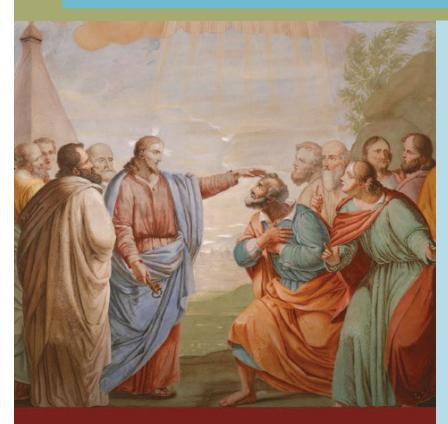
## Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland



#### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:18-19

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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.

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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

Matt 16:18, Acts 12:1-11, 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18

- For Peter, following Christ does not happen all at once. He has ups and downs on his journey with Jesus but eventually grows into a courageous ad faithful leader. Where are you on your own faith journey? How do you find God present with you in the season, whatever it is?
- Unlike Peter's, Paul's conversion happens all at once. He experiences Christ in such a dramatic way that his life is forever altered; he turns from a life of persecuting Christians to a life of proclaiming Christ. Share about a moment when you have encountered God in a way led to conversion or change.
- What suffering have you had to endure for the sake of your faith? How has Jesus helped you get through it?

#### Dear Friends,

Many thanks to all who attended my 30th Anniversary to the Priesthood Mass and Reception last weekend. It was heartwarming to welcome my family, friends and parishioners to the celebration. Special thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council membership, parish staff and parish volunteers who planned and organized this special day. I thank Bishop Bob Hennessey, brother priests and deacons who were present. Corpus Christi was an appropriate feast day to celebrate this anniversary- the Eucharist being the center of our Catholic faith. The music during the mass was joyful. Thank you, Scott and choir. I think everyone enjoyed the reception despite the heat! Great food. The cakes were spectacular. Thank you Linda Vienneau. Thank you for your donations to Sacred Hearts School in my honor. Friends and family remarked what a great spirit they felt while in the church and at the reception. I confirmed to them that Sacred Hearts is indeed a special place.

I hope everyone has a great summer filled with rest and relaxation, enjoying some fun events with family and friends, and above all, sensing God's blessings every day.

Thanks again for celebrating with me this special moment in my life.

Peace and blessings.
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#### Mass Intentions

#### 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

#### MONDAY, June 30, 2025

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

#### TUESDAY, July 1, 2025

7:00 a.m. ~ Isabel Guerrero

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

#### WEDNESDAY, July 2, 2025

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

#### THURSDAY, July 3, 2025

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

9:00 a.m. ~ Doris Poznysz

#### **FRIDAY, July 4, 2025**

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

#### SATURDAY, July 5, 2025

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

4:00 p.m. ~ Antonin and Apolonia Bencal

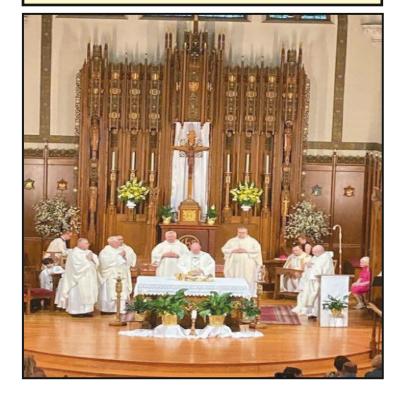
#### **SUNDAY**, July 6, 2025

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

9:00 a.m. ~ Thomas Forrestall

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

11:30 a.m. ~ Raymond Buchonis and Charles Vuono



Dear friends,

I love this time of year. Summer is my favorite season. My happiest childhood memories are swimming in Lake Sunapee with my brothers, lounging with friends on endless sunny days or doing gymnastics on the front lawn. As an adult, my husband (a teacher) and I enjoy time with our 4-year-old daughter while they are off from school; we swim, we visit a favorite farm at which our girl loves to hold baby animals; we grill dinner; we find any excuse to be outside. Every moment of my summer seems to me to be a prayer: thank you. God, for how good you are that you made this all for me!

It is a good prayer, and I know God appreciates it. Yet, as much as the summertime seems to be paradise, I do well to remind myself that it pales in comparison to the paradise that God has prepared for me. The delightful smell of flowers, peaceful humming of bees, and lazy, late summer breezes are but a foretaste of the Heavenly city, where the streets are paved with gold and there is no sun at all needed, because Jesus himself is the light. I know in my bones that this light is infinitely better than the sunshine I delight in during these summer months, and I want it more than anything.

Scripture tells us that one day in the house of the Lord is better than a thousand in the best place on this earth. I praise God for that promise. I know it is what Paul, Peter, and the other great saints must have had in mind when they gave so much of themselves to sharing the Gospel. In today's second reading, we hear Paul at the end of his life imaging himself as a drink being spilled. He says, "I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation...I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on, the crown of righteousness awaits me." (2 Timothy 4:6-7). Though I know it pleases God for us to delight in his gifts, he also does not wish for us to think of them as our final destination. Even when we are "on vacation," we are invited to not miss any opportunities to be God's faithful servants, sharing his love, his charity, his works of mercy, his Good News, his story with all we meet. At the end of my life, I know I will look back on memories with my family with gratitude. But even more than that, I want to be able to look back and know I "competed well" and "finished the race" so that the "crown of righteousness awaits me" and I can enter into the real paradise, the one that this beautiful summer only points to. May every summer sunset this year point all of us onward to the one who made it all, and who holds us in his love, asking us to share it with this beautiful world. Summer blessings,

Dr. Elizabeth Woodard, Pastoral Associate

Weekly Offertory	Parish Support
Sunday, June 22, 2025	
154 envelopes:	\$ 3,830 00
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Online Giving (114 donors):	\$ 2,731.42
Total:	\$ 9,952.42
St. Vincent de Paul collection: 2 weeks	\$ 1,261.00
Thank you for your ongoing support!	

## NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS: 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.



#### ~Forward in Faith~

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

\$71,600.00 Goal \$57,620.00 Donations received 80% Goal percentage 246 Number of donors

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



Hi everyone!

My name is Alex Charow, the parish's new seminarian, here. I've had the great privilege of meeting many of you during the first few weeks of my assignment, but I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to you more fully.

I'm the oldest of two children and was born and raised in Lowell. In the fifth grade I moved to North Andover, and consider myself a proud son of both the Merrimack Valley and St. Michael's Parish, where I first met Fr. John. It was at St. Mike's, altar serving for Fr. John and going through my confirmation, that I first became aware of a sense that God might be calling me to the priesthood. I spoke to Fr. John about my feelings at the time, but ultimately decided to pursue a career in politics instead. God had other plans for me though!

After graduating from St. John's Prep in Danvers, I studied politics at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Fun fact, during my freshman year at CUA I had a wonderful theology teacher named Ms. Smith, whom you all know as Dr. Elizabeth Woodard! With God there are no accidents, and I am so grateful to reconnect with her here at Sacred Hearts.

After interning on Capitol Hill all through college, during my senior year I landed a job with then-House Speaker John Boehner and continued in the role after he was replaced as speaker by Paul Ryan. A few months after graduation, I was hired by Senator John Thune, who was the third highest ranking Republican in the Senate at the time, to work on his leadership staff. Last year, I took a leave of absence from the seminary and worked on the staff of Congressman Tom Barrett.

It was during my time working for Sen. Thune that God gave me the grace I needed to enter the seminary. You see, during my tenure with Sen. Thune, I had everything I thought I wanted. I had a great job, great friends, and had made a home for myself in Washington. Yet the life I had built for myself wasn't satisfying in the way I thought it would be, and I found that I was restless. Around the same time, my faith had been reawakened by some health challenges and I was once again hearing God's call to be a priest.

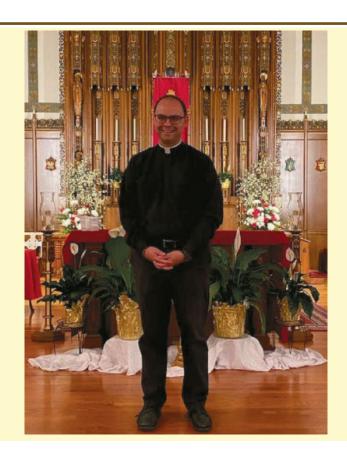
I began my formation for the priesthood in August of 2020. My time in formation has been a wonderful experience, and I cannot wait to be a priest. As I begin my fifth year of priestly formation, I believe that Jesus Christ made me to be His priest and to serve the people of the Archdiocese of Boston by preaching the Gospel and making Jesus present to one and all through the administration of the sacraments.

I'm so grateful to God to be assigned here to Sacred Hearts Parish under the tutelage of Fr. John, who was instrumental in my early faith journey. I look forward to walking with and serving you all in the next few years as a seminarian and as a deacon. I also look forward to learning from Fr. John, Fr. Dan, and Fr. Richard about what it means to be a priest for the People of God. Please be assured of my prayers for you, and I ask you to keep me in your prayers as I finish my journey and prepare for ordination first to the diaconate and then the priesthood.

#### Did You Know?

Did you know that **Sacred Hearts Parish** derives its name from recognition of and devotion to both the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** and the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**? Devotion to the Sacred Heart began in the second century, later gaining strong vitality in the Middle Ages. From 1673 to 1675 Margaret Mary Alocoque experienced apparitions of Christ in which he revealed his Divine Heart to her, asked for devotion to his Sacred Heart, and requested establishment of a liturgical feast in its honor.

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart grew in parallel to devotion to the Sacred Heart, but became particularly well-known after apparitions of Mary to Catherine Laboure in 1830 and the establishment of the Miraculous Medal per the Blessed Mother's instructions. Since that time, the devotion has continued to spread. The Church celebrates the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus (Corpus Christi Sunday). The Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary follows on the next day unless another feast takes precedence. This year the Church observed the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 27th and the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary on June 28th.



#### Rest in Peace

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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**

There will be no Adoration on Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Let us pray for peace in our world.

#### 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 Fr. John at 978-373-1281.



#### **PRAYER LINE**

For prayer support call the Sacred Hearts Prayer line.

Eileen Clarkson at 978-373-0951 or Priscilla Delong at 978-372-9353

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#### **HOSPITAL/HOMEBOUND VISITS**

If you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital or is homebound and would like a visit from Fr. John, Fr. Dan, Elizabeth Woodard, Pastoral Associate, or a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Pastoral Center at 978-373-1281.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD MASSES**

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

Thank You!

## NEXT WEEKEND IS AN ANOINTING WEEKEND

Next weekend, the sacrament of the anointing of the sick will be offered after each of our regular Masses. Anyone who seeks healing in body, mind, or spirit is invited to come forward after Mass.



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Grade 4 had an exciting trip to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, where they explored the wonders of space through engaging visuals and hands -on activities. Meanwhile, Grade 6 had a blast at Odiorne Point State Park, discovering tiny sea creatures in the rocky tidal pools and enjoying a day of outdoor exploration!



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## FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



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

Laura Montes, Coordinator of Faith Formation Lmontes@sacredheartsparish.com Jillian Noonan, Youth Minister



#### VBS Day 2: "God is a friend who loves us"

Campers heard the story of **Jonah and the people of Nineveh** & learned that God's love is bigger than our mistakes & always ready to welcome us back. We made **heart-shaped sun catchers** to remind us of God's light and love, and enjoyed a delicious **ocean motion Jell-O treat** during snack time. With each activity, they discovered how God's love reaches us—even when we try to run the other way! What a beautiful reminder that no matter where we are, God's love finds us and invites us closer.



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.

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For questions contact Laura Montes.
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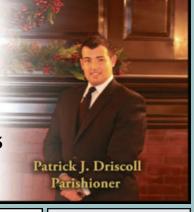
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