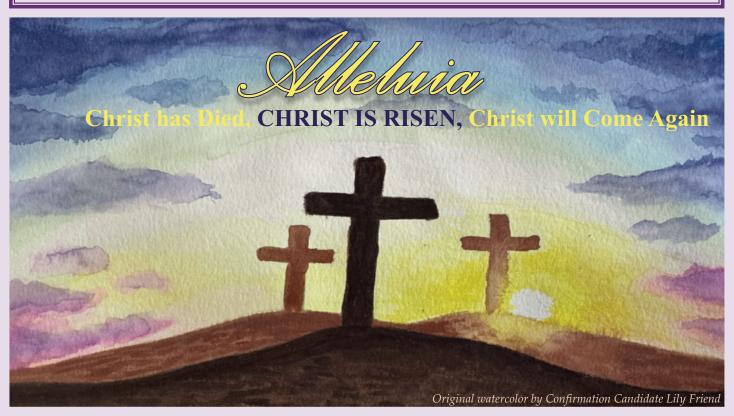
# Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland



# 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 Rev. Dan McCoy, Parochial Vicar Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, Pastoral Associate Mrs. Susan Downer, School Principal Mrs. Chrissie Pettis, Early Childhood Center Dir. Ms. Mae Ba, Director of Faith Formation Mr. Scott Ness, Director of Music Ministries Mrs. Jillian Noonan, Youth Minister Mrs. Holly Roche, Finance & Operations Manager Mr. Dan Clark, Facilities Manager Mrs. Pam Conte, Parish Secretary Mrs. Maureen Trainor, CDA Court 864, Regent Mr. Michael Scanlon, K of C, Grand Knight Mrs. Bernadine Clifford, Pres., St. Vincent de Paul

48 South Chestnut Street • Bradford, MA 01835 • Phone: 978-373-1281 • Fax: 978-374-3043 • Website: www.sacredheartsparish.com PASTORAL CENTER OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. • Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. SACRED HEARTS PARISH EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD APRIL 17, 2022

#### 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.

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

ı Easter!

Fr. John, Fr. Dan, Dr. Elizabeth and the parish staff wish all a joyful and blessed Easter. Thank you for your support and all you do for Sacred Hearts Parish.



# Mass Intentions

MONDAY, April 18, 2022 7:00 a.m. ~ Michael DiModica, Month's Mind

TUESDAY, April 19, 2022 7:00 a.m. ~ Frances Halupowski

WEDNESDAY, April 20, 2022 7:00 a.m. ~ Earl McInnis

THURSDAY, April 21, 2022 7:00 a.m. ~ John May (Living)

FRIDAY, April 22, 2022 7:00 a.m. ~ Marie Caputi, Month's Mind

SATURDAY, April 23, 2022 8:00 a.m. ~ Pat Zakiewicz 4:00 p.m. ~ Alma Richard

SUNDAY, April 24, 2022 7:30 a.m. ~ Janice A. Buckley 9:00 a.m. ~ Henry DiBurro 10:15 a.m. ~ Parishioners of Sacred Hearts Parish 11:30 a.m. ~ Sheila Kanan (Living)

# Lenten Acts of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

A big thank you to parishioners who participated in the various Lenten activities our parish hosted this Lent.



#### Dear Friends,

Welcome to Sacred Hearts Parish this weekend as we celebrate Christ's resurrection and reflect upon its meaning in our lives. After 40 days of Lenten observance, we gather this weekend to celebrate our Easter faith, seeking peace and new life in a world that is challenging, demanding and sometimes bewildering. We are invited to experience the same joy the disciples did on that first Easter morning. Easter truly shows how God brings good out of evil, how death yields to life. This day reveals how Jesus' risen presence is within us, empowering us to do good works and to love each other as He loves us. Easter, once again, confirms that God loves the world immensely and desires to be connected to us always. Our response is praise, thanksgiving and celebration. Today is a day of true rejoicing!

We read in today's gospel how Mary Magdalene was the first person to arrive on scene that first Easter morning. Peter arrives shortly thereafter. He peers into the tomb and sees emptiness – he doesn't get the significance. Then the other disciple looks into the tomb, and because he sees with the eyes of faith, he "saw and believed." He understands the significance of Easter morning. Jesus has conquered death forever. All that the Lord taught and lived now made sense. Nothing would be the same anymore.

During this season of Lent our parish theme was, "Drawn to Jesus". We listened to Sarah Hart's hymn, "Drawn to You", present in our Breaking Bread missal, to help us embrace this spiritual invitation. We heard the words - we are drawn to Jesus "by the love that (he has) poured on us" and "by the table (he has) has laid for us." Jesus' love and gift of Eucharist give us the strength to find meaning and purpose in life and to persevere when life is difficult. And life has been difficult. We and our world need healing. COVID has presented many challenges. We are weary and tired. We may not have been our best selves these COVID years due to stress, strain, anxiety ad confusion. We need to draw closer to Jesus for healing. The current situation in Ukraine is upsetting and soul shaking. Our hearts ache for the innocent people of Ukraine. We need to draw close to Jesus in hope that people will heal and peace will be attained very soon. One of the experiences of Easter is a feeling of new life and new beginnings. I pray the celebration of Easter will offer this gift of new life for all of us and our entire world.

One of the prominent symbols of Easter is the Easter candle that stands by the baptismal font. It is lit for the first time by the Easter fire at the Easter Vigil. It is then carried in procession into the Church. The verse, "Christ our Light", is sung while the Easter light is passed to everyone, signifying the light of Christ penetrating the darkness of the world and illuminating our personal lives. A Church that was in darkness is slowly transformed by the Easter light just as our lives can be transformed by Christ's light of love and peace.

The priests and staff of Sacred Hearts wish you and your families Easter peace and joy. We are here to serve you and work with you in building a strong Catholic Community at Sacred Hearts. A special, heartfelt welcome to anyone who is searching for a spiritual home or who seeks to reconnect with the Catholic faith. We are available to support you in any way. Please contact us if we can be of assistance. We come from many different backgrounds, life experiences and church experiences but are united in the same faith conviction that God cares for us and is actively present in our lives and world. As we leave Church this day may we carry the Easter message of hope and joy with us and be more committed to Christ and witness more and more deeply Christ's love in the world.

Easter blessings!

7 John

The Pastoral Center will be closed Monday, April 18, 2022, in observance of Patriots Day.



Offertory figures for the weekend for Sunday, April 10, 2022, were not available at the time that this publication was submitted for printing. The figures will be available in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your ongoing support!



#### Clergy Health and Retirement Trust Caring for the Well-Being of our Boston Priests

This week, at all our Easter Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical, and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org.

## Sacred Hearts School Happenings



It has been two long years, but we were finally able to come together as a school community to pray and celebrate First Friday Mass in April.



The students in grades 1-8 enjoyed a visit with Oksana Kovtanyuk. She expressed her gratitude for the generosity of our school in raising \$2700 for the Children's Hospital in Ukraine.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our finalists and especially **Maya Fischer-Nova** (right - Grade 4) and **Mariam Khair** (Grade 6) who are the 2022 Sacred Hearts School Spelling Bee Winners! Grades 1-4 finalists withstood an impressive 44 rounds of words!



Grade six students are enjoying playing the ukulele in Mr. Grady's music class.



Sacred Hearts students from nursery through grade eight handmade beautiful Easter cards in religion class. We are sending these lovely creations to other Sacred Hearts schools across the nation to spread Prace 4 the Good News of Christ's Resurrection.



The eighth grade girls wrapped up an impressive 2021-2022 season with a second place finish in the M.V.C.B.A. The Lady Hawks played with great determination and teamwork all season.

# Faith Formation Happenings



**LENT FAMILY GATHERING**; our faith formation supports your entire family as everyone grows closer to God by providing time for prayer, activity, and community sharing.



**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS** Gathering for worship is the heart of faith formation.



Our students read and share the weekly Gospel and learn ways to follow Jesus.



We practice caring for our communities throughout the year.

# Christmas Eve pageant, reenacting the Nativity story.

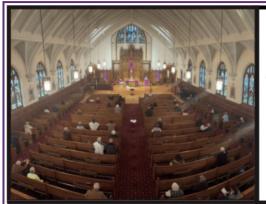




Our seventh graders pray the Rosary.

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Parishioners were invited to pray in several meaningful ways this Lent. For some of Lent, our "homework" consisted of praying about themes connected to the week's reading, such as forgiveness or bearing fruit. On Wednesdays, we held an extra Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation. On Fridays, we hosted Stations of the Cross. Pictured to the left is our March 25th prayer for the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which coincided with prayers said at that same time by Pope Francis and by Catholics all around the world. The picture below and to the left captures a segment of our March 13th - 15th Year of the Eucharist Retreat.



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS' BAKE SALE RAISES MONEY FOR WELLS OF CLEAN WATER Our Confirmation students held a bake sale last weekend to benefit Wells of Salvation (pictured right), an organization that brings life-saving water to areas of Africa most affected by water scarcity and contamination. All of the baked goods were made by the students themselves! Thank you to all who participated.

#### Wells of Salvation

A Lenten Outreach to Quench Thirst and Build a Brighter Future



Your support will help Catholic leaders meet the needs of the poor in their communities. In the Diocese of Chipata, Zambia, local priests such as Father Andrew Pumula are counting on U.S. Catholics to bless families with clean, safe water.



Our Thursday evening Lenten Bible Study was a success! Each week, Fr. John and Dr. Elizabeth met with parishioners via Zoom to discuss the upcoming weekend's readings, to learn some background on them, and to ponder ways that they apply to us and our own faith journeys.

Sacred Hearts Parish joyfully welcomes the following children who celebrated the SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM December 19, 2021 through April 3, 2022

Jalan James Howes child of Lauren Elizabeth and Jonathan David

**Cyler Garrison Kimball** child of Amy Marie and Michael Joseph

**Ava Marie Fox** child of Amy Theresa and Robert Thomas

**Thomas Samuel Ryan** child of Natalia Vladimirovna and Patrick Thomas

Henry Jonathan Dandurant child of Emily Sanborn and Jonathan Ray

**Harrison William Dandurant** *child of Emily Sanborn and Jonathan Ray* 

**Carter Richard West** child of Taylor Theresa and Devin Richard

**Allister Ramos Hatch** *child of Natalie Marie and David Scott* 

**Amelia Ramos Hatch** child of Natalie Marie and David Scott

**Oliver Ramos Hatch** *child of Natalie Marie and David Scott*  India Vi Frisco child of Jillian Jennifer and Scott John

**Averie Rose Rodriguez** child of Desiree Marie and Michael Benigno

Joshua Joseph McKnight child of Mary Theresa Cutting McKnight

**Ryssn Joseph Doherty** *child of Kerrin Michael and Theodore Joseph* 

**Ryleigh Anne Fieldhouse** *child of Kristin Leigh and Joshua Arthur* 

**Pascal Theodore Nelson** child of Julia Czaplinski and Quinn Patrick

> **Rukiya Locke Morita** child of Kristin Marie and Masanori

**Gianna Claire Whitcher** child of Alicia Marie and Matthew Aaron

**Emma Marie Wholley** child of Erin Marie and Michael Edward

**Charles Anderson Gaudet** *child of Laura Anderson and Charles Philip* 

**Grace Belle Stager** child of Romona Grace and Andrew Martin

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that Easter is the very center of the Church's year and our most important feast day? At Easter, we celebrate the reason and basis for our Christian faith; that after suffering crucifixion, Christ rose from the dead. This is the "Good News," the event that brought hope to mankind, putting to death with Christ's resurrection our fear of death, and granting us knowledge of the path to eternal life. The Church sees this celebration of new life as so important, it cannot be contained within one day of celebration. Instead, the celebration is week-long, with each day considered part of Easter. And then, the observance does not end there, but continues fifty days from Easter until the celebration of Pentecost, when we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit, who bestowed upon the apostles the spiritual gifts they would need to found Christ's church on earth and spread that Good News. This blessed Easter season can help us to focus on our belief in the risen Christ and its implications in our lives.

Christ is risen!



Hearts and at St. Patrick Church in Groveland.



#### 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.

#### **OPEN TO ALL - SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY**

Whether you're working toward a degree or you simply want to take a class or two, check out our authentically Catholic course offerings! All of our courses offer thought provoking material and clear instruction from professors who are highly regarded in their fields.

Saint John's Seminary (sjs.edu) is a graduate school of theology and offers two fully accredited graduate degree programs in Catholic theology for laity, religious and deacons in addition to forming future priests. These two degree programs are faithful to the Catholic intellectual tradition, are carefully crafted to provide an integrated and thorough study of Catholic theology, and allow for specialization in one of two themes: acquiring skills to minister within the Church, or honing one's skills to participate fully in the New Evangelization of the world.

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# Rest in Peace

Linda Arscott



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.

#### POINTS TO PONDER

Reflect on Sunday's readings: John 20:1-9 Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:1-8

- The Beloved Disciple "saw and believed" without yet understanding. When have you believed something without understanding the fullness of the reality?
- Mary ran to Peter and the Beloved Disciple to tell them that the tomb was empty. In your own life, who are the people you turn to when you are experiencing difficult times or new challenges?

# Catholic Appeal

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 \$36,523.00 so far, 68% of our goal, from 117 donors.

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.



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## **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 St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) has a mission to serve residents in Bradford and Groveland who have a



need of financial or other help. Our help is given anonymously and in confidence with the help of our benefactors. If you are in need of help, please call our Help Line at 978-372-5824, or email us at

#### SVdPBradford@gmail.com.

We are always in need of new members. If you feel you can be of help, please contact us through the help line or email Tom Carbone at <u>tgcarbone@comcast.net</u>



**5:00pm** doors will open at 4:30pm at Michael's Function Hall 12 Alpha St, Haverhill, MA 01832



#### Join us for a night full of food, fun and festivities

to benefit Sacred Hearts School

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**\$65pp** each ticket includes dinner, dessert, dancing and a square for wagering

additional packages and add-ons available

#### Prizes for

Best Dressed, Best Hat and Most Festive Jacket other Games & Raffles

> Contact Meredith if you are interested in attending, sponsoring or advertising mconte@sacredheartsbradford.org 978.852.6532

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#### SACRED HEARTS SCHOOL

www.sacredheartsbradford.org Susan Downer, Principal Elementary School, Grades 1-8, 978-372-5451 31 South Chestnut Street, Bradford, MA 01835 Chrissie Pettis, Early Childhood Center Director Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten, 978-374-7161 48 South Chestnut Street, Bradford, MA 01835





Congratulations to Our Second Grade Students on Receiving First Reconciliation





We pray that our boys and girls will continue to receive this beautiful sacrament over and over again, each time growing closer to God and experiencing more of His love and mercy.









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

FAITH FORMATION Mae Ba, Director of Faith Formation mba@sacredheartsparish.com Laura Montes, Faith Formation Assistant lmontes@sacredheartsparish.com Jillian Noonan, Youth Minister jnoonan@sacredheartsparish.com

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, April 17th and Wednesday, April 20th NO CLASS **\*\*HAPPY EASTER\*\*** 

Sunday, April 24th

<u>Sunday Classes</u> Grades K-8th meet 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Hearts School Gym <u>Confirmation Year 1</u> meets 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Hearts Parish Hall

#### Wednesday, April 27th

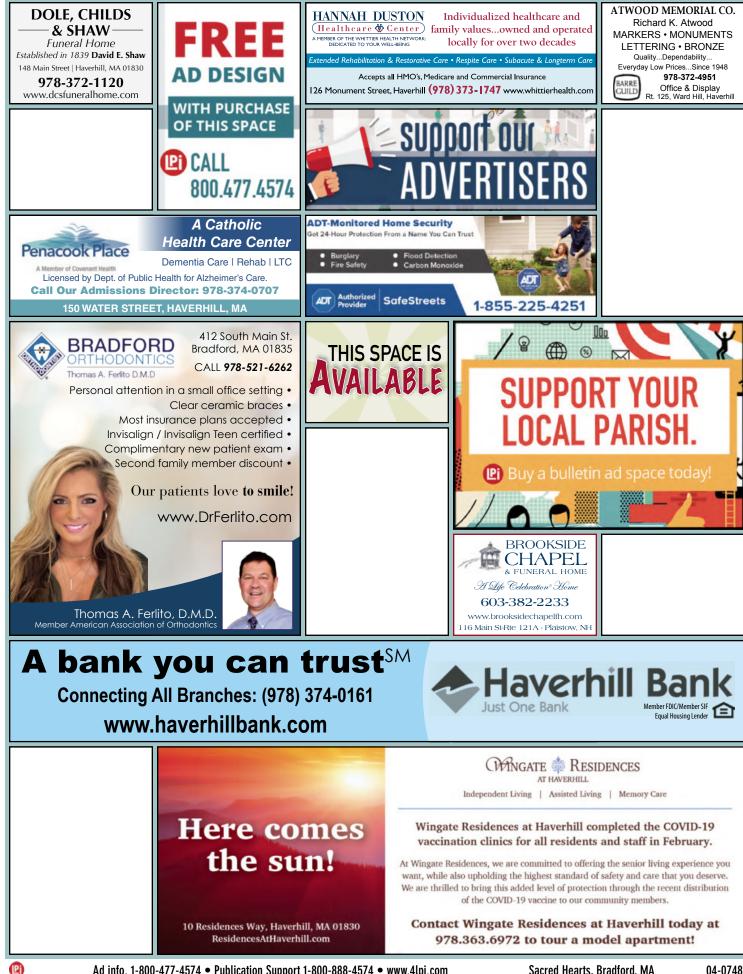
<u>Wednesday Classes</u> Grades K-8th meet 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Hearts School Cafeteria

## **Journal with Jesus**

Students preparing for First Communion wrote a journal entry to Jesus about why they are excited to receive Him in the Eucharist. Their witness and testimonies are heartfelt. We continue to pray for our students and families to keep the Eucharist at the center of their lives.

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