



The Independence

The Newsletter of Dignity/Philadelphia for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Catholics & Friends

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ANOTHER DIGNITY BRUNCH IS ON THE WAY...



SATURDAY
OCTOBER 21, 2017
NOON TO WHENEVER @
KNOCK

The Annual Dignity Brunch is scheduled to take place in our usual location, which is Knock, 225 S. 12th Street, right smack in the middle of the Gayborhood! Everyone always looks forward to this annual event, which happens to be the major fundraiser for the Liturgy Service Group. Dignity expects this Brunch to be as big a financial and social success as last year.

We are starting at the same time as last year. The brunch will start at noon, with coffee, juice (on the house), and mixed drinks (at your expense). Pastries are also included in the price of the Brunch. However, this year we are doing something different...

The selections will be narrowed down to allow the kitchen to serve brunch-like entrees, with vegetarian selections, in a timely fashion. This should cut down on the waiting time – yeah!

The price will remain the same: \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. People will have the opportunity to select their entrée at the time they pay. FYI, 100% of the profits goes directly to Dignity. Additionally it is suggested that people ordering drinks at the bar tip the bartender separately. Dignity thanks Knock for sponsoring this benefit.

Please see a member of the Liturgy Service Group to select your entrée and reserve your seat for this annual event

STIPENDS FOR SUNDAY MASS

The Liturgy Service Group has not addressed the availability of the following service to the Dignity community. Members are encouraged to arrange for the celebration of a Sunday Mass offered either for someone seriously ill or for the happy repose of the soul of a loved one who has passed away and whom they wish to have remembered in the prayers of the Dignity Community. We ask that there be an offering of \$10.00 to accompany your request. Please see Jim Clay to make arrangements.

MOTIONS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The monthly meetings of the Board of Directors were held August 6 and September 3, 2017. The following motions were made during these meetings:

Motion 17-08-01: Made by Jimmy Calnan; seconded by Kevin Davies. Be it moved that the Proposed Budget for FY 2017-18 be approved as amended. Passed unanimously. (Approved budget appears in this newsletter.)

Motion 17-09-01: Made by Jimmy Calnan; seconded by Erin McMenamin. Be it moved that the \$500 deposit to hold the Mummies Museum for our 45th Anniversary event on May 19, 2018 be submitted. Approved unanimously.

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Motion 17-09-02: Made by Jimmy Calnan; seconded by Erin McMenemy. Be it moved that the 50/50 for September be donated to the AIDS Fund and the October 50/50 be donated to the Montrose Community Center in Houston. Approved unanimously.

Motion 17-09-03: Made by Jimmy Calnan; seconded by Erin McMenemy. Be it moved that Michael Viola and Rob Baker be appointed to the 2016-2017 audit. Approved unanimously.

50/50 for September – The AIDS Fund’s mission is to educate about, and increase public awareness of HIV/AIDS, and to provide emergency financial assistance to people living with HIV disease and organizations providing HIV services in our communities. In 1987, volunteers from Philadelphia’s lesbian and gay community center, Penguin Place, organized a Walk-A-Thon to support area AIDS agencies and raise public awareness about the disease. Philadelphia’s first AIDS Walk raised \$33,000. Since then, thousands of fundraising walkers have gathered each year to participate in the region’s largest annual HIV/AIDS public awareness and fundraising event. The Annual AIDS Walk/Run Philly takes place on the third Sunday in October.



50/50 for October -The hub for Houston’s LGBT communities! In addition to being the home of the Montrose Center’s Hatch Youth program, the Montrose Diner senior drop-in center, free Center Wellness activities, Cyber Center, and the Equal Grounds Café & Snackeria, this community center space provides affordable meeting and lease space for dozens of civic, service and social organizations nearly every day. The Center hosts an average 250 events per month and sees more than 100,000 visitors per year.
www.montrosecenter.org/hub/request-donations-need-help/

THE BILL QUINN FLORAL MEMORIAL

Each Sunday Bill Quinn, of happy memory, would stop at Produce Junction to purchase a bouquet of flowers to be placed on the altar for Sunday Mass and also to be placed before the Marian Icon*.



Would it not be a loving tribute to Bill for the Dignity Community to continue his legacy? Perhaps one individual or a group of individuals might be generous enough to supply flowers for the altar and Marian Icon covering the Sundays of the year on a rotational basis? Flowers of course would not be required during the Sundays of Lent and Advent. And the floral bouquets could be in memory of a loved one, a family member, someone deceased or someone who is ill. After Mass, of course, you may take the flowers home or give them to someone you so choose.

Persons interested in providing flowers for a specific Sunday should approach the members of the Liturgy Service Group to discuss this request. And in providing flowers you will be honoring Bill and continuing his heartfelt legacy.

*Apparently this is an icon created specifically for people with HIV/AIDS!

BROAD STREET MINISTRY NEWS

As many of you know, Broad Street Ministry (BSM) put out a call for men’s pants and shoes. So if you have some extra pairs of slacks or too many shoes, please let Jimmy Calnan know and he can arrange for you to either drop them off before Dignity service or have you deliver them directly to BSM. September had us serving a special meal to the clients: crispy salmon on a bed of puree cauliflower in a green pesto. It was the first time BSM had served fish and it was a big success. The clients were raving about the excellently prepared dish! For some, it had been years since they had had salmon; BSM assured clients that this would not be the last time. This dish will now become part of their monthly meal – good news for all! If you wish to join us, get to know the clients better and serve delicious meals to very grateful clients, please let Jimmy Calnan know of your good intentions. We will again be going Oct. 4 and Nov. 1 – always the first Wednesday of the month.

Bi-Monthly Munchie

I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual.

- Henry David Thoreau

Happy Thanksgiving

BIRTHDAY SUNDAYS

Dignity Philadelphia does not fool around with cupcakes when it's your birthday. We go BIG time with a sheet cake which is 1/2 chocolate and 1/2 white cake. For August, we only had one birthday – Leo Chang. Happy Birthday Leo!



But September Birthdays were plentiful! There were so many birthday “babies” that there was no room in the picture for the cake! The gorgeous woman in the front is Dolores, surrounded clockwise by Rob, Daniel, Joe C., Al C. and Joe O. What a handsome group!



Next Birthday Sunday will be October 15 – for October celebrants, and November 12 for the November “babies.”

Plus we had 2 extra cakes this past summer, one for Devon, July 30; she left the day after to reside in North Carolina and one for Emily in August 13, 2017; she left to go to school in Berkley. Here is a picture of Emily with our “regular” Presider Ron Hoskins:



DIGNITY PHILADELPHIA 2017-2018 BUDGET

INCOME			
Christmas Appeal		\$	1,600
Community Emergency Fund		\$	-
Craig Scott Music Fund		\$	-
Dan Estes Income		\$	-
Donations		\$	3,900
Easter Appeal		\$	1,000
Education Scholarship		\$	-
Fund Raising		\$	-
Brunch		\$	700
Total Fund Rasing		\$	700
Interest Inc		\$	35
Mark Ratkus Fund Donation		\$	-
Membership Dues		\$	1,600
Michael Durkin Income		\$	-
Other Income		\$	-
Outreach		\$	-
Retreat Income		\$	-
Social Income		\$	-
Special Donation		\$	-
Stewardship		\$	4,500
Stipend for Mass Said		\$	200
Sunday Contributions		\$	7,800
TOTAL INCOME		\$	21,335

EXPENSES			
Advertising		\$	300
Awards		\$	300
Community Emergency Fund - Expense		\$	-
Dues, Fees for GLBT Orgs, Events		\$	160
Fund Raising Expense		\$	-
Homilist and Presider Stipend			
Homilist		\$	150
Presider		\$	1,850
TOTAL STIPEND		\$	2,000
Insurance		\$	570
Postage		\$	375
President's Discretionary Fund		\$	200
Printing Costs			
Misc Printing		\$	175
Newsletter Printing		\$	900
TOTAL PRINTING		\$	1,075
Rent			
Church		\$	6,240
Office		\$	4,368
TOTAL RENT		\$	10,608
Retreat		\$	150
Social			
Cakes		\$	420
Potluck & Social		\$	300
TOTAL SOCIAL		\$	720
Supplies			
Office Supplies		\$	225
Dignity Pins		\$	200
Music Planning		\$	4,100
Liturgy Supplies		\$	350
TOTAL SUPPLIES		\$	4,875
Telephone		\$	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$	21,333

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER AND A LITTLE BIT OF NOVEMBER

September is National Prostate Health Month

(Hispanic Heritage Month begins Sept. 15 and runs until October 15)

Sun., Sept. 24 Mass at 7 pm
Semi-Annual Business Meeting

October is LGBTQ History Month

Sun., Oct. 1 Mass at 7 pm
Board of Directors Meeting at 4:30 pm

Wed., Oct. 4 Broad Street Ministry from 3-5:30 pm

Fri., Oct. 6 Prayer Around the Cross, St. Luke's at 7 pm

Sun., Oct. 8 Mass at 7 pm
Outfest 12-5 pm in the Gayborhood!

Mon., Oct. 9 Columbus Day

Wed., Oct. 11 National Coming Out Day

Thurs., Oct. 12 19th Anniversary for Matthew Shepard

Sun., Oct. 15 Mass at 7 pm – Birthday Sunday
AIDS Walk
Liturgy Service Group 4:30 pm
Rosary 6 pm

Sat., Oct. 21 Brunch at Knock – see article in newsletter

Sun., Oct. 22 Mass at 7 pm
Dignity's 1st ever Baby Shower, 4-6 pm
Commemorative Mass for Liturgical Ministries

Sun., Oct. 29 Mass at 7 pm

Tue., Oct. 31 Halloween

November is All Saints Month

Wed., Nov. 1 All Saints Day Mass, 7:30 pm
Broad Street Ministry 3-5:30 pm

Thurs., Nov. 2 All Souls Day

Fri., Nov. 3 Prayer Around the Cross, St. Luke's at 7 pm

Sun., Nov. 5 Mass at 7 pm, **Day of the Dead** Mass
Board of Directors Meeting, 4:30 pm

Members are encouraged to bring mementoes, pictures and other articles of people whom they have lost this year, or in prior years, so we can honor them in the altar that will be created specifically for this Mass. Community members are also encouraged to come early and help erect the altar.

Sat., Nov. 11 Veterans Day

Sun., Nov. 12 Mass at 7 pm – Birthday Sunday
Liturgy Service Group 4:30 pm

Sun., Nov. 19 Mass at 7 pm
Thanksgiving Potluck 4:30 pm
Rosary at 6 pm

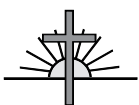
Wed., Nov. 22 Mass for Eve of Thanksgiving at 7:30 pm

Thurs., Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day

Sun., Nov. 26 Mass at 7 pm, Mass for World AIDS Day

Mon., Nov. 27 Calcutta House visit for gift requests

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Please sign our Prayer Intentions book if you have anyone you would like the community to remember in our prayers.

The deadline date submission for the December/January 2017 newsletter is November 21, 2017

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Celebrate Who You Are And Embrace The Person God Calls You To Be!
Yes, I want to be a member of the Dignity family!

I am joining as a **new member** I am **renewing my membership** **Address Change**

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Mailing Address: _____

Phone Numbers: cell _____ **home** _____ **work** _____

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Newsletter (*The Independence*) and the latest news via email blasts. Your support through your dues to Dignity/USA will entitle you to voting privileges in national elections; subscriptions to the monthly Dateline and Quarterly Voice; discounted registration for biennial conventions and other Dignity/USA events; and access to Dignity News email list and chat groups.

Scholarships available for Dignity/Philadelphia and DignityUSA memberships. Contact the Dignity/Philadelphia Director of Membership for more information.

The total amount of your dues and donations to both Dignity/Philadelphia and DignityUSA may be included in one check. We will forward your DignityUSA dues/donations and your contact information to the DignityUSA national office.

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Michelle Perrone/Dolores Vera – Communications Service Group

Barbara Gindhart/Rev. Ron Hoskins – Chaplains

Individual annual dues:
Dignity/Phila \$20;
Dignity/USA \$30
\$ _____ **Total**

Couple's annual dues:
Dignity/Phila \$35;
Dignity/USA \$60
\$ _____ **Total**

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