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Monday - Friday - 8:45 AM (maximum seating 50 people)

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Saturday: 3:30 PM—4:30 PM and by appointment (English)
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Arrangements are made with the parish office.

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Inform the office when someone needs a visit from a Communion Minister or one of the Friars.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



**From
the
Friars**

Much has been written in the news and elsewhere lately about “Cancel Culture”. A definition of Cancel Culture is that it is a variant on the term “call out culture” and constitutes a form of boycotting an individual who is deemed to have acted or spoken in a questionable or controversial manner.

The term has been around for some time but is heard more frequently this past year. Those who express criticism of a Cancel Culture will often see it as an attack on free speech.

The problem is that for some individuals their definition of free speech is that an individual can say whatever they want, whenever they want, without having to act in a responsible manner or be held accountable for their words.

I am reminded in all of this of a book that came out in the years following Vatican II. It was titled, “Whatever Became of Sin”, by Karl Menninger.

The point of the book was that Society seemed to have forgotten what sin is. It is similar to a phenomena that took place after Vatican II in the Catholic Church.

Before Vatican II sin was often described in black and white terms; there were no grey areas. Mortal sin was something that one could commit on an almost daily basis. It could be as simple as eating meat on Friday.

During Vatican II, the Pope, Cardinals, Bishops, laity, experts and theologians, reviewed moral theology as well as the many other aspects of Church teaching and tradition. It was a moment of renewal in the Church. In regards to sin, specifically mortal sin, they spoke of mortal sin as indeed serious, and certainly present in society and in faith communities. However, they defined it as so serious in nature that it was not something that most people committed on a regular basis.

The problem was that the faithful misinterpreted what the second Vatican Council was teaching. A lack of effective adult education after the second Vatican Council did not help.

The faithful began to think, “Well if its not so easy to commit mortal sin, I guess its not so easy to sin at all.” They were of course wrong. It was the proverbial “throwing the baby out with the bathwater”.

And so today we hear folks reacting to the so called “Cancel Culture”. “I have a right to free speech, I can say whatever I want, even if it is not true, or is based on my own set of facts, destroys another’s reputation, incites violent actions.”

We seem to have lost our moral compass. Some seem to suggest that there is no longer a difference as to right vs. wrong, truth vs. falsehood, reality vs. imagination.

To quote a recent author, “There are unfortunately in society now, some who would suggest that civility is for losers, that compassion is for suckers, that misogyny can be fun, that strength requires brutality, and that racism makes for good politics”.

What is described above is sin. So “whatever became of sin”? Sin is still very real and unfortunately very present in society today. As Catholics and Christians, our task is to speak by our words and actions for moral goodness; for Gospel values have never been more critical. This season of Lent reminds us of our continuing need for conversion.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John O’Connor, O.F.M.

Please Pray For All those who are sick:
Laurie Zeiszler; David Back;
Aaron Childs; Gary Ward; and Richard McClevey

Please pray for the following who are serving abroad in harm’s way: Leo N. Company; and S. Defibaugh.

Are You New to the Parish??? Welcome!!

Registration forms are available on the tables in the vestibule, from the Parish Office or from the parish website www.stfrancis.org.

The season of Lent is a great time to be renewed and reconciled. The sacrament of **Reconciliation will be available every Wednesday evening (February 24th—March 31st)** from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There are also opportunities on Saturdays from 3:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.



St. Francis House Corner



St. Francis House an Outreach Program
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St. Francis of Assisi Outreach Ministry

We are here to serve those in need! Thanks to the generosity of our great parishioners, St. Francis House has been able to keep providing food assistance and financial assistance for the families in need of Eastern Prince William County. If you or your families find yourselves in need, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. If you would like to contribute to the food pantry, we are open **Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** Below you can find items that we can use to keep running our food pantry.

Also, you can provide monetary assistance through our electronic giving program. You can find the directions on the Parish website (www.stfrncis.org).

Item of the Month: **Cooking Oil**

- **Spaghetti Sauce**
- **Spaghetti**
- **Canned Fruit**
- **Pasta**
- **Jelly**
- **Canned Tuna**

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity. For more information, please contact **Francía Salguero** at **703-221-6344** or francias@stfrncis.org.

Meals for the Shelter

If you would like to provide support for the homeless shelter, please visit the following Sign-Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094EA5A622A3FD0-shelter> or Sign-Up Genius forms can be found on the parish website: www.stfrncis.org under Meals for the Shelter. For more information or to support our meal program for the shelters in Prince William County, please contact the Director of St. Francis House and Meals Coordinator, **Francía Salguero** at francias@stfrncis.org or 703-221-6344.



Boletín Semanal

Despensa de Comida de La Casa de San Francisco
Casa St. Francisco Un Programa de Ayuda Social de la
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Ministerio de Asistencia Social de San Francisco de Asís

Estamos aquí para servir a los necesitados! Gracias a la generosidad de nuestros feligreses, Casa de St. Francisco de Asís ha podido seguir brindando asistencia alimentaria y financiera a las familias necesitadas del Este del Condado de Prince William. También si usted y su familia necesitan ayuda nosotros estamos aquí para ayudarlos. Si desea contribuir a la despensa de alimentos, estamos abiertos los miércoles y jueves de 9:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. A continuación puede encontrar artículos que podemos usar para mantener funcionando nuestra despensa de alimentos. Además, puede proporcionar asistencia monetaria a través de nuestro programa de donaciones electrónicas. Puede encontrar las instrucciones en el sitio web de la parroquia (www.stfrncis.org).

Artículo del Mes: **Aceite de cocina**

- **Salsa Para Espaguetis**
- **Espaguetis**
- **Fruta enlatada**
- **Pasta**
- **Mermelada**
- **Atún enlatado**

Gracias por su continuo apoyo y generosidad. Para obtener más información, no dude en comunicarse con nosotros al **703-221-6344** o francias@stfrncis.org.

2021 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Encourage One Another by Word and Deed

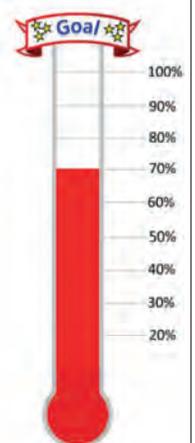
Currently our parish has reached **70%** of our goal for the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). We are very grateful to those who have already supported this year's appeal.

We know that there are families who have not yet made a pledge to the BLA and we are asking for support from every parish household.

You may go online to make a donation at: www.arlingtondiocese.org or scan the QR code below:



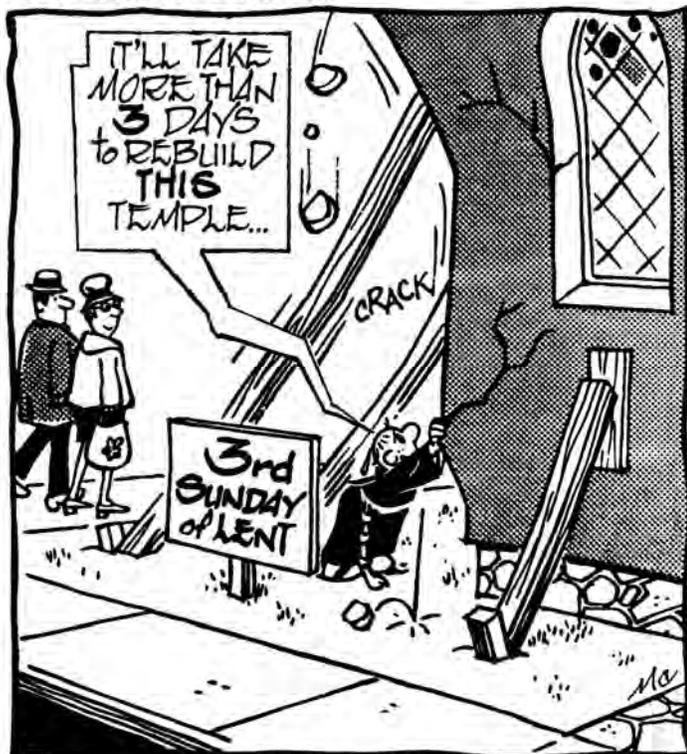
The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work—works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people. Please reflect on your blessings and consider joining in support of the BLA. Every pledge is important! Thank you!



Faith Formation Office

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Friday: **Closed**

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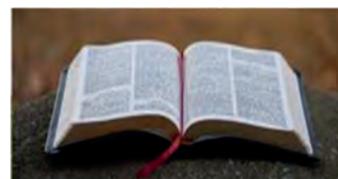
Lenten Small Groups/Adult Faith Reflections

Please join us virtually during Lent (**Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. through Monday, March 29th**) for "Around the Lenten Circle" as we gather to share readings and reflections to help quiet our hearts and better hear God's message for us during this Lenten season. This time together will help us be more alert to His presence in our lives each day. Please contact **Sheila Noble** (snoble@stfrncis.org) for more information or to receive the link to access the sessions.

A fresh perspective on the Sunday Readings

HIS WORD TODAY

By Rev. William J. Reilly



"Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him and he would have given you living water... Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst. The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'"

Do yourself a favor. Open your bible to chapter 4 of John's gospel and live the scene of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Discover the gentle invitation of Jesus, opening her heart to what He wanted for her.

Listen closely to the conversation, perhaps her initial fear, a stranger violating the customary protocol, and gradually she discovers herself, and Christ. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I have done.'

May the living water, God's grace this Lent well up in me, bringing forgiveness in reconciliation, and strength in the Eucharist.

Keep those used printer cartridges coming!

Faith Formation has been helping to be good stewards of our earth by recycling. With your contribution of used ink cartridges, we can help care for the earth and it is so easy to do.



Please do not drop the cartridges in the Catch-All Slot. (No laser cartridges.)

You can drop the cartridges off in the basket on the table in the vestibule or stop by the Faith Formation Office.

Thank you for your continued support!

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We would like to thank **Christopher K. Brown, Certified Public Accountant** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



High School Youth Ministry

REAL Youth Ministry is happening ONLINE!

REAL Time Online (Youth Group)

Wednesday, March 10th—8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
All Teens Grades 9-12

REAL Time Online (Youth Group)

Wednesday, March 24th—8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Leadership Team

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Register at keepingitreal.club/realfaith

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Third Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, March 6—Lenten Weekday

3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM †Alice Tippit
Rosemary Elliott
†Karen Bertocci

SUNDAY, March 7—3rd Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†James Toner
†Ann Tossell
11:00 AM †John Farr
†Lawrence Larke
†Imelda Pine
1:30 PM Misa en español
5:30 PM People of the Parish
†Imelda Pine
†Jim Toner

MONDAY, March 8—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM †Jerri Gall
†Mike Zovak
†Ronnie Watson

TUESDAY, March 9—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM †Margaret Rose Teodosio
†Edmundo Vargas
†Jim Gobble

WEDNESDAY, March 10—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†Kathryn Gonsorcik
†Jim Toner

THURSDAY, March 11—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM †Gregory Edward Sanderson
†Robert Laychak
†Richard Drechsler

FRIDAY, March 12—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM †Jerri Gall
†Jim Toner
†Rita Meder

SATURDAY, March 13—Lenten Weekday

3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30 PM †Alice Tippit
†Henry Grabowski
†Rhoda Brindle

Mass Intentions on Sunday, March 14, 2021

9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik
†James Toner
†Carolyn Daly
11:00 AM †Michael William Trudnak
†Kevin Kostlow
Tom Ledgerwood
1:30 PM Misa en español
5:30 PM People of the Parish
†Imelda Pine
†Sandra Callaway Ferguson

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2021

Monday 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23
Friday Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34
Saturday Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14
Sunday 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23;
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21;
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a;
Ephesians 5:8-14; John: 1-41



The Public Mass Schedule for Sunday, March 14th is as follows:

9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m. (Spanish)
5:30 p.m.

Please visit www.stfrancis.eventbrite.com to reserve a seat for one of the Masses.

Please visit <http://www.stfrancis.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/How-to-Use-Eventbrite-At-a-Glance.pdf> for Printable Instructions – Includes English and Spanish.

Reserved Seating Video Instructions

Go to <https://youtu.be/9KZ-Q49uG88> to learn how to Select Seats for Mass in Eventbrite.

Go to <https://youtu.be/SKpg09Nlsqw> to learn how to Select Seats Using the Map in Eventbrite.

Go to <https://youtu.be/S7973o14sfA> to learn how to Return/Cancel a Seat Ticket Order.

When attending a public Mass, please be advised of the follow:

- Please arrive at least 20 minutes before the start of Mass
- Each person attending Mass must have a ticket (hard copy or on cell phone)
- **A face mask is required (covering both mouth and nose) for anyone 2 years of age or older**
- Each person attending Mass will be required to have a temperature check before entering the church
- Sit in assigned seating areas only
- Avoid touching your face
- Stay home if you have any symptoms of a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or may have been exposed to COVID-19

Please Note: All the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington are **dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation until further notice.** We will continue to Live Stream Mass on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. until further notice.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Gospel Today
Third Sunday of Lent | John 2:13-25

Jesus was upset people were conducting the "wrong business" in the temple. They were selling goods, not praying.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

We say our bodies are our temples - the Spirit of God is in us - eat & act healthy. Jesus also called His body a temple when He said "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days". *John 2: 19*

Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____
(Sundays optional)

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

- Jesus
- Jerusalem
- Temple
- Table
- Exchanging Money
- Stop
- Father
- House
- Market
- Sign
- Disciples
- Believed
- People
- Written
- Scripture



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