

Bruton Parish Shop Talk

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Lenten Listening! What a wonderful sermon Ron delivered for all of us right before the start of Lent about the challenges of listening for and to others and quieting our hearts and minds to be open to what God is trying to tell each of us. We all have so many calls (or "demands") ringing in our heads that it's often hard to know whether we're coming or going. Lent is a time (and an excuse) to back away from all the things pulling us in different directions and focus instead on why we let ourselves be drawn down all these paths. Lent is about ***making*** time to spend listening for God and reflecting on Christ's passion. It is not about ***finding*** time to squeeze Him in between nail appointments and tee times or softball practice and swim meets. It is, as Ron told us, about quieting our lives, listening to others, and opening ourselves to time alone with God. Take advantage of some of the wonderful Lenten opportunities being provided through Bruton. The book for Charles's Wednesday noontime series on Holy Week is available in the Shop, along with a number of other beautiful and inspirational works. While there, you might also pick up a CD by the Adagio Trio or The W&M Early Music ensemble for music to listen to in your reflections during Lent.

Shop Volunteers Needed to Host March 18 Lenten Supper! Christian Education has requested that the Shop host the "Soup & Salad" supper for the March 18th "Thursday's @ Bruton" lecture on The Lord's Prayer. Because we would NEVER turn down Leslie Coe -- our most loyal and generous "Bruton Staff Shopper" - we willingly acceded to her request. To host the supper March 18, we need a team of volunteers at 4:30pm to set up, a team at 5:45pm to serve, and a team at 6:45pm to clean up while everyone else is at the lecture. If you can help that evening, email me at blmur47474@cox.net. Cash donation towards groceries, may be left in the Shop in the envelope tacked on the door inside the lower cabinet next to the cash register.

The Garden Shop is OPEN! Kudos to Jim Mundy & Bessie Bierer! The Garden Shop is finally open and it looks spectacular! If any of you still have snow lurking under a leafless bush or in that shady spot that the sun never touches, then come into the Shop for a sunny touch of Spring. There are Angels of Easter, sun catcher crosses, wind chimes, bunnies and chicks, and eggs and Easter baskets. Everything to make you feel that Spring is just around the corner.

New and Noticeable! Laura could scarcely contain herself when I asked her to show me what we might include in "New and Noticeable!" this month. So here is just a sampling. You'll have to come in and get her to show you everything else. To begin

with, the Shop has its "Irish" on, all bedecked in the green and "greens" of St. Patrick's Day. Ganz has done it again with several new small items that will be popular with the school groups passing through the Shop. We have small crosses with inspirational words: "Trust in the Lord" "God Bless Our Family" "Bless This Day" Well, you get the idea. We also have a new line in beaded jewelry with cross pendants from Calypso Studios, an "up-and-coming" company from "Down Under." Our beautiful sterling silver crosses have been restocked for Easter, as have our exquisite \$16.00 pashmina scarves, but this time they are in delicious springtime colors of lilac, sherbet, and softest yellow. The perfect accompaniment for your Easter outfit.

Oops! Ask Laura! Did you know that our "Sister Folk" nun figurines in the hall cabinet each have their own, special box? Well they do indeed. Ask Laura for help getting the boxes or get in the "habit" of checking each box yourself to be sure it is the one that goes with the figurine you're selling. Also please check to be sure that its corresponding display card is inside the box. Blessings on you, my child!

Spring Cleaning for Outreach! Remember, we are already collecting items for the Bruton Parish Shop's Labor Day Jewelry Sale. So bring in your used jewelry, ties and scarves when you're cleaning out your drawers and closets this Spring. Don't set them aside to forget. Bring them on into the Shop and tell Laura or Carol they're for the 2010 Labor Day Jewelry Sale.

Need for Nimble Fingers! We still need a few parishioners with nimble fingers to help roll beads for the beaded necklaces we make from Bruton's service bulletins and Chronicles. This really is an important part of our Shop ministry and Bettie and Dave, Bev and Gloria could truly use a helping hand. Why not make this one of your Lenten commitments and open your heart to hear a call for just a small amount of your time at home. Please give Bettie a call (757-564-4513) and tell her you're "ready to roll!"

Keep In Your Prayers: Our neighbors in Haiti who have lost so much and all those who have yet to find their way to Christ. Pray that they will hear His call this Lent.

Blair Turrentine

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Shop Prayer: Almighty God, we give thanks for your loving care. Grant us strength and courage as we seek to do your work through the mission and ministry of the Bruton Parish Shop in reaching out to the visitors, our community, and the world. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*