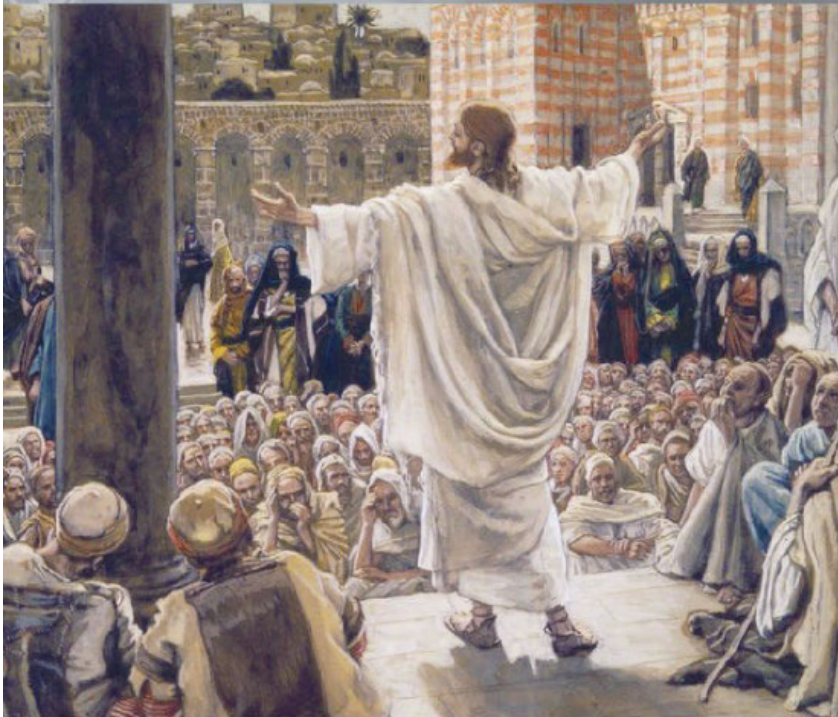


Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland



20th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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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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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 12:49-53; L120C, Jer38:4-6, 8-10, Heb 12:1-4

- What do you think of Jesus's words in this gospel?
- What burdens do you feel Christianity places on you? How could you join these struggles with Christ's?
- While we are not necessarily called to take on unnecessary suffering, is there a way you could take on a bit of someone else's burden? How might you be called to relieve the suffering of someone else?

HAVING YOUR MARRIAGE BLESSED**~ Convalidation ~**

Marriage is a beautiful sacrament. For many reasons, there are Catholics who have not had their marriage celebrated in the Church, but it is never too late! The process of Convalidation, sometimes referred to as having your marriage "blessed" by the Church, is an opportunity for spouses to sacramentally renew their commitment to one another and to have their marriage vows received by the Church. It is a beautiful way to invite God into your marriage and allow His blessings to take deep root in your family. Sacred Hearts would like to support you in inviting God into your marriage in this beautiful way. Please reach out to Fr. John, Fr. Dan, or Dr. Elizabeth if you would like to talk more about having your marriage convalidated. The Pastoral Center number is 978-373-1281. Elizabeth can also be reached at ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com

*Mass Intentions***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

MONDAY, August 18, 2025

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

TUESDAY, August 19, 2025

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

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

WEDNESDAY, August 20, 2025

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

THURSDAY, August 21, 2025

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

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

FRIDAY, August 22, 2025

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

SATURDAY, August 23, 2025

8:00 a.m. ~ John Russo

4:00 p.m. ~ Parishioners of Sacred Hearts Parish

SUNDAY, August 24, 2025

7:30 a.m. ~ Andrew Sullivan

9:00 a.m. ~ Brenda Manning Nibi

10:15 a.m. ~ Dean Martindale

11:30 a.m. ~ Jordan Rankin

COME AND SEE**OCIA BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER****ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Whether you are an unbaptized person, someone baptized in another Christian tradition, or a baptized Catholic who did not grow up practicing the faith, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the place to learn more about Catholicism and to prepare for possible entry into the Church through the sacraments of initiation. OCIA will meet weekly at a time agreed upon by the participants. No commitment is required; people may elect to enter the Church when they are ready. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please reach out to Elizabeth Woodard, pastoral associate, at ewoodard@sacredheartsparish.com or Fr. John at 978-373-1281.

One night this June, I received a text from my dad saying that he and my mom had decided to sell their sailboat. My mom's health was declining, and they saw no way to put the boat in the water this summer or in the future.

I couldn't believe it. Sell the boat?

Sailing has always been a central part of my family's life. There's never been a time we haven't had a sailboat either sitting in the backyard or bobbing on a mooring somewhere nearby. We've spent countless days out on the waves as a family, my dad at the tiller and my mom making sandwiches in the cabin.

When my siblings and I had our own children, my parents would take them for sails as well, helping another generation gain their sea legs and feel the pleasure of the sun and wind on their face while gliding along in perfect peace on the water.

Selling the boat would put an end to that chapter of my family's life. Even worse, it signaled to me that my parents were giving up on my mom ever getting better.

My first instinct was to reply to my dad's text with a message trying to convince him not to give up the boat and not to give up on the idea that we'd all be sailing together again soon.

Instead, I paused. And I asked God to guide me. Eventually, He led me to the message contained in today's second reading: "Let us...persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:1-4).

It's never been easy for me to focus on running my own race without getting caught up in what everyone else is doing. I've struggled with the concept as a back-of-the-pack runner, watching the faster and fitter runners leave me in their dust during a road race, and also when I see friends post pictures of their latest fancy vacation on social media.

But the hardest part of the race metaphor for me has always been allowing others to run THEIR own race.

In choosing to let go of their sailboat, my parents were acknowledging that their life's race had changed course. Instead of navigating harbors, they were preparing to navigate hospitals, possible treatments, and "next steps." I had to step out of the way and let them do what God was calling them to do.

Now I have to persevere in running whatever race God has set for me. While I know it involves supporting my parents as they face new challenges, I'm still finding my way. But if I can move forward while always "keeping my eyes fixed on Jesus," as today's reading says, I know God will point me in the right direction.

Meredith Landrum, Parishioner



Weekly Offertory

Sunday August 10, 2025

189 envelopes:	\$5,862.00
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Online Giving (108 donors)	<u>\$3,101.42</u>
Total:	\$12,053.42

Thank you for your ongoing support!





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.

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



The Armenian Apostolic Church at Hye Pointe Annual Armenian Church Picnic



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Alex Charow, seminarian, has finished his summer assignment at Sacred Hearts. We thank him for his ministry and his presence among us. He returns to St. John's Seminary (Brighton) in a few weeks to resume his studies and formation. He will continue his presence at Sacred Hearts in the fall, spending 5 hours during the week, participating in various parish activities. Let us continue to pray for Alex and his fellow seminarians.



OUTDOOR MASS AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Please join us this Thursday for our summer's annual outdoor Mass, followed immediately by an ice cream social! It will begin in the Sacred Hearts Mary Grotto

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



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN PGC OPPORTUNITY

All parish volunteers are required to take a one-time, three-hour class called Protecting God's Children (PGC), otherwise known as Virtus. We are pleased to announce that Sacred Hearts will be offering a Protecting God's Children class on:

Thursday, August 28th
2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sacred Hearts Church Hall

To register, please visit virtusonline.org.

Create a Virtus account. Then, under organization select "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)", then locate the class above. Registration is *required*. Walk-ins CANNOT be accommodated and late arrivals CANNOT be accommodated.

If you seek to volunteer or if you even just think that child protection is a worthy topic, we encourage you to attend. Thank you for helping to protect God's precious children!

Rest in Peace
John "Jay" Williams
Ann Meyer

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Phil Gangi

FROM FR. BRIAN DALEY

Fr. Dan, Alex, & Fr. John welcomed Fr. Brian Daley to dinner on Saturday, August 9 at the rectory. They shared a nice meal and conversation. Fr. Brian is doing very well at his assignment at St. John the Evangelist in Winthrop. He says hello to everyone!

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



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 *octaves* are used to celebrate the two central feasts of our faith? Based on historical records, as early as the 4th century the Church had discerned that the feasts of Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost were so sublime as to require more than one day for their observance and celebration. These feasts began to be observed over the course of eight days ("octave" meaning "eight") with the feast day counting as the first day. After the 4th century written references to octaves rapidly increased with the addition of octaves to most major feasts on the liturgical calendar, causing crowding, overlapping, and confusion. As the centuries passed, various popes found it necessary to begin eliminating octaves, leaving us today with only the octaves of Christmas and Easter. During these octaves, our liturgies focus and reflect on the spiritual implications of these supreme mysteries of our faith. Though we are left with only two octaves today, we can still find remnants of the historical importance of octaves within the liturgical calendar, as in August, where the Church chose in 1969 to place the celebration of the Queenship of Mary (Aug. 22nd) on the eighth day after the Feast of the Assumption (Aug. 15th).

Summer Blessings

Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

PSALM 97:11-12



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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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