3rd Sunday in Lent

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." John 4:5-42

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30 PM

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Observances for the week of March 7, 2021

Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. John of God, Religious
Tuesday:	St. Frances of Rome, Religious
Wednesday -Saturday:	
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

CALENDAR

Next Sunday **7 March**
8:30 AM Mass
11:00 AM Mass (First Scrutiny)
11:00 AM RCIA for Youth
3:00 PM Middle School
4:30 PM High School

Monday **8 March**
9:00 AM Prayer for Our Church

Tuesday **9 March**
9:00 AM More Aid Outreach
10:15 AM The Holy Rosary
3:00 PM No Greater Love Lenten Study
7:00 PM Confirmation

Wednesday **10 March**
6:30 PM RCIA
6:30 PM Lenten Book Study

Thursday **11 March**
9:00 AM More Aid Outreach
10:00 AM Holy Spirit Prayer Group

Friday **12 March**
1:00 PM No Greater Love Lenten Study
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday **13 March**
3:30 PM Reconciliation
5:00 PM Mass

Next Sunday **14 March**
8:30 AM Mass (Second Scrutiny)
11:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM RCIA for Youth
3:00 PM Middle School
4:30 PM High School

MASS INTENTIONS

7 March 8:30 AM Jerry Dorman - D
11:00 AM Carolina Gurra - D
13 March 5:00 PM
William "Bill" Burness - D
14 March 8:30 AM
Mary Agnes Petersohn - D

Daily Masses will be announced as priests become available. We will post any changes to our website and Flocknote.

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We will be providing Easter food boxes for 80 families in need!

cash donations for perishable food always welcome

Help is needed – please join us!

Monday, March 22 at 9 am organize food & pack boxes

Contact Anne Nilles for more information at: outreach@stmva.org / (434) 237-5911 ext. 203

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LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure. ©LPi

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink. For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Names may be added to the Prayer List and Book of Intentions by going to our website at www.stmva.org/pray or calling the parish office during business hours. After hours you may leave a voice mail at (434) 237-5911 and select option 4. You may also write prayer intentions in the book of intentions located in the Chapel. Prayer Intentions are prayed over during Mass and during intercessory prayer time on Monday mornings.

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We realize that the Lord has his own timing; and thus we will leave names on the prayer list as long as needed.

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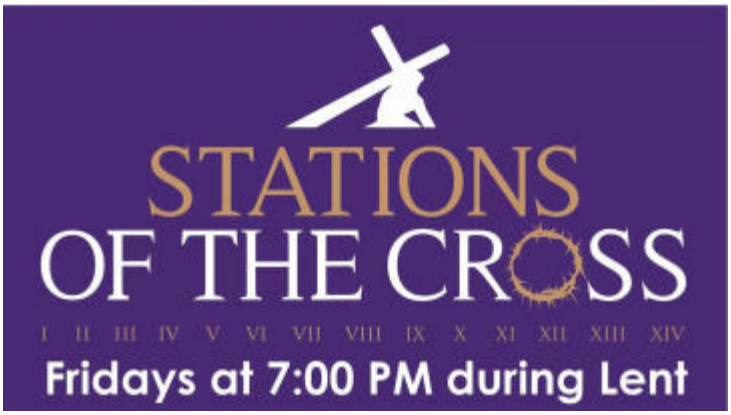

Join us Fridays during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. We will meet in the Nave at 7:00 PM . Social Distancing and other COVID 19 precautions will be in place. Contact the Parish office for more information at info@stmva.org/(434)237-5911.

A prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During he sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may rediscover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart
so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well~being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.

May this season be a grace~filled time to rekindle my love for faith in you.

Amen.

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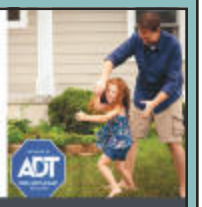

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