

Sacred Hearts Parish Bradford ~ Groveland



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

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
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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.

Sacred Hearts Parish is on Facebook! 

<https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartsbradford/>
Like us. You will be able to keep up with our events.

POINTS TO PONDER

Reflect on Sunday's Readings: Matt 2:1-12; L20ABC, Isa 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

- God was present to the magi by the star of Bethlehem, but is present to each of us in different ways. Where do you see God most clearly? Where do you find it difficult to recognize God's presence?
- What does following God look like to you right now?
- Paul's letter in the second reading addresses a conflict over whether both Jews and Gentiles were recipients of God's promises in Jesus. In whom do you most struggle to see God's face? Can you allow God to expand the boundaries of your love?

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE



This 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 buildings and property in good condition.

SEMINARIAN'S LECTURE SERIES

Our seminarian, Alex Charow, is pleased to invite parishioners to his lecture this

Wednesday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m.

in the Sacred Hearts Parish Chapel

Topic: Mary, The Mother of God

Please save the date for his future lectures:

Wednesday, February 4: Catholic Social Doctrine

Wednesday, March 4: The Sacraments

+ *Mass Intentions*

SATURDAY ~ January 3, 2026

8:00 a.m. ~ Memorial Mass

4:00 p.m. ~ Patricia Farancis

SUNDAY ~ January 4, 2026

7:30 a.m. ~ John McNeil

9:00 a.m. ~ Joyce Stevens

10:15 a.m. ~ Genevieve "Jenny" Jean

11:30 a.m. ~ Carol Catalano

MONDAY ~ January 5, 2026

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

TUESDAY ~ January 6, 2026

7:00 a.m. ~ Mary Murphy

9:00 a.m. ~ (SP) Robert F. Crowley

WEDNESDAY ~ January 7, 2026

7:00 a.m. ~ Robyn Blum

THURSDAY ~ January 8, 2026

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

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

FRIDAY ~ January 9, 2026

7:00 a.m. ~ Richard Brown, Jeffrey Brown, and
Peter A. Early III

SATURDAY ~ January 10, 2026

8:00 a.m. ~ Paula McNeil

4:00 p.m. ~ Barry Strudas

SUNDAY ~ January 11, 2026

7:30 a.m. ~ Marie Collins, Billy Stillinger and
Dorothy Stillinger

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

10:15 a.m. ~ Mary Lou George

11:30 a.m. ~ John Abromovitch

FY 25-26 GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

Many thanks go out to our parish community for the support of our Grand Annual Collection.

Results as of December 23, 2025:

<u>Collected</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Goal %</u>	<u>Donors</u>
\$134,935.00	\$130,000	104 %	369

If you have not donated as of yet, please consider helping us reach our goal! As you know this campaign allows us to continue parish capital projects and maintain a balanced budget. Grand Annual envelopes may be found on tables in the vestibules of our parish churches or you can give on-line at www.sacredheartsparish.com

Thank you.

The Light20th Century Christmases (1954-1985)

My grandmothers prepared me to contemplate the Epiphany. Their traditions were my light.

Christmas, Springfield, Massachusetts

My "born in Ireland" grandmother decorated for Christmas with a Crèche prominently placed in the living room and accompanied by a light in every window of her home. The figures of her Crèche were enormous. The three kings were poised to arrive on their camels, which I understood to be the equivalent of today's limousine. My young eyes registered that there was something very important going on here in Grandma and Grandpa's living room.

Christmas, Andover, Massachusetts

My "born in the USA" grandmother also decorated for Christmas with a prominently placed Crèche. Gram nestled her Crèche in a cloud of blue tulle peppered with tiny white lights and, of course, light - a light in every window. Here again, the three kings were enroute, poised to arrive. Gram's artistry supplemented by Grandma's solemnity came together in my young mind to reveal something very important and even mystical. In Gram's house - the feelings were intensified by my mother's music, her flawless playing of the Carols on Gram's upright piano.

The Wonder21st Century Christmases

The gift I offer now is to share the light and feed the wonder. Epiphanies, I have learned, are manifestations of things unseen, revelations sometimes accompanied by tears or just a deep, profound feeling . . . more intuition than analysis . . . a chill up your spine.

I had learned that the Kings were important, that they had gone to great lengths to follow a star. They were guided by the light. They spurned the power of King Herod choosing instead to honor the infant king. They trusted the light. They trusted the angelic message, delivered in a dream "Don't go back the way you came. Follow the light".

The Magi and King Herod were drawn to power, thoroughly tuned to detect that this new power could enhance or challenge their temporal power. In the Christ child they sensed a power that would change the world.

I have always wondered what it was that they sensed - a baby - a stable - none of the trappings that accompany power then or now. What was it that moved them? One of my favorite priests spoke every Christmas about the wonder of Jesus's incarnation, that there was no reliance on majesty or fear. There was a baby and then a simple, humble and yet strong minded man whose power was generative, fueled by love and humility.

I pray that this, the greatest and most transformative of powers, may yet, quietly, simply and lovingly bring us peace. Perhaps the message remains the same in our time. We are guided by the light, we offer our gifts to grow the light, and we vow not to return the way we came.

I take heart in Pope Leo's Christmas message.

"Christian hope is not born in noise but in the silence of an expectation filled with love"

Kathleen Potter, Parishioner

Weekly Offertory**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

198 envelopes:	\$ 5,311.00
Loose:	\$ 5,536.00
Online Giving (116 donors):	\$ 5,204.42
Total:	\$16,051.42



Weekly offertory figures for December 28, 2025 were not available at the time that this bulletin was submitted for publication. These figures will be available in a future bulletin.

Saint Vincent de Paul Collection Box:

Sunday December 21, 2025 \$ 914.00

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Save the date!

Sacred Hearts Parish
7th Annual
Mardi Gras Dinner

Saturday, February 7, 2026 | 5:00
p.m.

Sacred Hearts School Gym

This year's dinner will benefit a non-profit organization that provides free, hot meals to those in every Monday evening at the Haverhill Citizen Center.

Event tickets: \$15pp/\$30 family.
Raffle tickets for baskets valued at over \$100 each:
1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20.

Event Tickets are available
At the Pastoral Center



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**Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp
available for 2026**

**Please call the Pastoral Center at 978-373-1281 to
schedule a mass for a loved one or reserve the
Sanctuary Lamp in the Churches or the Chapel
for a week in 2026. \$10.00 each.**

THANK YOU FOR DECORATING

A special thank you to Maureen Trainor and her helpers and Kathy Valerio and her helpers for decorating our churches for Advent and Christmas.

You did a beautiful job!

Thank You!

Fr. John, Fr. Dan, and Fr. Richard wish to thank everyone for the cards, baked goods and gifts received at Christmas.

*Your thoughtfulness and
friendship is most appreciated.
May the New Year be filled with
joy, peace, and good health!*

Senior Luncheon

What a wonderful luncheon everyone enjoyed last month. Thank you to all that came and to Dr. Elizabeth Woodard for organizing this event.



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 December 28, 2025

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel lamp burned for

Robert Sawyer, Sr.



The Catholic Daughters of Sacred Hearts would like to extend a warm **thank you** to our parish community for such a generous outpouring of kindness writing cards for our

“Christmas Cards for Nursing Home Residents” program. We were able to bring Christmas Joy to 390 residents in greater Haverhill Nursing Facilities!

COURT SACRED HEARTS #864

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Members of Court Sacred Hearts #864 will meet on:

Saturday January 10, 2026,

Sacred Hearts Church Hall at 1:00 p.m.

The movie “Pray” a story of Father Patrick Peyton, the Rosary Priest will be shown. The movie is open to all parishioners and members. Won’t you come and join us in prayer and friendship?

Members are asked to bring one or two food items for the Sacred Hearts Food Pantry.

“Doing small things with great love.”

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Holy Hour For Life

Sunday, January 18 after the 10:15 a.m. Mass join us for a time of prayer, healing and peace.



ADORATION

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

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 our Catholic Church teaches that “belief in the **Incarnation** of the Son of God is the **distinctive sign of Christian Faith?**” In simple terms this means that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, took on human flesh and came to earth to live among us; and belief in this unique and singular event in great part defines our faith as Christians. The Church further expands this teaching with the belief that Jesus Christ has a dual nature...he is true God and true man; he “became truly man while remaining truly God.” It is the beauty and joy of this miracle of the Incarnation that we celebrate at Christmas. So obvious to us is Christ’s human nature as we gaze on the helpless infant born in poverty in Bethlehem...while in the surrounding fields that night, the angels’ songs and announcement to the shepherds testify to his divine nature!



Faith Formation Project

Our Faith Formation students made a Family Christmas Tree representing us at Sacred Hearts.

We are One Family. Great Job!





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As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, we are reminded that the light of Christ shines upon us and guides us! Sacred Hearts School wishes all of you a happy and healthy 2026, filled with Christ's light! Check us out as we move into 2026 - there is lots of positive learning and exciting events at SHS!!



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

Jillian Noonan, Coordinator Faith Formation
 jnoonan@sacredheartsparish.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 4th, NO Classes

Wednesday, January 7th,

Classes resume. Wednesday Classes Gr. K-8th meets at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Hearts School Cafeteria

Sunday, January 11th,

Sunday Classes Gr. K- 8th meets at 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Hearts School Gym

Sunday, January 11th,

11:30 AM Parent/Student Confirmation meeting, all Faith Formation and Sacred Hearts School families.



IMPORTANT UPDATE!!!

First Reconciliation and Communion Families

Due to a scheduling conflict, the date of our Enrollment Ceremony will now be 1/24/26 at 9:00 AM. Any questions email Jillian Noonan.

All Sacramental record forms, photos, baptismal certificates, and Welcome Home posters should be turned in ASAP.



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