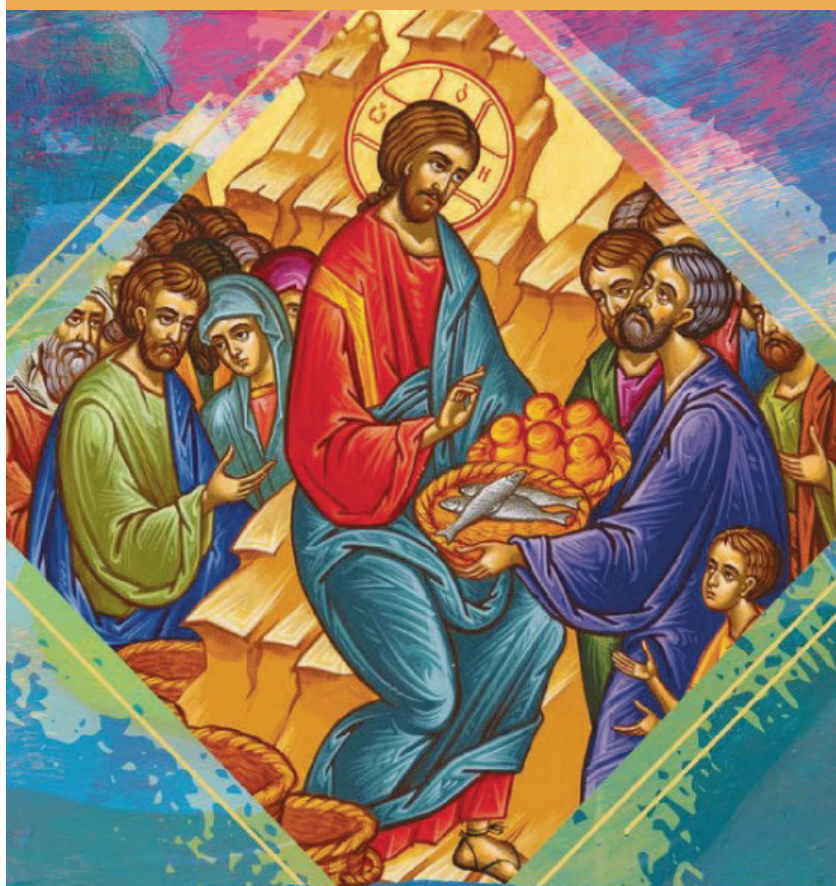


Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

They all ate and were satisfied. - Lk 9:16

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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.

Daily: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m.

The Chapel is open for prayer Monday
through Friday from
7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 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.

Parish Staff

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Mission Statement for Sacred Hearts Parish



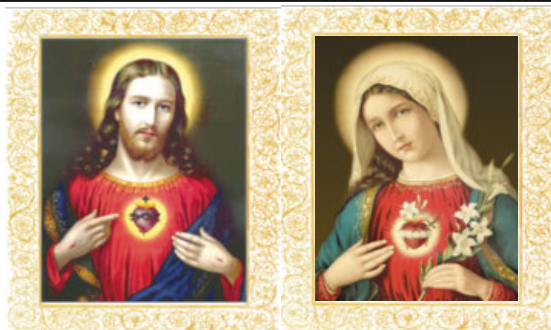
Sacred Hearts Parish exists to serve as a living testimony to Christ's presence within its faith community which is strengthened and nourished by a firm commitment to the Gospel values through prayer, worship, faith formation, and service.

POINTS TO PONDER

Reflect on Sunday's Readings

Luke 9:11b-17; L169C, Gen 14:18-20, 1 Cor 11:23-26

- What has the Eucharist meant to you at different points on your journey of faith?
- As human beings, we are made up of body and soul, and God cares for and nourishes both of these. How do you find your physical health impacting your spiritual well-being and vice-versa?
- Jesus cares for us using the stuff of real life, normal food and drink. How do you use food to care for others?



The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Our parish is called "Sacred Hearts" after both the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Jesus' heart, at once glorious in his divinity and also suffering in his eternal outpouring love for us, is an unending source of consolation for the faithful. Mary's heart, at once pierced with the sword of her son's suffering and also glowing with motherly love for the whole Church, reflects her status as the Queen of Heaven. Both of these feast days are this week, and we celebrate these deep meanings for our parish. We celebrate the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 27 and the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Saturday, June 28.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, June 21, 2025

8:00 a.m. ~ Intention of the Celebrant

4:00 p.m. ~ Bob Fredette and Bobby Fredette

SUNDAY, June 22, 2025

7:30 a.m. ~ Genevieve Gangi

9:00 a.m. ~ Patsy Jennings

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

11:30 a.m. ~ Mass of Thanksgiving

30th Anniversary Fr. John Delaney

MONDAY, June 23, 2025

7:00 a.m. ~ William Desrosiers

TUESDAY, June 24, 2025

7:00 a.m. ~ Betty Asker

9:00 a.m. (SP) ~ Intention of the Celebrant

WEDNESDAY, June 25, 2025

7:00 a.m. ~ Richard M. Hayes and

Mary E. Curran-Hayes

THURSDAY, June 26, 2025

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

9:00 a.m. (SP) ~ Intention of the Celebrant

FRIDAY, June 27, 2025

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

SATURDAY, June 28, 2025

8:00 a.m. ~ Intention of the Celebrant

4:00 p.m. ~ Deborah Levasseur

SUNDAY, June 29, 2025

7:30 a.m. ~ Parishioners of Sacred Hearts Parish

9:00 a.m. ~ Inez Milot

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

11:30 a.m. ~ Mary and James Rand

Happy 30th Anniversary Fr. John!

May 20, 1995 – May 20, 2025



St. Patrick Church Sesquicentennial Celebration Recap



In the Summer of 2024 while going through items belonging to her deceased mother, a parishioner of Sacred Hearts/St. Patrick came across a booklet that had been published in 1924 in commemoration of St. Patrick Church's 50th Anniversary of its founding in 1874. The booklet was a wealth of information on both the history of St. Patrick Church and how the occasion was celebrated.

When Fr. John Delaney, Pastor, saw this document, he realized that in November of 2024 St. Patrick Church would celebrate its 150th Anniversary, or *Sesquicentennial Celebration*. With little time to prepare for the big event, Fr. John appointed a 150th Anniversary Committee to help him plan for the year-long celebration, and in September of 2024 the committee began meeting and planning.

First up was the hanging of a banner across the front of St. Patrick's announcing the celebration, followed by the first event, a Mass celebrated by Pastor John Delaney, assisted by Deacon Gil Sullivan on Sunday November 17th, just two days after the actual November 15th date of the first Mass celebrated in 1874 in the newly constructed church. The Mass was well attended by a joyful crowd, the Knights of Columbus were represented, the music was chosen from hymns written or familiar in the 19th century, and a festive breakfast followed in the downstairs hall. Prayer cards of St. Patrick and note cards with a hand-sketched image of the church were provided for all those attending. Within the Sacred Hearts Parish weekly bulletin on November 17th, parishioners could read the first of a series of eight once-monthly installments of a *History of Saint Patrick Church* chronicling the path that led to the present.

After a pause for the Christmas season, the 150th Celebration continued on January 5th, 2025 with a Holy Hour led by Deacon Gil Sullivan after the 10:15 Mass. The Holy Hour included Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer, quiet time for reflection, and concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The feast of Saint Patrick of Ireland was a highlight of the 150th Celebration. The festivities began on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 10:15 am Mass with Bishop Robert Hennessy presiding, Fr. John Delaney concelebrating, and Deacon Brian Daley assisting. Following Mass, a pancake breakfast in the lower hall was enjoyed by all, with both events very well attended. Deacon Brian Daley was a seminarian and transitional deacon from St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass. who fulfilled his required parish work at Sacred Hearts Parish during the two years previous to his Ordination to the Priesthood on May 17, 2025.

On Monday March 17th, a noon-time Mass to honor the patron of Ireland and of St. Patrick Church was celebrated by Fr. Delaney with Fr. Dan McCoy concelebrating. After Mass the attendees were treated to Irish Soda Bread baked by members of the Catholic Daughters and served with authentic Kerrygold butter. Photos of events from St. Patrick Church's past were displayed in the vestibule of the Church to recall those many memories.

In observance of the season of Lent, on Saturday April 5th, 2025, from noon to 3 pm, the 150th Celebration Committee presented a Lenten Retreat, *Sacred Silence*, focusing on the treasures of the Catholic faith contained in the symbolism adorning the stained-glass windows of St. Patrick's. Members of the 150th Committee gave presentations on the windows, explaining the meaning of the images and their relation to our Catholic faith. Moments of silence followed each presentation to allow those present some time for reflection. Midway through the retreat, attendees were offered refreshments and the opportunity to make their own paper-craft version of a stained-glass window to take home as a reminder of the day. The retreat concluded with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction led by Deacon Gil Sullivan.

With the arrival of the Easter Season, an *Easter Season Evening of Song & Prayer* led by Scott Ness, Peg DiGrazia, and Ben and Elizabeth Woodard was offered on Tuesday, May 6th, 7 pm at St. Patrick Church. Those in attendance were treated to joyous uplifting music befitting the holy season of Easter. The beautiful musical selections served primarily to give glory and honor to God, but also served to remind us of the many talents possessed by those in our combined church community who help enrich our worship experiences.

Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of St. Patrick Church formally concluded on June 15, 2025, with a combined Fathers' Day and Sesquicentennial light lunch with cake at 11:30 am. The 150th Anniversary/Sesquicentennial Committee thanks all those who in any way participated in the celebration and in creating many more memories to be added to the History of St. Patrick Church.



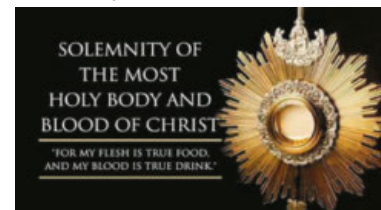
Court Sacred Hearts #864, Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Congratulations to the students at Sacred Hearts School! Students at Sacred Hearts School participated in the 2025 National Catholic Daughters Education Contest. The theme of this year's contest was "He who forgives an offense seeks love. Proverbs 17:9 or How do I feel when I forgive?". The students who are pictured were both local and state level winners. All state winner entries have been forwarded to the National Contest for review. We are hoping we will have a national winner!



Did You Know?

Did you know that in the United States the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Feast of Corpus Christi, on the second Sunday after Pentecost? This year the feast is observed on June 22nd. The Church teaches us that when we receive the **Eucharist** we are receiving the actual **body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ**. While the bread and wine of Communion retain their appearances, we believe that through the priest's words of consecration, Christ becomes truly present for us to receive. This belief is based on Christ's own words at the Last Supper, when he instituted this divine sacrament: "This is my body, which will be given for you..." (Lk. 22:19) and "...for this is my blood of the covenant..." (Mt. 26:28) Accordingly, the Second Vatican Council in its document *Lumen Gentium* declared the Eucharist to be the "source and summit of the Christian life...For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself..." With worthy reception of Holy Communion we partake of this most wonderful gift Jesus has left with us in order that he may be always present to us.



Parish Support

Weekly Offertory Sunday, June 15, 2025

175 envelopes:	\$ 5,253 00
Loose:	\$ 3,131 00
Online Giving (110 donors):	\$ <u>4,131.42</u>
Total:	\$12,515.42

Promoting the Gospel Sunday, June 15, 2025

118 envelopes:	\$ 1,506 00
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Total:	\$ 2,336.00

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~Forward in Faith~

We are grateful to all who have contributed to the 2025 Catholic Appeal.

\$71,600.00 Goal

\$57,145.00 Donations received

80% Goal percentage

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If you have not had a chance to do so, please consider making your gift today. Thank you for moving us "Forward in faith"!

F. John

Rest in Peace
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The Sanctuary Lamps next to each Tabernacle in our worship spaces burn brightly to remind us of the real presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the week of June 22, 2025
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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.



ADORATION

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

SEEKING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Lectors: Proclaim God's Word at Mass

Greeters: Welcome people, organize the offering

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Assist the priest with distributing communion

Do you feel called to assist with any of the above mentioned ministries at your usual Sunday Mass? We are looking for more volunteers to make worship a beautiful and holy experience, typically 1-2 times per month (more if desired). We especially need volunteers at the weekly Sunday 11:30 Mass. If you are interested, please contact ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com.



PRAYER LINE

For prayer support call the Sacred Hearts Prayer line.

Eileen Clarkson at 978-373-0951 or
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NEIGHBORHOOD MASSES

We are grateful to 4 families who have offered to host neighborhood Masses this summer.

Thank You!

OUTDOOR MASS AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Save the Date!

Please join us for this summer's annual outdoor Mass, followed immediately by an ice cream social!

It will take place in the Sacred Hearts Mary Grotto on

Thursday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m.





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"Congratulations to our Kindergarten Class of 2025! Watching them grow this year has been such a joy and we are so proud of all they have accomplished. Now, they're off to 1st grade at the big school in the fall, and we can't wait to see all the amazing things they'll do!"



What a day! Students in grades 1-7 had an absolute BLAST at Field Day 2025! They took a bus ride to Northern Essex Community College, enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch, played tons of fun games, and cooled off with water relays and ice pops! This is such a fun tradition and we thank the PTO for sponsoring this day each year. This students, faculty, and staff always have fun and make so many

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

Laura Montes, Coordinator of Faith Formation

Lmontes@sacredheartsparish.com

Jillian Noonan, Youth Minister



VBS Day 1: "God is a friend who is real"

We had an incredible splash into our first day of SCUBA VBS! Our theme came to life through Bible stories, prayer, and hands-on fun. Campers created their own **ocean discovery bottles**, built **pretzel fish stick snacks**, and faced off in an epic **Mountain Top Showdown** game. We wrapped it all up with joyful dancing and singing that reminded us how real God's friendship is in every moment. Thank you to all our volunteers and teen mentors for making the day such a blessing!



Faith Formation Registration



Register for Faith Formation 2025-2026 **before 9/1**. Forms & calendars can be found on our website or the back of the churches.

sacredheartsparish.com/kids

For questions contact Laura Montes.

Lmontes@sacredheartsparish.com



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