

Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland

"Let the one among you
who is without sin
be the first
to throw
a stone
at
her."

-John 8:7b



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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.,

Immaculate Heart of Mary 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.

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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.

Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, April 4, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Richard Brigham

TUESDAY, April 5, 2022

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

WEDNESDAY, April 6, 2022

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

THURSDAY, April 7, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Bill Moran

FRIDAY, April 8, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Ronald Parolisi, Sr., Month's Mind

SATURDAY, April 9, 2022

8:00 a.m. ~ Joanne LaBelle

4:00 p.m. ~ Ernest and Cheryl Lupi (Living)

SUNDAY, April 10, 2022

7:30 a.m. ~ Frank Pelczar, Ted Pelczar, Ann Sign

9:00 a.m. ~ Bertrand and Helen LaCerte, Randy and Richard Jesionowski and Florence Lagasse

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

11:30 a.m. ~ David Julian and Mark Vuono

LENTEN PROJECT: WEEKS 5 AND 6

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 about forgiveness*. We often pray for forgiveness. This week, we challenge ourselves to do the forgiving. Think of someone in your life who needs your forgiveness. What is preventing you from giving it? Jesus challenges "he who is without sin" to throw the first stone at wrongdoers. How often do we forget the mercy shown to us and cast stones of our own?

Next week, please join us in *giving to those who need clean water* by supporting our Confirmation students' bake sale. The proceeds will benefit Wells of Salvation, an organization that provides life-saving wells to areas of Africa unable to access clean water.

CatholicTV to Air Lenten Mission with Cardinal Sean O'Malley

The CatholicTV Network will air a five day Lenten Mission from Monday, April 4th through Friday, April 8th. The Mission will include Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by a talk at 7:30 p.m. Each night a speaker from the Archdiocese of Boston will share how they have responded to God's call in their lives and reflect on how every Catholics can make a full response to the Lord. Cardinal Seán O'Malley will conclude the Mission with the final talk on Friday.

About the CatholicTV Network: The CatholicTV Network is a national cable television network also streaming 24/7 at CatholicTVLIVE.com.



The Lenten Mission will air daily at 7:00 p.m. from Monday, April 4th, to Friday, April 8th. Tune in on cable, CatholicTVLIVE.com. These presentations will also be available on demand on YouTube and at CatholicTV.com

LENT 2022: DRAWN TO JESUS

Please join us Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., for Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation in the IHM Chapel. Please join us Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., for a Virtual Bible Study at tinyurl.com/sacredheartsbiblestudy.

Please join us Fridays at 3:00 p.m. (Sacred Hearts) and 7:00 p.m. (St. Patrick) for Stations of the Cross.

Please join us Saturdays after the 8:00 a.m. daily Mass for a opportunity for Reconciliation.

Dear friends,

There is a quote from Oscar Wilde that came to my mind with today's readings. It is a wonderful line from his 1893 play "A Woman of No Importance": "[E]very saint has a past, and every sinner has a future." This quote seems so appropriate when reflecting on Jesus' encounter with the woman caught in adultery, and with the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees who have to turn away with rare humility, as they silently admit that they themselves are not sinless.

One meaning of Wilde's quote is perfect for today: no person is so good that s/he has not failed at some point, and no one is so bad that s/he cannot be saved. All of our Lenten Gospels have reminded us of this: that God is always "doing something new" by opening our blinded eyes, softening our hardened hearts, and healing our sin-wearied souls.

A closer reading of Wilde's work probably points to yet another dimension of his own unique, humorous and irreverent insights: he actually preferred the "fascinating" sinners over the "boring" saints! While Jesus was drawn to the sinner in love and mercy, Wilde humorously believed that "to turn an interesting thief into a tedious honest man was not his aim."

In Jesus' own days, or Wilde's late Victorian era, or our own 21st century, sin can indeed fascinate and lure us, but God's loving call to repentance and healing is never far from us: "where sin abounds, grace abounds much more." Repentance becomes the "moment of initiation" into a new way of living and relating. That was true for the woman caught in adultery, perhaps even for some of the humbled Pharisees who walked away recognizing their own sins, and true also for Oscar Wilde, who asked to be baptized a Catholic on his deathbed.

Is repentance true for us now as well? Remember: "every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future." God is always doing something new. Embrace your new, healed, and graced future!

Let us all pray for each other and for peace.

Scott Ness

Director of Music Ministries

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This weekend, parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston pray in a special way for all victims of abuse. If you know anyone who was sexually abused by clergy or other church representatives, regardless of when the abuse happened, we want to know so that we can help.

You can have them call us at 617-746-5985.



ADORATION

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



BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE



This 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.

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Sunday, March 27, 2021

160 envelopes:	\$ 4,062.00
Loose:	\$ 2,273.00
Online Giving (donors)	\$ <u>2,287.42</u>
Total:	\$ 8,622.42

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Collection Box \$ 273.81

Thank you for your ongoing support!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession) is a great sign of God's mercy? We read in the Gospels how after His baptism, Jesus withdrew to the desert to fast and pray for forty days, and while there was tempted by Satan. Our Baptism renders our souls pure, but afterwards like Christ, we also are subject to temptation by Satan. Unlike Jesus who resisted sin, due to our human weakness we often give in. To remedy this tendency of humans to sin and its harmful results, the Church offers us through Reconciliation the means to have our sins forgiven and begin anew with a pure soul. In the Gospel of John 20:19-23, we can read of Jesus' establishment of this sacrament on the evening of His resurrection day, "...He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" The Church teaches us that in Confession God forgives our sins through the action of the priest who stands in the place of Christ. This gift of mercy is available to us to receive forgiveness, to be relieved of our guilt, and to be strengthened against future temptations. Out of love, God offers us this beautiful gift of Reconciliation...will we accept or reject His gift? Lent provides us with the perfect opportunity to accept and embrace His forgiveness and peace.

Sacred Hearts Parish is on Facebook! 

<https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartsbradford/>
Like us. You will be able to keep up with our events.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR MASS DINNER

Students in our grade 10 Confirmation class recently enjoyed a sponsor-candidate dinner. They attended the Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Mass before heading across the street for dinner. The dinner was an opportunity to reflect on the important role of a sponsor throughout the life of a Catholic and consisted of food, trivia, talks by Fr. John and Dr. Elizabeth, and most importantly, an interview exercise between the candidate and their sponsor.



**JESUS IS
HERE**

FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Friday, June 17, 2022
7:30-9:30 PM

Cathedral of the Holy Cross



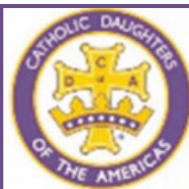
Calling ALL Teens and Young Adults Jesus is Here for Youth and Young Adults

is a pre-event to Saturday's Eucharistic Congress.

The evening will include Praise and Worship by Village Lights, a talk by Bobby and Jackie Angel, Adoration, Confession, and a visit by Cardinal Seán. Our Cardinal Archbishop looks forward to gathering with the young people of the diocese to encounter our Lord truly present in the Eucharist together.

Tickets are \$10/ per person.

For more information, please contact
Ms. Mae, mba@sacredheartsparish.com, or,
Dr. Woodard, ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com.



COURT SACRED HEARTS #864 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Court Sacred Hearts #864 will meet on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in Sacred Hearts Church Hall. Along with the business meeting, members will pray "Mary's Way of the Cross." All are invited to be with us for this beautiful journey during Lent.

Won't you come and join with us in
prayer and friendship?

Members are asked to bring one or two food items for the Sacred Hearts Food Pantry.

"Doing small things with great love."

-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Rest in Peace

*Timothy Shanahan and
Gerald C. Dube, Jr.*



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
All Saints	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday
	12:10 p.m.	Monday thru Friday
	9:00 a.m.	Saturday
St. John	6:30 p.m.	Monday, Thursday, Friday (Spanish)
	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. 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 has been blessed by an outpouring of support from the Parish Community during the pandemic. Cash and food donations have directly benefitted residents in Bradford and Groveland.

SVdP operates a Help Line, 978-372-5824, where residents who need financial assistance can seek help. Persons in need are visited by two members of the Conference, and the need is assessed by discussing both income and expenses for the family. Through your generosity, we have provided emergency help with oil deliveries, paid back rent to avoid evictions, and covered overdue utility payments to maintain heat and electricity. These payments have allowed persons who are overwhelmed financially to maintain their homes and dignity, while finding a way through their very temporary needs. We also take the opportunity to connect people to more long term resources.

Jesus told us that when we have done things like feed and cloth the needy, we have done this for Him.

Thank you!

POINTS TO PONDER

Reflect on Sunday's readings: **John 8:1-11**

Isiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14

- When have you been the adulterous woman? When have you been the Pharisee?
- Have you ever been in the middle of a heated situation and then diffused the anger? How did you accomplish this? What does it take to encourage indignant people to calm down?
- What is one way that you can detach yourself from material things this week?
- What is one "great thing" the Lord has done for you recently? Why did it bring you consolation?



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 3rd

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

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

Wednesday, April 6th

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

LENT Family Gathering (part 1 of 2)

Our Lent family gathering with school and faith formation families was a terrific celebration of community. Many thanks Fr. John, Dr. Woodard, Mrs. Silva, catechists and volunteers who gave of their time to spend the morning with us. We are especially grateful for all the wonderful families who joined us for the event.



THE ECC
Looking for signs of spring, our nursery students LOVE climbing, playing, digging, and exploring our playground.

This LENT we invite all parish youth from kindergarten to eighth grade to participate in our annual **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Operation Rice Bowl**. Collections are DUE back by April 13th.



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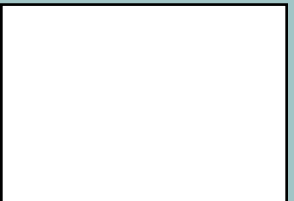
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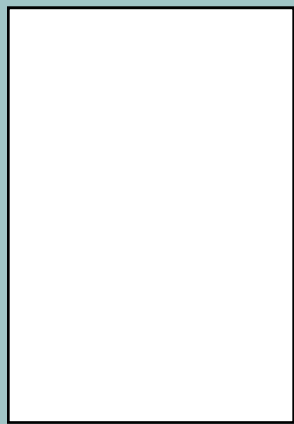
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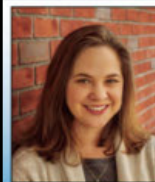
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