

Our Lady of Grace Parish

Dunstable, Groton, Pepperell, MA

The Gift of Life

*"The hour has come for the
Son of Man to be glorified."*

John 12:23

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2015

WELCOME TO
OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH
 OF
 DUNSTABLE, GROTON & PEPPERELL

We are glad you joined us today!

OUR TWO WORSHIP SITES



*St. James Church
West Groton*

*St. Joseph Church
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St. James Church
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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9a.m. - 5p.m.

For a *Sacramental Emergency*, please call the office and select ext. 302 and leave a message and Fr. Bob will get right back to you.

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Liturgy Schedule

At Saint James Church
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

At Saint Joseph Church

Weekday Mornings: Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Every 2nd Sunday of the Month:
 5:30 p.m. Rel. Ed. Mass For CY1 & CY2
 & Families

Confessions: 3:00—3:30 PM at St. Joseph Church
 or by appointment with the Pastor.

Information regarding any sacraments, (Baptism,
 Marriage, Anointing) please check our website or
 call the parish office.

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday, March 28/29

Masses at Saint Joseph on Saturday at 4:00 pm ~ Bishop Robert Hennessey, Auxiliary Bishop of the Merrimack Region will be the celebrant at the 4pm Mass & Sunday at 9:30 am
 Masses at Saint James on Sunday at 7:30 am & 11:30 am

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 1

6:30-8 pm - "Light is on for you" Reconciliation St. Joseph Church

Holy Thursday, April 2

7 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Saint Joseph Church

Good Friday, April 3

both churches open all day

3 pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	St. James Church
Following 3pm Liturgy - Mary's Way of the Cross (Stations)	St. James Church
7 pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	St. Joseph Church

Holy Saturday, April 4

8 pm - Easter Vigil Liturgy - Saint Joseph Church

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5

7:30 am - Easter Mass at Saint James Church
 9:30 am - Easter Mass at St. Joseph Church
 11:30 am - Easter Mass at Saint James Church

God of love, source of all blessings, help us to pass from our old life of sin to the new life of *grace*. Prepare us for the glory of your kingdom.

LENTEN MORNING PRAYER

MASS INTENTIONS

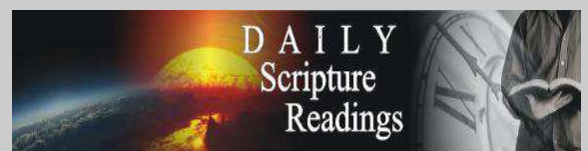
DAY	DATE	TIME	IN MEMORY/HONOR OF	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	March 21	4:00 PM	Joyce Chapman	The Family
Sunday	March 22	7:30 AM	Matthew Corsetti	His Parents
		9:30 AM	Al & Karen Goguen (Karen's 2nd Anniversary) Neri Richard	The Family
		11:30 AM	Lucille Haley (Birthday and Anniversary)	Barbara Haley
Wednesday	March 25	8:30 AM	Patrick Walkovich	The Walkovich Family
Saturday	March 28	4:00 PM	Al & Karen Goguen Neri Richard	The Family

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

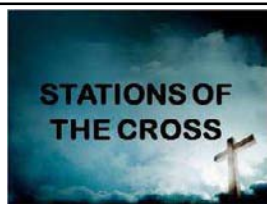
DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Saturday	March 21	9:30 AM	First Eucharist Retreat-group 1	St. Joseph Hall
		Noon	First Eucharist Retreat-group 2	St. Joseph Hall
		2:15 PM	We Believe Workshop for Grades 1, 3-5	St. Joseph Hall
Wednesday	March 25	2:00 PM	Legion of Mary	Private Residence
		6:30-8 PM	The Light is on For You	St. Joseph Church
		7:00 PM	Finance Council Meeting	RCR
Thursday	March 26	11:00 AM	Rosary & Communion	RiverCourt Residences
		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Blue Room
Saturday	March 28	3:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Blue Room
		4:00 PM	Robert Hennessey, Auxiliary Bishop of the Merrimack Region will be the celebrant	St. Joseph Church
		5:15 PM	Seder Supper	St. Joseph Hall
Sunday	March 29		Palm Sunday-Regular Mass Schedule	

Scripture for the week of March 22, 2015

- 22 SUN Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
- 23 Mon Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
- 24 Tue Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
- 25 Wed Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- 26 Thu Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
- 27 Fri Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
- 28 Sat Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
- 29 SUN Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



PARISH HAPPENINGS



Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday evening during Lent at St. Joseph Church at 7 PM.

Come join us - all are welcome.

During the weeks of Lent, every church in the Archdiocese of Boston will be open on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM



for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Starting on Wednesday, February 25, *Our Lady of Grace* will be open for confessions.

Please see the schedule below.

**March 25: St. Joseph Church
April 1: St. Joseph Church**



Seder Supper 2015

Begin your Holy Week journey by celebrating the Supper of the Lord...

Saturday, March 28, 2015

Doors open at 5:15pm

Ceremony starts at 5:45pm

The tradition is that each person attending brings their own place settings before the supper. You will need:

Dinner Plate, Cup & Saucer, Bread plate, Dessert plate, Wine glass, Water glass & Silverware

Place settings are brought to St. Joseph's Church Hall between the hours of 9am to 4pm on Saturday March 28th

Please note that there are no reserved seats

Each group chooses their place on a first come first served basis...
Thank You.

Tickets cost \$20 (children under 5y free) and will be sold after Mass on

March 14th & 15th & March 21st & 22nd

Seating is Limited so get your tickets early!

Any questions, call Myra 978-433-6155

Calling singers of all ages!

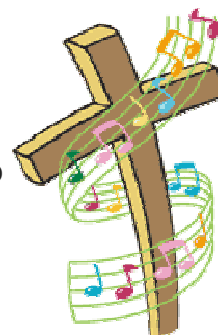
We are gathering together to form a choir for Easter Morning at St. Joseph church.

Rehearsals for this will be Monday March 30th at 7-8pm and Easter morning before the Mass.

We ask that you attend at least one of the rehearsals if you want to sing. Thanks!

Please contact Myra at [978-433-6155](tel:978-433-6155)

if you have any questions.

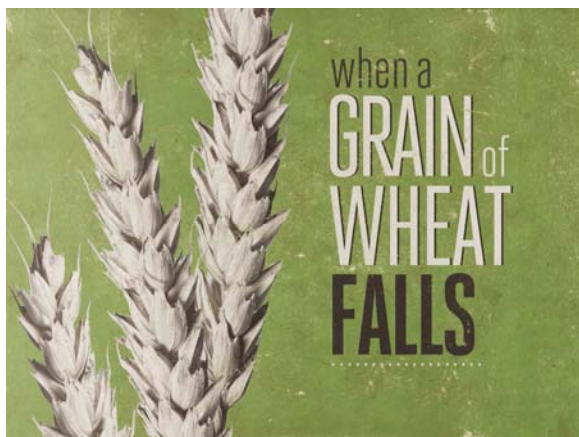


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John 12:24





THE CLERGY FUNDS

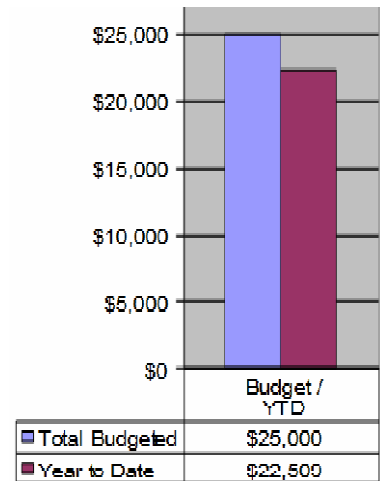
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The Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

At Easter, we honor and celebrate our priests. The Clergy Health and Retirement Trust helps care for the health and well being of our 638 priests, ensuring the highest quality of care and quality of life for the men who have dedicated their lives in service to our Archdiocese of Boston. Remember the priests who were there for you and your loved ones in times of need, and consider honoring them with a generous gift. Thank you for helping to keep the promises made care for the priests who continue to give so much to our Church.



Annual Fuel Collection



We are 90% to our goal!

Thank you!

A note about the EASTER COLLECTION

All of the money collected during the Holy Saturday and Easter Day Masses will be sent into the Archdiocese for the Clergy Health & Retirement Trust Fund.



The parish does not keep any of this money.

(NOTE: if you send us your Easter envelope early, that donation also goes to the Clergy Benefit Trust Fund.)



If you want to make a special donation to the parish during this season, please use the Offertory collections before or after Easter.

Thanks!

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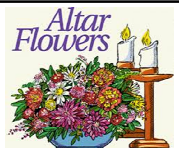
Important Information for your DONATION STATEMENTS for 2014



Statements for donations are only sent to those parishioners who submit their donations in a parish envelope or through our OnLine Giving system. *Loose checks put into the Offertory basket are not recorded into the database.*

PLEASE NOTE

MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS



During the Lenten Season, we will not be placing Memorial Flowers at the Altar. We will resume this after Easter.



OFFERING COUNTERS

Looking for volunteers to count offertory on the **4th Monday of each month.** Please contact Debbie Lackey in the parish office at 978-433-5737

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Loaves and Fishes is holding a **Good Friday walk on April 3, 2015.**

The start of the 5 mile walk takes place from **7:30 am to 12:30 pm in Harvard.** It starts at the Congregational Church of Harvard, 5 Still River Rd-Harvard MA. The walk benefits two charities, **Loaves and Fishes and Sharing, Inc.** which helps impoverished young people in the rural South. Loaves and Fishes served 800+ families last year with your help. Each dollar you donate buys 5 pounds of food! If you would like to help, please put a donation in the collection basket with "Loaves and Fishes" written on the envelope. If you would like to participate in the walk, see their web site at www.loavesfishespantry.org. Thank you!



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Groton, MA

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Today's gospel says "But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God". Let your marriage live in truth and works through God. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are **May 1 - 3, 2015, May 29 - 31, 2015 and July 10 - 12, 2015.**

In the first reading it says "I will be their God, and they shall be my people." God wants to be invited into your marriage. For more information call Jim and Elaine Richard at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwme.org



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Show Starts - 8:00 P.M.
Cash Bar
Admission: \$30 per person

For Tickets: <https://mfhouse.brushfireapp.com/events/428849>

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Saturday, March 28, 2015
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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*Unless a grain falls to the ground
and dies...*



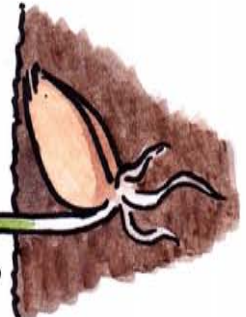
Jesus knew He was going to die soon. It made Him sad, but He knew that He had to do it. He told the apostles, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Because Jesus died, we can be freed from our sins and live!

Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.



Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.

Are you ready to be a saint?



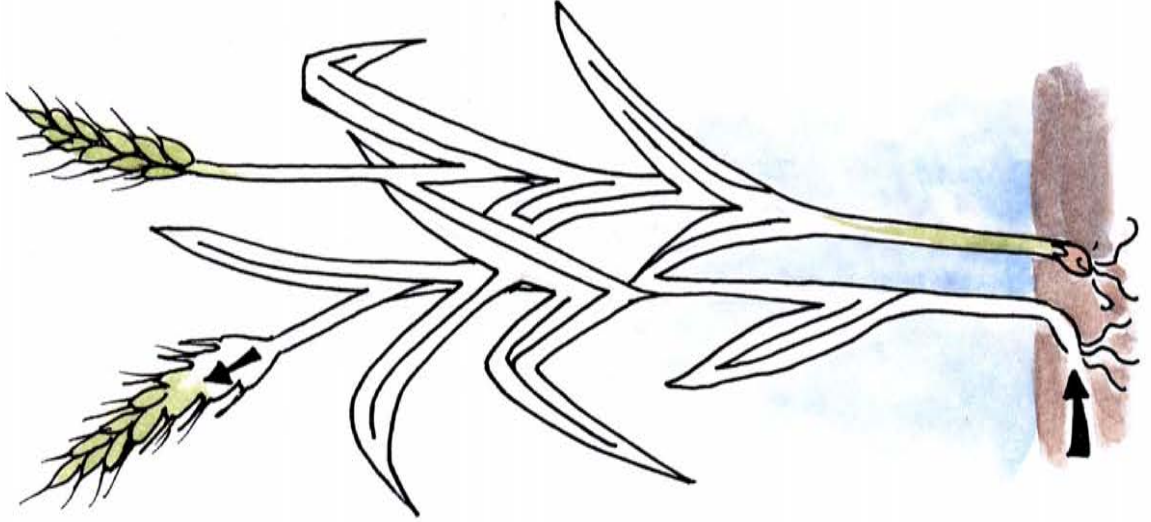
Answer to Annunciation Puzzle:
Son of God.

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent

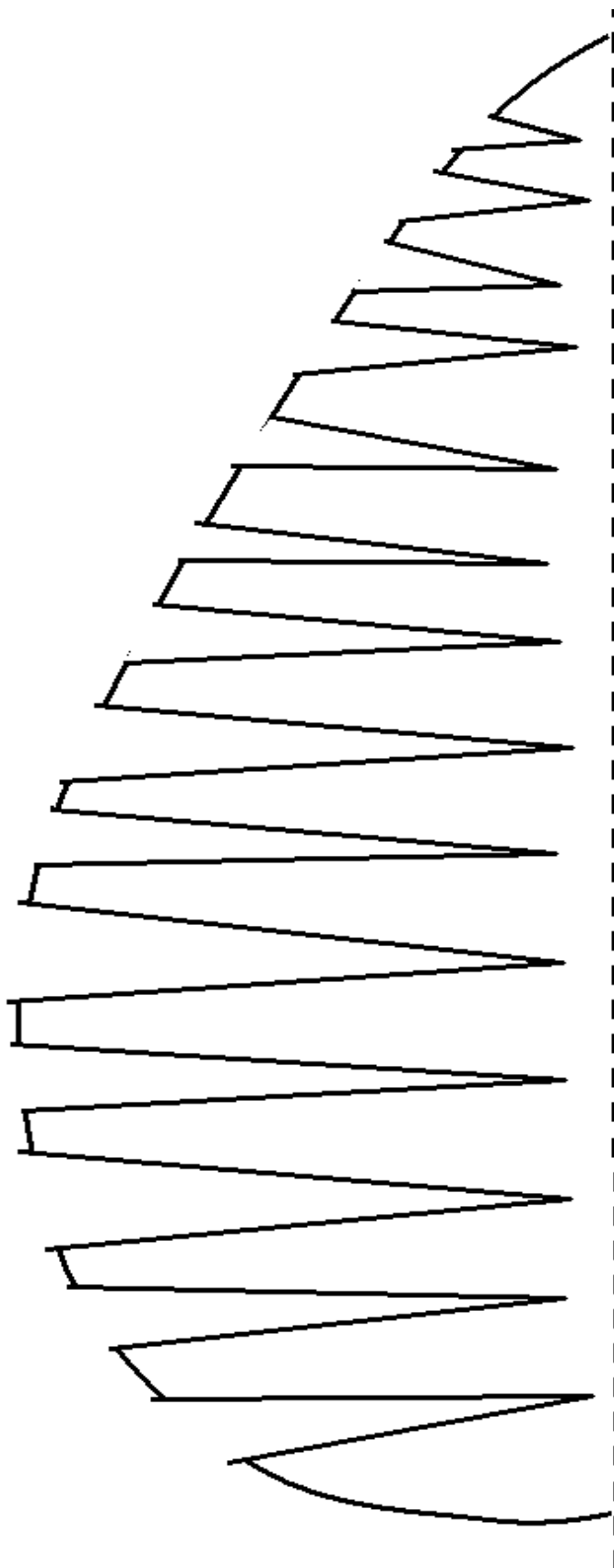
In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY FUN PAGE

PREPARING FOR PALM SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND



Paper Palm Leaf

Cut this template along the dotted line.

Fold a piece of green construction paper in half and paper clip the template so the dotted line is along the fold.

Cut through the template and both layers of construction paper along the black lines.

Discard the template (unless you want to make more leaves).

Unfold the construction paper to see your finished palm leaf.

Optional: Tape a green pipe cleaner or thin rolled tube of construction paper to the center as a stem.





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