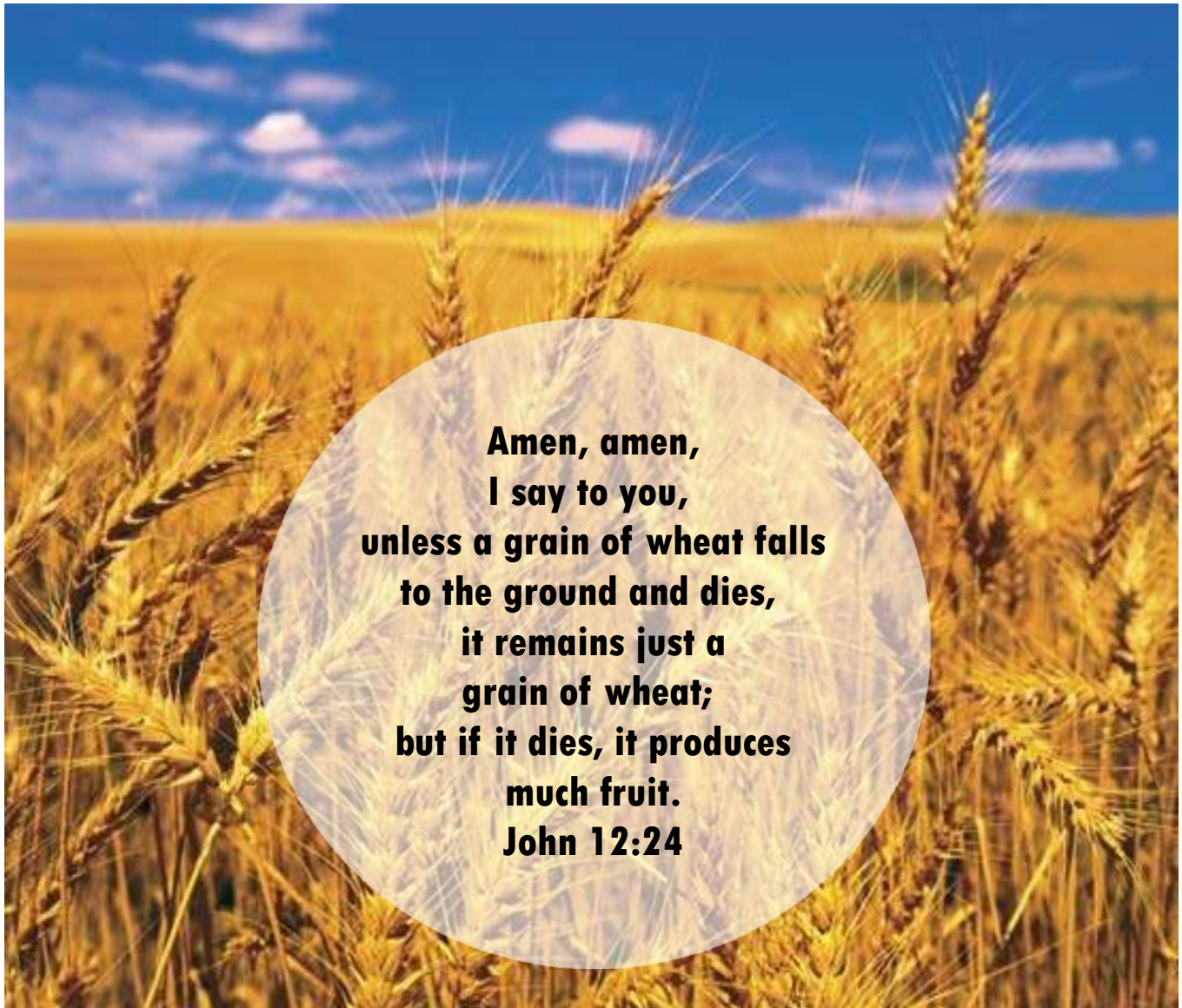


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March 18, 2018 - Fifth Sunday of Lent



**Amen, amen,
I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls
to the ground and dies,
it remains just a
grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces
much fruit.
John 12:24**

Parish Clergy

Rev. Monsignor Vincent T. Kelly, Pastor
Reverend William H. Bowles
Reverend John Callan, Sch.P.

Office Hours: Monday 12pm – 4:00pm,
Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm

Confession: Saturdays from 4-5pm

† Mass Schedule †

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00, 10:30, Noon & 5:00pm

Daily Masses:

Monday-Friday: 7:00, 8:45am & 12noon (Lent)

Saturday: 8:45am

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March 24 & 25	Celebrant	Lector	Extra-ordinary Ministers
Sat. 5:00pm	Msgr. Sheahan	Robert Conti	Jane Conti Cathy Kessler Dean McGrady
Sun. 7:30am	Fr. Callan	Dottie Raimondi	Eileen Higgins Leah Finlon
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Kelly	Maureen McEnerney	Judy Tight Mary Cooney Thomas Cooney
Sun. 10:30am	Msgr. Sheahan	Valerie Rode	Lyn Fazioli Bob Read Vicci Read
Sun. 12 Noon	Fr. Bowles	Estella Moriarty	Katherine Privateer Pam Jabbour
Sun. 5:00pm	Fr. Wiesmann	Louise McDonough	Sharon O'Connor

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 17

8:45am ✠ Joseph Doyle and Denis O'Driscoll

5:00pm **Int.**/✠ Counihan & Purcell Families and

✠ John O'Dwyer

Sunday, March 18

7:30am **Int.** John D. Rice Family and

✠ Nathan Starke

9:00am ✠ Patricia Norton and Elliot Norton

10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and

✠ McDermott/Culkin Families

12:00pm ✠ Lorraine Seger and Dr. Walter Brodzinski

5:00pm ✠ Angela Vittello and Lorinda Williams

Monday, March 19

7:30am ✠ Robert Schulte and **Int.** Jane Burgess

8:45am ✠ Mary & Donna McFadden and

Minerva Bloom

12:00pm ✠ Donal Dermody and Dorothy Lionetti

Tuesday, March 20

7:00am **Int.** Francis R. & Judy Lyons

8:45am ✠ Eugene Hudak and Bill Greeves

12:00pm ✠ Linda Schultze and Suzanne Stevenson

Wednesday, March 21

7:00am ✠ Minerva Bloom

8:45am **Int.** Msgr. Sheahan and

Int./✠ Counihan & Purcell Families

12:00pm ✠ Morris Shapiro and **Int.** Sander Sullivan

Thursday, March 22

7:00am **Int.** Francis R. & Judy Lyons

8:45am ✠ Antoinette Strzelecki and

Cornelius McLaughlin

12:00pm **Int.** Fr. John Callan and Fr. William Bowles

Friday, March 23

7:00am ✠ Ruth Ames and Suzanne Lussier

8:45am ✠ Anna Purcell Alles and Margaret Bingham

12:00pm ✠ Skip Allen and Rosa Fong

Saturday, March 24

8:45am **Int.** Jim DeMars (Birthday) and

✠ George Malcolm

5:00pm ✠ Angelina Ulliana, Elizabeth Ziegler and

Jennifer Lynn Kelly

Sunday, March 25

7:30am **Int.** Audrey A. O'Brien Family and

✠ Roland & Barbara Faria

9:00am ✠ Jim Tucker and Carol Moskol

10:30am **Int.** Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and

✠ Deacon Jack Thesing

12:00pm ✠ Agnus Julia Saglime and Richard Bernier

5:00pm ✠ Nicholas Gerriffie and Nagy Family

Baptism: Registered parishioners please contact the Parish office at least one month in advance. Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of the month after the 12pm Mass.

Marriage: Arrangements are made for previously registered and participating parishioners with six months of preparation.

Homebound: Please contact the Rectory to register for home visits for those unable to attend Mass.

Women's Guild: Monthly meetings are held Oct - May, 2nd Wed. at 9:30am. Boutique workshops are Wed. at 9:30am

Men's Club: Meetings on the 4th Tuesday, Sept - May. Breakfast is hosted after First Friday 8:45am Mass.

Divine Will Group meets Wednesday evenings from 6- 9pm and Saturday from 2-4pm in the Parish Hall. Monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the 3rd Sunday, 1-3pm.

Our Novena and Benediction Service and Rosary:

Please join us Monday-Saturday at 8:20am for the Rosary and on Mondays for our Novena and Benediction service immediately following the 8:45am Mass.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to All!

May the strength of God pilot us,
may the wisdom of God instruct us,
may the hand of God protect us,
may the word of God direct us.

Be always ours this day and for evermore.
- St. Patrick

“Me? A Grain of Wheat!”

In His day, to make a point, Jesus used examples of simple things with which the people were familiar. Many of his stories or parables were about agriculture or fishing and people could see them as applying to their lives. Are we too sophisticated today to use the simple example from nature to remind us of the effective use of our time and the eventual transition that will take place at the conclusion of our time on earth?

Today’s Gospel tells of Jesus’ own story, that he must literally die to achieve the goal of salvation for all of us. Our own stories parallel his, but in a very encouraging way. Consider the following reflection by Fr. Flor McCarthy:

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God.
 Just as a grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest,
 so we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love.
 This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways.
 Every act of humility involves dying to pride.
 Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.
 Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty.
 Every act of love involves dying to selfishness.
 Thus the false self dies, and the true self, made in God’s image, is born and nurtured.
 It is by giving that we receive;
 it is by forgiving that we are forgiven;
 it is by dying that we are born to eternal life.

In a very positive way we journey forward doing the best we can with all the variables of life, but always keeping in mind we are God’s special creation. May we dispose of anything that separates us from Him and share the experience now with a view to sharing it for eternity.

Blessings,
 Father Vincent T. Kelly

2018 Holy Week Schedule

Monday– Wednesday, March 26th–March 28th

Masses—7:00am, 8:45am, and 12:00pm
 Confessions on Wednesday from 4-5pm

Holy Thursday, March 29th

Mass of the Holy Eucharist—8:45am
 Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Supper—5:00pm
 Confessions—9:00am and 5:45pm

Good Friday, March 30th

Solemn Commemoration of the Passion - 12 noon,
 Stations of the Cross and Homily 3:00pm,
 Confessions will follow both services
 Collection for Maintenance of Holy Land Shrines

Holy Saturday, March 31st

Confessions—10:00-11:00am and 4:00-5:00pm
 Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday, April 1st

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord—
 7:30am, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon, and 5:00pm



Easter Flowers

Easter Flower remembrance envelopes are on the tables by the doors. Envelopes will be placed on the altar for Easter Sunday and will remain on the altar throughout the Easter season as we pray for those who have gone before us.

Religious Education Upcoming Events:

March 25th, Palm Sunday– 8th grade hosts 9am mass, 8th grade parent meeting after mass in Parish Hall

March 28th, Wednesday– Way of the Cross at 6pm (This will be an outdoor event, weather permitting. Wear comfy shoes! We will conduct stations indoor if we have inclement weather.)

April 1st, Easter– No Religious Ed class



We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn’t know we had left open.

SupperClub

There will be no Supper Club this month. We look forward to seeing you in April!