

# Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland



*“Put a ring  
on his  
finger and  
sandals on  
his feet!”*

-Luke 22:22b

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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

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

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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: WEEK 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 giving *shower sandals (flip flops) or soap (bar or body wash)* (a basket is at the back of the church) to our local YMCA, YWCA, and Emmaus House. Today's Gospel celebrates the loving Father who welcomes His prodigal son home by commanding, "Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet!" Having sandals was an important way the father safeguarded his son's dignity as a human person, worthy of protection from the dust and dirt of the region even despite his mistakes. In the same way, we will be collecting sandals and soap to benefit those who live in shelters and come to shower at our local YMCA, YWCA, and Emmaus House. *Thank you!*

## Mass Intentions

### 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. ~ Michael Moustafa

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

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

### MONDAY, March 28, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Maureen Haseltine, Month's Mind

### TUESDAY, March 29, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Diane Briggs, Month's Mind

### WEDNESDAY, March 30, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Sue and Virginia Besso

### THURSDAY, March 31, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Angelo Diodati, Month's Mind

### FRIDAY, April 1, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Laurence Greenwood

### SATURDAY, April 2, 2022

8:00 a.m. ~ Samuel J. Levis, Jr., Month's Mind

4:00 p.m. ~ George Colby, Jr.

### SUNDAY, April 3, 2022

7:30 a.m. ~ Rachel Callahan

9:00 a.m. ~ Jeffrey Dalton

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

11:30 a.m. ~ Patricia Thompson

## 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, 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:** 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](https://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](mailto:ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com) with any questions or technical difficulties).

Dear Friends and Family,

The fourth Sunday of Lent delivers one of the best known and well-loved parables: The Prodigal Son. Many of us know the story well. I offer you Bartolomé Esteban Murillo's, "The Return of the Prodigal Son (1667/1670)" for your prayer and reflection this week. Art has a way of expressing and conveying many layers of meaning. If the Spirit moves you, please take some time with this artwork and the following reflection questions:

- What do you notice most in the painting? Where is your attention drawn? Why?
- How does that aspect of the painting reflect where you are (emotionally, mentally, physically, or spiritually)?
- What depiction makes you more curious? What further questions do you want to ask the people?
- Who are you in the scene? Which character can you relate to most right now?
- Where is God in relation to you in this painting?

The story of the Prodigal Son is a memorable parable because the people of the story remind us of our human experiences. The father loses half of his estate and for many years did not have his son in his life. Who goes through life without loss? How many

of us have hard family relationships who challenge us? The younger son demands his inheritance and leaves his home country, squandering all that he has. In his destitution, a place of "hunger," the younger son remembers his father's generosity. With courage, he seeks the father's forgiveness. What have we learned in our mistakes and suffering? Pain and suffering are part of life and can be the catalyst for some of our most powerful conversions and renewal. To forgive and ask for forgiveness are one of the most profound graces given to us. Maybe the older son resonates more with us in his self-righteous anger? Do we ever feel like our sense of loyalty, devotion, and piety go unnoticed? Is part of seeing the faults in others part of our healing story, or, perhaps our steadfast faithfulness is what God is trying to teach us?

Our lived experiences of loss, grief, compassion, longing, pride, joy, reunion, celebration, jealousy, conversion and forgiveness are part of our stories. It is fitting that we hear of this parable during Lent. Lent provides us the space to reflect on our entire human experiences and humbly orient them towards the cross. The cross reconciled our sins through the redemptive work of Jesus. St. Paul reminds us: "all this is from God...[He] was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation." Truly, it is from God's goodness and mercy, we are given hearts drawn to reconciliation. My prayer for us as we continue the journey through Lent, we have the opportunity to experience the peace and healing that comes with reconciliation...both with God and one another.

Peace and blessings, *Mae Ba*, Director of Faith Formation



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### Parish Support

Sunday, March 20, 2021

101 envelopes:	\$ 4,619.00
Loose:	\$ 2,813.00
Online Giving (105 donors)	\$ 2,635.88
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,067.88</b>

**Ukraine Relief**

Mass Collection	\$ 7,698.00
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### 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.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that Easter is one of the Catholic Church’s movable feasts? A movable feast is one that does not have a fixed date, but can occur on varying dates from year to year. It is actually the phases of the moon which help determine on what date Easter will be celebrated in any given year. The Church has decreed that Easter will be celebrated on the **first Sunday after the first full moon after the First Day of Spring**. Scientists have determined that some years the vernal equinox falls on March 21st, but other years, it can fall on March 20th, or even March 19th, so for consistency’s sake, the Church considers March 21st as the ecclesial First Day of Spring. Because of this determination, Easter must always fall somewhere from March 22nd to April 25th. This year, the first full moon after March 21st occurs on Saturday, April 16th, so accordingly, we will celebrate Easter the following Sunday, April 17th ...in the later range of dates! Next year, 2023, it will move to April 9th.

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**YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST RETREAT**



Thanks to all who participated in our Year of the Eucharist retreat! It was a prayerful time of devotion, education, and inspiration about the Lord. For three nights, over thirty parishioners praised and learned together.



Students and catechists encountered God in new ways at the recent ninth grade Confirmation retreat. Jean Coady leads a tour of the sanctuary, Fr. Dan speaks with passion about the sacraments, and two catechists plus our catechumen, Joshua (who will receive the sacrament of baptism at this year’s Easter Vigil!) don Christ-centered shirts.



## Rest in Peace

*Matthew C. Rorke and  
Edith Doucette*



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.*

### HAVERHILL CATHOLIC DAILY MASS

Sacred Hearts	7:00 a.m.	Monday thru Friday
	8:00 a.m.	Saturday
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday
All Saints	12:10 p.m.	Monday thru Friday
	9:00 a.m.	Saturday
	6:30 p.m.	Monday, Thursday, Friday (Spanish)
St. John	9:00 a.m.	Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
St. James	9:00 a.m.	Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday



Even in the midst of these trying times, service to others remains core to the work of our Church.

**Faith in Action, It All Starts with You!**

We are so grateful to all of you who have helped launch a successful 2022 Catholic Appeal campaign here at Sacred Hearts. We have raised \$16,313.00 so far, which means we are at 30% of goal.

If you have not had a chance to do so, please consider making your gift to the Appeal today by picking up an envelope at the back of the church or make an on-line donation at [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org). Participation from every household in the parish is important and every gift makes a meaningful difference in putting faith into action to support the parishes, schools, and communities within our Archdiocese. 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

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society takes this opportunity to thank all of its benefactors during this pandemic, for general help and for donations specifically for the Food Pantry. These last two years have shown us just how devastating the pandemic has been to the economy, and how so many on the fringes of society have experienced the lack of a stable food source, or basic housing needs. Your generosity has helped hundreds of families in our community.

Our friends at the Knights of Columbus have been especially generous, having arranged for several deliveries of rice (about five or six tons) over the past two years, meeting a very human need. SVdP and the Food Pantry are very appreciative for the blessings that the Knights have provided for persons seeking help.

Prior to the pandemic, the pantry served 1,200 families per month; at its busiest, the food pantry has served that many each week, for months on end. This has required the help of dozens of volunteers who bagged, distributed, and sorted the food, with some persons making deliveries to the porches of families in isolation due to illness.

You all make a difference, and the SVdP members pray specifically for you each time we meet.

## POINTS TO PONDER

**Reflect on Sunday's readings: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32; Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2Corinthians 5:17-21**

- Who do you consider to be a "sinner"? Do you avoid people like this? Why or why not?
- What do you think is the benefit of placing yourself beside sinners?
- When was a time you were the Prodigal Son? Or the father? Or the other brother?
- How do you participate in the ministry of reconciliation?



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Spreading the Love



The 4th graders, with the help of Mrs. Courtney Munroe, participated in "These Are A Few of Our Favorite Things" service project for the food pantry. They each decorated a valentine bag, filled it with makings for their favorite meal or snack, wrote a note in a card, and contributed a gift card to Market Basket. The bags were then delivered to the food pantry.



They were proud to spread LOVE in the community this Valentine's Day!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 27th

Family Lent Gathering | Family Mass begins at 9:00 a.m. Sacred Hearts Church, followed by prayer, activity, and reflection at Sacred Hearts School Gym until 11:30 a.m. Please JOIN US!

Wednesday, March 30th

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

Our kindergarteners and first graders have been learning about ways to follow Jesus, including caring and sharing with one another. Lent Pflaum Weeklies, provides activities to foster discipleship among our students in little and big ways.



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.

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This LENT we invite all youth from grades K to eighth grade of our parish to participate in our annual Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Operation Rice Bowl. All collections DUE back by April 13th.

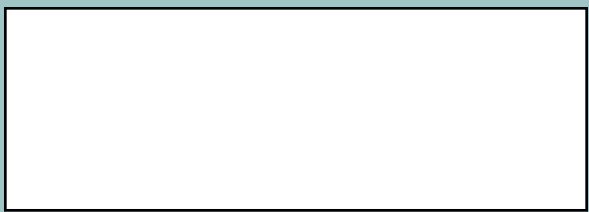


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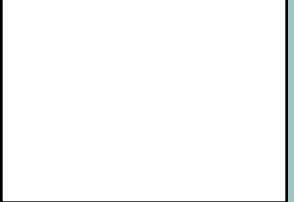


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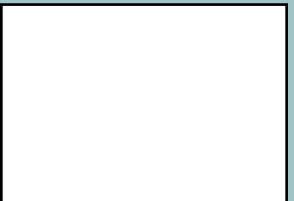
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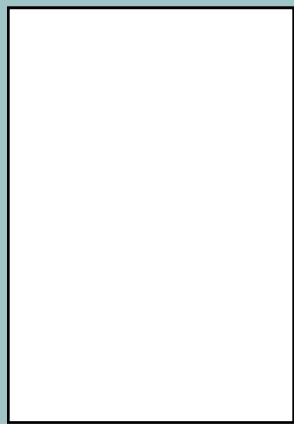


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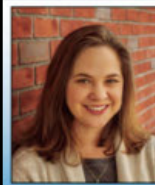
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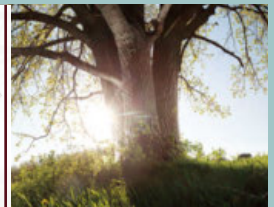
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