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1:30 PM - Español (Must Pre-Register and Live Streamed)

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

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Saturday: 3:30 PM—4:30 PM and by appointment (English) Saturday: 3:30 PM—4:30 PM and by appointment (Spanish)

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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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Catholics worldwide are used to seeing the Latin cross inside and atop our churches. It is one of the most recognizable and best known symbols of Christianity. But did you know that there are other "crosses" that have long provenance in Christianity? In addition to our familiar symbol, there are also the Greek, Maltese, Papal, Patriarchal, and St. Andrews crosses.

Perhaps the oldest pattern of the cross is called the "tau" cross – the cross that is associated with the Franciscan order. But did you know that it is most likely that the "tau" was the standard

form of Roman crucifixion? The vertical member was already mounted at the place of execution. The horizontal member was carried by the victim from the place of judgment to that of their execution.

The name "tau" was associated with the cross because of its shape and because "tau" is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet already in use symbolically in the Old Testament. It was already spoken of in the Book of Ezekiel: "The Lord said to him, 'Go through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over the abominations... (Ez. 9:4). The Tau was the sign placed upon the foreheads of the poor of Israel, as a sign they were to be saved.

This was adopted early on by the first generations of Christians who were Jewish. It was a two-fold reason:

- The Christians adopted the Tau, because its form reminded them of the Cross on which Christ was sacrificed for the salvation of the world.
- As the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, it prophesied the Last Day and had the same function as the Greek letter Omega as it appears in the Book of Revelation: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without price from the fountain of the water of life ... I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Rev. 21:6; 22:13).

The Tau occupied an important place in the thoughts and life of St. Francis of Assisi, so much so that it occupied an important place in his thought. For Francis the ancient prophetic sign was actualized, regained its saving power and expressed the beatitude of poverty, which is an essential element of the Franciscan way of life.



"Whenever necessity or charity required, St. Francis marked with this seal the letters he sent" (FF 980); "He began all of his actions with it" (FF 1347). The Tau was therefore the sign dearest to Francis, his seal, the telltale sign of a deep spiritual conviction that the salvation of every man is only in the Cross of Christ.



Thus the Tau, which is backed by a solid biblical and Christian tradition, was received by St. Francis for its spiritual value. The Saint of Assisi took hold of this sign in a manner so complete and intense that, at the end of his life and through the stigmata impressed in his flesh he became the living image of the Tau that he had so often contemplated, drawn, and especially loved.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John O'Connor, O.F.M.

Virtual Stations of the Cross



This year's Stations of the Cross have been recorded and are available by Live Stream/<u>Parish YouTube Channel</u>. Spiritually join us every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. While we will not be together in body, we will be together in spirit.



The season of Lent is a great time to be renewed and reconciled. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available every Wednesday (February

24th—March 24th) 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.

The Lion's Club has 2 donation drop boxes located on the window sill in the vestibule. Please consider donating your used eyeglasses to the Lion's Club. Your unwanted glasses will help someone see better. Thank you for always being so generous.



St. Francis House Corner



St. Francis House an Outreach Program from St. Francis of Assisi Parish 2606 Heth Court, Dumfries, VA 22026 703-221-6344
Francia Salguero and Angelica Silva

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 **Francia Salguero** at **703-221-6344 or** <u>francias@stfrncis.org</u>.

Meals for the Shelter

If you would like to provide support for the homeless shelter, please visit the following Sign-Up Genius link: https://

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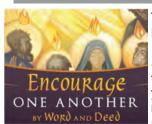
Ministerio de Asistencia Social de San Francisco de Asís

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).

Articulo del Mes: Aceite de cocina

- Salsa Para Espaquetis
- Espaquetis
- 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**.



The theme for this year's 2021
Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) is "Encourage One Another by Word and Deed." After reflecting upon the blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs

and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to furthering the Mission of our Lord Jesus throughout our diocese.



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



Votive Candles Envelopes are provided for candle money. Please place them in the boxes located on the wall (next to the candles) in

the church.

40DAYS

40WAYS

Faith Formation Office

Phone: 703-221-3127 Fax: 703-221-3246 Office Hours: Monday—Thursday: 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

BROTHER JUNIPER





High School Youth Ministry

REAL Youth Ministry is happening ONLINE!

REAL Leadership (Planning)

Wednesday, March 3rd—8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Leadership Team

REAL Time Online (Youth Group)

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

SIGN-UP for <u>REAL</u> Faith Online! Self-paced High School Faith Formation

All Teens Grades 9-12
Register at keepingitreal.club/realfaith

Text @sfacym to 81010 to sign-up for Remind and get texts with meeting information.

Questions? Please contact Brandon Jubar at biubar@stfrncis.org.

"This Lent, I pray that Catholic families and individuals throughout the Diocese of Arlington take a moment each day to reflect on their lives, their relationship with Christ, and how they can grow in faith and virtue. The 40 Days 40 Ways campaign provides a perfect opportunity to engage in that kind of reflection.

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Please consider signing up for the daily email and join your brothers and sisters in Christ in making

this your best Lent yet."—**Bishop Burbidge**Please join Catholics Across the Diocese this Lenten

Season in 40 Days 40 Ways (https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/40days40ways/).

Sign up to receive daily reflections and challenges, crafted to help you and your family make this your best Lent yet!

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2021

Monday Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31
Friday Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Sunday Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17;

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25; Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;

John 4: 5:42

A fresh perspective on the Sunday Readings

HIS WORD TODAY

By Rev. William J. Reilly



"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him... Christ Jesus it is who died, or rather was raised, who also is at the right hand of God who indeed intercedes for us."

A persistent danger for us during our Lenten observance and practices is to focus on the events of Calvary and the paschal mystery which occurred. We may know details of the passion, death and resurrection, and recall and remember. Something else ought to happen.

The passion of Jesus continues today in the suffering of disciples throughout the world. Religious persecution continues, and because it occurs in distant places in the world it is real and affects the entire church, the entire body of Christ.

Thus Paul reminds us that it is the Risen Christ interceding for all of us today. May we join Peter, James and John with Christ on the mountain and hear echo, 'Thus is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.' May we pray to and for the suffering Christ today.

The Commonwealth of Virginia and the Death Penalty

As you are probably aware, the General Assembly of the State of Virginia recently passed

legislation abolishing the Death Penalty in the

Commonwealth. In light of this new legislation some have asked me "What is the Church's teaching on the Death Penalty?"

On August 2, 2018, the Vatican announced that it had formally changed the official Catechism of the Catholic Church on the death penalty calling capital punishment "an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person "



and deeming it inadmissible in all cases. The Pope, through the office of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, approved the new teaching and the wording of the paragraph 2267 of the *Catechism*:

2267. Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.

Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person".[1] and She works with determination for its abolition worldwide.

Our parish was one of the first Churches in the State of Virginia to advocate against the death penalty some 20 years ago. We conducted a petition signing, and a mail campaign asking the General Assembly to reconsider Capital Punishment. We received a number of compliments for our advocacy including a major editorial in the Potomac News complimenting and supporting our efforts.

It is good to see that our efforts bore fruition even if it took some 20 years. It is a tribute to the work of our parishioners and our parish pro-life committee in their efforts to protect life from the womb to natural death, and at all stages in between.

Hopefully the day will come when we and fellow Christians can change legislature's minds when it comes to other very important Pro-Life issues such as Abortion and Euthanasia.

Second Sunday of Cent

SATURDAY, February 27—Lenten Weekday

3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 PM **†**Alice Tippit

†George and †Helen Callaway

†Alfred DeCarli

SUNDAY, February 28—2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

> †James Toner †Carolyn Daly

People of the Parish 11:00 AM

†Joseph Garie

†Betty Ann Brignac

Misa en español 1:30 PM

†George and †Helen Callaway 5:30 PM

†Imelda Pine

March 1—Lenten Weekday MONDAY,

8:45 AM **†**Audrey Burget

Joe and Betty Pfeiler †Harry Rodman

TUESDAY. March 2—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM Gretchen May

†Jean Pudney

†Jim Toner

WEDNESDAY, March 3—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

†Kathryn Gonsorcik

†Carolyn Daly

THURSDAY. March 4—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM **†Gloria Wang**

†Jim Toner

FRIDAY. March 5—Lenten Weekday

8:45 AM †Jerri Gall

SATURDAY, March 6—Lenten Weekday

3:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 PM †Alice Tippit

Rosemary Elliott

†Karen Bertocci

Mass Intentions on Sunday, March 7, 2021

9:00 AM †Dwayne E. Gonsorcik

> †James Toner †Ann Tossell

11:00 AM tJohn Farr

†Lawrence Larke

†Imelda Pine

1:30 PM Misa en español

5:30 PM People of the Parish

†Imelda Pine

†Jim Toner

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank

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for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Please Pray For All those who are sick:

Lilv Diaz-Salas: Sean Mullan:

Sarah Hutto: Robert Schaul: Joann Winston:

Stephanie: Bruce Schechter: Nina: Kathleen Schechter: Nancy; Emily Clemente; LeAnne Floom; and Charles Dennison.

And for those recently deceased: Jerri Gall (daughter of Tom and Sharon Dibbley); and Imelda Pine.

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



The Public Mass Schedule for Sunday, March 7th is as follows:

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

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

Please visit http://www.stfrncis.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
- Each person attending Mass must have a ticket (hard copy or on cell phone)
- A face mask is required for anyone 2 years of age
- 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Lent | Mark 9:2-10

Peter, James & John went up the mountain with Jesus, and saw Elijah and Moses, who lived long ago, appear with Jesus in a blinding, dazzling light.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is My Son, whom I love. Listen to Him." Mark 9:7









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.



James

John

Jesus

Mountain

Transfigured

Dazzling

Moses

Appeared Cloud

Voice

Listen

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