


Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland



“There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?’ He said to him in reply, ‘Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.’”

- Luke 13:6-9

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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.,

IHM 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.

Parish Staff

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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.

LENTEN PROJECT: WEEKS 3 AND 4

As we pray, fast, and give alms this Lent, we invite you to specifically *pray* and *give* together as a community. Each week, parishioners are invited to participate in a Lenten activity.

This week, please join us in *praying for the Lord's help* in an area of your life that needs new life. The Gospel reminds us that wise gardeners prune away dead branches. Look at the prayer on page four and spend time thinking about the branches in your own life. Ask the Lord to be your gardener.

Next week, please join us in *giving sandals (flip flops) or soap (bars or body wash)* to the local YMCA/Emmaus House. Next week, we celebrate the loving Father welcoming home His prodigal son with, "Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet!" The shower sandals and soap we collect will benefit those who utilize their showers.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 19, 2022

8:00 a.m. ~ David Dadekian

4:00 p.m. ~ Fanny Shea

SUNDAY, March 20, 2022

7:30 a.m. ~ Jane Rubino

9:00 a.m. ~ Virginia Woodside

10:15 a.m. ~ Leo W. Worden

11:30 a.m. ~ Robert Casoli

MONDAY, March 21, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ James Flanagan, Month's Mind

TUESDAY, March 22, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Antoinette Crepeau, Month's Mind

WEDNESDAY, March 23, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Ann M. Matarese

THURSDAY, March 24, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Sabino DePierro

FRIDAY, March 25, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Gina Allen, Month's Mind

SATURDAY, March 26, 2022

8:00 a.m. ~ Sheila A. Jameson, Month's Mind

4:00 p.m. ~ Susie Curcio

SUNDAY, March 27, 2022

7:30 a.m. ~ Veronica Rabuczewski

9:00 a.m. ~ Parishioners of Sacred Hearts Parish

10:15 a.m. ~ Parishioners of Sacred Hearts Parish

11:30 a.m. ~ Sydney B. and Mary F. Culliford

Lent 2022



Drawn to Jesus

WEDNESDAYS

MASS, ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHAPEL, 6:00 p.m.

Throughout Lent, Mass will be held on Wednesday evenings in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel beginning at 6:00 p.m. Following the Mass, Adoration and the opportunity for Reconciliation will begin and continue until 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAYS

BIBLE STUDY

Sacred Hearts is pleased to invite you to attend a Zoom Bible study on Thursday evenings throughout Lent.

The next opportunity will be Thursday, March 24th. Join us any Thursday, through April 7th. The Bible study will be hosted by Fr. John Delaney and Dr. Elizabeth Woodard. It will run each week from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Our text will be the Sunday readings for the

FRIDAYS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays: March 25th, and April 1st and 8th

- 3:00 p.m., Sacred Hearts Church, Bradford and Live Stream
- 7:00 p.m., St. Patrick Church, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Good Friday: April 15th, 12:00 p.m. Sacred Hearts Church, Bradford and Live Stream

upcoming weekend. Participants are encouraged to attend any and all sessions for which they are available, and can participate even if they cannot make all six meetings. The Zoom link can be accessed at tinyurl.com/sacredheartsbiblestudy. Or, to log in directly through Zoom, please use meeting ID 895 2420 8160 and Passcode: 240336. (Please email ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com with any questions or technical difficulties).

**“...for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them,
and the rock was the Christ.”**

St. Paul was schooled at an early age by a famous rabbi by the name of Gamaliel. He became proficient in Greek and Hebrew and was well versed in the law as a devout Jew.

When he became an Apostle of Jesus he travelled throughout Asia minor which is near where he was born in Tarsus, an eastern city of the Roman empire located in what is today Turkey.

Paul wrote four letters or “epistles” to the early church in Corinth, a city state (Polis) on the Isthmus of Corinth which is a narrow stretch of land which joins Peloponnese to mainland Greece. This location was roughly halfway between Athens and Sparta.

Since St. Paul was well versed in the Torah in today’s second reading, he references the first reading from Exodus where Moses interacted with God - at God’s initiation - to lead His people out of bondage in Egypt. God’s purpose was to fulfill the covenant made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - the forefathers of the Israelites.

The Epistle intricately reminds his readers what Moses understood that “not everyone was on board” so to speak. Because of man’s sinful nature we are all prone to teeter between being faithful and spiritually inert.

The Exodus reference of Moses leading people to the rock from which life-giving water flowed to save them while wandering in the wilderness is delicately tied to Jesus as the new “rock” from which we can gain eternal life. In Exodus, the legend established by rabbinic scholars is that the rock travelled with the people providing sustaining life. In the New Testament, St. Paul witnessed that Jesus replaced the rock as the new source of life - a veritable, sustaining, and refreshing source of “water.” St. Paul concludes that only through baptism can we connect to this “water” and that otherwise the consequences in distancing ourselves from it will be spiritual death.

Baptism is not just a physical act but also a sacrament and ultimately a state of mind. We either choose to stay baptized or to wander aimlessly into our own wilderness. A thoughtful examination of our past will help confirm that choosing the path of baptism aligns us with God’s will which provides the dual benefits of blessings in this life and assurances for the next one.

Joe D’Amore
Parishioner

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Sunday, March 13, 2021

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UKRAINE RELIEF SECOND COLLECTION

Due to the unprecedented needs brought about by the devastation of the attacks on Ukraine and the immigration of millions of victims fleeing the ravages of the war, Cardinal Sean has authorized a special collection to be taken up at all parishes the weekend of March 19th and 20th. The proceeds from the collection will be sent to Catholic Relief Services, the overseas relief and development agency of the U. S. Catholic Bishops, and to the Vatican agency for outreach to the Churches in Eastern Europe. Please make any checks payable to Sacred Hearts Parish and write “Ukraine Relief” on the memo line of your check. *Thank you for your support!*

Prayer for My Branches

Lord, you tend me with such great care. Me, a garden of your own creation. My branches and petals speak of love you have put into me. Lord, meet me where I am. Help me to appreciate the parts in my life that are strong, bearing good fruit. Strengthen me further. And help me to see the parts in my life that are not bearing fruit. The parts that are tired, the parts that are dead. Make me a wise gardener, O Lord. Help me prune what needs pruning. Help me feed what I'm neglecting. Most importantly, let my roots draw water solely from you. Let me not learn to feed on the nectar of the world, but only on the sweet living water of your divine love. For the nectar of the world is sweet but fleeting, slow to nourish, quick to spoil. Let my roots reach into your stream. It takes more patience and more work, but you, Lord, are the deep, abiding water of my heart. Tend me. Love me. Find me in the garden.

Written by Dr. Elizabeth Woodard

(To continue: read and meditate on Psalm 1)



POINTS TO PONDER

Reflect on Sunday's readings: Luke 13:1-9,

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

- How do you deal with earthly suffering?
- Do you have any experience watching a fruitless fig tree finally begin to bloom? Did you give up on it, or fight to keep it planted?
- Has God ever broken into your life in a radical scene, like Moses encountering the burning bush?
- How does looking at the story of someone else's faith influence your own growth?

ICON OF ST. JOSEPH AT OUR PARISH

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Each jurisdiction receives one or several of these icons which travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order. Since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979, more than 174,800 council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants have been held.



DISCIPLES IN MISSION UPDATE

Lifelong Faith Formation Committee: We have been hard at work planning some exciting initiatives including retreats, lectures, and a Lenten Bible study. We are discussing plans to have increased outreach to the families of newly baptized infants to bridge the years between baptism and the beginning of religious education. Have any good ideas for us? Let us know!

Forming Leaders Committee: We have had one successful meeting in which we discussed the ways in which existing leaders can adopt apprentices or co-chairs so that a new leader is always being formed. We plan to meet again in the coming quarter to begin to make this plan a reality. Are you called to serve as an apprentice to some ministry in the parish?

Hospitality Committee: We have had one successful meeting in which we discussed how to get newcomers - people who have never been inside our parish buildings - to try us out. We brainstormed a host of exciting events that might draw newcomers. Our next meeting is scheduled for 11:15am at St. Patrick's Church. Won't you join us and be part of the discussion?

Service and Justice Committee: This is our largest committee, with one representative from each of the groups here at the parish who participate in charity work. This includes scouts, Catholic Daughters, Saint Vincent de Paul, the Knights of Columbus, the Food Pantry, and a few other volunteers. They are preparing to work together to increase the breadth and depth of their individual efforts, coordinating with one another to bring our parish opportunities for service all year. Won't you pray for them in this important task!

Vocations Committee: This is our smallest committee, and we need your help in making it all it can be! Do you have a few hours a year (approximately one meeting per quarter) to help think of ways to promote the religious life (and education about it) in our parish?

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for any of these initiatives, please email Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, pastoral associate, ewoodard@sacredheartparish.com!

Rest in Peace

Michael DiModica and Dorothy Towler



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.

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.

Did You Know?

Did you know that while we hear no words from **Saint Joseph** in scripture, the Church regards him as someone endowed by



God with many graces and human gifts which allowed him to fulfill his mission of being **head of the Holy Family as protector and provider?** We know from scripture that Joseph was a humble man who worked as a carpenter, but we also learn in Luke 3:31 that he came from the royal lineage of King David, and the angel who appeared to him in a dream in Matthew 1:20 addressed him as "Joseph, son of David." St. Joseph is seen as a model of trust in God, following His guidance without questioning. In 1870, Pope Pius IX named him Patron of the Universal Church, and his many virtues and strengths have led numerous groups to claim him as their patron, including fathers, families, workers, home-buyers/sellers, the dying, and more. Two feast days in the Church's calendar honor St. Joseph: the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary on March 19th and the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st. St. Joseph, pray for us!

PRAYER LINE

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	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday
All Saints	12:10 p.m.	Monday thru Friday
	9:00 a.m.	Saturday
	6:30 p.m.	Mon, Thurs, Fri. (Spanish)
St. John	9:00 a.m.	Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
St. James	9:00 a.m.	Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday



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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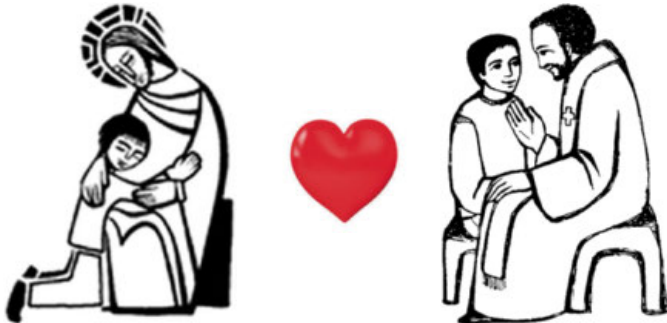
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation



Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, Pastoral Associate and Fr. John spoke with all students in Grades 1-8 prior to Lent. They presented an informative slide show on the sacrament of Reconciliation.



The students listened attentively and asked tremendous questions. We thank Dr. Woodard and Fr. John for preparing our students for the reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation this Lenten season.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 20th

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

Wednesday, March 16th

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

Friday, March 25th

God Squad for 3rd - 8th grade meets at 6:30 p.m. in St. Patrick Church Hall

Welcome Home

collages were created by our students from Sacred Hearts School and Faith Formation as a reminder that we are blessed with many people who share the faith journey with us. Please continue to pray for our young people preparing for First Communion in May.

-Part 1 of 2



YOU'RE INVITED! LENT Family Gathering

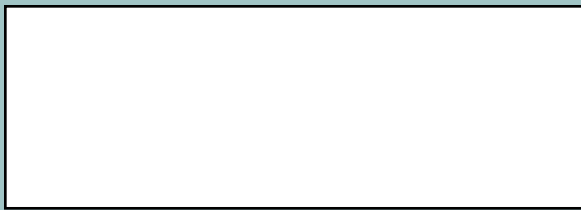
Faith Formation and Sacred Hearts School families are invited to join us on Sunday, March 27th for a Lent Family Gathering. We will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by light refreshments, family activity, and time for prayer and Lenten reflection. We begin at Sacred Hearts Church and finish at Sacred Hearts School auditorium. **RSVP by Wed., March 23rd** at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4EA4A82FA1FE3-lent> Contact Ms. Mae with any questions. **Confirmation students are encouraged to volunteer for service hours.**

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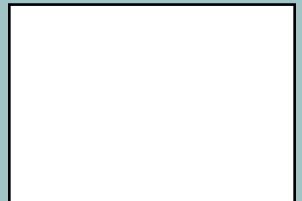
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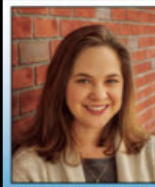
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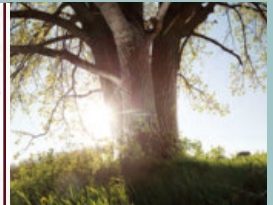
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