# Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland



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#### Mass Schedule:

**Sacred Hearts Church** 

165 South 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.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

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

3:45 p.m., IHMC and upon request.

Baptism: Please call the Pastoral Center for available dates to schedule a small group baptism on select Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

#### Parish Staff

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

Rev. Dan McCoy, Parochial Vicar

Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Susan Downer, School Principal

Mrs. Chrissie Pettis, Early Childhood Center Dir.

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Mrs. Maureen Trainor, CDA Court 864, Regent

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Mrs. Bernadine Clifford, 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.

#### Sacred Hearts Parish is on Facebook! 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: Luke 2:41-52; 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

- Imagine Jesus as a peer at school or work. How do you think He would be received? Would you have been friends?
- Have you ever had a conflict with a parent or authority figure because of misunderstood communication? How does it feel to know Jesus had the same interaction with His parents?
- What do you consider the "house of the Lord" and how do you choose to "dwell" there in everyday life?

#### MASKS FOR SAFETY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

In the light of the spiking numbers of new COVID cases and the likely increase in those numbers in the upcoming holiday season, Cardinal Seán is mandating that throughout the Archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate is now in effect. It will expire on Monday, January 17, 2022.

#### IEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE



The Solemnity of Mary NOT a Holy Day of Obligation Friday, December 31, 2021 4:00 p.m. Sacred Hearts Church Saturday, January 1, 2022 8:00 a.m. Sacred Hearts Church 12:00 noon Sacred Hearts Church

The Masses for the weekend of Saturday, January 1, 2021, and Sunday, January 2, 2021, will be held at their regularly scheduled times.

#### Mass Intentions

FRIDAY, December 24, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Arthur Credit

Christmas Eve - Mass schedule on page 9

SATURDAY, December 25, 2021

CHRISTMAS DAY - Mass schedule on page 9

NO 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 25th.

SUNDAY, December 26, 2021

7:30 a.m. ~ Patricia Thompson

9:00 a.m. ~ Bertrand and Helen Lacerte and Richard

and Randy Jesionowski and Florence Lagasse

10:15 a.m. ~ Duncan MacDougall

11:30 a.m. ~ Todd M. Chase

MONDAY, December 27, 2021

7:00 A.M. ~ Carol A. Loring

TUESDAY, December 28, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Stephen Lavallee

WEDNESDAY, December 29, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Robert Fantini

THURSDAY, December 30, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Michele M. Herrick, Month's Mind

FRIDAY, December 31, 2021

7:00 a.m. ~ Karen Bell, Month's Mind

SATURDAY, January 1, 2022

8:00 a.m. ~ Louise Waters and John Hollow, Sr.

4:00 p.m. ~ Patricia E. Francis

SUNDAY, January 2, 2022

7:30 a.m. ~ Jane Pelczar

9:00 a.m. ~ Maxine H. Ratté

10:15 a.m. ~ Bruno Poznysz

11:30 a.m. ~ Mary Clarke Cocchiaro





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#### Merry Christmas! Welcome to Sacred Hearts Parish! 🛰

Dear Friends,

This weekend we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We listen to the birth narrative from the Gospel of Luke. The angel of the Lord appears to the shepherds announcing: "I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people... a savior has been born to you who is Christ the Lord." We can ask ourselves how can I be joyful amid the stress and uncertainty of life due to COVID? A truly valid and honest question. But we truly believe, even in the midst of current COVID concerns and challenges we can be a joyful people. We believe in a God who loves and cares for the world - that's a cause for joy. We are people of hope, who see goodness and care for each other triumph in the midst of challenges - that's a reason for joy. Our Catholic faith makes us strong and ever mindful that God is with us - always!

We welcome all parishioners and visitors to our celebrations this weekend. A special welcome to family members and young people who are home for the holidays. Our celebrations this weekend help us to connect to God and to each other - giving us the strength to face the challenges we encounter every day and to live more fully as children of God in the world. We pray that you find comfort being with us, singing traditional hymns, hearing a message of hope. At the birth of Jesus, "the glory of the Lord shone around" all gathered. May we experience this same light, the light of Christ in our world today.

Sacred Hearts Parish is a vibrant Catholic Community committed to living the Christian life in word and action. (Please see the photo collage of activities from our parish in today's bulletin.) We pray together. We serve our community. We care about each other. The giving spirit of the community is a testimony of the deep faith which exists in the parish, putting faith into action. Life can get complicated at times, as it seems to be right now. We may wonder where God is in our lives. We may wander a bit from God. Our prayer life may be a little lifeless. Stress and busyness of life may overwhelm our spirits and hearts. But God is always there. We don't give up. We persevere and trust in God's providence and love.

Please know that we are always available to assist you in your personal and faith journey.

Thank you for being with us during our Christmas celebrations. We wish you and your family many blessings this Christmas and throughout the New Year. Stay well and stay healthy.

Fr. John Delaney, Pastor; Fr. Dan McCoy, Parochial Vicar; Fr. Richard O'Brien, Senior Priest;
Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, Pastoral Associate; and Sacred Hearts Parish Staff





#### SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS THIS CHRISTMAS

The Christmas collection will benefit the Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of all diocesan priests in good standing. Whether it is within our parish communities or in the community at large, our priests are making a difference every day. If you are able, please consider a generous gift to the Christmas collection this year. Thank you in advance.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Total: \$ 1,011.00

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Total:

 162 envelopes:
 \$ 6,227.00

 Loose:
 \$ 2,811.00

 Online Giving (92 donors)
 \$ 2,169.42

\$11,207.42



St. Vincent de Paul, December 12, 2021 Collection Box: \$ 122.26

Offertory figures for the weekend of Sunday, December 19, 2021, were not available at the time this publication was submitted for printing. The figures will be available in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your ongoing support!





Kindergarteners share a fun activity with their eighth-grade buddies.



ECC students participate in the annual school food drive.



Students enjoyed the 2021 SHS Walk-a-thon.

Students had a great time at the School and Parish Picnic and Mass.



Great fun on the ECC playground.



SHS students honored veterans at the 2021 Veterans Day Celebration.



Pre-K students learn to play the keyboard at the ECC.





Congratulations to
Mrs. Rhonda Kurto, grades 7-8
science teacher (on left) and
Mrs. Crystal White, grade 2 teacher,
on being named Haverhill YMCA
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Congratulations to 2021
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Contest winners
Anna Donahue, grade 3 (on left)
Page 4 and Megan Doody, grade 5!

viewers.

Troop 24 assist in stocking the rice for distribution.





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



## Sacred Hearts Parish joyfully welcomes the following children who celebrated the SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM September 12, 2021 through December 5, 2021

#### Hannah Jean English

child of Lauren Jean and Michael Patrick

#### Leonardo William Clark

child of Tiffany Ann and Conor William

#### Stellan Alexander Najuch-Brown

child of Melissa Lauren and Derrick Adam

#### Sofia Gail Michaud

child of Katie Elizabeth and Matthew David

#### **Skylar Kensington Fitts**

child of Devin Skylar and Thomas Brower

#### Kieran Samuel McElligott

child of Techla S. and Patrick Kenneth

#### Luisa Hope Stevenson

child of Kristin Alyssa and James Christopher

#### Piper Josephine Frasso

child of Alyssa Beth and Peter Joseph

#### Sonny James Bevilacqua

child of Amy Lynn and James Griffin

#### Lena Grace Rurak

child of Kelly Katherine and Christopher Sullivan

#### **Slater James Rurak**

child of Kelly Katherine and Christopher Sullivan

#### Luke Michael LaMarca

child of Kayla Margaret and Steven Joseph

#### John Mark Contrada, III

child of Claire Elizabeth and John Mark

#### **Oliver Scott Chandler**

child of Lisa Angela and Scott Vernon

#### **Lennon Elizabeth Geddis**

child of Elizabeth Ann and Scott Alan

#### Mia Michelle Rodriguez

child of Jessica Marie and Alberto Luis

#### **Charleston Neve Coppola**

child of Aubrie Bliss and Benjamin Charles

#### **Anthony Michael Tringale**

child of Arleia Ann and James Richard

#### Lillian Marie Orsillo

child of Jessica Catherine and John Andrew

#### John Andrew Orsillo, Jr.

child of Jessica Catherine and John Andrew

#### HAVE A VOICE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Over the next several years, the Church around the world will be participating in a process called the Synod on Synodality. The Holy Father will be meeting with Bishops from across the globe in 2023 to discuss ways of improving the process by which the church on all levels is open to hearing the voices of people from all walks of life. That process will begin here in Boston by asking the faithful to complete the following survey: <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/aPadVsPFt9">https://forms.office.com/r/aPadVsPFt9</a>. The results of the survey will inform discussions in the Archdiocese and, eventually, the global conversation on synodality. Questions can be directed to <a href="mailto:psoper@rcab.org">psoper@rcab.org</a>.



## Thank you!!

Sincere thanks to the parishioners who donated toys to our Ozzie's Kids giving program this year.

We filled five vehicles to the brim with toys that will benefit some very lucky children.

Thank you for blessing them.



#### **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.

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) has a long history of helping those in need living in Bradford and Groveland. Our Help-Line can be reached by calling 978-372-5824 or by emailing us at SVdPBradford@gmail.com.

Are you feeling called to help? Contact Tom Carbone at tgcarbone@comcast.net or 978-314-4733.

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#### Thank you to H. L. Farmer and Sons Funeral Home

for gifting the parishioners of Sacred Hearts Parish calendars for 2022 that are available at the back of the church.

Farmer and Sons' continued generosity is appreciated by us all.



Thank you to everyone who volunteers at our parish and school throughout the year in so many different ways.

The donation of your time and effort help to make lives of our parishioners, students, and Groveland~Haverhill community richer and fuller.

God bless you as you live a Christ-like life following the teachings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



#### 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.

#### **FY22 GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE**

As of December 14th, \$109,450.00 has been donated toward our Grand Annual Collection from 349 individuals/families. We are at 91% of our collection goal of \$120,000. Thank you for your terrific support! Please consider helping us reach our goal before year's end which will allow us to continue parish capital projects and to maintain a balanced budget. Grand Annual envelopes may be found on tables in the vestibules of our parish churches or you may give on-line at

www.sacredheartsparish.com

Thank you!



# 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.

#### **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 December 26, 2021
The Sacred Hearts Church lamp burns for
Thomas C. Mullane

#### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Sacred Hearts Church and livestream

4:00 p.m. Sacred Hearts School Auditorium

4:00 p.m. St. Patrick Church

6:00 p.m. Sacred Hearts Church and livestream

Midnight Sacred Hearts Church and livestream

Saturday, December 25th - CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 a.m. Sacred Hearts Church and livestream

10:15 a.m. St. Patrick Church

11:30 a.m. Sacred Hearts Church and livestream

<u>NO</u> 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 25th. Regular Mass schedule on Sunday, December 26th.





#### NO ADORATION

Adoration will not be held on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31st. It will resume on Friday, January 8, 2022.

#### **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 at the core of our Christmas celebration is the belief that the eternal, allpowerful God, through His Holy Word, reached out in love to humankind and became one of us? The nativity story has become for many in the modern secular world only a quaint tale associated with the Christmas holiday, and its actual implications for human lives have been somewhat forgotten. But, because God became man in the person of Jesus Christ, many of the questions that plagued humans from the dawn of time have been answered. Through Jesus' teachings we are now able to clearly understand what God expects of us - to love Him and to love our neighbor. We know it is possible to communicate personally with our God through prayer; we know that by receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, we can be forgiven for any wrongs we have done; and by worthily receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we can be as close to God as is possible in this world. May we always accept and embrace these gifts that the Christ Child offers to us with His birth!



## CALLING ALL PARENTS OF BABIES AND TODDLERS!

Are you looking for a weekly opportunity for play, fellowship, music, stories, and conversation for yourselves and your little ones that is

characterized by our Christian faith? Sacred Hearts will be starting a parents and tots group that will begin meeting on either Tuesday or Wednesday mornings starting in January. If you are interested, if you would like more information, or if you would like to vote on whether we meet Tuesdays or Wednesdays, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, pastoral associate, at <a href="ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com">ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com</a>.

#### HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS AT THE PASTORAL CENTER

Closed Friday, December 24th Open Monday - Thursday, Dec. 27th - 30th, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Closed Friday, December 31st

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#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**











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FAITH FORMATION
Mae Ba, Director of Faith Formation

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## <u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u> Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

NO Sunday classes: Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd NO Wednesday classes: Dec. 29th and Jan. 5th

Sunday, January 9th

<u>Sunday Classes</u> Grades K - 8th, 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., Sacred Hearts School Gym

Wednesday, January 12th

<u>Wednesday Classes</u> Grades K - 8th, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Sacred Hearts School Cafeteria



#### Faith and Family Advent Gathering

Students and families decorated ornaments for their families and Lakeview residents, while learning

about the season of Advent.







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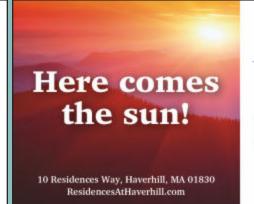
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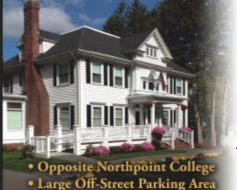


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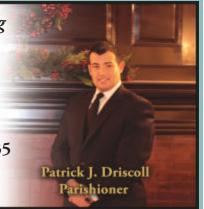
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