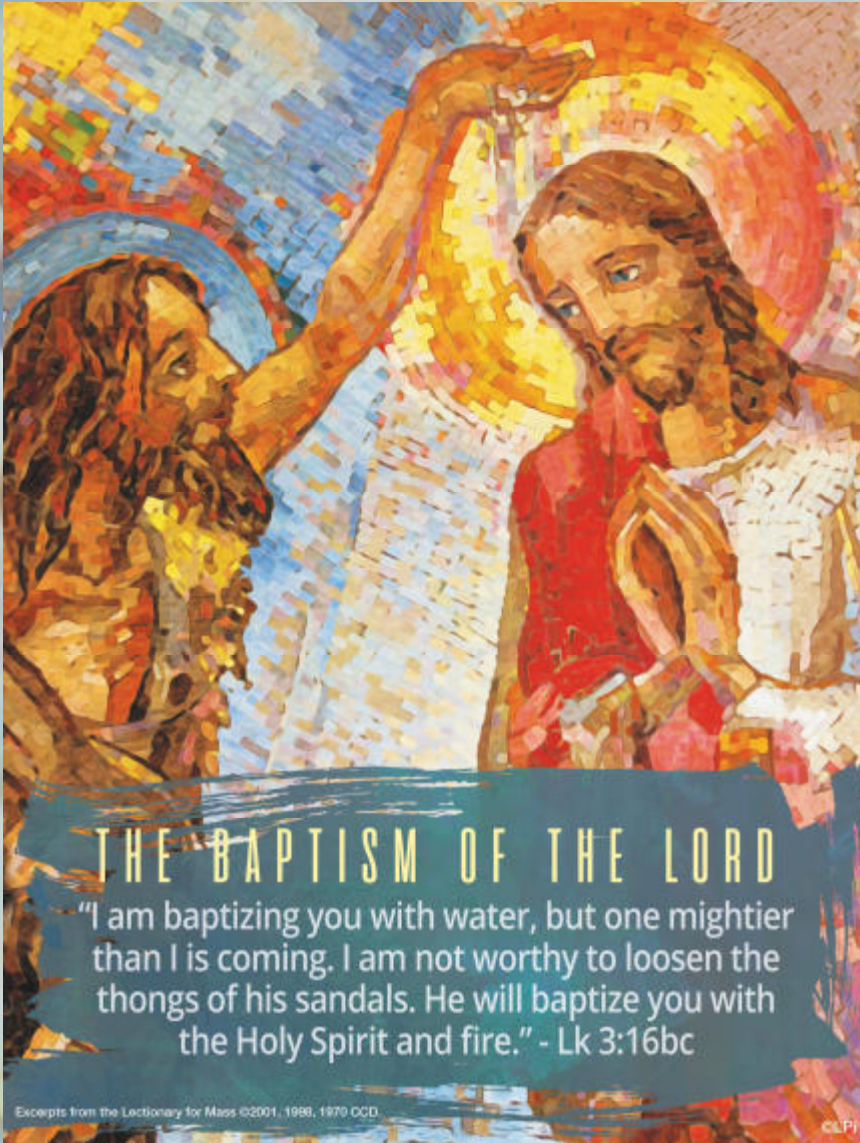


Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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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

3:45 p.m. in the Immaculate

Heart of Mary Chapel 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. at

Sacred Hearts Church.

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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: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22;
Isiah 40:5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

- Why do you think Jesus was baptized if he is God?
- What is your favorite image of God in this week's readings? What about that image brings you comfort?
- What is your relationship with the Holy Spirit like? Do you ever pray to the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?
- How do you prepare the way of the Lord in your family, neighborhood, career, and community?



Our Parish Prays For Life

The annual Holy Hour for Life will be held on Saturday, January 22nd, directly after the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. We will pray together for those who have been wounded by abortion, for respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the God-given gift of life.

Please join us.

MASKS FOR SAFETY

In the light of the spiking numbers of new COVID cases, 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.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 8, 2022

8:00 a.m. ~ John Cuoco, Month's Mind

4:00 p.m. ~ Barry Strudas

SUNDAY, January 9, 2022

7:30 a.m. ~ Karen LaPierre

9:00 a.m. ~ David B. Eisan

10:15 a.m. ~ Mary Lou George

11:30 a.m. ~ Edward Tighe

MONDAY, January 10, 2022

7:00 A.M. ~ Mary A. Mosher, Month's Mind

TUESDAY, January 11, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Jeffry R. Brown

WEDNESDAY, January 12, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Jennie and Paul Credit

THURSDAY, January 13, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Marjorie E. Lamarre, Month's Mind

FRIDAY, January 14, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Kathleen Flammia, Month's Mind

SATURDAY, January 15, 2022

8:00 a.m. ~ Cecelia Alexander, Month's Mind

4:00 p.m. ~ Camille Killegherie

SUNDAY, January 16, 2022

7:30 a.m. ~ Bill and Geri Moran

9:00 a.m. ~ Robert Anderson

10:15 a.m. ~ Robert F. Crowley

11:30 a.m. ~ Ronnie Ford and Dan Ford

THANK YOU FROM THE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER!

The Pregnancy Care Center is deeply grateful for donations totaling \$3,415 from the Sacred Hearts Parish community. The generous donations from the Respect Life Baby Bottle Drive exemplify Christian compassion and charity. The support of local churches is vital to our mission, and the Pregnancy Care Center values your continued support. Thank you, and God bless you abundantly in 2022!

As Christians our purpose is to save and transform lives and share the love of Christ. When a pregnancy is unexpected, it can be difficult to see this new life as a gift. The Pregnancy Care Center can help women and men see the beauty, joy, and value of this new life. They offer free and confidential unplanned pregnancy support, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, mentoring, education, and material services. If you are seeking help and support or if you would like to donate towards these efforts, the PCC can be contacted at 978-373-5718 or PCCFriends.org

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Jeremiah 1:5

Dear fellow parishioners,

Isaiah saw a vision in the year of King Uzziah's death and lived 700 years before the birth of Jesus. He was born in Jerusalem and became a prophet with a passionate zeal foretelling the coming Messiah Jesus Christ. As a Hebrew prophet of the Old Testament, he is revered in both Judaism and Christianity.

Isaiah spoke life, life in the burdened children of Israel and life in the troubled souls of the marginalized. In this politically charged world, he would have been recognized as an advocate for social justice, truth and equity.

With exquisite allegory, today's first reading provides insight into the mind and soul of a prophet especially chosen by God to advance His Will. Isaiah had extraordinary insight into God's desires for the people of Israel who were chosen to demonstrate His desire for eventual redemption and alignment. There is no religion in the world where a "god" pursues those who worship it. But Isaiah understood that the true God would affect an intervention - and the evidence of His grace - would be Jesus Christ in order to fulfill His pursuit of us!

Isaiah not only understood a nominal level of God's mind but also understood the very nature of man. Individually and collectively as a Church we have the opportunity to serve others. In today's first reading there are words of solace to give hope to those trapped by darkness.

He is directly speaking to all of us.

May this riveting scripture motivate us by lifting others. May it be a call to mimic Jesus and be a calming force in the lives of others who are experiencing storms.

It would be folly to refrain from such actions until we are no longer in a broken state.

We will never dislodge our brokenness fully.

Therefore, strike out boldly as Isaiah guides us so that we can lift ourselves too and secure a glimpse of God's grace.

Joe D'Amore
Parishioner

Clergy Benefit Trust, Christmas, 2021

116 envelopes:	\$ 4,058.00
Loose:	\$ 4,505.00
Online Giving (13 donors)	\$ <u>430.00</u>
Total:	\$ 8,993.00

Sunday, December 26, 2021

133 envelopes:	\$ 6,824.00
Loose:	\$ 841.00
Online Giving (47 donors)	\$ <u>2,196.42</u>
Total:	\$ 9,861.42

Thank you for your ongoing support!



Sunday, January 2, 2022

183 envelopes:	\$10,275.00
Loose:	\$ 2,338.00
Online Giving (99 donors)	\$ <u>2,426.42</u>
Total:	\$15,039.42

Building and Maintenance

94 envelopes:	\$ 1,575.00
Loose:	\$ 1,847.00
Online giving (27 donors)	\$ <u>520.00</u>
Total:	\$ 3,942.00

St. Vincent de Paul Collection Box

December 26, 2022	\$ 339.00
January 2, 2022	\$ 198.50

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Kailyn Aquino a recent eighth grade graduate from Sacred Hearts School who won First Place in the National Catholic Daughters of the Americas Education Contest.

The theme of the contest was

“LET ALL YOU DO BE DONE WITH LOVE.”

1 COR. 16:13 or SHOW LOVE TO ONE ANOTHER.



SHARE THE LOVE

By Kailyn Aquino

*Feel that warmth, that special feeling,
Let it fill you, consuming your being.*

*Spread it, share it everywhere you go,
Teach it, preach it to everyone you know.*

*Yell it from the mountain tops for all to hear,
Sing it to the shepherds so they will not fear.*

*Be a dove an angel from up high,
And share this love that you feel inside.*

FY22 GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

As of December 31st, \$114,700.00 has been donated toward our Grand Annual Collection from 395 individuals/families. We are at 95% 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!

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: <https://forms.office.com/r/aPadVsPFt9>. The results of the survey will inform discussions in the Archdiocese and, eventually, the global conversation on synodality. Questions can be directed to psoper@rcab.org.



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 on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, pastoral associate, at ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com.



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.

Rest in Peace

*Mary Frances Clark, Constance Hosford,
Joseph D'Orazio, Joanne Sweeney, Janice Meuse,
Samuel Scanduara, and Kenneth Marino*



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 January 9, 2022

The Sacred Hearts Church lamp burns for
Theresa O'Brien



In December, Robert Driscoll presented three very generous grants from the Stephen-Bennet Home, Inc. Grant Fund to three of our parish's charitable organizations. Pictured from left to right are Maureen Trainor, Regent, Court Sacred Hearts #864, Catholic Daughters of the Americas; Robert Driscoll, Board Member of the Stephen-Bennett Home, Inc. Grant Fund; Sue Wiley, Assistant to the Director of the Sacred Hearts Parish Food Pantry; Very Rev. John Delaney; and Bernadine Clifford, President of the Sacred Hearts Parish Chapter of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. We thank the Stephen-Bennett Home, Inc. Grant Fund for their generous grants to our parish organizations who seek to serve God by helping their less fortunate fellow citizens.

Thank You!

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 after this year's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9th, our liturgical season changes to **Ordinary Time**? This season is "ordinary" in the sense that the weeks are "**ordered,**" or **numbered**. The Church's liturgical new year began with the First Sunday of Advent, has continued through Christmastime, and now moves to the First Week in Ordinary Time on January 10th. In the middle of the Eighth week of Ordinary Time, Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, and the season of Lent arrive, so Ordinary Time will take a lengthy break to allow for the seasons of both Lent and Eastertime. The ordering of the weeks will continue again on June 6th, the day after Pentecost. We will enjoy Ordinary Time from that point until Advent ushers in the new liturgical year after the Thirty-fourth Week. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green which is symbolic of growth/vitality and hope. Catholics can use these long weeks of Ordinary Time and its Gospel readings to grow in their spiritual life and relationship with the Lord as they reflect with hope on the mysteries of our faith revealed by both the teaching and actions of Christ.

Congratulations Ian Duncan MacDougall!

Mr. and Mrs. James MacDougall and Boy Scout Troop 24 are proud to announce that Ian MacDougall has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts' highest achievement. Ian created an organized storage space for Sacred Hearts School Bradford completed in November, 2020 for his Eagle project. Please join us in congratulating this hard-working young man!



ADORATION

Adoration is held Fridays from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel.



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**Sacred Hearts School
2021**

Christmas Pageant

Presented by our 4th Grade



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy New Year!

Saturday, January 8th

Enrollment Ceremony for First Reconciliation and First Communion student families. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in Sacred Hearts Church.

Sunday, January 9th

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

Confirmation Year 1 meets from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Hearts Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 12th

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

Christmas Pageant: December 24, 2021

Thank you to all our students and families who participated in our Christmas Eve Pageant. We are very proud of all your efforts!



ENROLLMENT CEREMONY
for
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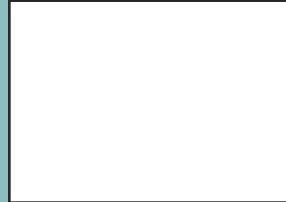
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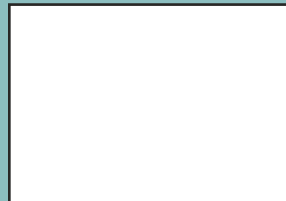
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