

Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40

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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

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

Rev. Dan McCoy, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Richard O'Brien, Senior Priest in Residence

Dc. Gil Sullivan, Permanent Deacon

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Mrs. Chrissie Pettis, Assistant Principal

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PASTORAL CENTER OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. * Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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 12:32-48, L117C, Wis 18:6-9, Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

- How is your faith doing in the middle of this long strength of Ordinary Time? How could you recommit to the watchful vigilance that Jesus advises in this gospel?
- How does God ask you to trust in times when God's presence is unclear or God's action is unknown?
- Unlike the other liturgical seasons, Ordinary Time does not commend any particular practices to us; we are free to take on or even try on temporarily any practices of prayer or works of mercy that might help us grow in faith. Is there a devotion or good work you would like to take on in this season? Where might God be inviting you in this season of growth?

Hello Sacred Hearts School Students, Families and Staff,

I am humbled and excited to be joining the SHS Family as the Head of School.

I look forward to meeting and working with all of you!

We will have a wonderful school year filled with academic, spiritual, athletic, artistic and social experiences and growth!

See you all soon.

Thank you, Christine Gebski

*Mass Intentions***SATURDAY, August 9, 2025**

8:00 a.m. ~ Jack McColley

4:00 p.m. ~ Jan and Eva Bencal

SUNDAY, August 10, 2025

7:30 a.m. ~ Edward Boksanski

9:00 a.m. ~ Richard M. Hayes and
Mary E. Curran-Hayes

10:15 a.m. ~ Rob Deltwas

11:30 a.m. ~ Tom Forrestall

MONDAY, August 11, 2025

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

TUESDAY, August 12, 2025

7:00 a.m. ~ Bruno Buccini

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

WEDNESDAY, August 13, 2025

7:00 a.m. ~ Paul and Bryan Murphy

THURSDAY, August 14, 2025

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

9:00 a.m. ~ Thomas Pettingill

FRIDAY, August 15, 2025

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

12:00 p.m. ~ Intention of the Celebrant

6:00 p.m. ~ Intention of the Celebrant

SATURDAY, August 16, 2025

8:00 a.m. ~ William Desrosiers

4:00 p.m. ~ Josephine Sheehan

SUNDAY, August 17, 2025

7:30 a.m. ~ Phil Gangi

9:00 a.m. ~ William Chase

10:15 a.m. ~ Bob Cameron

11:30 a.m. ~ Louise Petrozzelli



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 14th

4:00 p.m. ~ Sacred Hearts Church

Friday August 15th

7:00 a.m. ~ Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel

12:00 noon ~ Sacred Hearts Church

6:00 p.m. ~ Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Dear Friends,

Hope you are enjoying the summer with family and friends. Despite some hot and muggy days, it has been a seasonal summer to enjoy the outdoors and God's creation.

Parish life is a bit quieter during the summer, though we have our normal liturgical schedules and our share of weddings and funerals and daily responsibilities. I am thrilled that we're back in the parish center offices after being dislocated for three months after the pipe breakage in the upstairs kitchen in late April. The water damage afterwards was significant. We have new flooring. The offices have been painted and the ceilings restored. The office kitchen is being put back together. We have also upgraded our fire alarm system in the building. Thankfully, insurance has covered most of the expenses.

We're tackling a few other projects this summer. The roof of the old section of the school has been replaced while portions of the roof on the new section of the school were repaired. The school art room was refurnished - new flooring and painting - while the school gym floor was repaired and varnished for the new school year. Two major projects are planned for the church property - new boilers for the church (One of three boilers started to leak late Winter.) and new front steps, ramp and outdoor stairs at St. Patrick Church using Trex material. Thanks to your continued generosity and our school and parish savings, we're able to tackle these projects. Many thanks to Suzanne Beauvais and Alex Landaverde, staff members who oversee these projects. These projects help keep the school and parish buildings in good shape and make us proud to belong to Sacred Hearts Parish and/or School Communities.

Three phrases in today's readings capture my attention this week. The author of Hebrews states, "By faith Abraham obeyed...", "By faith, he sojourned in the promised land...", "By faith he received power to generate...". Abraham trusted that God would be with him and support him as he responded to God's call. God would never abandon him.

How would we complete the statement, "By faith we ..."? Some examples... By faith we accept our responsibilities in life - in marriage, as a parent, as a son/daughter to aging parents. By faith, we are guided by God to make good decisions. By faith, I know that I am a son/daughter of God and that God is always with me. By faith, God will grant me the wisdom and strength to handle life's challenging moments.

What else can we say? How would you conclude the statement? By faith, I...

Thanks for your prayerful support and friendship. Enjoy your week!

Fr. John



Thank you to the many families that have signed up for Online Giving! If you manage your bills online, we are sure you will like the convenience of giving to your church online. It is safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Please visit www.sacredheartsparish.com and click the Online Giving link. Feel free to call Suzanne Beauvais with any questions at 978-373-1281.

Weekly Offertory Sunday, August 3, 2025

176 envelopes:	\$ 4,323.00
Loose:	\$ 2,434.00
Online Giving (116 donors):	\$ <u>3,906.42</u>
Total:	\$ 10,663.42

St. Vincent de Paul Society \$ 426.00



Building and Maintenance Sunday, August 3, 2025

176 envelopes:	\$ 2,039.00
Loose:	\$ 1,101.00
Online Giving (2 donors):	\$ <u>125.00</u>
Total:	\$ 3,265.00

Thank you for your ongoing support!



Welcome!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all of the new families that have joined our parish. We are very pleased to have you with us. Please know that we are always here to support you. If you ever have any questions, please call us at the Pastoral Center, 978-373-1981.

If you are new to the area, a special welcome! We invite you to learn more about Sacred Hearts Parish on our website, sacredheartsparish.com. If you wish to join our parish or if you would like more information about us, please call the Pastoral Center at 978-373-1281. Registration forms for new parishioners are available in the vestibules of our churches or you may register online at our website.



ADORATION

Adoration is available Fridays from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel. Please contact Maureen Trainor at 978-373-1281 if you are available to assist.

GROVELAND DAY 2025

THE PINES REC AREA

SEPTEMBER 5TH 3RD ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 6TH GROVELAND DAY

SEPTEMBER 7TH 1ST ANNUAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Kids rides and games, animals, crafts, music, food, vendor fair, entertainment and more!
For more information contact Lisa Chandler at GrovelandDay@gmail.com

The St. Vincent de Paul Society
48 South Chestnut Street
Bradford, MA 01835



If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call the Helpline, 978-372-5824.

Our food pantry is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

OUTDOOR MASS AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

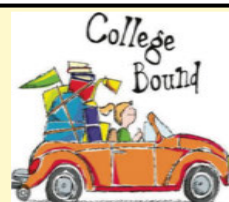
Please join us for this summer's annual outdoor Mass, followed immediately by an ice cream social!

It will take place in the Sacred Hearts Mary Grotto on

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



Save the Date Sunday, September 14th Parish-School Picnic



BLESSINGS TO STUDENTS
BEGINNING AND
RETURNING TO COLLEGE

We wish all college students the best as they prepare to begin or resume their college studies this fall. May God be your guide on your road to your future.

***Rest in Peace
Parishioners of Sacred Hearts
Parish***



Sanctuary Lamps

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 August 10, 2025

**Sacred Hearts Church Lamp Burns
For
Bruno Buccini**

**12th ANNUAL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BACKPACK SCHOOL
SUPPLIES DRIVE**



The Knights of Columbus are planning our 12th annual purchase of backpacks for children in grades K-2 whose families may not be able to afford needed school supplies.

To help us fill these backpacks, we are once again asking members of our parish in the spirit of the Christmas Giving Trees, to take a tag from the Christmas trees at the back of our churches this weekend, Aug 2nd and 3rd. Please purchase the school supplies listed on the tag and return the supplies to the church the weekends of August 10th and 17th.

This year the knights are filling over 300 backpacks with the supplies that are donated. The backpacks will be distributed to schools in the Bradford and Groveland areas including Sacred Hearts School.

The members of the Christ of the King Council thank you in advance for helping us with this project



FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is open
Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 7:30-11:00 a.m.
Pantry current needs are: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac
and Cheese and healthy snacks.

PRAYER LINE

For prayer support call the Sacred Hearts Prayer line.
Eileen Clarkson at 978-373-0951 or
Priscilla Delong at 978-372-9353

Did You Know?

Did you know the beliefs of the Catholic Church rest upon two pillars, **Sacred Scripture** and **Sacred Tradition**? Sacred Scripture refers to the Bible, while Sacred Tradition is teachings handed on orally from the Apostles. In 2 Thessalonians 2:15 St. Paul advised the early Church to "... hold fast to the traditions that you were taught, either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours." On August 15th the Church will celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This feast commemorates the assumption of Mary's body and soul into Heaven when her earthly life ended. This belief is given to the Church as part of Sacred Tradition. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (para. 966) explains that because the Blessed Mother was preserved from any stain of original sin, she was assumed into Heaven as "a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians." In 1950 Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary as a dogma of the Catholic Church. The dogma states only that Mary was assumed body and soul into Heaven, and does not address whether her body suffered physical death, or underwent a "dormition," a sleep-state, before her assumption.

Dee O'Neil and 411 Cares donated 1000 cans of tuna fish to our SVDP Sacred Hearts food pantry. They collected over 10000 cans from the Haverhill community as their July project.





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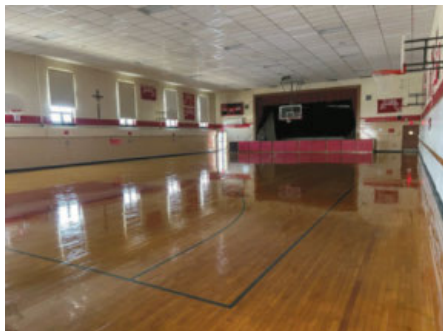
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Chrissie Pettis, Early Childhood Center Director

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Art room renovation in progress!
Gym floor refinished, shiny and flat!



Faith FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



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

Wishing you a blessed summer

My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.

EXODUS 33:14

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL



Register for Faith Formation 2025-2026 before September 1st. Schedules, forms, and important details can be found at the back of the church or, on our webpage sacredheartsparish.com/kids.

We can't wait to see you!

For questions contact Laura Montes

Lmontes@sacredheartsparish.com



WE NEED YOU! Our parish needs dedicated people who offer smiles and love sharing the faith in the hearts of our young people and children. We have volunteer opportunities with varying commitments: catechists, safety team, hall monitors, special events, sacramental prep, etc. Email Laura Montes.



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