are we resisting a culture of "Somebody already handles that" and replacing it with "How can we grow and evolve by drawing on the gifts of those not yet involved?"

4: **Service & Charity.** How are we clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, visiting the widow, and otherwise loving Christ through the lens of his words in Matthew 25:40? "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these who are among you, so you did for me."

5: **Vocations.** Are we creating an atmosphere in which people are encouraged to discern their vocation, or calling, in God's plan for their lives? Are we teaching the meaning of the sacraments of vocation: holy orders and marriage?

We would like to invite you to get involved. As the parish steps boldly into a changed world, it sees this unique time in history as an opportunity for revitalization and renewed embodiment of the Holy Spirit. How will you be a part of that? How will your unique Christian call and your unique gifts and talents be of use to the Lord in the flourishing of his Church in the building up of his Kingdom? The parish is creating five committees, each of which will be dedicated to the progress of one of the five goals. It will involve brainstorming ways to achieve the goal and planning events and outreach to work toward it. If you are feeling called to participate in the work of any of these committees, or perhaps to serve on one of the committees, please contact me at ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com (Note: Woodard, not Woodward) or 978-373-1281. This is an exciting time, and I pray that each member of our community may know the encouraging, empowering, creative power of the Spirit as we get to work.

In Christ's love,

Dr. Elizabeth Woodard

Pastoral Associate

Sunday, September 19, 2021

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Are you feeling called to help? We are forming two teams to assist with this Help Line. The first team will monitor the line, return phone calls, and connect needs with the second team. The time commitment? Ideally, it is one or two days a week, once a day.

The second team will make the personal connection to the callers. The needs range from picking up donations to meeting with people to speak about their needs (this is done in pairs – you will not be alone!). This might require a couple of hours depending on the need, and it is usually done around your own schedule.

Want to be part of it? Contact Tom Carbone at tcarbone@comcast.net, or 978-314-4733.

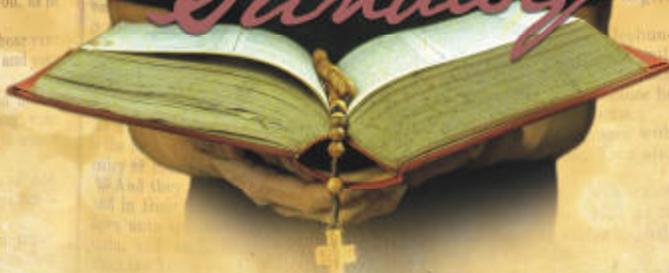
DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the **Sacrament of Confirmation** is one of the three **Sacraments of Initiation**, along with Baptism and Holy Eucharist, which lay the foundations of every Christian life? The Church teaches us that “Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace, for by the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit; they are as true witnesses of Christ more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed. Anointed with sacred chrism, the confirmand receives the “mark,” or *seal* of the Holy Spirit. This seal of the Holy Spirit marks our total belonging to Christ, our enrollment in his service forever, and the promise of divine protection through trials faced at the end of our lives.” Like Baptism, because of this *indelible spiritual mark*, Confirmation is conferred only once.

(From The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1212, 1285, 1295, 1296, 1304)

PRIESTHOOD

Sunday



*“With all your soul
fear the Lord,
and revere his priests.
With all your might
love your Maker,
and do not neglect
his ministers.
Fear the Lord and
honor the priest,
and give him his portion,
as you have been
commanded...”*

-Sirach 7:29-31, NRSV



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

As we celebrate the Year of the Eucharist, we invite those interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist to pray about this calling. Becoming a Eucharistic Minister can involve the distribution of Communion at Sunday Mass or bringing the Eucharist to those who are homebound. Commitment can range from once a month to more frequently, depending on your needs. If you are called to serve in this way, please contact Joe Kennedy at jkennedy@sacredheartsparish.com.

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.

Rest in Peace

*Dennis Theriault, Jeffrey Dalton,
and Barbara Rowell*



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!

GOD SQUAD AND OUTLET ARE BACK

GOD SQUAD for grades 3-8, fun and faith, begins Friday, October 8, 2021.



OUTLOOK for girls ages 13-16 is a place to talk about issues and turn to God and the Bible for appropriate ways to solve problems.

For information on both programs, please contact Jillian Noonan, jnoonan@sacredheartsparish.com.



DAILY MORNING ROSARY

Please join us at 6:35 a.m. before daily Mass, Monday through Friday at Sacred Hearts Church to pray the Rosary. The Rosary is a beautiful way to honor Mary and pray for our intentions and the intentions of the world.



PRAYER LINE

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

IN THANKSGIVING FOR FUNERAL MINISTRY

There are several parishioners who act as greeters, altar servers, and Eucharistic ministers at funerals during the week. This is an important ministry that serves the deceased and those who are grieving. On Saturday, October 2nd, the 8:00 a.m. morning Mass will be a “Mass in Thanksgiving for the Funeral Ministry” at Sacred Hearts Church. Please join us if you wish to pray for and recognize them. If you are part of the funeral ministry, we extend a special invitation to you to attend this Mass, and we also invite you to a time of prayer and catechesis for one hour immediately following Mass in the parish hall and chapel. Please contact Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, pastoral associate, with any questions:

ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com

SHARE YOUR TALENTS AND PASSIONS

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” (Mark 9:35) In this week’s Gospel reading, Jesus takes a child in his arms, instructing us to likewise receive, care for, and serve one another. The past 18 months have demanded that we serve one another by keeping distant. Many have found this isolation extremely difficult. Many have also discovered a newfound closeness to the Lord, and find themselves renewed in their call to live in the peace, joy, holiness, connection, and service of God and of our Church community. Please consider this your invitation to ask yourself: how am I newly called to engage in the Sacred Hearts community in a way that taps into my God-given talents and passions? Am I called to proclaim God’s word as a lector? To serve at His banquet table as a Eucharistic Minister? To flex my friendliness and sociability as a greeter? To share my curiosity and passion for learning about the faith as a catechist for grades K-8 or for our Confirmation students? Or, do you have a talent or passion God is calling you to share, but you are not sure how it might fit in to our community? If you answered yes to any of these, please call the office or email Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, pastoral associate, at ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com to raise your hand and say, “Yes, here I am. How can I serve?”



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., Sep. 26th, Sunday Classes

Grades K-8th meet from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Hearts School Gym

Sun., Sep. 26th, Sacrament of Confirmation Services

begin at 1:00 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m., Sacred Hearts Church

Wed., Sep. 29th, Wednesday Classes

Grades K-8th meet from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Hearts School Cafeteria

WELCOME MRS. MONTES

We welcome Mrs. Laura Montes to our Faith Formation team. She is a native of New York, who relocated to Bradford with her family, and she will be helping as administrative assistant for grades K-10th.



Faith Formation

Registration for Faith Formation year, 2021-2022, **in-person**, for young people entering grades K-10th is **on-going**. Forms are available at the back of the Church, at the Pastoral Center, and they can be downloaded from our web page. sacredheartsparish.com/religious-ed/

CATECHISTS NEEDED

We are looking for a 4th grade catechist and a hall monitor for Sundays and a 3rd and 8th grade catechist for Wednesdays. *All volunteers will be required to complete Protecting God's Children and CORI.*

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Please pray for our Confirmation students preparing to receive the Sacrament this Sunday, September 26th. May the Holy Spirit set their hearts on fire and fortify their gifts.



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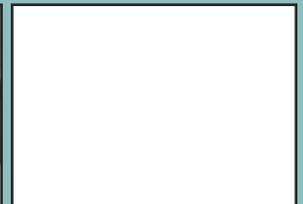



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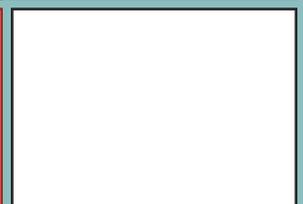

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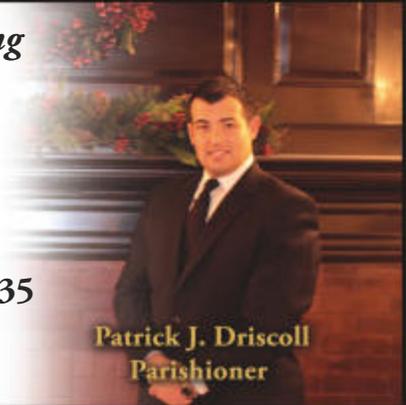


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