

Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

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 as part of a small group

baptism on select Sundays at

1:00 p.m. and to register for Baptism

Instruction class.

Parish Staff

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

Rev. Dan McCoy, Parochial Vicar

Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Susan Downer, School Principal

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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.

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POINTS TO PONDER

Reflect on Sunday's readings: John 13:31-33, 34-35;
Acts 14:21-27; Revelations 21:1-5a

- How did Jesus love His disciples?
- Do you feel that you love others as Jesus loves you? Why or why not?
- What is one concrete example of Jesus' love for you in your life?
- If you were in Antioch in the first century, how do you think you would have reacted to Paul and Barnabas?

Miraculous Medal Novena

The Miraculous Medal Novena will be prayed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass each remaining Saturday in May, the 21st and the 28th in Sacred Hearts Church. *Please join us.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT TO RECEIVED THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Join us in praying for all our young people preparing to receive First Communion this month. May the transformative power of the Eucharist be a part of their lives and always draw them closer to Jesus.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 14, 2022

8:00 a.m. ~ Greg Keefe

4:00 p.m. ~ Carol Strudas

SUNDAY, May 15, 2022

7:30 a.m. ~ Ann Sign

9:00 a.m. ~ John W. Atwood

10:15 a.m. ~ Joseph Pompei

11:30 a.m. ~ John R. Elder

MONDAY, May 16, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Mrs. Margaret Horgan

TUESDAY, May 17, 2022

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

WEDNESDAY, May 18, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Joan M. Coppola, Month's Mind

THURSDAY, May 19, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Jeannine DiVenuti

FRIDAY, May 20, 2022

7:00 a.m. ~ Jack Delaney

SATURDAY, May 21, 2022

8:00 a.m. ~ Edith Doucette

4:00 p.m. ~ Kathy Early Casey

SUNDAY, May 22, 2022

7:30 a.m. ~ Jennie and Paul Credit

9:00 a.m. ~ Vincent and Lorraine Clark

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

11:30 a.m. ~ Brenda Azzarito

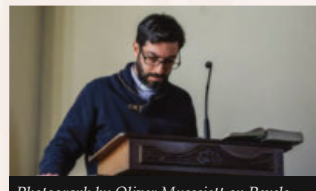
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE IMPORTANT MINISTRIES OF LECTOR OR EUCHARISTIC MINISTER?

Lector: Proclaims the Word of God during Mass.

Eucharistic Minister: Shares the Blessed Sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood with the Faithful during Mass.

Eucharistic Homebound Ministry: Brings the Eucharist to those who cannot come to Mass.

Please contact Dr. Elizabeth Woodard
ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com.



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Last Friday morning, my family faced an emergency with our youngest child, Elijah, ending up in the ER at Boston Children's Hospital. As my wife took the ambulance to Boston, I took the older two to the playground, fretting on what to do. Of course I wanted to go to Boston, but with my parents out of town for the weekend and friends at work, I had no one to watch the older two. As I stood there texting family and friends, a familiar face from the parish approached with her two year old son. My eldest, Ethan, ever the talker and over-sharer, didn't lose much time before telling her what was happening with Elijah.

A stay at home mother of five (let's call her Susan), Susan, had recently been to the ER with her two year old where he received stitches on his forehead (still noticeable). After expressing knowing words of empathy, she could see the vulnerable situation I was in and inquired whether she could help with the kids so I could be with Diana and Elijah. Insisting she was free the rest of the day, had plenty of toys and would be happy to help, I had a feeling I could trust her generous heart and genuine Christian spirit. With her other children soon to be home after a half-day of school, they would be in good hands.

However, I hesitated, uncomfortable accepting the help. *Sometimes, accepting the help of others is a great challenge.* I nervously looked at my phone in my hesitation and saw that Diana had sent a picture of Elijah on the stretcher in the ambulance. One glance at the picture and any hesitation evaporated. My kids were, mind you, thrilled with my decision to leave them behind to explore this new toy wonderland.

After a CT scan revealed that, although the injury to Elijah was significant, surgery was not needed and he would heal quickly on his own with antibiotics, Diana, Elijah and I drove back by dinnertime. When we arrived at Susan's house, pizza was just being delivered and chocolate chip cookies taken from the oven. We were greeted by a house full of happy children and overflowing hospitality. It was truly a day of contrasts: the horror of holding a child with a serious injury and the grace and charity of a magnanimous woman and her family.

Midway through the Easter Season, we have been able to contemplate together the empty tomb and have encountered the Risen Christ, but how do you and I respond to this amazing gift of God? How must this affect me and my way of life? Jesus answers that question in today's Gospel with a command: you must "love one another as I have loved you." A tall order!

Christ's love is always gratuitous and overflowing. It goes beyond expectations. My love is cramped. When I am open to receiving Jesus's love, however, my heart overflows. My love will expand as I surrender myself to the abyss of love that is God's heart, then give it away.

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have for one another." Without this witness, how can we encounter Christ living and active in the world 2000 years after He walked the earth? Jesus wants our love to be so palpable and profound that others notice and see glimpses of God's love. He wants everyone walking in doubt and hopelessness to see and say "Maybe I am noticed by God and loved," daring to hope for true and lasting joy.

When we allow our hearts to be open to Christ's love, sharing His love becomes second nature, simple, and effortless. What to Susan was probably just a simple gesture of kindness to a family in need was precisely the kind of love that can move or reinvigorate hearts to see Christ active and well amidst an otherwise dark and troubled world.

Will you accept God's boundless love today, then give it away gratuitously? This is, after all, how all will know you are Jesus' disciple...

In Christ,

Aaron Giard, Parishioner

Sunday, May 8, 2021

174 envelopes:	\$ 5,381.00
Loose:	\$ 1,792.00
Online Giving (100 donors)	\$ <u>2,512.42</u>
Total:	\$ 9,685.42

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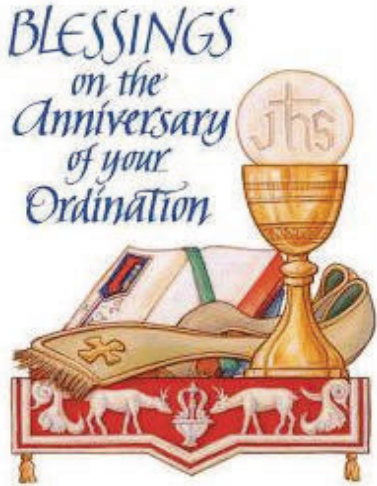
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MOTHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS ON THE ALTAR FOR ALL OF MAY

The spiritual bouquet cards that were placed on the altar on Mothers' Day will remain there throughout the month of May. You may add cards to the altar at any time this month. Cards are available in the vestibules of our churches. We will continue to pray for all during the entire month of May.

Congratulations!

Our priests are celebrating their anniversaries in the coming weeks...



- Fr. John May 20th
27 years
- Fr. Dan May 24th
19 years
- Fr. Richard June 13th
30 years

We thank them for their dedicated service to Sacred Hearts Parish.

This Month Visit Marian Sites at Sacred Hearts Parish

Visit the statues inside St. Patrick Church and Sacred Hearts Church, the Marian Grotto outside Sacred Hearts Church, and outside at the ECC and St. Patrick Church.

Ham And Bean Supper

Join Us for Food and Fellowship

Saturday May 21st 2022

5pm-7pm

St John the Baptist Hall

Adults \$7.00

Children Under 10 \$5.00

Menu

- Baked Ham
- Boston Baked Beans
- Hotdogs
- Sue's Coleslaw
- Bread and Butter
- Coffee, Soda and Water
- Assorted Desserts



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Thank You!

Thank you to Flowers by Steve and the Janavicus Family for donating the hydrangeas and greenery that adorned our sanctuaries in memory of their late mother, Eva, and in honor of all mothers living and deceased.



THE SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY SERVES AT COMMUNITY MEALS

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Sacred Hearts Parish helped served the weekly Monday night meal this week at the Haverhill Citizens Center. This Community Meals program is once again serving a hot dinner every Monday night. Dinner is served from 4:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. All in need are welcome. Many local civic groups within the city financially support the Community Meals program and help prepare and serve the hot meals.



Rest in Peace

*John Morris, Anthony Gragg,
and Anthony Rogers*



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.



HOSPITAL VISITS

If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital and would like a visit from Fr. John, Fr. Dan, Elizabeth Woodard, Pastoral Associate, or an Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Pastoral Center at 978-373-1281. Due to HIPAA laws, we cannot get this information from the hospitals, so many times we do not know of parishioners who would like a visit.

Catholic Appeal Update



Goal: \$53,777
To Date: \$52,943
% of Goal 98%
Donors: 187

We are so close to our goal – please help us get there!

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

Pictures from the Paschal Triduum

Throughout the Easter Season, we will share photos taken from this year's Paschal Triduum, the sacred three days' that began our Easter Season (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil).



Pictured this week: The Easter Vigil begins in total darkness. The light of Christ, embodied in the giant paschal candle carried by Fr. John, represents Jesus' conquering of death, and light fills the space as the flame is passed to each person. Instrumentalists, JayR Seymour and Viktoria Tchertchian, utilize stand lights to accompany music director, Scott Ness, and the choir.



ADORATION

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



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Third Grade Reenactment of the Last Supper along with



Fr. John washing the feet of twelve students, who represented the Apostles.



Sixth Grade Stations of the Cross



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 19th

First Communion Rehearsals begin at

5:30 p.m. for Mrs. Bronson's and Mrs. Forde's class and

6:30p.m. for Mrs. Fellow's and Mrs. West's class both at

Sacred Hearts Church.

Saturday, May 21st

First Communion Masses at

Sacred Hearts Church as follows:

10:00 a.m. for Mrs. Bronson's/Mrs. Forde's class

1:00 p.m. for Mrs. Fellow's and Mrs. West's class.

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, June 20th to Thursday, June 23th, 2022

Ideal for students entering gr. K-6th, in-person: 9 a.m. to 12p.m.

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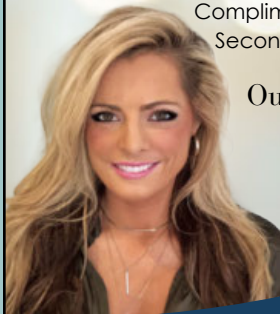
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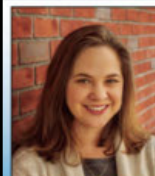
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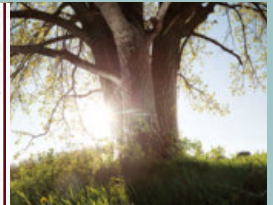
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